

**SAINT MARY OF THE ANGELS
MADONNA GUILD MINUTES
1/9/2025**

CALL TO ORDER: 11:00 am

OPENING PRAYER: Mary Kay

ATTENDEES: Katherine Larson-President Christina Vasquez-Vice President, Liz Neal-Secretary, Tess Durfee, Kriss Des Rochers, Sue Slaugenhaupt, Dorothy Dobry, Mary Kay Nelson, Terry Linn, Julie Luna, Barbara Garcia and Geannine Aguilar

MINUTES: November minutes read and approved. There wasn't a meeting in December.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Read by Katherine.

OLD BUSINESS

CHANGE IN OFFICERS: This was reviewed in the reading of the November minutes.

CALENDAR: The 2025 Calendar was updated to include Confirmations & First Holy Communion on May 17th in the Church. A light reception to follow in the overflow hall. This date was set by the Bishop's office.

ROSARIES: Dorothy reported that 5,617 rosaries were distributed in 2024.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS: Kriss Des Rochers reported that there were approximately 112-120 people at the Jane Chavez Funeral reception. The Madonna's received many thank you's and appreciation on how wonderful everything was. The new blue tablecloths were used and several Madonna's took them home to launder. Kriss thanked Barbara Garcia for her help with the family's requests. The leftover food was donated to Walking Down Ranch Veterans Village in Lakeside. The flowers were donated to Haven Health in Lakeside.

There are 2 more funerals in January that the Madonna Guild will provide a luncheon/reception. Saturday, the 25th, at 10am, for Pat Place. This is Kriss Des Rochers spouse, so she asked Christina Vasquez to arrange. She is expecting approximately 100 people. She also asked if whenever a funeral has an internment at the Columbarium, could we have the reception in the SJFC so people do not have to walk back across the parking lot. Katherine said she would check with the office. Christina passed around a sign-up sheet for server volunteers for Sherry Mannikko, who was unable to attend this month's meeting. The other funeral will be on Monday, the 27th. This is for Janet Clark and approximately 40 people are expected.

CORRESPONDENCE: Liz passed around a thank you card from Nieves Miljure.

LIBRARY: Liz reported that the winter library in the overflow hall is available for parishioners Sundays after all Masses. The person making the announcements at Mass, will let the congregation know every Sunday. Mike Caruth will anchor the bookshelf to the wall for safety. Volunteer librarians will wait until the accordion doors are opened, before assuming their duties. A schedule will be sent out.

MADONNA KITCHEN: Christina reminded members to please pick up dishes they used when they provided food for recent funerals. If someone wishes to make a donation to the kitchen, please check with Christina first.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: The Summer Tea is scheduled for Monday, June 23rd from 12:00pm until 2:30pm, in the Overflow Hall. There will be a Meet & Greet on July 21st from 1:00pm to 3pm, in the Overflow Hall. The Parish Pot Luck will be August 24th in the SJFC at 3:00pm. The Christmas party will be December 11th, in the Overflow Hall. Stockings will be stuffed beginning at 10am and the party at 11am.

BOOK STUDY: The first book study of 2025 will begin on January 15th at 9:30am. The book will be Matthew Kelly's The Three Ordinary Voices of God. This will run 4 weeks.

PRAYER SHAWL: Terry Linn received a \$40 cash donation from an anonymous source. There is very little yarn, so donations are being solicited. The cash donation will be used to buy yarn. The next prayer shawl meeting will be February 6th at 10:00am in the Madonna Room. There was a lot of discussion about type of yarn and the best place to purchase it. The consensus was 4ply yarn is best and anywhere it's on sale. It takes approximately 4 skeins to make a shawl. In 2024 prayer shawls were given to the local Cancer Center and assisted living facilities, as well as individuals. In 2025 we will add Haven Health to the list of recipients.

FUNDRAISING: Terry Linn turned in \$300 today from vendors for the May Craft Fair. 33 vendor spaces have been sold. There are 55 spaces total. There will be a planning meeting on January 21st at 10:00am in the Overflow Hall. There has been a lot of good reviews on our Craft Fair. From the vendors and public alike. Tess stated that Made In Greer may have another donation for our Boutique. There are several co-chair positions needed. The Bakery, the Donation Boutique and the Runner Organizer. Terry requested the name of this ministry be changed from "Fundraising" to "Craft Fair", since this is now the only fundraiser. The next Craft Fair is scheduled for May 16th and 17th.

NEW BUSINESS

Katherine read a thank you letter from Fr. Dan. He expressed great appreciation for our Madonna Guild.

Katherine requested permission from the Guild to purchase 5 new, 8' folding tables. These will be the same as what the Church currently has. The vote was unanimous to purchase these tables. One will be placed upstairs in our storage room. Katherine requested the individual Chair's to please help organize the space. The closet in the Madonna room needs to be cleaned out and reorganized as well.

Betty Sedillo donated a rolling closet for our new round tablecloths to be stored on. Kriss will get the appropriate hangers for them. Katherine will check with the office about the possibility of storing them in the SJFC storage room.

Katherine stated that she will meet with the individual ministry chairs to discuss 2025 budget needs.

There will be a meeting to update the Madonna Guild Membership Application on Monday, January 13th at 10am.

Closing Prayer was said by Terry Linn.

Meeting adjourned. 12:20

January Birthday Luncheon will be at The Bistro at Annies, immediately following the meeting.

Minutes prepared by:
Liz Neal, Madonna Secretary