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SMM CCW Fall Luncheon Recap

Thanks to all that attended or assisted with making our Fall Luncheon such a success. It was a great start to our new CCW Year. If you didn't attend but you are interested in helping us with any of our events, please review the interest card in this newsletter and send an email to brandileighsmith2013@gmail.com with a list of any activities you are interested in volunteering for. Many hands make light work. Even if you are interested in helping at one event, we want to know. We appreciate your generosity of your time and talent!



Welcome



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CCW INTEREST CARD 2025-2026

GET INVOLVED

Please let us know what you are interested in volunteering for.
(Circle all that apply)

Box of Joy Family Packing Party, Oct 24, 5:30 PM

Poinsettia Plant Sales, Oct 25 & 26

Pumpkin Pie Bake for SVDP & Soup Jars, Nov 14 @ 9 AM

Christmas Social/Board Meeting, Dec 9

Women's Day of Service, Jan 24, 10 AM-3 PM

CCW Bake Sale, Feb 7 & 9

Lenten Meal & Stations, Feb 20

Spring Plant Sale, Date/Time TBD

Spring Social, April 14 @ 6:30 PM

CCW DIRECTORY

Please fill out the information below so that we can
keep our directory updated.

Name:

Phone Number:

Full Address:

Email Address:

Birth Day (Month/Day):

PRAYER PARTNER PROGRAM

Interested (Circle One): Yes No

Anniversary Date:

Husband's Name:

Hobbies:

Kickoff for Secret Prayer Partner Program 2025-6

If you did not attend the CCW Welcome Back Luncheon
and you would like to participate in the 2025-2026
Secret Prayer Partner Program, please email Brandi
Smith at brandileighsmith2013@gmail.com to be
added to the upcoming program.

Reveal cards for the past year will be mailed out within
the next week for those who were not able to attend
the luncheon.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 2025: Breast Cancer Awareness Month

10/11 Habitat for Humanity Re-Store Service for SMM, 9:30 AM - Noon

10/14 Board Meeting 6:30 – 8:00 PM. SMM Room 106

10/24 Special Olympics Bowling with Knights of Columbus, Time 9:45 AM - Noon

10/24 Box of Joy/Parish Packing Party, 5:30 PM SMM Rooms 101/102 (+ 107/108)

10/25 – 26 Poinsettia Sale in Narthex After every Mass

10/29 Midwest Food Bank Service Opportunity with Knights of Columbus, 6-8 PM

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in making a difference in our community? Please consider signing up for one or more of these great opportunities:

10/11 Habitat for Humanity Re-Store Service, 9:30 AM - Noon

Signup at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4DAAAF2BA3F49-habitat#/
habitats#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4DAAAF2BA3F49-habitat#/)

10/24 Special Olympics Bowling, 9:45 AM - Noon

Signup at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449ADA82DA20-58118984-special#/
special#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449ADA82DA20-58118984-special#/)

10/29 Midwest Food Bank, 6-8 PM

Signup at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449ADA82DA20-59041091-midwest>



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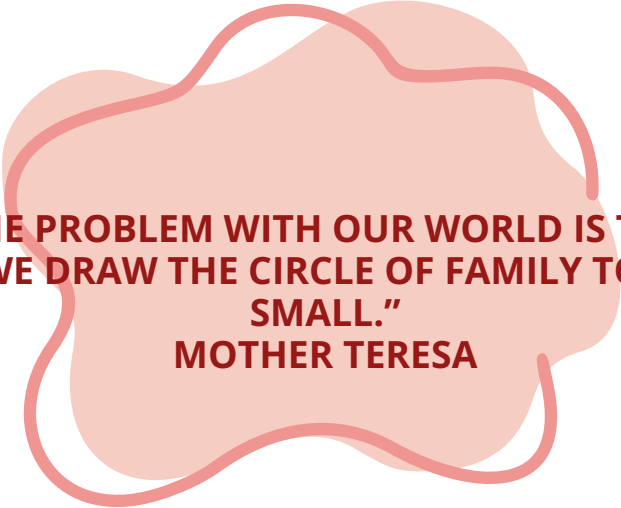
PRAYER CIRCLE UPDATES

St. Margaret's Circle will meet on Wednesday, October 15th from 11:30-1:30pm. Members host in their homes. Lunch is provided. Please contact Anne Benson for further information. She may be reached at Abenson0416@gmail.com.

St. Agnes Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 21st from 10-12pm. Meetings are held at St. Mary Magdalene's. During the next meeting, members will be filling 150 patriotic bags to be given to our Vets in honor of Veterans' Appreciation Weekend during the November 8th and 9th Masses. Thank you to Bev Darcy and Amy Gallo for organizing this event. Please contact Judy Burton for further information. She may be reached at judyburtonok@gmail.com.

St. Monica's Circle

Welcome to our newest Circle! Amber Adams is the Circle Representative. The meetings will be held the third Sunday of the month. Next meeting is Sunday, October 19th with location and time TBD. St. Monica's hope is to touch the hearts of young moms with children. Their spiritual guide will be "Formed". Amber may be reached at amber.adams@cowetaschools.net. Thank you, Amber, for having the heart to bring together young moms of St. Mary Magdalene.



**"THE PROBLEM WITH OUR WORLD IS THAT
WE DRAW THE CIRCLE OF FAMILY TOO
SMALL."
MOTHER TERESA**

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TEN CHARACTERISTICS OF A SERVANT-LEADER

This month, we wanted to share with you the ten characteristics of a servant-leader as defined in the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) Guidance and Resource Manual.

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| 1. Listening | 2. Empathy | 3. Healing |
| 4. Awareness | 5. Persuasion | 6. Conceptualization |
| 7. Foresight | 8. Stewardship | 9. Commitment to people's growth |
| 10. Building community | | |

During this newsletter, we'll do a deeper dive into the first two characteristics, listening and empathy.

Listening

Leaders have traditionally been valued for their communication and decision making skills. Although these are important skills for the servant leader, they need to be reinforced by a deep commitment to listen intently to others. The servant leader seeks to identify the will of the group and helps to clarify that will. He or she listens intently to what is being said and unsaid. Listening also encompasses getting in touch with one's own inner voice. Listening, coupled with periods of reflection, is essential to the growth and wellbeing of the servant leader.

Empathy

The servant leader strives to understand and empathize with others. People need to be accepted and recognized for their special and unique spirits. One assumes the good intentions of co-workers and colleagues and does not reject them as people, even when one may be forced to refuse to accept certain behaviors or performance. The most successful servant leaders are those who have become skilled empathetic listeners.

Jesus was the greatest Servant Leader of all times. Mark 10:45.

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FORWARD**

