

MARCH 2023

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St. Mary Magdalene Council of Catholic Women



PRAYER TO OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL

We turn to you, our Mother of Good Counsel,
as we seek to imitate your faith-filled life.
May we be led by the same Wisdom
which God sent forth from Heaven
to guide you along unfamiliar paths and through challenging
decisions.
Keep us in mind and heart,
as we go forward in joyful hope
toward the grace-filled freedom that Saint Augustine
recommends.
O Virgin, Mother of Good Counsel,
hear our prayer, as we look to you for guidance.
Pray for us to our loving and merciful Father,
to your Son, our Lord Jesus the Christ,
and to the Holy Spirit, giver of all Wisdom
one God forever and ever.
Amen.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SAVE
the **DATE**

March 4/5 & 11/12	Spring Plant Sale in the Narthex
March 24	Stations of the Cross and Lenten Meal, SMM
March 25	St. Francis Food Table, Shrine of Immaculate Conception
April 1	Spring Plant Pickup
April 13	General Meeting with Elections and Ba-bee Shower
May 1	The Well Gathering
June 10	St. Francis Food Table, Shrine of Immaculate Conception

SERVING SMM CCW

Do you have a calling to be more engaged in the CCW? We are looking for new faces, new ideas, and new energy to help us build a great CCW in our church for next year. If you would like to be more engaged, please contact Suzette Binek at 724-513-0837 or via email at suzettebinek@gmail.com. We are looking to fill a few board positions, but we will be excited to plug you in where your talents best fit. Please know that the monthly time commitment is minimal. We have a strong team and everyone pitches in to help. We look forward to hearing from you!

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- St. Theresa Circle Representative - Judy Maurer

SPRING PLANT SALE

Last Chance: Orders for Spring Plant Sales Close on 3/16. Don't miss out of these beautiful plants! Pick up is 4/1 from 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. Feel free to share the link with friends and neighbors!



CIRCLE UPDATES

St. Margaret's Circle

The ladies of St. Margaret's Circle met for Ash Wednesday mass in February and afterwards had lunch at Partner's Pizza. Crystal Budgen will be hosting our circle in March.

St. Monica's Circle

We learned about various CCW activities for the rest of the year, including our Friday Stations, baby shower, etc.

Nancy Schwoebel was in charge of the spiritual portion of the meeting this month. She did a superb job of informing us of the 5 loves of Saint John Paul II and much related inspiring information. Nancy answered many questions and this resulted in a vibrant discussion. Christine Barnett reported on the service opportunities for SVdP, and she talked about the "Nest" and another charity in Newnan. We decided that our service this month would be to volunteer at the food bank in PTC on Wed. evening, March 15th from 6:30 to 8:30. If this fits into your schedule and are able to come, the help is always appreciated. We then proceeded to discuss what some of us are doing for Lent. A great discussion and sharing of ideas with each other. The meeting closed with a beautiful prayer to St. John Paul II provided by Nancy.

St. Agnes Circle

Saint Agnes met on February 21, celebrating with a heavy brunch for Mardi Gras. Our special guest was Deacon Steve Swope who gave us a very inspiring message about Lent. He reminded us that the whole focus of Lent should be a closer relationship with God, not a sad period of punishing ourselves. In addition to any sacrifice we might want to make, the valuable points I took away from his talk included making a small changes in our lives that can give us the opportunity for spiritual growth: setting aside daily time for prayer - 10 minutes is a good start, and sitting quietly just listening to what God may want to say to us. This may start with reading a scripture or reading the daily readings and picking out a topic, word or sentence to reflect on before our prayerful meditation. Our fasting/almsgiving could include sacrificing a meal and putting that money into the CRS boxes we can pick up in the narthex starting tomorrow. Another suggestion he plans to incorporate this Lent is making a list of 40 people in your life and writing a note (and mailing it!) to one of them everyday to let them know they are important in your life.

We had five guests who decided to join our lively, joyful group! Next meeting in March Theresa Weeks will give us a presentation on the Eucharist. Theresa is the trainer and coordinator of the Extraordinary Ministers.

St. Theresa

No news to report at this time. We look forward to hearing from you next month.

SPECIAL ASK OF PRAYER CIRCLES

During your March meetings, the CCW Board is asking that you prayerfully consider providing feedback to Suzette Binek via email at suzettebinek@gmail.com on the following topics:

How can the CCW serve your spiritual needs better?

What events/trips/activities are you interested in having next year?

Do you know of any special speakers or topics that would be of interest to you?

She would like her feedback by the end of April. Thanks!



SMM CIRCLE INFORMATION

Are you interested in learning more about our prayer circle opportunities. We are fortunate to have a New Member/Circle Coordinator to help answer any questions you might have. Feel free to contact Dee Heegan at 678-662-0071. You can also contact our circle leaders directly if you have any specific questions about the activities for each circle.

St. Agnes Circle meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10 AM at SMM in Room 101. This circle rotated who hosts or leads the circle each month. The circle leader is Kiki Kane and her email is rmewife@kane.us.

St. Margaret Circle meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11/11:30 AM (it can vary each month) at various locations (possibly a member's house, the church, or at an outing at a restaurant). The circle leader is Anne Benson and her email is abenson0416@gmail.com.

St. Monica Circle meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at SMM in Room 104. The circle leader is Thalia Eden and her email is Thaleden@aol.com.

St. Theresa meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11 AM at SMM in Room 101. The circle leader is Judy Maurer and her email is songal@aol.com.

New Circle Forming meets first Monday of April and May from 5-6:30 PM, 60 Bridle Walk Trail, Sharpsburg, Contact Maggie Heatherman at 770 842 6107 and her email is timheatherman@comcast.net. Come as you are!

ADOPT A SEMINARIAN

We have an exciting opportunity through the Archdiocese of Atlanta Council of Catholic Women (AACCW). They have begun an Adopt a Seminarian program. We will pray for and can send cards/gifts to a seminarian for the remainder of his time in seminary. Our assigned Seminarian is Mr. Jack Skeeane! If you would like to send him a note of encouragement or an Easter card, his mailing address is: Mr. Jack Skeeane

St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
10701 S. Military Trail
Boynton Beach, FL 33436

Please sign your card in such a way that he knows you are from the St. Magdalene CCW.



ST. MARY MAGDALENE'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The Woman of the Year Committee is excited to announce the 2023 recipient....This woman has been a behind the scenes volunteer and served our parish in so many areas from PAC, Stewardship, St. Vincent de Paul, Mercy Meals, Extraordinary Minister, and of course, you all know her as the one who has led the CCW plant sale for years! Kathy has a true servant's heart, as she works at the Samaritan's Clinic and when not there or at church, she is often visiting her girls and grandkids, or at least reading a bedtime story or spending time with her husband, Bruce. It is our honor to announce Kathy Holcomb as the 2023 Woman of the Year! Kathy will be celebrated in a special Mass at St. Lawrence on March 25, along with other Women and Youth of the year for the Archdiocese of Atlanta and we will celebrate her in the fall with a Mass in her honor and at our luncheon. When you see Kathy be sure to congratulate her!



Congratulations!

APRIL GENERAL MEETING & BA-BEE SHOWER

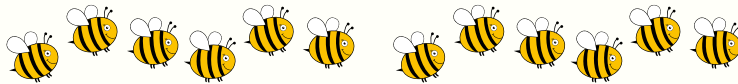
You are cordially invited to attend our April General Meeting and fun Ba-Bee Shower!

When: April 13th, 7-9 PM

Location: St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

What: We will have a brief general meeting to elect officers, and vote on funds distribution. The meeting will then be followed by a bee themed baby shower to benefit the Coweta Pregnancy Services. We will have bee-themed baby shower with light refreshments, baby shower games & prizes, fun & fellowship. Our guest speaker is Cindy Hughes from the Coweta Pregnancy Services.

Optional: if interested, you can bring an unwrapped gift to donate to the Coweta Pregnancy Services; however, gifts are not required to attend the baby shower. They need the following items:



bibs pacifiers soft washcloths hooded towels baby soap baby shampoo baby lotion
onesies receiving blankets diapers fitted crib sheets baby wipes diaper cream bottle brushes
nail clippers bulb syringe

Need Transportation? If you are interested in attending, but need a ride, please email Cheri Hooper at cheri24hooper@gmail.com and we will try to find a ride for you.

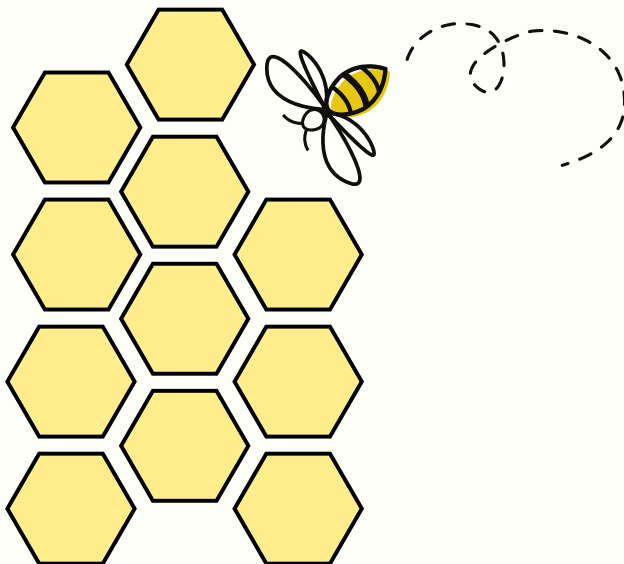
Who Can Attend: All Catholic Women are welcome! Bring a friend!

Have you heard the buzz?

A baby is on the way!

Join us for a baby shower honoring
mommies-to-bee from the Coweta
Pregnancy Services

April 13th
7 PM
St. Mary
Magdalene




Coweta Pregnancy Services

LENTEN MEAL AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The CCW will host the Stations of the Cross and a simple Lenten meal on Friday, March 24. Dinner will be served at 5:45 and stations will begin at 7:00. Below is a sign up for reading stations and to help with dinner. Set up for dinner will begin at 4:30 and there will be a short practice at 6:30 for anyone wishing to read a station.

Link to sign up for reading a station:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/3OEOC4AABA62EA7FB6-stations>

Link to help with Simple Lenten Supper:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/3OEOC4AABA62EA7FB6-simple>

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Check out our upcoming service opportunities:

St. Francis Food Table

Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Date: March 25, 7 AM - noon

Visit the following link to sign up.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4fa8ad2ea6fd0-stfrancis?fbclid=IwAR1Fw7DhxNyrPGjjgcjR4YdaogO_c7HbiNLI9LaIEbit8tVGcP9pLk9Cs0#/

St. Francis Food Table

Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Date: June 10th, 7 AM - noon

Link will be provided at a later date.

Questions, please reach out to Joyce Campisi at joycecampisi@gmail.com.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

May God bless you with peace and happiness on this unique day that you celebrate. And may that divine peace and happiness follow you the rest of your life. Have a blessed and fun birthday.

April

Chris Ebel	14
Laura Litzenberger	14
Kelly Cashion	17
Paulette Helfers	17
Mary Ann Roe	20
Alexandra Jean	21
Terri Michalewicz	24
Kathy Caldwell	27
Diane Neely	29
Jude Rasmuson	30



THE WELL GATHERING- AN ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY FOR WOMEN

HELLO FRIEND

You are welcome here!

The Well is an in person gathering for the women of South Atlanta and beyond. Our non-denominational gatherings are hosted by our partnering churches in Coweta County. Our mission is to help women grow in relationship with God through community and encouragement. We believe that when we are properly "filled" we have the ability to bless others by "pouring out". There is no cost to attend these gatherings. Come be filled by the Holy Spirit!

OUR NEXT GATHERING

May 1 at 7pm, SonRise Baptist Church

We are excited for our next gathering in May! We will be meeting at SonRise Baptist Church and will be hearing from Kris Lewis. We look forward to this time of fellowship, worship, and encouragement, and we hope to see you there! Make sure to put this on your calendar and bring a friend with you!

If you would like more details, touch base with Monica Tschantz at monicatschantz@gmail.com.

You can also visit the website at <https://www.wellgathering.org/>.

