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St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

Madonna Guild News

2024: A BUSY YEAR AHEAD!

Preparations for activities in 2024 have been underway for months! The ladies of the Madonna Guild want this year to be better than ever!

Whether you are a year-round resident, a seasonal resident or a visitor staying a short time in the White Mountains, you will find plenty to do with the Madonna Guild.

We have a new lineup of books to explore with the Spiritual Book Studies Ministry (including The Chosen videos for season 4), a sensational Summer Tea to attend, a few Meet & Greet get togethers to welcome new members, a big parish potluck, our ever-expanding library to peruse, two craft fairs, and our bake sale at the Run to the Pines Car Show. Of course we also have all of our other ministries for those who want to share their talents with the community.

The 2024 calendar on pages 7-9 will give you the lineup of activities so you can choose ahead of time what you would like to participate in. Keep reading this monthly Newsletter for more information as activities get closer to starting.

There is plenty for all to enjoy!



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MADONNA CHRISTMAS PARTY A MERRY TIME!

The ladies got together to celebrate the festive season of Christmas and had a merry good time! As usual there were plenty of delicious homemade entrees, sides and desserts to enjoy as we thanked God and each other for a successful 2023! The ladies even brought SEVERAL gluten free dishes and desserts enjoyed by this grateful participant.

A big thank you to Christina Vasquez, our Social Activities Chair, and her team of Rose French, Linda Dodson, Sherry Mannikko and Liz Neal, for planning and giving us such a joyous party.

To all the attendees who brought tasty food, an ornament for our tree and a gift to trade, you are wonderful! A special thank you to Alice Spieler for surprising us with bags of wrapped presents for us! You couldn't stay for the party but you thought of us anyway. We were so appreciative of your kindness!!

It took some doing, but we got everyone to stand still for a minute to get a lovely photo of the group in their festive attire. Don't the ladies look beautiful? Vicki Picard was hiding on the upper left! Special thanks to Arleen Caruth for taking this photo!

BOOK STUDY NEWS FOR 2024!

Greetings my friends and a happy new year to you all!

First, I would like to congratulate all of you who have participated so enthusiastically in the Spiritual Book Studies last 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. **Space and books are limited.** For sign up/questions contact Bernie at 703-508-1573 (text or call) or email me at bmccconnell75@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.

Rosary Ministry

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

If you are interested in joining the prayer shawl ministry, Terry Linn 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.

If you would like to donate yarn or other supplies to the prayer shawl ministry, please call Terry at the above number.

There will be no prayer shawl meeting in January.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 1st at 10am in the Madonna Room.



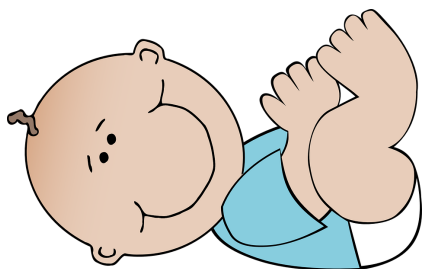
A CELEBRATION FOR FATHER DAN!

As many of you know, December is a celebratory month for Father Dan Daley. December 18th was the 53rd anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in Rome, Italy. December 23rd was his 78th birthday. And then there is Christmas.

Although December can be a difficult month to get together, a large group of Madonnas took Father Dan out to lunch on December 19th at The Bistro At Annie's to celebrate!

We had the entire back room of the restaurant and Father Dan spent a lot of time mingling with everyone and he even led us in a few seasonal songs to mark the occasion. A wonderful time was had by all!





RESPECT LIFE: PRAYER & ACTION

May every human life be protected in law and welcomed in love.

Pray

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflect

The Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide reign of abortion on-demand that was ushered in by *Roe v. Wade* in 1973. In this monumental legal victory, the Supreme Court rightly concluded that there is nothing in the Constitution's text, history, American legal tradition, or the Court's precedents that prevents the government from protecting preborn children in the womb from the violence of abortion. *Dobbs* returned the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives at the federal and state levels. And as we have seen, continuing work is needed to protect children, women, and families from the tragedy of abortion.

We must continue advocating for pro-life laws and policies, especially at the state and local levels. Abortion is legal in more states than not, with many working to expand and enshrine abortion protections. In addition to our efforts to protect human life in law, we must also help women facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies, offering them the compassionate support they need to lovingly welcome the gift of their children. We must do whatever we can in every sphere to ensure the flourishing of both mothers and their children throughout life's journey.

Act (Choose One):

- ◆ Sign up to join Catholics across the country in praying for the end to abortion during the 9 Days for Life novena from January 16-24 (9daysforlife.com).
- ◆ Participate in a local, state, or national pro-life event during the month of January to advocate and pray for the protection of preborn life. (Check with your parish and/or diocese for information about events in your area.)
- ◆ Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

One Step Further

Get updates on state issues by signing up to receive information from your state Catholic conference or diocesan Respect Life office.

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CHURCH NEWS

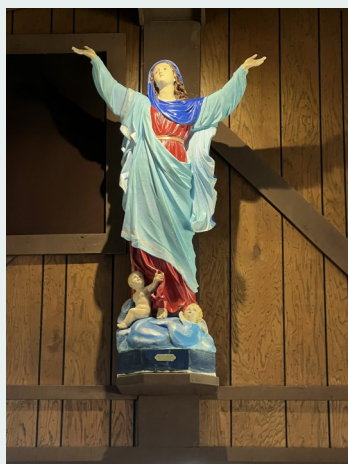
All Masses are in the Church.

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



RECYCLE YOUR BOWS & RIBBONS!

Wondering what to do with all your leftover or used bows? Please don't throw them away! Bring a box or bag to the Nature Center. Azul the Recycling Crow, loves to dig through containers full of bows and ribbons for treats. This is "foraging" and very important to the well being of certain species of birds—like Corvids (ravens & crows).

NEXT MEETING

The next Madonna Guild meeting will be on Wednesday, January 10th in the Madonna Room at 11:30am. We would love to have you join us! Please call Katherine at 929-595-2888 with any questions.

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 2024

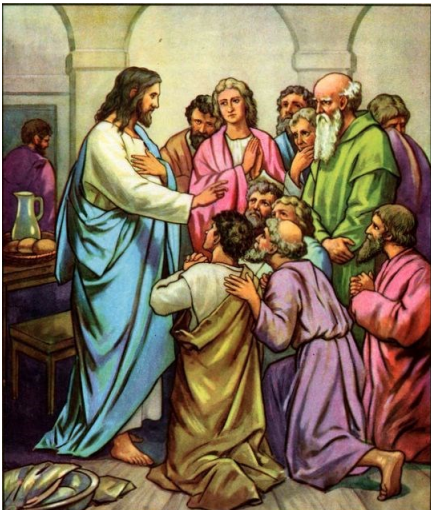
Event	Date	Notes
New Year's Day	Jan 1	Office Closed
<u>Fearless—Stories of American Saints</u>	Jan 10th-Feb 14th	Overflow Hall, 9:30am
Madonna Meeting	Jan 10th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Martin Luther King, Jr Day	Jan 15th	
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Feb 1st	Madonna Room, 10am
Madonna Meeting	Feb 14th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Ash Wednesday	Feb 14th	Masses 8am & 6pm
President's Day	Feb 19th	Office Closed
<u>Passion of Christ—A Lenten Journey</u>	Feb 21st-Mar 20th	Overflow Hall, 9:30am
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-5th	Office Closed
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Apr 4th	Madonna Room, 10am
<u>Beautiful Eucharist</u>	Apr 10th-24th	Overflow Hall, 9:30am
Madonna Meeting	Apr 10th	Madonna Room, 11:30am
Prayer Shawl Meeting	May 2nd	Madonna Room, 10am
<u>Missed Gifts of the Holy Spirit</u>	May 8th-June 12th	Overflow Hall, 9:30am
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

Calendar 2024 (Con't)

Event	Date	Notes
Memorial Day	May 27th	Office Closed
Prayer Shawl Meeting	Jun 6th	Madonna Room, 10am
Tea Set Up	Jun 6th	Overflow Hall, 11am
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
"The Chosen" Season 4	Jun 26th-Aug 14th	Overflow Hall, 9:30am
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
<u>Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible</u>	Aug 28th-Oct 23rd	Overflow Hall, 9:30am
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	

Calendar 2024 (Con't)

Event	Date	Notes
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
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



The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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!

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