



St. Mary Magdalene Council of Catholic Women

COURIER

March 2020

COVID-19

As with many other things that unexpectedly take place, new terms and a new way of doing things develop! Terms such as social distancing, contact tracing and super-spreader are all ones, I don't recall hearing before. Due to these terms and the conditions that surround us, we are also finding new ways of doing things. On Facebook, I saw one family in our parish light a candle to represent each station and then prayed the stations together. Many of us have watched Mass via Facebook, YouTube or through live streaming. Our CCW even used ZOOM to pray the rosary together, thanks to St. Monica's Circle Representative, Monica Tschantz. I applaud the many ways we are safely distancing ourselves, while still making Lent meaningful and keeping our connections with one another! If you have any fabulous ideas or ways you have made this unprecedented situation meaningful, please share with me and I will add it to the April newsletter.

♥ Monique

FROM THE USCCB

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19):

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity; that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our

love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

*Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.*

*For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.*

*In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient
and kind.*

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

*We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.*

*Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the
embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your
Son, Jesus. Amen.*

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SPRING FLOWERS

Coweta Greenhouse has extended our deadline! If you wanted to purchase flowers and ran out of time, NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!!! The deadline is now 3/26. You can order securely, online through the parish website by going to www.smmcatholic.org. Look for the article about the plant sale and you will see the link or you can just type this link into your browser: <https://www.osvhub.com/st-mary-magdalene-cath-church-1/forms/smmccw-spring-plant-sale> If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Holcomb at 513-850-1888 or kaholcomb75@gmail.com.

COOKBOOK

With a little “EXTRA” time on many of our hands, now would be a great time to add recipes to the SMM CCW Cookbook!

To enter go to: www.typensave.com Login is SMMCCW and password is roast307.

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!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019-2020

March 26 (ENDS)	Spring Flower Sale Online
April 18	Pick up Spring Flowers 9am
April 25(CANCELLED)	Abby's Angels Rainbow Run & Family Fun Day
April 30	Prayer Partner Reveal Party 7pm Parish Hall

SAINTS SCOOP

FROM CATHOLIC EXCHANGE:

In 909, Matilda married Henry (The Fowler) after his first marriage to a woman named Hathburg had been declared invalid. Matilda and Henry had several children: Otto I, who became Emperor of Germany, and Henry, who later became the Duke of Bavaria; St. Bruno, Archbishop of Cologne; Gerberga, who married Louis IV of France; and Hedwig, the mother of Hugh Capet. After Henry succeeded his father as Duke of Saxony, he was chosen to succeed King Conrad of Germany and became King Henry. Matilda was a very devout Christian and her royal status did not change that. She was humble, pious, and very devoted to the poor and afflicted.

In 936, King Henry died. He left everything to Matilda, but his wish was for his eldest son, Otto, to succeed him as King. Matilda, however, preferred their son Henry take the throne. Nonetheless, Otto was elected King. However, three years later, his brother Henry revolted against him to try to win the crown but lost. His mother, Matilda, through her intercession, finally secured the title of Duke of Bavaria for Henry. It wasn't long after this appointment though, that both boys turned on their mother because they felt that she was squandering their father's wealth on the poor. Matilda, in humility, relinquished all their father's inheritance to her two sons and retired to her villa in Westphalia. Later, though, when her sons found themselves in the midst of misfortune they called her back and begged for her forgiveness.

Matilda went on to build many churches, and also founded many monasteries. The most well-known monasteries are at Quedlinburg, Nordhausen, Engern, and Poehiden.

Matilda died at the convent of Sts. Servatius and Dionysius at Quedlinburg on March 14, 968. She is buried there beside her husband, Henry. Matilda is the patron saint of parents of large families.



CIRCLE UPDATES

St. Agnes Circle

Their opening prayer was the prayer to our Lady of Good Counsel. They discussed the important facts: the flower sales, the Lenten Parish Mission, the Prayer Partner Reveal Party, Abby's Angel's Color Run, and Gus Heatherman's special project. Phyllis Craig showed us a video on Pope Francis and was also our hostess. She ended our meeting with a prayer.

St. Theresa Circle

They met at Judy Maurer's house again on March 11th. Everyone brought their own lunch this time, with drinks and dessert provided by Judy. After our business meeting and lunch, Deacon Steve Swope spoke on the churches Tridium—Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter and the history and meaning of each. Everyone learned something new about these important days in our church year

St. Monica Circle

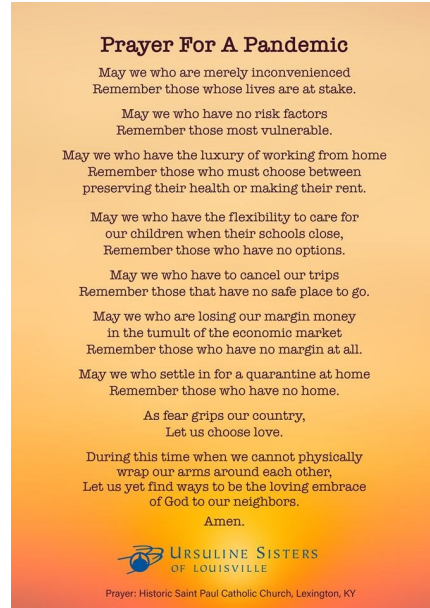
St Monica Gathered on March 12th at the church. Earlier that day many announcements were shared about COVID-19 and we were learning something new each hour about the who, what, where, why, and when. A few of us met in person for our monthly gathering and, as to be expected, we made the most of our time together.

We first explored how we were to spend the next 2-3 weeks. We discussed the choices we have on how to approach the unknown we are all entering, and identified many positives. Here is a list of some:

- 1) Eye to Eye contact while when saying "hello" or "peace be with you" is a very meaningful way to connect with others
 - 2) Smiles are a way to connect positively with others
 - 3) Limited activities outside the home mean additional opportunities to connect with those at home. Play games, talk, read out loud, laugh, go for a walk, say "I love you" and not run out the door....
 - 4) Internet provides opportunities to pray together even when far apart (Check out free options like Zoom, Skype, Google Hangouts, Facebook Live)
- We then reviewed CCW Board items, and finished up our time together in discussion of how we observe Lent in our family and some online resources for future ideas.

St. Margaret Circle

St. Margaret's Circle did not meet, but in lieu of our meeting, our hostess, Margaret Hennum, sent this prayer out to our circle.



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.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO:

Anne Benson	Mar 17
Neydi Belmonte	Mar 21
Amanda Smith	Mar 22
Midge Beals	Mar 30
Betsy Severino	Mar 31
Kim Keefer	April 4
Jen Tyra	April 13
Linda Fogle	April 14
Laura Litzenberger	April 14

