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Box of Joy Photo Memories



We had a special guest at the Boxes of Joy Pack-a-thon event. Eric, was a child growing up in Guyana and a recipient of Box of Joy. He spoke to the group and shared that due to limited resources in Guyana, receiving the boxes and items such as playing cards meant alot to him and his friends. Eric stayed to pack boxes and he also assisted with transporting and loading the completed boxes.

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SMMCCW POINSETTIA SALE 2025

The Poinsettia - A symbol of the Christmas season and the joy
it brings!



Poinsettias are available in **Red** only- The favorite poinsettia
color!

6" Pots for \$15 or 10" Pots for \$25

Narthex Sales are over, but you can order online until November 10.

We have two sizes to choose from, but this year the greenhouse is offering only the red color.

- Online orders will be taken until November 10.
- Credit card and bank payments may be used to order online. To use a paper form and pay by check, the paper forms can be found in the Ministry Closet and returned to the Parish Office.
- This is a fundraiser to support the charitable works of the Council of Catholic Women.
- Pick up November 29, from 9:00 - 10:00 am. This is the weekend after Thanksgiving. If you are out of town, you can still order. Have someone pick up for you, or we will have a room at the church for pick up the following Monday.

TO ORDER SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT:

[HTTPS://WWW.OSVHUB.COM/ST-MARY-MAGDALENE-CATH-CHURCH-1/FORMS/SMMCCW-POINSETTIA-SALES-2025](https://www.osvhub.com/st-mary-magdalene-cath-church-1/forms/smmccw-poinsettia-sales-2025)

PLEASE REACH OUT TO CHERI HOOPER
(CHERI24HOOPER@GMAIL.COM) OR AMBER WEHR
(AMBERWEHR@GMAIL.COM) WITH QUESTIONS. THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING CCW!



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CCW SVDP PUMPKIN PIE BAKE, SOUP JAR, AND EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING KIT SERVICE PROJECT



WHEN: Friday, November 14th, 9am-4pm

WHERE: SMM kitchen and Rooms 101-102

WHAT will be made: 3 projects

Pumpkin Pies for svdp clients

Jars with Pre-Measured Soup Ingredients & Instructions for SVDP clients

Epiphany House Blessing Kits for SMM Parishioners



ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

- Project roles will be discussed and assigned upon arrival.
- Even if you can't attend the event, the donation of supplies is strongly encouraged! Please drop off supplies in the kitchen prior to 9am on November 14th with a note that says CCW.

SIGNUP TO DONATE SUPPLIES OR TO VOLUNTEER:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48ABAF2AA5FBC43-59371105-pumpkin#/>

The current sign-up has 10 slots for volunteers, but this is NOT a limit! All helpers are welcome. The stated end time is 4pm, but this is variable based on volunteers and how things progress. Last year they finished before 4pm.

QUESTIONS:

Please email Karen Jacobs-White at kjwma304@gmail.com and cc: Brandi and Barbara at brandileighsmith2013@gmail.com and bpwood418@gmail.com



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Save the Dates

Jan 24 Women's Day of Service: Hearts Like Mary, Hands like Martha
Feb 14/15 CCW Bake Sale

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 2025: Happy Thanksgiving!

11/8 Habitat for Humanity Re-Store Service for SMM, 9:30 AM - Noon

11/11 Board Meeting 6:30 – 8:00 PM. SMM Room 106

11/14 SVDP Pumpkin Pie Bake/Soup Jars and Epiphany House Blessing Kit.

9AM – 4 PM. SMM Rooms 101/102

11/15 Bridging the Gap Service Opportunity with Knights of Columbus, 8-11 AM

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in making a difference in our community? Please consider signing up for one or more of these great opportunities:

11/8 Habitat for Humanity Re-Store Service, 9:30 AM - Noon

Signup at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4DAAAF2BA3F49-habitat#/>

11/14 CCW SVDP Pumpkin Pie Bake/Soup Jars/Epiphany House Blessing Kits. Signup at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48ABAF2AA5FBC43-59371105-pumpkin#/>

11/15 Bridging the Gap, 8 AM - 11 AM

Signup at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449ADA82DA20-59979055-bridging>

Ten Characteristics of a Servant Leader

by Teresa Barczak

In October, we shared with you the first two of ten characteristics of a servant leader as defined in the National Council of Catholic Women (CCW). They were #1 Listening and #2 Empathy. This month we are sharing #3 and #4 Healing and Awareness.

Healing

The healing of relationships is a powerful force for transformation and integration. One of the greatest strengths of servant-leadership is the potential for healing one's self and one's relationship to others. Many people have broken spirits and have suffered from a variety of emotional hurts. Although this is part of being human, servant-leaders recognize that they have an opportunity to help make whole those with whom they come in contact.

Awareness

General awareness, and especially self-awareness, strengthens the servant leader. Awareness helps one in understanding issues involving ethics, power and values. It lends itself to being able to view most situations from a more integrated, holistic position.

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A REFLECTION FROM MATTHEW KELLY'S SAINT OF THE DAY

By Joyce Campisi

ST ANTHONY MARY CLARET 1807-1870

We're always told to follow our hearts. Where is your heart leading you?

Anthony Mary Claret allowed his heart to lead him toward God in all things. Anthony was a Spanish priest who touched many lives—he was a dedicated preacher, missionary, and even became the personal confessor of Queen Isabella of Spain. On many occasions, Anthony received visions from God that warned him about the evils of war and communism that would overtake the world in the next century. But whether he was having a special vision or simply helping a sick child, Anthony did everything with his heart set on God. And years after his death, officials discovered something amazing: Anthony's heart was completely incorrupt.

What is the state of your heart? If you want to know where your heart is at, take a look at your desires.

(I tried this and it really makes you think)

Let's explore some places in the Bible that talk about the heart, but replace the word "heart" with DESIRE and see what you learn about yourself.

Proverbs 3:5: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart."

Try reading it like this: "Trust in the Lord with all your desire."

Do your desires reveal that you trust God?

Proverbs 4:23, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

Try reading it like this: "Above all else, guard your desire, for everything you do flows from it."

Are good things flowing from your desires?

Psalms 51:10, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

Try reading it like this: "Create in me a pure desire, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

It is impossible to have a steadfast spirit unless we have control of our desires. Are you able to direct your desires?

Psalms 26:2, "Lord, examine my heart."

Try reading it like this: "Lord, examine my desires."

What would God find if He examined your desires?

Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Try reading it like this, "For where your treasure is, there your desire will be also."

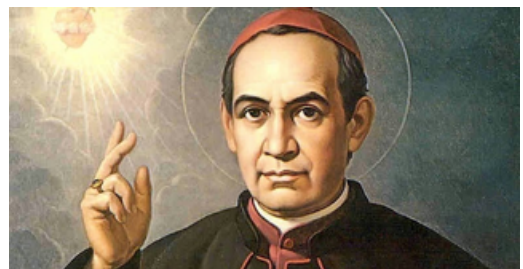
Proverbs 4:23 "above all else, guard your heart, for it is the well spring of life"

Try reading it like this, "above all else, guard your desires, for they are the wellspring of life"

What would happen if we let our desires run our life?

Where is your desire? Follow your desire and you will locate your heart. If it has wandered off course, return it to the straight and narrow path of joy—and loving God above all things. Try this and see how it makes you stop and think.

Have a wonderful and blessed day.



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PRAYER CIRCLE UPDATES

St. Margaret's Circle

St. Margaret Circle met Wednesday October 15, at the Haskins home. The message on St. Luke the Evangelist was led by Cheri Hooper. St. Luke's feast day was Oct. 18, and it was interesting to learn more about the Apostle that wrote the book of Luke. A small take away was provided for everyone to continue to evangelize at home with each member's favorite bible passage. This is a picture of most of our group. We all wore Breast Cancer Awareness or Down's Syndrome Awareness shirts to our member who is a breast cancer survivor and our member whose beautiful daughter with Down's has a group that participates in a fundraiser every year. We also welcomed a new member, Tracie Craig to our circle, and Cindy, Amber's mom, joined us as a guest from Indiana, and of course our little mascot, Aspen. We will meet again November 20, and you can contact Anne Benson at abenson0416@gmail.com for more information.

St. Agnes Circle

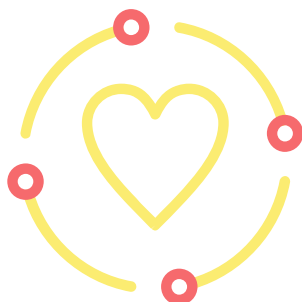
St. Agnes' Circle met on Tuesday, October 21st at 9:45 in Rooms 107-108. Bev Darcy and Amy Gallo led us in packing 150 thank you bags for SMM military veterans. The bags were filled with several items including crosses and rosaries. All items were placed in a red, white and blue bag tied with a red, white and blue ribbon. Bev, Amy and St. Agnes' members, you did a fabulous job. Our SMM Vets will be grateful for your kindness and generosity. The bags will be distributed after all three Masses the weekend of November 8/9th. St. Agnes' members donated several Boxes of Joy which were delivered to SMM for the Friday, October 24th packing event.

There was a presentation on the Saint of the Month, St. Teresa Benedicita of the Cross. Judy Burton did a wonderful job in bringing St. Teresa to life for us. Theresa Weeks closed out our meeting by leading us in prayers over our Intention Box and closing prayer.

St. Agnes' next meeting will be Tuesday, November 18th, 9:45am, in Rooms 107-108. Please contact Judy Burton at judyburtonok@gmail.com for further information.

St. Monica's Circle

St. Monica's Circle will meet on Sunday, November 9th. Time and location TBD. Members will pray the rosary during their meeting. Please contact Amber Adams for further information at amber.adams@cowetaschools.net.



In Mark 2, Jesus healed a paralyzed man because of his FRIENDS faith.

This is why your circle matters.

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