



December 2022

St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

# Madonna Guild News

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN 2022

As your president this year, I am humbled by your hard work and dedication! This year you have contributed so much to all the ministries of the Madonna Guild. Let's examine the numbers.

The Rosary Ministry sent out 2,600 rosaries to Nigeria, Dominican Republic, Venezuela and to a prison ministry in Arizona. The Prayer Shawl Ministry crocheted more than 125 prayer shawls and lap robes as well as over 80 pocket prayer shawls.

The Book Studies Ministry brought new meaning to our relationship with Jesus via 6 book/video studies that ran throughout the year. The Blood Drive Ministry will help almost 200 people with the blood collected at the 2 blood drives this year.

The Social Activities Ministry hosted 2 Meet & Greet Socials as well as a fabulous English Tea send off for our summer Visitors. The Prayer Line Ministry prayed throughout the year for those suffering from illness, injury or the death of a loved one.

Our Fundraising Ministry held a phenomenal bake sale at the Run To The Pines Car Show that raised \$2,700 which will help cover operating costs in 2023. The Bereavement Ministry counseled those who have lost a loved one during a challenging year with COVID.

The ladies of the Funeral Ministry prepared and served food for luncheons following 3 funerals—more than 100 mourners. We supported a student through Unbound by funding his school tuition. We cleaned, sorted, painted and decorated our new Madonna Room using our own labor and zero dollars from our bank account. We served refreshments at the summer lecture series in July & August.

The Thanksgiving Ministry fed a couple hundred people in our community via donations by our parishioners. The Christmas Stocking Ministries sewed, decorated and collected stocking stuffers for over 300 stockings (100 more than last year!) which will be distributed to the needy in our community. We have a new online Newsletter.

The Outreach Ministry recruited many new members. The new Library Ministry is set to open a religious books library early next year. We will distribute 500 copies of Holy Moments to parishioners FREE.

Wow! What a year we have had! I could not be more proud of YOU!



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## NEW MADONNA ROOM DEDICATED!



Before the November 9th meeting began, Mary Kay Nelson led the attendees in a lovely service to dedicate our new Madonna Room! The service included a reading from the Bible, a beautiful dedication written by Mary Kay, the singing of Immaculate Mary and a blessing using Holy Water. It was a very meaningful way to begin using our new Madonna Room for the many ministries supported by the Madonna Guild. It is with grateful hearts that we thank Father Dan and Margie for this beautiful room.

Katherine Larson would also like to thank all those who sorted, cleaned, painted, hung items on the walls, sewed curtains, moved furniture, created a beautiful flower arrangement, donated religious decorations and donated tools and office supplies for our room. The renovation of this room was a labor of love accomplished 100% by our Madonna Guild. You all know who you are. We are forever grateful for your hard work and contributions.

## THANKSGIVING FEASTS PROVIDED TO SO MANY!

As reported last month, 31 Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to the residents of the White Mountain Villas at the end of October. The Madonnas received a beautiful "thank you" card from some of the residents expressing their sincere appreciation for the delicious Thanksgiving meal they would enjoy as a result of the bounty they received from the parishioners of St Mary of the Angels Church. In fact, some residents cried with joy stating that "no one had ever done this for them".

Baskets also were delivered to White Mountain Catholic Charities and to our sister organization at the White Mountain Apache Tribe called Bii'Nalwod. Both of these organizations were likewise very pleased and thankful to receive the ingredients for a Thanksgiving feast. Altogether, a couple hundred people in our community were fed through the generosity of our wonderful parishioners!



## SPIRITUAL BOOK STUDIES IN 2023

Learning does not happen the same way for every person. Some learn from books, others by watching and others by doing. Because we all learn differently the Spiritual Book Study committee attempts to “mix” things up a bit.

The programs scheduled for 2023 have been purposely planned to appeal to all learning styles as much as possible. All are welcome to attend the sessions. Some classes have a minimal fee to cover the cost of the materials.

We always appreciate your comments and suggestions. For more information text or call Bernie at 703-508-1573.

The tentative schedule for 2023 includes:

Holy Moments (this year's Christmas book) and I'm Not Done Growing Yet both books by M. Kelly (Dynamic Catholic)

The Passion of the Christ-A Lenten Journey by Dr. Edward Sri (Ascension Press)

A Biblical Walk Through The Mass (Ascension Press)

“The Chosen”, Season 3 8 episodes (Angel Studios) Dalles Jenkins. Please note that “The Chosen” will be released for viewing sometime late winter or early spring.

Ordinary Lives Extraordinary Mission 5 Steps To Winning The War Within by John R. Wood

Be sure to watch the Church bulletin for updated information as next year progresses.

## APPRECIATE THE SEASON OF ADVENT!



IT'S NOT TOO LATE! WE STILL HAVE TIME!

We still have time to appreciate THE SEASON OF ADVENT!

How you ask???? Who has time to “appreciate” the peace of Advent????

We all have at least 3 minutes a day to spend with Our Lord!

GO TO...Best Lent Ever at

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html>

## MAKE ROSARIES!

Are you looking for a hobby that costs you nothing but your time? How about a hobby where all the supplies are provided to you? Would you like to honor our Blessed Mother, Mary, at the same time?

If you would like to learn to make rosaries in your spare time, Dorothy Dobry would love to teach you. Rosaries are easy and fun to make.

Dorothy has written instructions for you to follow and she can spend a few minutes with you to get you started.

Dorothy will provide the supplies for free. All you need is a little free time and a pair of scissors.

If you have questions, please call Dorothy at 928-368-7371.





## CHURCH NEWS

Daily and weekend Masses are located in the Church.

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Mary Matthew offers bereavement counseling during the year. For more information, please contact Mary at 602-463-7645 to find out about the next meeting.

## PRAYER LINE

If you would like to add the name of a family member, friend, or acquaintance to the St. Mary of the Angels Prayer Line, please contact Lorraine Robertson at [robertson-pl406@gmail.com](mailto:robertson-pl406@gmail.com)



## JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Come join us for the Madonna Guild Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 14th. We will begin stuffing 300+ stockings in the Madonna Room at 10am. The Christmas Party will begin at 11am in the Overflow Hall which is located down the hall from the Madonna Room. Questions? Please contact Katherine at 928-595-2888.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES



Christmas Eve: 6pm and 8pm

Christmas Day: 10am

All Masses are in the Church!

## CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

This year, St Mary's Church is partnering with Living Hope to sponsor two young mothers and their three children. Please take a tag from the Christmas tree in the Church lobby and return with an UNWRAPPED present along with the tag to the Church office or to the Church lobby by December 15th. Thank you!

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Madonna Guild of St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church in Pinetop, Arizona enriches and supports the life of our parish family and local community through spiritual activities, fellowship, and outreach.

## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

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## Calendar 2022

Event	Date	Notes
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Dec 1	Madonna Room, 10am
Cup of Cheer	Dec 2	SJFC, 10am-2pm
Madonna Christmas Party	Dec 14th	Madonna Room, 10am



**Join us for the**

## **Madonna Guild Christmas Party**

**Wednesday, December 14th**

**Stuff Christmas Stockings at 10am in the Madonna Room**

**Enjoy Party in the Overflow Hall at 11am**

**Bring A Dish To Share**

**Bring a Present (Under \$20) To Trade**

**Bring Small Wrapped Candy Canes or Christmas Candy**



### MADONNA GUILD

Did you know that all women of St. Mary of the Angels Church are members of the Madonna Guild?

We are a group of compassionate and energetic women who serve our parish and our community. If you would like to be an active member or contribute to any of the activities mentioned in this newsletter but you don't know where to begin, please call Katherine at (928) 595-2888.

Actively participating only requires as much time as you want to give. Can you spare a little time or a lot of time? Either choice is great! Participating from home is wonderful. Are you a summer visitor who would like to contribute from your winter home? Your participation would be so welcome. Call Katherine or any of the officers or chairpersons listed throughout this newsletter and we will get you started in whatever interests you!

## CHAIRPERSON CONTACTS

Are you interested in helping with, or participating in, any of these ministries? Please contact any of the ladies listed below for more information.

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Bereavement	Mary Matthew	602-463-7645
Blood Drive	Lorraine Robertson	928-242-8174
Book Studies	Bernie McConnell	703-508-1573
Correspondence	Christina Vasquez	909-313-9639
Fundraiser(s)	Terry Linn	734-259-9826
Funerals	Mary Kay Nelson	602-478-0609
Library	Fran Serio	serio.fran@gmail.com
Outreach	Mary Kay Nelson	602-478-0609
Prayer Line	Lorraine Robertson	928-242-8174
Prayer Shawls	Terry Linn	734-259-9826
Rosaries	Dorothy Dobry	928-368-7371
Social Activities	Bernie McConnell	703-508-1573
Stockings (Sew)	Lorraine Robertson	928-242-8174
Stockings (Stuffers)	Terry Linn	734-259-9826

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