

**MADONNA GUILD**  
St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church  
Meeting Minutes  
August 14, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER** – 11:00 am by Arleen Caruth.

**OPENING PRAYER** – Arleen Caruth

**ATTENDEES** – Arleen Caruth, Liz Neal-Secretary, Barbara Sue Smith, Vicki Picard, Betty Sedillo, Donna Halcisak, Peggy Anne Duffy, Geannine Aguilar, Bernie McConnell, Sue Christianson, Dorothy Dobry, Ann Buff, Mary Knaust, Kathy Mallory, Ginny Scalzo, Mary Williams, Kriss Des Rochers, Terry Linn, Dorota Rapacz, Mary Kay Nelson, Francine Verhaagen

**MINUTES** – The July minutes were read and approved with corrections.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Arleen presented the Treasurer's report. The current balance is \$9,497.38. See the attached report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** – Arleen reported that the church collected \$11,102.77 for the Little Sisters.

**FUNERAL LUNCHEONS** – There are no upcoming funeral luncheons currently scheduled. A parishioner donated 12 blue and white checked table runners. Bernie spoke on behalf of her son's funeral, stating that the Eric McConnell funeral was absolutely lovely. Her family expressed how helpful and wonderful everyone who helped was. She expressed thanks to Mary Kay for the eulogy and Mary Knaust for doing the readings. Sue Christianson recognized Dorothy Dobry for getting all the food prepared and donated. Bernie felt that the servers did a wonderful job, as did those who helped guests with their plates and drinks.

**PARISH POTLUCK** – The Potluck is scheduled for Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> in the SJFC at 3:00 pm. Bernie met with the Knights of Columbus to discuss the set up and the coffee preparation. The KofC will be having a 50/50 drawing. James T Band will provide entertainment beginning at 4:00 pm. The KofC will take care of the set up and the cleanup. Madonna's will take care of the food. Bernie really likes the way serving tables are set up for funerals, so it will be set up the same way. Volunteers have been arranged for the main dishes, and the parish guests will take care of the rest.

**BOOK STUDY** – Bernie and Mary Kay will meet to figure out how to facilitate the second half of the book 'Fulfilled' which was scheduled to start in September. Arleen said she would take care of the announcements this weekend. Bernie also presented three book options for the Christmas giveaway. We will only be ordering 250 this year.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Liz sent a sympathy card to the McConnell's. She also sent a get-well card to Connie Harrington. The Madonna's received a letter from Regan, our student from Uganda that we sponsor through Unbound. He is doing well and is beginning his final year of school.

**LIBRARY** – We now have 986 books cataloged in our library. Liz still has about 50 that she is working on. 14 are in Italian. Thank you, Francine, for helping with identifying which language they are in. The September librarian

schedule will be going out next week. Liz asked the 5:30 and 11:00 librarians if they felt like we needed more volunteers for those Masses. They all stated that they were doing fine and didn't think any more were needed.

**PRAYER SHAWLS** – Terry reported on the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and how pleased everyone was to see Connie, broken elbow and all. She still is crocheting. Terry commented on how wonderful it was to see all our winter Madonna's and the beautiful shawls they turned in. There were 9 lap robes, 1 shawl and 34 pocket shawls turned in for Father Dan to bless. There was a \$20 donation from a parishioner. Mary Knaust shared a story of a parishioner who stopped in the library after mass to look at the shawls. He was so impressed that we had these beautiful handmade items to give away. He picked one out for his loved one. Bernie stated that both of her daughters were given a shawl and loved them. She said the shawl we had given Eric was put in the niche with his ashes in the columbarium.

**ROSARY** – Dorothy stated that she needed to place an order for supplies. Arleen reminded her to get in touch with Christina to get approval for the amount needed.

**BLOOD DRIVE** – Arleen asked for volunteers and several stepped up. Requests for cookies received several volunteers.

**STOCKING/DECORATING** – Kriss reported that there were 15 volunteers to decorate stockings on July 24<sup>th</sup>. They completed over 200 stockings. Barbara Sue decorated 97 at home. Kriss said that there were several that were specifically decorated for veterans. She went to several thrift stores to get decorations and was gifted with everything, so there was no cost to Madonna's. Arleen updated everyone on what items have been received and what is still needed. At this time of the year, she believes we will receive more than enough to make our Christmas stockings full.

**THANKSGIVING BASKET INVENTORY** – Arleen reported on the Thanksgiving basket inventory, and we are doing very well with that. We will be giving 8 baskets to Walking Down Ranch, 30 to White Mountain Senior Villas, 11 turkeys to Catholic Charities and 11 turkeys to the Senior Community Center Meals on Wheels. She will be placing a note in the bulletin saying that we need cash to purchase 60 turkeys.

**MADONNA LUNCHEONS** – Kriss is still looking into places to have birthday lunches. Most restaurants will not do separate tickets.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**NAME TAGS** – Liz took names of those who need a name tag. Two new ones and one replacement. She received the cash for the replacement.

**MADONNA MEMBERSHIP** – Arleen encouraged ladies to update their Madonna form with the ministries they want to participate in. Please return them to Dorota, as she maintains the database and updates the lists for the Committee Chairs.

**NOTES AND DONATION** – Arleen read a thank you from a parishioner who had just lost their mother. This visitor donated \$20. Arleen also read a thank you letter from Fr. Dan for our donation for the windows.

**CLOSING PRAYER** – Barbara Sue said the closing prayer at 12:08 pm.

Next Meeting is September 11, 2025, at 11:00 am | Church Overflow Hall  
Liz Neal | Madonna Guild Secretary