

MAY 2023

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St. Mary Magdalene Council of Catholic Women



A SUMMER BLESSING

May you walk with God this summer
In whatever you do, wherever you go

Walking with God means...
Walking with honesty and courage.
Walking with love and respect
And concern for the feelings of others

May you talk to God this summer
And every day and in every situation

Talking with God means...
Praying words of praise for the beauty of creation
Saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times,
Asking God's help In all your decisions
Expressing sorrow when you have failed

May you talk with God
Every day. Amen.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 10
Sep 10

St. Francis Food Table, Shrine of Immaculate Conception
Welcome Luncheon/Prayer Partner Reveal



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Check out our upcoming service opportunities:

St. Francis Food Table

Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Date: June 10th, 7 AM - noon

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4FA8AD2EA6FDO-stfrancis2>



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

SPECIAL NOTE FROM OUTGOING PRESIDENT

It has been a pleasure to serve the SMM CCW for the past four years as the newsletter chair and Co-President/President. I will always cherish these years and the friendships that grew from them. Our parish is blessed with such amazing parishioners who are willing to assist serving each other, our parish and the larger community! This is apparent with the increase in circle participation, assistance with parish functions and the countless hours served at the Mid West Food Bank, St. Francis Table, One Roof, Habitat Restore and others. I will joyfully serve as a past president and assist Suzette and the new board as needed. I know some wonderful events and activities are being planned for the coming year, so keep an eye and ear out for information and keep the new board in your prayers as they begin implementing their ideas!



Continued Blessings,
Monique Haskins

RECAP OF GENERAL MEETING AND BA-BEE SHOWER

On April 13th, we held our spring general meeting. We had approximately 25 members attend. CCW board elections were conducted. Please congratulate and pray for the following women who will represent and guide us in a leadership capacity this next year.

New Board for 2023-2025

Suzette Binek-President

Open Position-President Elect

Nancy Schwoebel-Secretary

Cheri Hooper-Treasurer

This year, we have excess funds of \$1,800.00. We voted to split the funds equally amongst the Coweta Pregnancy Clinic, Meals on Wheels, Samaritan Clinic, and Team Hungry. Each charity will receive a donation of \$450.00 from St. Mary Magdalene Council of Catholic Women.

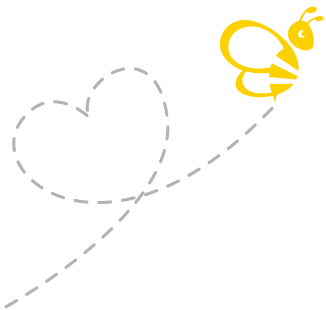
We had two very special guest speakers from Coweta Pregnancy Services, Cindy Hughes, Director, and Jill Gerard, Community Outreach Manager. The idea for having the baby shower came about when Krystal Budgen of the Respect Life Committee was a guest at the CCW board meeting.

Our guests shared that Coweta Pregnancy Services is a Christian-based organization that has been around for almost 39 years in Coweta County. The average age for women using the center is 20-29 years of age. Demographics are split about down the middle. Services provided include pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, counseling, birthing classes to name a few. They offer a Earn While You Learn for mothers to educate and support them. A mother can earn diapers, wipes, baby clothes, a car seat and even a crib. To find out more about Coweta Pregnancy Services refer to friendsofcoweta-ps.org.

After learning about the Coweta Pregnancy Services, we had some Ba-Bee Shower Fun: A game of matching baby animal names was played which Karen Hibbs won. Amber Wehr was the winner of the animal gestation game. The winner of the A-Z ba-bee items game was Deb Camp. Dee Heegan won the baby item memory game. Chicken salad croissants and sides were served. A delicious beehive cake made by Natalia Hryhorovych was also served.

It was a wonderful evening of service to our community, fellowship, fun, and great food.

BA-BEE SHOWER MEMORIES



CIRCLE UPDATES

St. Margaret's Circle

Suzette Binek and Dee Heegan hosted our St. Margaret's Circle monthly get together. They treated us to a delicious lunch at Grazing Here in Peachtree City. We were each given information on our patron saints using either our first or middle names. We then shared a little about our saint and whether we thought we shared any of the same qualities or interests as our own patron saint. We definitely had a lot of laughs as we learned more about each other!

Our May St. Margaret's Circle will be held at a to be determined restaurant. We've decided to select a book(s) to read as part of our main focus each month.

St. Monica's Circle

St. Monica's Circle chose to attend the CCW General Meeting and support the Ba-bee shower in lieu of a separate meeting.

St. Agnes Circle

After the Communion Service we had a lovely lunch at The Historic Green Manor in Union City. In addition to good food, we heard the history of the house including the "friendly spirit" who makes herself known from time to time.

Next Month's meeting plans:

Tuesday, May 16 - In honor of Mary, we will participate in the Seven Sorrows Rosary together. Debbie has an online resource that she will provide which will lead us, and which has special reflections for each decade. Kiki will provide refreshments. Bring lawn chairs if the weather is nice and we will gather around Mary's Garden. Mother's Day is coming up, so we wish all you mothers a happy day, and loving memories of our own mothers.

St. Theresa

No news to report at this time.

The new circle that is forming and led by Maggie Heatherman is moving their May meeting to the second Monday, May 8th, 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! All are welcome.

FROM THE BOARD...

In January, the Nominating Committee set out to find volunteers to fill certain positions on the Board. One of those positions was that of the President-Elect. Each of the committee members came across the same answer, 4 years was too long of a commitment. In light of this, the Bylaws Committee revisited this area and decided to return the position to a Vice President, with only a 2 year commitment. We encourage you to prayerfully consider stepping up to fill this position. In August, you will receive an email discussing the changes made in the Bylaws. During our Welcome Back Luncheon, we will vote on the proposed changes. In the meantime, if you have any questions concerning this position, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Enjoy your summer and look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Your CCW President,
Suzette Binek

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

This is the last newsletter until the fall. So, we would like to extend birthday wishes for our members having birthdays during the months of May, June, and July.

As we celebrate your birthday, we give thanks to God for placing you in our lives. May your day be filled with joy, reflection, and hope for the year ahead, and may He continue to bless you and watch over you all the days of your life.



June Birthdays
 Corina Ludewig 6
 Judy Crane 8
 Valerie Spotkill 9
 Mary Beck 11
 Marie Sanon 17
 Helen Passantino 18
 Alice Brual 20
 Judy Williams 20
 Karyn Magee 21
 Cheri Hooper 25

July Birthdays
 Chris Higgins 12
 Jen Dickinson 13
 Beth Burke 14
 Heidi Kruger 14
 Robin McCord 23
 Barbara Freeman 24
 Sue Kagarise 25
 Janelle Powell 30
 Arleen Carleo 31

August Birthdays
 Betty Cramer 1
 Phyllis Craig 6
 Marilyn Michaud 6
 Diane Jones 8
 Erica Elrod 20
 Jennifer Harrison 20
 Susan Vaughn 26



THE WELL GATHERING RECAP

The Well Gathering was hosted by SonRise Baptist Church in Newnan on May 1st. It was a lovely gathering of faithful women sharing in worship and fellowship. Also, free ice cream thanks to Frios Gourmet Pops. The speaker was Krissy Lewis, a former educator who has recently launched a business to help people find and communicate clarity, impact, and purpose. Krissy's topic was "What it means to be His workmanship" and she highlighted two scripture readings "He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" Philippians 1:6 and "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

Two questions we asked ourselves:
Why do we do what we do? What am I created for?

Each gathering has a Pour Out to a local organization. The May Pour Out was Coweta Pregnancy Services.

The mission of The Well is to help women grow in relationship with God through community and encouragement. It is free for women of faith to attend. The next gathering is October 16, 2023. Check the website for details;
<https://www.wellgathering.org/>

