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St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

Madonna Guild News

A YEAR OF GIVING TO THOSE IN NEED!

It takes a loving heart and loads of compassion to help those around us. St Teresa of Avila wrote "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

You emulate those heartfelt words through the Madonna ministries in which you participate. In 2023, the wonderful ladies of the Rosary Ministry made 3,030 rosaries that have been flown to Churches throughout the world and are given away in an Arizona prison ministry. The compassionate ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry crocheted 106 large shawls and about 300 pocket shawls to comfort the sick and help heal the grieving. These shawls have gone to family, friends and neighbors far and wide.

Our Blood Drive Ministry provided life-saving blood and blood products to a couple hundred recipients. The Community Outreach Ministry fed hundreds of poor in our community during the Thanksgiving holiday; stocked the shelves at a neighborhood free grocery for the poor; will distribute over 300 Christmas stockings brimming with toiletries & Christmas candy; and is now amassing sheets, blankets, etc. to keep a retirement facility, run by the Little Sisters of the Poor in Gallup, NM, well-stocked.

Our Book Study Ministry offered classes throughout this year to deepen the faith of God's faithful. The Bereavement Ministry counselled the grieving. The Correspondence Ministry kept in touch with a student we sponsor in Uganda and paid for his tuition. The Funeral Luncheon Ministry provided a delicious and comforting lunch for the grieving following some funeral Masses.

The ladies of the Library Ministry transformed a little-used room into a beautiful library filled with religious books, donated by our parishioners, to deepen our faith. The Prayer Line Ministry offered fervent prayers for those in need. The Social Activities Ministry celebrated our year-round and summer parishioners with a Tea and a Parish Potluck as well as welcomed new Madonna members at our Meet & Greets. Our Madonna Ambassador found new members who would help us help others. And, finally, our Fundraising Committee raised a whopping \$7,903.61 to fund our ministries to do this all over again next year!

Have we, as Madonna members, honored Our Lady and been faithful to the words of St Teresa of Avila? You decide.



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CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE A HUGE SUCCESS!



Talking about money is rarely a pleasant conversation these days. This IS, however, a happy topic for the Madonna Guild right now. Due to the **HARD WORK** of our fundraising chair, Terry Linn, and her team, the November Made On The Mountain Craft Fair & Bake Sale raised \$3,587.06!! Special thanks also goes to Tess Durfee who ran a **VERY** successful 50/50 raffle during the craft fair!

Let's look at the fundraising throughout this year. Our first ever Made On The Mountain Craft Fair & Bake Sale in July netted \$1,126. The Run To The Pines Bake Sale in September raised \$3,190.55. Add those to the November Made On The Mountain proceeds of \$3,587.06 and the Fundraising Ministry put a total of \$7,903.61 into our accounts! As you know, this money is instrumental to continue our ministries in 2024. A heartfelt thank you to all the ladies who worked tirelessly to raise these funds!



BOOK STUDY NEWS FOR 2024!

Greetings My Friends and a Peaceful Advent to You All!

Firs, I would like to congratulate all of you who have participated so enthusiastically in the Spiritual Book Studies this year. The program would not have been so meaningful if you had not been there. Your very presence, even if you never said a word, is always appreciated because you bring the gift of YOU!

Below is the proposed schedule for 2024. All sessions will be held in the Church Overflow Hall from either 9:30am to 10:30am or 9:30am to 11am. Inclement weather and unforeseen events, of course, may alter the schedule but watch the Church Bulletin. Last minute changes will be sent to participants via texts or emails.

Our first Book Study for 2024 is entitled FEARLESS by Alice Camille and Paul Boudreau. Fearless tells the fascinating stories of the American Saints who gave their lives to build our Church and our country. Fearless begins Wednesday, January 10th at 9:30am. The cost of the book is currently \$6. The class is scheduled for 6 weeks to end February 14th. For sign up/questions contact Bernie at 703-508-1573 (text or call) or email me at bmcconnell75@gmail.com —Bernie McConnell

2024 SCHEDULE OF BOOK STUDY CLASSES

1. **Fearless-Stories of the American Saints**, by Alice Camille & Paul Boudreau, Jan 10 to Feb 14
2. **The Passion of Christ-A Lenten Journey** by Edward Sri. February 21 to March 20
3. **Beautiful Eucharist** April 3-April 24 by various Catholic writers. Dates depend on the previous number of sessions cancelled due to winter weather.
4. **Missed Gifts of The Holy Spirit** by Mindy Savoia May 8 to June 12
5. **The Chosen**, Season 4, by Dallas Jenkins June 26- Aug 14. The story of Jesus and his disciples.
6. **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** Aug.28-Oct 23 by Jeff Cavins & Sarah Christmyer. No class Sept. 18.
7. Preparing for Advent, To Be Determined at a later date. Updates to be found in the Madonna Newsletter and Church Bulletin.

INDEPENDENT STUDY DURING ADVENT

Advent Pray 25 with C.S. Lewis, begins Dec 4th on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) or [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com). Join actors Liam Neeson & Jonathan Roumie (The Chosen) and Sr. Miriam as we prepare for the birth of Christ.

Best Advent Ever with Matthew Kelly on [dynamiccatholic.com](https://www.dynamiccatholic.com). 28 videos to prepare you to have a meaningful and memorable Advent experience. Search on your computer or mobile phone.

Rosary Ministry

Dorothy Dobry, ministry chair, reports the ladies made 3,030 rosaries in 2023. That's an amazing effort!

If you would like to learn to make rosaries, 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.

What better way to honor Our Lady and to fill some of your spare time!

For more information, please call Dorothy Dobry at 928-368-7371.



Shawls Ministry

Led by ministry Chair, Terry Linn, the ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry made 106 large shawls and 300 pocket shawls in 2023. Amazing!.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, Terry can get you started. She can teach you how to crochet (or knit) and will provide the crochet or knitting needles as well as the yarn. She just needs your willingness to help out.

If you have questions and/or would like to join in this important ministry, please contact Terry at 734-259-9826.

Finished and blessed prayer shawls and lap robes are available in the Church Office or at weekend Masses from Terry, Margie Zavala, or Arleen Caruth.

The next prayer shawl meeting will be Thursday, December 7th at 10am in the Madonna Room.



THANKSGIVING FOOD A DELICIOUS SUCCESS!

The Thanksgiving holiday was brighter for many families in the White Mountains thanks to the generosity of our wonderful parishioners! Led by Arleen Caruth, 61 turkeys and boxes of food were distributed as follows: White Mountain Catholic Charities 10, White Mountain Senior Villas 33, and Walking Down Ranch (for veterans) 18. Also, one struggling parish family was given a \$100 gift card to Wal-Mart.

This would not have been possible without the donations of non-perishable food as well as monetary donations from our parishioners. This year, our parishioners donated a whopping \$2,310 towards turkeys and perishable items for each box! That's outstanding!!

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**



CHURCH NEWS

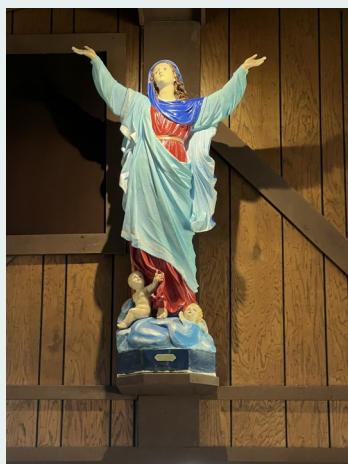
All Masses are in the Church. Children's Christmas eve Mass at 6pm in the SJFC.

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



Christmas Stockings Abound!

We sincerely thank all of you who cut, sewed and decorated over 300 Christmas stockings this year. Special thanks to Lorraine Robertson for leading these efforts year after year.

Thanks to generous donations by our Madonnas and our parishioners, we have reached our goal of acquiring enough stocking stuffers to fill each and every stocking. Special thanks to Arleen Caruth who led the campaign to amass all the toiletries and other goodies.

Stockings will be stuffed on Wednesday, December 13th at 10am in the SJFC just before the Madonna Christmas Party.

This year the Christmas stockings will be donated to the Walking Down Ranch (for veterans), Catholic Charities, Meals on Wheels and the WM Senior Villas.

NEXT MEETING

The Madonna Guild will stuff Christmas stockings and will hold the Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 13th in the SJFC. We will begin stuffing the 300+ stockings at 10am. Our Christmas Party will begin around 11am. We are using the SJFC due to the ongoing construction in the Overflow Hall and kitchen.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

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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.

Calendar 2023

Event

Date

Notes

Prayer Shawl Meeting

Dec 7th

Madonna Room, 10am

Stuff Stockings & Christmas Party

Dec 13th

SJFC, 10am

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER DAN!



53rd Ordination Anniversary!

(Rome, Italy, December 18th)



Happy 78th Birthday!

(December 23rd)

Calendar 2024

Event	Date	Notes
New Year's Day	Jan 1	Office Closed
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Jan 4th	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Jan 10th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Martin Luther King, Jr Day	Jan 15th	
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Feb 1st	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Feb 14th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Ash Wednesday	Feb 14th	Masses 8am & 6pm
President's Day	Feb 19th	Office Closed
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Mar 7th	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Mar 13th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
St Patrick's' Day	Mar 17th	
Palm Sunday	Mar 24th	Church, Masses 9am & 11am
Penance Service	Mar 25th	Church 6pm
Holy Thursday	Mar 28th	Church, Mass 6pm
Good Friday	Mar 29th	Church, Service 6pm
Holy Saturday	Mar 30th	Church, Mass 7pm
Easter Sunday	Mar 31st	Church, Masses 9am & 11am
Easter Monday	Apr 1st	Office Closed
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Apr 4th	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Apr 10th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	May 2nd	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	May 8th	Overflow Hall, 11:30am
CCD Family Party	May 8th	SJFC, 6pm
Craft Fair #1 Set Up	May 9th	SJFC
Craft Fair #1	May 11th	SJFC, 9am-2pm
Mother's Day	May 12th	
Meeting & Greet #1	May 20th	Overflow Hall, 1pm-3pm
Weekend Masses Move to SJFC	May 25th	Through Memorial Weekend
Memorial Day	May 27th	Office Closed
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Jun 6th	Madonna Room, 10am
Tea Set Up	Jun 6th	Overflow Hall, 11am

Calendar 2024 (Con't)

Event	Date	Notes
Summer Tea	Jun 10th	Overflow Hall, 2pm-4pm
Madonna Meeting	Jun 12th	Overflow Hall, 11:30am
Father's Day	Jun 16th	
Juneteenth	Jun 19th	Office may be closed
Blood Drive #1	Jun 20th	SJFC, 12:30pm-5:30pm
Independence Day	Jul 4th	Office Closed
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Jul 4th	NO MEETING
Madonna Meeting	Jul 10th	Overflow Hall, 11:30am
Meet & Greet #2	Jul 22nd	Overflow Hall, 2pm-4pm
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Aug 1st	Madonna Room, 10am
Quilt Show (& Set Up)	Aug 2nd-10th	SJFC Closed
Madonna Meeting	Aug 14th	Overflow Hall, 11:30am
Blood Drive #2	Aug 22nd	SJFC, 12:30pm-5:30pm
Parish Potluck	Aug 25th	SJFC, 3pm-6pm
Labor Day	Sep 2nd	Office Closed
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Sep 5th	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Sep 11th	Overflow Hall, 10am
Bake Sale Set Up	Sep 20th	Meet at Church, 9am
Bake Sale Pies Delivered & Packaged	Sep 20th	12pm-4pm
Run To The Pines Car Show & Bake Sale	Sep 21st	Pinetop Country Club
Priest Retreat	Sep 23rd-27th	Father Dan Away
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Oct 3rd	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Oct 9th	Overflow Hall, 11:30am
Columbus Day	Oct 14th	
CCD Halloween Party	Oct 30th	SJFC, 6pm
Halloween	Oct 31st	
Election Day	Nov 5th	
Pray Shawl Meeting	Nov 7th	Madonna Room, 10am
Craft Fair #2 Set Up	Nov 7th	SJFC
Craft Fair #2	Nov 9th	SJFC, 9am-2pm
Veterans Day	Nov 11th	Office May Be Closed

Calendar 2024 (Con't)

Event	Date	Notes
Madonna Meeting	Nov 13th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Thanksgiving Mass	Nov 28th	Church, 9am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Dec 5th	Madonna Room, 10am
Stuffing Christmas Stockings	Dec 11th	Overflow Hall, 10am
Madonna Christmas Party	Dec 11th	Overflow Hall, 11am
Christmas Eve Childrens Mass	Dec 24th	SJFC, 6pm
Christmas Eve Mass	Dec 24th	Church, 8pm
Christmas Day Mass	Dec 25th	Church, 10am
Christmas Holidays	Dec 25th-Jan 1st	Office Closed
New Year's Day Mass	Jan 1st	Church, 10am



CRAFT FAIR



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!

MADONNA GUILD

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CHAIRPERSON & CO-CHAIR CONTACTS

Please contact the ladies listed below for more information.

Ministry	Chairperson	Phone
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Blood Drive	Lorraine Robertson	928-242-8174
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—Co-Chair	Mary Knaust	928-368-3654
—Co-Chair	Terry Linn	734-259-9826
—Co-Chair	Mary Kay Nelson	602-478-0609
—Co-Chair	Dorota Rapacz	928-275-5942
Community Outreach	Arleen Caruth	928-367-2080
Correspondence	Liz Neal	928-434-0677
Fundraisers	Terry Linn	734-259-9826
—Co-Chair	Tess Durfee	626-221-9152
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—Co-Chair	Dorothy Dobry	928-368-7371
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Prayer Line	Lorraine Robertson	928-242-8174
Prayer Shawls	Terry Linn	734-259-9826
—Co-Chair	Dorota Rapacz	928-275-5942
Rosaries	Dorothy Dobry	928-368-7371
Social Activities	Christina Vasquez	909-313-9639
—Co-Chair	Linda Dodson	760-668-0361
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Madonna Guild

Membership Form

The Madonna Guild meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Madonna Room, located behind the Church altar, at 11:30 am for about an hour. Please join us!
Please complete the following information. You can return this form to our next meeting or drop it off at the parish office. No dues required.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Mobile: _____ Home: _____

Preferred Contact: (Please Check One) ☐ E-Mail ☐ Phone

Residence Status: (Please Check One) ☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time

Check the ministries that interest you:

- ☐ **Bereavement** (counseling)
- ☐ **Blood Drive** (solicit sign-ups or check-in participants)
- ☐ **Book Studies** (moderate a class or attend classes)
- ☐ **Community Outreach** (Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas stocking stuffers & Angel Tree)
- ☐ **Correspondence** (read and respond to inquiries and letters received)
- ☐ **Fundraisers** (provide baked goods or help with sales or set up/take down booth)
- ☐ **Funeral Luncheons** (set up/serve/clean up luncheon and/or provide side dishes/desserts)
- ☐ **Library** (assist with check out and/or filing of books)
- ☐ **Madonna Ambassador** (recruit new members; call/send prayer shawls to ill parishioners)
- ☐ **Prayer Line** (become a Prayer Warrior for ill, deceased, or special intentions)
- ☐ **Prayer Shawls** (knit or crochet at home, donate yarn)
- ☐ **Rosaries** (make at home - supplies & training provided)
- ☐ **Social Activities** (arrange social gatherings for Madonnas and to attract new members)
- ☐ **Stockings for Christmas** (decorate stockings)

Hope to see you at the next Madonna Guild Meeting!

Contact us at madonnapinetop@gmail.com

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Mary Kay Nelson, Vice President
Christina Vasquez, Secretary
Dorota Rapacz, Tech Support
Margie Zavala, Treasurer