



St. Mary Magdalene Council of Catholic Women

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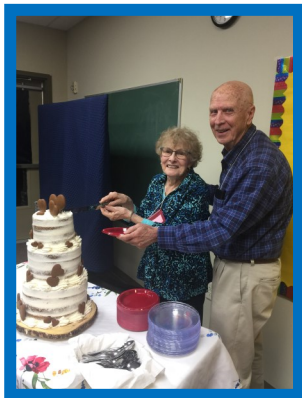
February 2020

LOVE LANGUAGES WORKSHOP

What a wonderful turn out we had for Love Languages! Hopefully those of you who were able to attend, will be able to use the information to strengthen your relationships. Special thanks to Dan and Kathy Hoffman for the great meal and wedding cake (their Love Language to those who attended was Act of Service!!) If you missed the evening, you can always visit www.5lovelanguages.com to take a love language quiz, purchase Love Language books and learn about Love Languages and its benefits to your relationships.

SPRING FLOWERS

Once again, Kathy Holcomb has done a great job organizing our Spring Flower Fundraiser! Flowers will be sold until March 18. Delivery is scheduled for April 18 at 9:00 a.m. Due to building construction, pick up will be in the front parking lot to the left of the building. In addition to paper forms, flowers can be purchased online with a credit card via the parish website www.smmcatholic.org. Please feel free to share this information with friends and neighbors! You don't have to be a member of our parish to purchase the beautiful plants and flowers! If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Holcomb at 513-850-1888 or kaholcomb75@gmail.com.



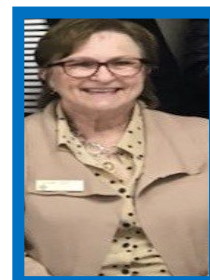
**BOB AND PAT OLSEN
CELEBRATING 58 YEARS OF
MARRIAGE**



WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Diane Neely for being selected as the St. Mary Magdalene Woman of the Year! The Mass honoring the Archdiocese Women of the Year will be held on March 7 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Parish.

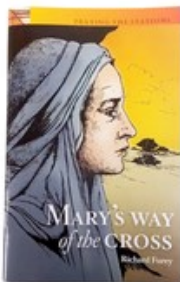
**STAN AND GERRY
MICHALCZEWSKI
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
OF MARRIAGE**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

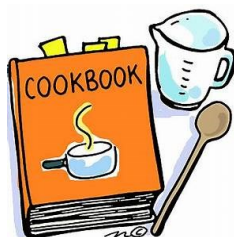
On Friday, March 13, the CCW will host Stations of the Cross and Mercy Meals is hosting the simple meal before the stations. We are looking for women who would like to read a station. The stations we will pray that night are from Mary's point of view, as Jesus' mother. They are very moving and a wonderful way to enrich your Lenten journey. Below is the link to sign up to read a station.

<https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/NWXO9241>.



COOKBOOK

The cookbook is being postponed for the time being. We are hoping to print it for delivery in December, which will allow everyone more time to enter your wonderful recipes! If you have recipes that you would like entered, but need assistance entering them or need someone to do it for you, please contact Kathy or Karyn and they will make arrangements to make sure your recipe is included in this wonderful and historical project!



PARISH MISSION

Our parish Lenten Mission will begin on Sunday, March 15 and go through Wednesday, March 18. CCW will be hosting a light reception following the mission each night. Each circle is hosting an evening. Sunday will be hosted by St. Margaret, Monday-St. Theresa, Tuesday,-St. Monica, and Wednesday-St. Agnes. Please check with your circle to see what they are planning and how you can be a part of it!

YOUTH SILENT AUCTION

Thank you all for your participation in getting Lottery Tickets together for our "basket" (actually a beautiful wreath) that is being donated to help the youth raise money for their summer mission trip to Morganton, NC. Make sure to check out all of the great baskets that can be bid on March 7 & 8 after all Masses.



POPE FRANCIS

“...Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.”

an excerpt from Pope Francis' Lenten message.

CIRCLE UPDATES

St. Agnes Circle

They began their meeting with a prayer to St. Agnes and a prayer to our Lady of Good Counsel. They spoke about the cookbook, the flower sales, and Bingo night.

It was explained that their circle would be hosting the reception for the Lenten Parish Mission on the 18th March. Tom Prost spoke on genealogy. It was very interesting. Marilyn Michaud and Toni Lewis were the hostesses. They had a closing prayer and they ended the meeting.

St. Theresa Circle

St. Theresa's Circle met on Wednesday, February 12 at Judy Maurer's home. Ladies attending were, Marilyn Michaud, Midge Beals, Liz Forshee, Judy Eppers, Betty Cramer, Chris Higgins, Chris Ebel, and Mary Ann Roe. They had a brief business meeting to hear about all that is going on in our SMMCCW and then proceeded to their program about Mardi Gras, the history, the traditions and how each country celebrates this feast for Fat Tuesday. We checked out the decorative masks and talked about King Cake. \$20.00 was collected for the Madonna Fund. They closed the meeting part with prayers for our sick family members and our sisters who needed prayers. They had a version of King Cake for dessert made from Cinnamon Rolls, quite good. They had a lovely lunch with great fellowship. The next meeting will be at Judy Maurer's on March 11, 2020 at 11:00 am.

St. Monica Circle

We signed cards for Woman of the Year & Teen of the Year. We received Valentine's from our 2nd Grade Sunday Faith Formation Class. We played a fun Candy Pass game and learned some fun things about each other. Thank you, Betsy for the suggestion! Guest Speaker was Marie Swope. Wow! Marie is an inspiration. As the Deacon's Wife, she shared her journey from the age of 16 years old to today. A few of the many impactful pieces of advice Marie shared: 1. Remember "no" is a perfectly good Christian word. 2. Marriage is a vocation. Parenting is a vocation. We are Meant to Glow. Here is the story we read and reflected on: <https://lindymonse.com/glow-sticks-broken-yet-glowing/> We

discussed what it means to be "broken" and once we are broken, we will see the reason for what we were created here on Earth.

Please let Monica know if you are interested in providing snacks/refreshments for our next gathering on Thursday, March 12th or if you are interested in leading our discussion and/or have a specific topic you would like to explore. We are also seeking a Care Bear to reach out to our Circle Members when they are unable to attend our gatherings. We closed with Prayer and Special Intentions

St. Margaret Circle

St. Margaret's meeting was hosted by Anne Benson on February 12. The topic was Mardi Gras and its Christian beginnings. All of the women loved the Valentine cards made by the second grade faith formation class. They had a great lunch including Muffaletta sandwiches and King Cake! They also discussed CCW business. Anne provided everyone with a beautiful Mardi Gras Prayer. The next meeting is March 18.

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 member's home on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.



SAINTS SCOOP

St. Abigail, more commonly known as St. Gobnait or Deborah, was a medieval Irish saint born around the 6th century in County Clare, Ireland. According to tradition, Abigail's family was always feuding. This caused her to run away from home to settle on Inis Oirr in the Aran Islands.

After some time, an angel appeared to Abigail and told her this was not her place of resurrection. She was to head inland to find the place she would spend the rest of her life. The angel told Abigail this place would be marked with the presence of nine white deer. Abigail set off in search for the deer throughout the southern coastal counties. Her journey is now marked by churches and holy wells which are dedicated to her along the way. She finally found the herd of deer in Ballyvourney, County Cork, now known as St. Gobnet's Wood.

Abigail would spend the rest of her earthly life dedicated to pastoral service and Christian charitable work. Her brother, St. Abban is believed to have joined her to help set the foundation for a convent, placing Abigail as its abbess, or mother superior of the community of women religious. Abigail also went on to spend much of her time caring for the sick.

According to early Celtic folklore and religious symbolism, the soul departs from the body in the form of a bee or butterfly. So, it is not surprising that, given her deep Christian faith and belief in the Resurrection, Abigail also became a beekeeper. It is said that she developed a powerful relationship with the bees and would use their honey to treat illnesses and heal wounds. She became known for her miracles in rousing bees from their hives and using them to chase off evil. Some pious legend even claim that the bees transformed into soldiers, with their hives becoming helmets.

Abigail is also credited with saving Ballyvourney from the plague. She remained settled in Ballyvourney until her death where she was then buried "to await her resurrection."

St. Abigail is the patron saint of honeybees and beekeepers. She is often featured surrounded by bees or carrying a honeycomb. Her feast day is celebrated on February 11.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019-2020

February 29—3/1	Spring Flower Sale after all Masses
March 14/15	
March 7	Archdiocese of Atlanta CCW Woman/Youth of the Year mass and reception
Cancelled	Bingo Night after 5pm mass in the Parish Hall to benefit the Youth Group
March 15-18	Parish Mission Reception
April 18	Pick up Spring Flowers 9am
April 25	Abby's Angels Rainbow Run & Family Fun Day
April 30	Prayer Partner Reveal Party 7pm Parish Hall

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO:

Filomena DeLuca	Feb 17
Jamie Bowne	Feb 18
Jude Pytlik	Feb 18
Gayle Pizzitola	Feb 23
Judy Maurer	Feb 24
Mary Bales	Mar 1
Mayra Diaz	Mar 7
Anne Benson	Mar 17

