

The Messenger

St. Mary Magdalene Council of Catholic Women, Newnan GA

Liturgy of the Eucharist Reflections

Have you ever pondered how you carry Christ within you when you receive Holy Communion?

Mary said yes to carrying Christ within her. Each time we accept the Eucharist, we say yes to carrying Christ within us. Doing so, we also say yes to trusting our Lord and following his will.

The Holy Eucharist strengthens our union with Christ, separates us from sin, and commits us to the poor. We are united as the body of the Church. In this unity we are called to help each other, especially the poorest among us.

Our Lord gives his entire self to each of us in the Eucharist. Are we willing to give ourselves to Christ by being more Christ-like in our daily living?

How was Mary prepared? She was born without sin. Consider the preparations you make before you receive the Eucharist -- do you go to confession and practice penance?



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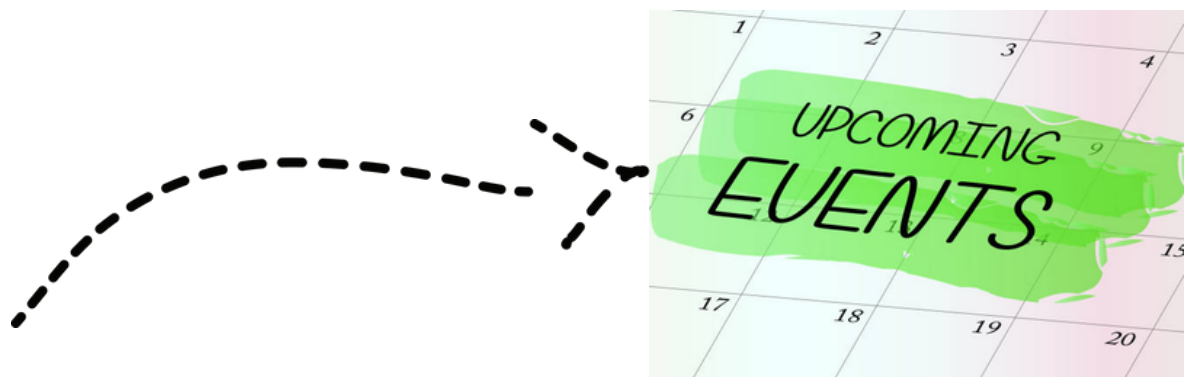
CCW Calendar

October

- 3 CCW Board Meeting, 11:30 AM, Rm. 101/102
- 12-13 Box of Joy Pulpit Speech by Judy Maurer
- 25 Special Olympics Service, 9:45 AM - Noon
- 25 Parish-Wide Box of Joy Packing Party, 5-8:30 PM
- 26-27 Poinsettia Plant Sale in the Narthex

November

- 7 CCW Board Meeting, 11:30 AM, Rm. 101/102
- 8 SVdP Pumpkin Pie Bake/Soup Jars/Epiphany House Blessing Kit, 9 AM at SMM
- 16 Soup Kitchen Service, 7:30 AM - 11:45 AM Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- 20 Midwest Food Bank, 6 PM - 8 PM
- 24 CCW Coffee and Donuts for Parish after 9 AM and Noon Masses



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Upcoming Events

SVdP Pumpkin Pie Bake

Fall is in the air 🍂 We will once again be providing a Thanksgiving treat and nourishment to families in need through St. Vincent de Paul with our pumpkin pies and dry soup jars. Join us Friday, November 8 @ 9 am in the parish kitchen and get ready to enjoy the delicious aroma of love. Attached is a link to donate food items, even if you are not able to stay and help, you may still provide. We will also be making Epiphany House kits during this service event. This day will go by quickly and you will feel quite an accomplishment afterwards! Hope to see you there.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C45A9A629A1F49-51153552-svdp>

25th Anniversary Box of Joy Parish Event

The Council of Catholic Women and the 25th Anniversary Committee is sponsoring this service project as a parish wide event. Box of Joy is a Cross Catholic Outreach ministry dedicated to sharing the joy, hope and love of Jesus with impoverished boys and girls in developing countries. This fun and simple service project has a profound impact on the hearts of God's beloved children in need. Please sign up and experience the love in your heart for this one-night event, Friday, October 25 @ 5p. Thank you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C45A9A629A1F49-51230203-25th>

Welcome Back Luncheon Recap

Thank you to all the ladies that attended our annual Welcome Back Luncheon, September 15. The afternoon was filled with love and laughter and the upcoming year's news and events. The Council of Catholic Women would like to especially thank Liz and Elissa Lotter for their presentation of their special family journey of the Camino de Santiago. If you were unable to attend the luncheon and would like a calendar of events or would like to participate in the Secret Prayer Partner Program this year, please email Suzette Binek, suzettebinek@gmail.com.



Prayer Circles

St. Agnes' Prayer Circle

Stay tuned for an update in the next newsletter.

St. Margaret's Prayer Circle

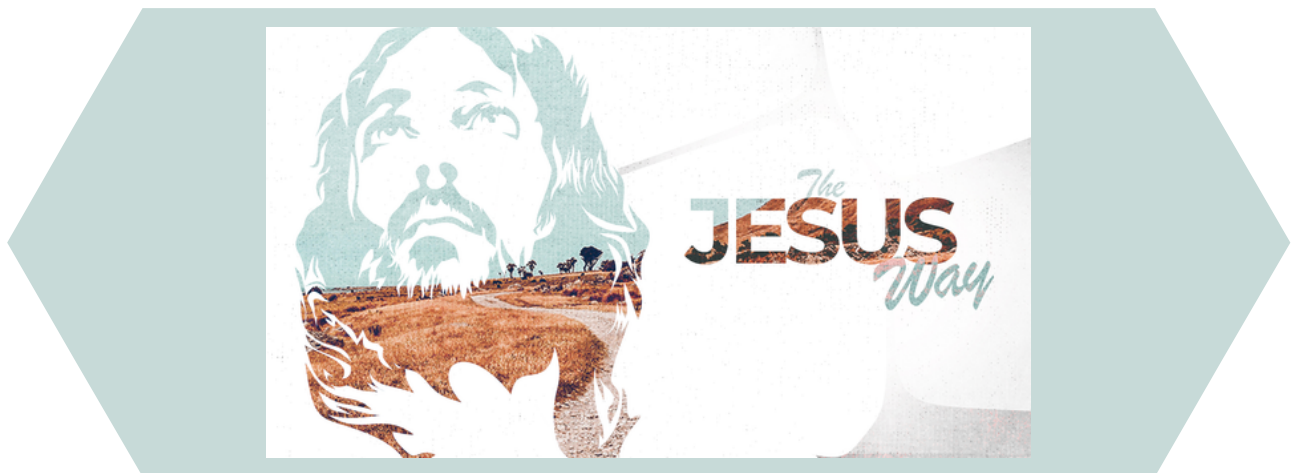
St. Margaret's Circle met Sept. 18 at Monique Haskins house. Cheri Hooper led the meeting this month choosing to focus on a JOY FM podcast of an interview with Phil Wickham. The group discussed the takeaways they each had from the podcast. One of his songs is The Jesus Way. The first few verses are:

If you curse me, then I will bless you
If you hurt me, I will forgive
And if you hate me, then I will love you
I choose the Jesus way
If you're helpless, I will defend you
And if you're burdened, I'll share the weight
And if you're hopeless, then let me show you
There's hope in the Jesus way

We all felt in a perfect world we would all be able to follow the Jesus Way, but we all find it difficult to do. But as we try, we also know that Jesus died on the cross to deliver us when we do not always follow His way.

We then used the Disco Ball of Fun mentioned during the podcast and had each person pick out a question and answer it. It brought about many discussions of each question and was lots of fun and a great way to really get to know one another.

The group voted to purchase and use Louie Giglio's - Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table as a bible study throughout the coming year. Our next meeting will be hosted by Monique at her house and she asked that we all bring our favorite image of Mary. If you have questions about St. Margaret Circle or joining our group, please call Circle Leader Anne Benson at 660-864-3440.



Service Opportunities

Special Olympics Bowling Service Opportunity - October 25

The school district is restarting their annual series of Special Olympics Bowling tournaments. See the SignUpGenius link below to volunteer. This is a great event that requires minimal physical effort on our part. Mostly they need smiling faces and support!

WHAT: 2024 Area 06 Masters Bowling Championship

WHERE: Junction Lanes Bowling Center

WHEN: Friday, October 25, 10:00am –Volunteers report at 9:45 am

WHY: We need 35-40 volunteers to supervise lanes, record scores and cheer the athletes on as they compete in the tournament.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449ADA82DA20-51438688-special#/>

Soup Kitchen Service Opportunity - November 16

We have an opportunity to “feed the hungry” on Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday November 16 from 7:30 to 11:45am

The shrine feeds about 200 people on Saturday mornings. We have the opportunity to feed the hungry. We gather about 7:30 to start prepping the work and then go to mass at 9:00 and then about 10 start receiving the guests and then about 11:30 start cleaning up. It is a fulfilling way to spend your morning. Please use the sign-up genius to add your name and family members if you want to do it as a family. If you have any questions, please contact me

Thank you.

Have a wonderful and blessed day.

Joyce Campisi

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4FA8AD2EA6FD0-51685825-feeding>



AACCW Meeting Recap

by Suzette Binek

The Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women celebrated their 68th Annual Convention the weekend of September 20-22, 2024 at the campus of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Roswell, Georgia. The AACCW chose “Loving in the Goodness of God” as their theme this year and to put in Archbishop Hartmayer’s own words, “ beautifully aligned with the Eucharistic Revival that is currently being promoted throughout the United States.”

Pamela Tennell, President, and her board organized a weekend filled with engaging guest speakers, interesting workshops, masses, meetings, catered meals and fun for friends, both old and new, to spend time together and grow deeper in their awareness of their love for God. I wish I had the time to share every detail, but that would take a bit more than just this brief overview. However, as I sat in on one workshop titled, “Resource Awareness/Self-Care” , I became mesmerized by the speaker's story. Her story sounded all too familiar. Why? It was almost as if she took a few pages from my life. Really! But, her story became one that I didn’t anticipate. After her ordeal, she still needed more. More healing, more forgiveness, more! This engagement she decided to do was going to help us, the audience, but it was also helping her. As we listened to a letter she wrote to her mother and father, who passed within a year of each other, we became the parent’s she could no longer talk to. The pain she displayed weeping through this letter helped her relieve feelings of emotions that we at times tend to hide, and I sat there cheering her on within myself, as I too knew she finally turned a corner that will bring solace to her healing process.

In this one workshop, I witnessed our theme, “ Women on a Journey, Sharing our Stories” and was so very blessed to have been there to help her, a sister in need. I hope that everyone looks to attend one of our AACCW Conferences in the future and experience the love for themselves, as they are open to all.

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Box of Joy Pack-a-thon Party

Join us for a Parish wide Catholic service project. A Box of Joy is a donated Christmas shoebox that is packed with toys, clothing, and supplies. Each child who receives a Boy of Joy also receives a rosary and The Story of Jesus coloring book. Box of Joy provides hope to children living in poverty in developing countries, and each gift represents Christ's love.

Date/Time/Location: October 25th, 5-8:30 PM for volunteers, SMM Parish Hall
Event will run from 6 - 8 PM.

What: Come help us pack Box of Joy boxes for Cross Catholic Outreach. Our goal is to pack 250 boxes! We will pack boxes, learn about Cross Catholic Outreach, and pray for the children that will receive the boxes.

Who Can Come: Any parishioner and family members

What to Bring: Please use the list below as a guideline for items to donate. Please consider bringing at least 25 of any smaller item that you donate. Remember, we will pack the boxes at the Pack-a-thon as a Parish. Boxes will be provided at the event.

Acceptable Items:

Toys – cars, trucks, craft kits, dolls, small balls, small plush animals, legos

School Supplies – erasers, glue sticks, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, markers

Clothing – dresses, flip-flops, plastic ponchos, socks, t-shirts, shorts, underwear

Toiletries – bandages, bar soap, brush, hand wipes, lip balm, toothbrush and toothpaste

Prohibited Items:

Liquid items, food, beverage, chocolate or Jolly Ranchers, medicine, glass items, knives, toy weapons, cash, check, or gift cards

A complete listing can be found at <https://crosscatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/D-P6637-FY2024-BOJ-gift-ideas-ONLY.pdf>

How Can I Help if I Can't Come To the Pack-a-thon? We still need items donated for the boxes. You can drop them off in the Narthex anytime from October 18-25th. We also need help in securing funds to pay for the postage for the boxes. Each box costs \$9.00 to ship. You can use the link or QR code below to help offset the cost of shipping the boxes to children in need.

<https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/online/>



IT'S TIME TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATING AND GIFTING!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Back by popular demand, the CCW is offering poinsettias from the same nursery we used last year.

We have 6" and 8" sizes available in each color.

They will be on sale in the Narthex, October 26 & 27, after each Mass.

6 INCH POT of any color is \$20.00

8 INCH POT of any color is \$30.00



RED



PINK



WHITE



JINGLE BELL



MARBLE

Plant pick up will be determined in November once the order is placed. Please watch your Flocknotes or email for pickup date details. Estimated delivery is between November 16 – December 14.

4 ways to order:

1. Use this link: <https://www.osvhub.com/st-mary-magdalene-cath-church-1/forms/smmccw-poinsettia-sales-2024> to order.
2. Narthex sales – October 26 & 27 after all Masses.
3. Order form in ministry closet – Council of Catholic Women slot and turn in to office with payment.
4. Use the QR code if using credit card or bank account.



All proceeds to benefit the SMM CCW.

Questions: Please contact Suzette Binek at suzettebinek@gmail.com

LAST DAY TO PLACE ORDERS WILL BE OCTOBER 30, 2024!

