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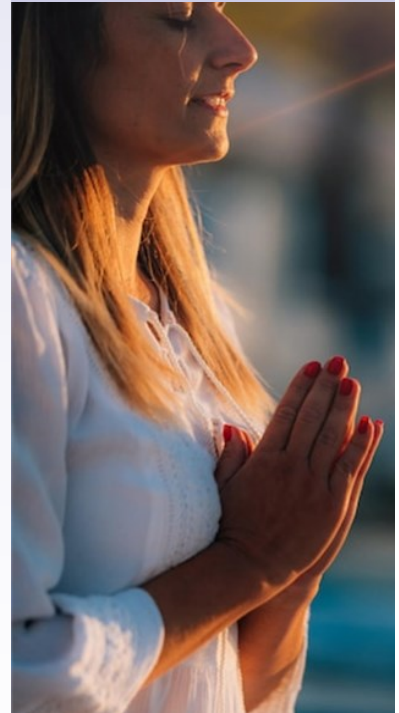
The Women's Fellowship Ministry Welcomes You!

The Women's Fellowship Ministry is open to all women of the parish. The ministry has established a community of women through spiritual, service and social opportunities. Activities include Spring and Fall Prayer Breakfasts, semi annual Social Dinners, and a monthly Book Club. Ministry members volunteer at the parish Fall Festival and Spring Training baseball games in addition to working with other parish ministries. We are in the process of planning additional outreach programs and activities.

We are excited about our new WFM Logo and Newsletter that will promote our Fellowship. The Newsletter will be distributed via email, as a handout during WFM events and also be available in the lobby of the parish office. Become a part of a beautiful group of women who enjoy being together!

The mission of the Women's Fellowship Ministry is to establish a community of women through spiritual, service, and social opportunities.

This is accomplished by initiating activities, supporting ministries, and regularly communicating with women of the parish.



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For any questions or suggestions about any of the content within this Newsletter:

Send an email to :

womensgroup@stpatcc.org

or

Call the Parish Office

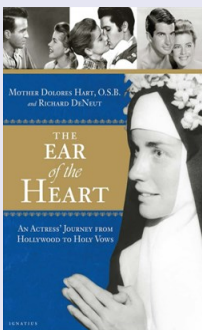
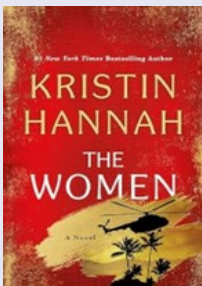
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WFM Calendar of Events & Opportunities 2024

Sept 11	6:30 pm	Core Team Meeting Admin Bldg
Sept 19	6:30 pm	Book Club Meeting House of Mercy Dorothy Day Library
Sept 25	6:30 pm	Women’s Fellowship Social Dinner Fenlon Hall (Catered, Olive Garden soup and salad)
Oct 9	6:30 pm	Core Team Meeting Admin Bldg
Oct 10	6:00 pm	Prayer Mandala Workshop facilitated by Chaplain Mary George Whittle House of Mercy
Oct 13	TBD	WFM Rosary in Daily Mass Chapel
Oct 17	6:30 pm	Book Club Meeting House of Mercy Dorothy Day Library
Oct 26	5:30 pm	After 4:30 pm Mass Parish Fall Festival - WFM supports The Cake Walk
Nov 9	9:00 am	WFM Prayer Breakfast – Mass in church followed by Breakfast and Speaker—Fenlon Hall
Nov 13	6:30 pm	Core Team Meeting Admin Bldg
Nov 21	6:30 pm	Book Club Meeting House of Mercy Dorothy Day Library
Dec 11	6:30 pm	Core Team Meeting Admin Bldg
Dec 19	6:30 pm	Book Club Meeting House of Mercy Dorothy Day Library

"Listen and attend with the ear of your heart." - Saint Benedict

Join Us!



Women’s Fellowship Book Club

Through a shared love of the written word, the Book Club promotes friendship, fellowship, and spiritual growth in a casual, social atmosphere. The book group is open to all and generally meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the Dorothy Day Library in the House of Mercy at 6:30 pm.

We enjoy a wide variety of books, both fiction and non-fiction. For example, our first book (November ‘23) was “The Ear of the Heart”, an engaging story about a Hollywood star, Dolores Hart, who abandoned her film career and entered a contemplative monastery.

In January, we read “Waiting For A Miracle: One Mother’s Journey to Unshakeable Faith.” The author, Cyndi Peterson, joined us via Zoom call and answered questions about her life changing experiences in faith. Cyndi also shared her story at the WFM Prayer Gathering in April: it was a riveting experience for all who attended.

On September 19, we will discuss “The Women”, a richly woven story of one woman that shines a light on all women who put themselves in harms’ way while serving in Vietnam. Their sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten.

Every conversation is open, insightful and caring. You can attend every meeting—or just one! If you love books, as Fr. Eric says, “you belong here.”

You Are Invited!



Women's Fellowship Ministry

Hosts

Fall Fellowship

Dinner

Wednesday, September 25

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Fenlon Hospitality Center

Please join us for a social evening open to all women of the Parish. We will enjoy fellowship and a light dinner of soup, salad, and dessert from Olive Garden. Invite a friend!

Please RSVP at stpatcc.org or scan here



“When women gather, great things will happen.” - Leymah Gybowee

Do you feel like you need to “bring” something to the social dinner even though it’s a catered event? We always do, right—a salad, a side dish, a dessert- cash if it’s a church event....**Please Note**....

In lieu of monetary or food donations on September 25, we ask that you bring a new or gently used purse(s). Purses will be donated to "Purse Impressions", a local 501(c)3 charity dedicated to recognizing women who have reached a milestone or graduated from a local rehabilitation program for drugs/alcohol addiction.

Purse Impressions partners with numerous rehab centers, providing purses with personal hygiene items. Courtney Michaels, a young woman who suffered from alcohol addiction, shared an idea with her Mom after being in a rehab center and seeing women leave with their personal items in a plastic bag. “She wanted better for them. Courtney wanted the women graduates to hold their heads high, to be proud of their amazing accomplishment and to leave with something that showed their value.”

For More Information Visit:
<https://purse-impressions.com>



Would You Like To Be Involved?

Email us to receive regular updates or to sign up to help at an event.

womensgroup@stpatcc.org

For our **Prayer Gatherings & Social Events and Outreach**, we welcome volunteers!

For the **Parish Fall Festival**, WFM supports the lively “Cake Walk” station. Help to bake, wrap, display the “goodies,” or, simply man the station and join in the fun!

Take Me Out To The Ball Game! It’s never too early to plan for Giant’s Spring Training! Feb 23-Mar 22, 2025. Join with WFM, KOC and Men’s Club for camaraderie, selling hot dogs to fans (you’ll meet people from everywhere). We have a good time while earning money for our ministries.

Are you **The Photographer** for your friends or family? We’d love to share photographs of WFM events with everyone. A dedicated photographer is needed to make that happen consistently.

Save The Dates!

November 9, 2024 9:00 am WFM Women’s Prayer Breakfast

Mass in the church followed by conversation, food and a special presentation by Jen (Beichner) Duncan in Fenlon Hall.

Jen (Beichner) Duncan is the award-winning author of the book, “Grace in Progress: Prayers for the Beautifully Broken.” She was also named the “Woman of the Year” by the Archdiocese of Phoenix Council of Catholic Women.



Funny, joyful and vulnerable, Jennifer will share stories, music and prayer in an interactive theme of “Made For Now.”

Watch for more details in parish bulletins, communications and WFM emails.

October 10, 2024 6:00 pm Drawing to God—Creative Prayer Expressions

Enhance your prayer life by participating in a Prayer Mandala Workshop. Most religious traditions use the Mandala symbol because it represents wholeness, holiness and all things encompassed by God. The Mandala circle pattern is used as an aid in prayerful meditation.

This workshop will explain the meaning behind the Mandala as well as give you the opportunity to express your own free-form prayer by creating your own simple Prayer Mandala.



You absolutely do not have to be an artist! No doubt, you will be pleasantly surprised by the colorful prayer that will come out of You!

Facilitated by Chaplain Mary George Whittle. Enroll at stpatcc.org or call Dr Lenny Kelley at (480) 998-3843.

October 26, 2024 Parish Fall Festival after 4:30 pm mass

Food. Games. Family Fun. Crafts. Trunk or Treat. Classic Cars. Raffle. Entertainment. Cake Walk. For more information, contact Lenny Kelley at stpatcc.org, and, watch for additional details in upcoming bulletins & parish communications.



Additional Updates & Information

Get Well and Sympathy Cards from WFM

Do you know of a St. Patrick member who is seriously ill or has recently lost a loved one? As a community of women who care about one another, we would like to send a card to let them know they are not forgotten but instead thought of with prayers and caring thoughts.

Send an email request to **womensgroup@stpatcc.org** Include appropriate details, specifically, the full name of the person who has passed, and the full name and address of the person who would benefit from a sympathy card. For a Get Well or Thinking of You card, provide the full name and address of the person that is ill and which card type is appropriate. Include your name and phone number in case there is a question on the fulfillment of your request.

We are thankful for this program and for all requests received.



An important discussion is happening in the Catholic Church regarding more leadership roles for women. The mission of the Discerning Deacons is “to engage Catholics in the active discernment of our church about women and the diaconate.” Maggie Lauder, a member of the local **Women In Leadership** team, is going to Rome in October during the Synod as part of the Discerning Deacons' delegation. In Q1 of 2025, Maggie will describe her experience, on a selected weekend, at all St. Patrick masses.

WFM supports the Discerning Deacons project and provides key updates and podcast links through the WFM email list, and, going forward, via this Newsletter.

You can also go directly to <https://discerningdeacons.org> for detailed information about all aspects of the project.

“We believe it is essential to receive input and feedback from the women of our parish. WFM values your ideas for fostering growth and creating opportunities to socialize, pray, and serve together.” - WFM Core Team

What are your thoughts?

There are several ways to submit your suggestions/feedback on existing Women’s Fellowship events and activities, or, ideas and needs for additional programs.

- ◆ Send an email to **womensgroup@stpatcc.org**. Describe your suggestions. Provide your name and phone number or indicate your preference is only for email communications.
- ◆ Complete a feedback card and place it in the suggestion box that is always located on the WFM table at the back of all events.
- ◆ Share your suggestions with one of the Core Team Members (wearing a tulip name label at all events).
- ◆ Join us at our monthly Core Team meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of every month 6:30 pm Admin Bldg.