



St. Mary Magdalene Council of Catholic Women

COURIER

April 2020

WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARIES

COVID-19 has taken its toll on our CCW by keeping us from assembling in groups. If you miss seeing your friends, why not invite them to join us for a Zoom chat on Wednesday evenings. It's so easy to join by phone or on your internet connected device. We open the chat room at 6:30pm and pray the rosary at 7pm. No need to feel apprehensive about praying the rosary if you never have before. We provide all the prayers in the "chat bar" and will lead you through the entire experience. We welcome all who would like to join us.

Rosary Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/724259031>

Meeting ID: 724 259 031

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

As we have been hearing, the need for assistance by the poor has not subsided and the call continues for us to help our brethren. Though the regular collections for the SVdP pantry have not been happening after masses, the pantry continues to operate and collaborate with the St. George chapter. The SMM Knights of Columbus just had an email food drive to help replenish the SMM pantry. Kathy Holcomb reports that there are covered bins outside the pantry for the next couple of weeks to collect food and toiletry donations. Carol Culpepper reports that Publix donated some chicken, and Midwest Food Bank will make a donation of canned goods.

Our church office continues to process donations. Carol says she will issue an update to the parish on the needs of the pantry once the Knights' drive is completed.

PRAYER PARTNER REVEAL PARTY POSTPONED

While we were really looking forward to seeing everyone for an end of the year party, we are happy to simply postpone, (not cancel), the prayer partner reveal. Of course you are allowed to let your prayer partner know who you are if you want to...send her a card or call. Alternatively, keep praying for her secretly and wait a little longer to reveal your identity.

An email was sent earlier in April with a directory attached in .pdf format. If you did not receive a copy, please alert a member of our Board. It is intended to make it easier for you to send cards or make calls and stay in touch with each other "until we meet again."



Feeding the Community

BUILDING PROGRESS

I'm sure some of you have seen the wonderful progress on our new building, but just in case, I thought it would be fun to add an update! At the rate we are going, it might be finished by the time we are able to be face to face again! What a celebration that would be!



CIRCLE UPDATES

St. Agnes Circle

* did not meet this month

St. Theresa Circle

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St. Monica Circle

St. Margaret Circle

St. Margaret's Circle met virtually this month. There was no specific topic, we really just checked in with each other and discussed how each member was doing through this unprecedented time. We discussed what we were doing to stay busy, which included: cooking, home projects, puzzles, games, exercising, etc... We also talked about the churches we have virtually visited and enjoyed watching Mass, but we all agreed that as great as it has been to have the option to watch Mass from so many different places, nothing beats all being together inside our parish building with each other! We will meet virtually again in May, so if you would like to join us, we will share the Zoom link on the CCW Facebook page!

We reviewed news from SMMCCW

Our April discussion focused on Getting to Neutral. When we are in a neutral mindset we can be at our best. So, of course we did a breathing and affirmation exercise!

Our second focus was Ways to Stay Connected in Faith. We all seek connection, and in our current reality, it can be a struggle. Here are some resources we explored.

Websites

- www.smmcatholic.org
- www.formed.org
- www.looktohimandberadiant.com
- www.archatl.com

Apps

- myparishapp.net/churches/526
- Insight (great for meditation/quiet)

CIRCLE INFORMATION

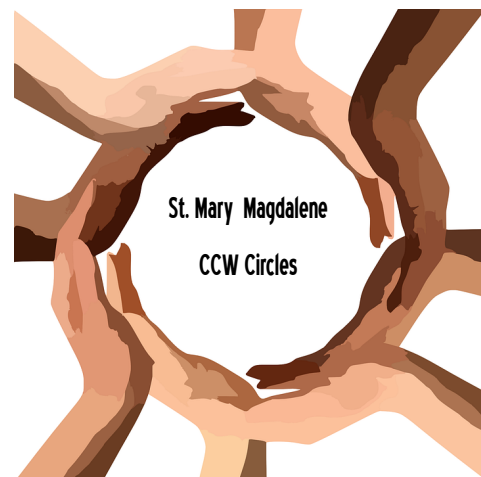
If you are not currently in a circle, but would like to be included in one, please contact Dee Heegan at 678-662-0071 or deidreheegan@gmail.com. Circles meet as follows:

St. Agnes: 9:30 am , Rm 101 at the church on 2nd Tuesday of each month.

St. Margaret: 11:00 am on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at a member's home.

St. Monica: 7:00 pm in room 101 at the church on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

St. Theresa: 11:00 am at a members home on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.



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SAINTS SCOOP

Saint Rosalia (1130–1166), also called **La Santuzza** or "*The Little Saint*", and in Sicilian as "**Rusulìa**", is the patron saint of Palermo in Italy, and three towns in Venezuela: El Hatillo, Zuata, and Anzoátegui. She is especially important internationally as a saint invoked in times of plague (disease). Her feast day is September 4.

According to Catholic legend, Rosalia was born of a Norman family descended from Charlemagne. Intensely religious, she decided to devote her life to prayer and sacrifice in a cave on Mount Pellegrino, where she inscribed on a wall: "I, Rosalia ... have taken the resolution to live in this cave for the love of my Lord, Jesus Christ."

Five hundred years later, when a plague beset Palermo, St Rosalia appeared to a hunter, whom she told to bring her bones to the Sicilian city, after revealing where they could be found. The hunter followed Rosalia's instructions, and the desperate people of Palermo carried her remains throughout the city three times – bringing a dramatic end to the plague. Soon thereafter, St Rosalia became the patron saint of Palermo, and a sanctuary was built where her remains were recovered.

She has a special prayer to heal illness, pestilences and plagues:

"O God, Our Father, mercifully look upon Your people who come to You and grant through the intercession of St Rosalia, who turned away from earthly delights to the joys of contemplation, that we may be delivered from all harm here on earth and one day be welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven."

"St Rosalia, confessor and virgin, we pray to God for our families and friends. Through your powerful prayers, may we obtain health, life and eternal salvation."

Today she is being invoked by the citizens of Palermo to protect the city from Covid-19.

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO:

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Kathy Caldwell Apr 27

Diane Neely Apr 29

Jude Rasmuson Apr 30

Kathy Hoffman May 2

Teresa Mabe May 17

Cathy Cyr May 17

