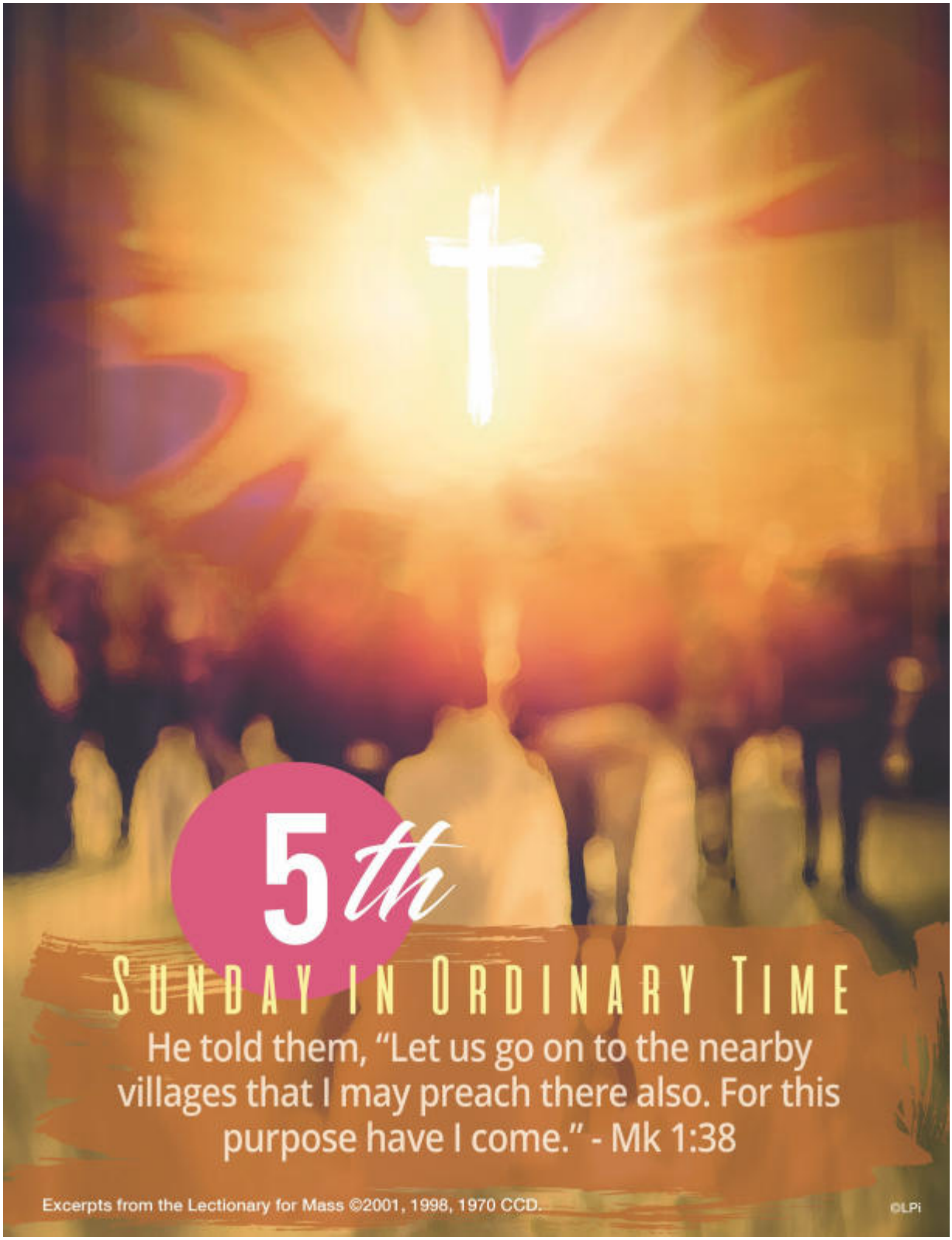
SAINT MARIA GORETTI
CATHOLIC CHURCH

The readings for today's Mass can be found on page 6

February 7, 2021



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OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: 8:30 am - Noon
Saturday & Sunday - Closed

MASS SCHEDULE
Monday - Friday 8:00 am
Saturday (vigil) 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00 & 10:00 am
10:00 am is LIVE STREAM on Facebook.com/smgaz. It is not necessary to have a Facebook account to view the Mass
Holy Day - Please call the Parish Office

ADORATION CHAPEL
Monday - Saturday 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 7:00 am - 1:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm (church doors open at 3:15)
Thursday 8:30 am (following morning Mass) and by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF HEALING
Anointing of the Sick: Administered on the 3rd Tuesday of each month after the 8:00 am Mass. Also available upon request if you are shut-in or entering the hospital.

IN AN EMERGENCY
For emergency anointing after office hours, please call (480) 361-3734.

PARISH REGISTRATION
Available online at www.smgaz.org, or call the parish office.

ADMINISTRATION
Parochial Administrator, Fr. Thomas Hallsten ..... ext. 12
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Faith Formation Office
Office Hours..... Monday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00 pm
Faith Formation Assistant & Marriage Preparation
Santa Giuliano ..... ext. 15
Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation & Youth Ministry, Annulment Minister
Cindy Troiano ..... ext. 21
Baptism Preparation, Alicia Aber ..... .ext. 10
RCIA, Dcn. Carmene Carbone & Cindy Troiano .... ext. 21

To all who worship with us today, St. Maria Goretti warmly welcomes you. We pray that your time with us is spiritually enriching and enjoyable. We invite you to keep in touch with us via email and text. Simply text SMG to 84576 or visit online at Flocknote.com/smgaz to register your cell phone and email address. Flocknote email is how we share important notices with the community so be sure to include your email address. Please feel free to call the parish office with any questions or comments, 480-948-8380.

Mass Attendance Protocols

* All attendees must use a gel on hands and put on a mask over nose and mouth before entering the west door of the church. Mass will be delayed or potentially cancelled if you remove your mask or pull it down under your nose or chin once in the church. Masks and gel are available on the tables outside the church door.
* Usher will offer you a bulletin (readings printed on page 6)
* Take the bulletin home with you or leave in recycle receptacle when exiting
* Please sit in pews with yellow tape on the seat
* Observe six feet distancing (families may sit together)
* Holy Communion procession is reinstated. Please keep appropriate distancing in line
* Holy Communion received in your open, flat palm
* Wear mask until you have moved away from the minister
* Please no congregating in the church. Exit promptly after Mass so disinfecting may begin
* Donations gratefully received in baskets held by ushers at exits
* The devotional candles and Parish Book of Prayer are now available
* Most importantly, if you're ill – STAY HOME. Bishop Olmsted's dispensation from Mass is still in place

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Feb 8
8:00am - Mass
6:30pm - Youth Ministry (via Zoom)

Tuesday, Feb 9
8:00am - Mass
4:00pm - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Via Zoom)
6:30pm - RCIA (online)

Wednesday, Feb 10
8:00am - Mass
8:30am - Bible Study - Piper Hall
4:00pm - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Via Zoom)
7:15pm - AA - Piper Hall

Thursday, Feb 11
8:00am - Mass
8:30am - Holy Hour & Confessions

Friday, Feb 12
8:00am - Mass

Saturday, Feb 13 **CDA KICKOFF WEEKEND**
3:30 - 4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass

Sunday, Feb 14
8:00am - Mass
10:00am - Mass (Live Stream on Facebook.com/smgaz)

Plate Collection Totals for January 31, 2021

Envelopes (62)…….....$4,886.00
Loose……$2,366.00
Online Giving (67) ……...……...$2,912.79
Total Plate Offering this week…….....$10,164.79

Year to Date Budget (Jul - Dec)……....$355,000.00
Year to Date Actual (Jul - Dec)……..$347,250.59

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

Online Giving

Visit www.smgaz.org, click "donate".
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If you do not already give online, please consider setting up an online account. It's convenient for you, and helps the parish to plan more easily knowing regularly scheduled gifts are arranged. You may sign up for continued giving, or make a one-time gift. It's flexible to meet your needs and circumstances. You may also mail or bring your offering envelope to the parish office. Your continued support is vital to the operation of the parish facility, ministries & staff, and we are grateful.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 7, 2020

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps8:4-5, 6-7,8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24 -30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-4

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Feb 6	5:00pm	Clifford Olson
Sunday	Feb 7	8:00am	Deanna Wajahuskie
		10:00am	SMG Parish Family
Monday	Feb 8	8:00am	Susan Huntington
Tuesday	Feb 9	8:00am	Susan Huntington
Wednesday	Feb 10	8:00am	Tom & Amanda Hopper
Thursday	Feb 11	8:00am	Ed Smith
Friday	Feb 12	8:00am	Teresa & Frank LoRusso
Saturday	Feb 13	5:00pm	SMG Parish Family
Sunday	Feb 14	8:00am	Erin Franks
		10:00am	Robin Brady

Mass Intentions **Call or visit the parish office for information.**

† Please pray for the needs listed in our Parish Prayer Book

† Ted Bielli

May the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace.

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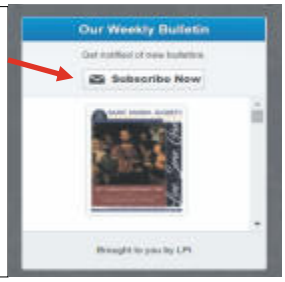

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If you would like more information about becoming Catholic, or are missing some of your sacraments or maybe you just want to know more about your faith, then RCIA is for you!

Our Next Session Feb. 9th at 6:30pm
Topic: The Sacrament of Marriage

For more information call Dcn. Carmene at 480-948-8380 ext. 26 or dcncarmene@smgaz.org for an online link. All meetings are currently online

Women's Bible Study meets via Zoom on the first and third Thursdays of the month, 9:00am - 10:30am. Our next session is February 18th and our topic is *The Eucharist, Discovering the Mass in the Bible*. If you would like to receive a Zoom invite please email ctroiano@smgaz.org or call Cindy at 480-948-8380 ext. 21

Gospel Reflections with Kevin Saunders
Wednesdays, 8:30 - 9:15 am
in Piper Hall.
(check the parish calendar for schedule)
No charge - Masks Required - Join us!

Baptism

If you have a child in need of the sacrament of Baptism please contact Alicia Aber in the parish office at least 3 months before the anticipated baptism date.

Living the Liturgy

Inspiration for the Week

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.

Grades 6 – 8 | Grades 9-12

We will be meeting via Zoom until we can meet in person.

Feb. 8th Bridges: A Look at Lent
Crossroads: Lent, Reflection and Preparation

Bridges Middle School and Crossroads High School Youth Groups Zoom Monday Nights from 6:30 –7:30pm

Registration forms can be found online at smgaz.org
Questions about our Youth Ministry contact Cindy at 480-948-8380 ext. 21 or ctroiano@smgaz.org

Engaged? Congratulations!

If you are planning to be married at St. Maria Goretti, please note that wedding preparation is at least nine months. Contact Santa Giuliano in the parish office for more information 480-948-8380. ext 15

Mark your calendars for our next Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Reconciliation Workshop #3
Feb. 10th at 6:30pm via Zoom
A link will be sent the day before the workshop. Please have your children complete Chapters 4 & 5 in their "Blessed" book

FEBRUARY 17

Because of the high positivity rate, current seating restrictions and the tradition of "packed churches" we will not have any public Ash Wednesday Masses this year. Instead, ashes will be imposed without skin-to-skin contact at the south door of the church:

7:30 am - 9:00 am
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

SMG St. Vincent de Paul

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal. Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread. If you or someone you know in our parish boundaries is in need of assistance, please call us at 480-948-8380, ext. 50.

REMINDER: Our pantry is in need of pasta sauce, canned fruit, juice & juice boxes, crackers, snacks, cookies and mac & cheese. Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need.

Our St. Maria Goretti Crafter's Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 9:30 am in Piper Hall.
All seamstresses, knitters & crafters welcome - we need you!
If you would like information about this ministry call Judy at 480-948-8380 ext. 13.

Knights of Columbus Council 11007 meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in Piper Hall*. Contact Shane Luensmann, GK, at 602-400-9335.
*** We are not meeting in-person at this time**

Catholic School Reduced Tuition Rate: For parents registering their children for the 2020-2021 school year please note, in order to receive your school's reduced Catholic Tuition Rate, your pastor must determine whether your family meets the criteria set by your parish for registered, active, participating members. The definition of registered, active, and participating varies by parish, but usually includes attending Mass regularly as well as contributing with an envelope to the offertory along with supporting the ministry life of the parish. If you have questions about your family's status, please contact the parish office. (*Note: All Diocesan high school students receiving the reduced tuition rate for the coming year must have their status verified by their home pastor before they can be registered as Catholic.*)

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Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven….Matthew 5:16

We are the light of Jesus shining in the world! And we reflect Jesus through our actions and good deeds. Next weekend the annual **Charity and Development Appeal** begins. Through your gift to the CDA, the light of Jesus shines through you! The CDA supports more than 70 educational, charitable and spiritual organizations bringing the heart and hands of Jesus to children, young adults, families and neighbors here in Arizona. Thank you to those who have already made their gift to the CDA! Please make your gift to the CDA, so you can *Let Your Light Shine* upon others! Go to **dphx.org/CDA** for more information, or to make your online gift.

Interested in becoming a Deacon? Do you feel a call to be a Servant Leader? Are you curious what being a Deacon is all about...??

The Office of the Diaconate for the Diocese of Phoenix invites you to an Inquiry / Information Session

Saturday, February 27, 2021 at OLPH – Glendale, 5614 W. Orangewood - 9:00 – noon

Please join us for time of prayer, discernment and sharing as we explore the call to the Ministry of the Diaconate. Anyone interested in learning more about the ordained ministry of a Permanent Deacon is invited to attend.

For more information, including the general requirements for admission to formation, is available at http://dphx.org/deacons/. To RSVP, please contact Carmen Lomelí at the Office of the Diaconate, (602) 354-2496.

Diocese of Phoenix Podcasts
Subscribe to talks, homilies & other events from the Diocese of Phoenix. Visit dphx.org for information and to register.

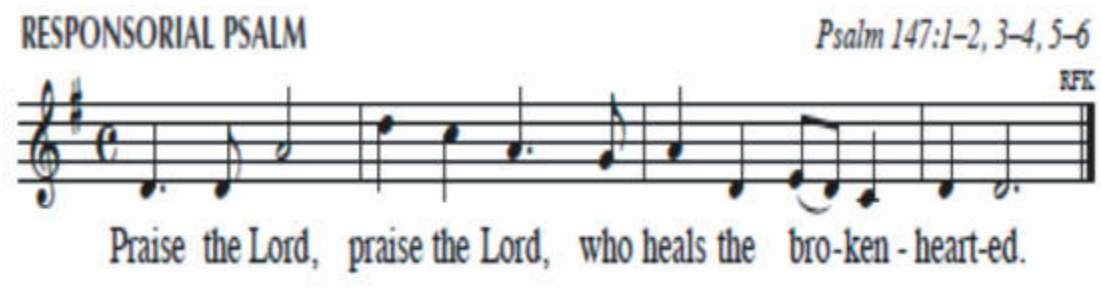
We are very grateful to parishioner Jerry Hackert for the many years he has dedicated to caring for the rose bushes around the church and rectory. At 93, it's time to retire and pass the torch. A green thumb is not required, and the time commitment is minimal.

Can you spare a few hours?? Please call Jerry at (480) 949-8878 for details.

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.



Reading II 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

Gospel Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee

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Ministries & Organizations Serving Our Community - Please see the Parish Calendar of Events for groups meeting in-person

Alcoholics Anonymous (Wednesdays at 7:15 pm in Piper II) ..... (480) 948-8380
Bingo (1st & 3rd Tuesday at noon in Piper Hall)..... (480) 948-8380
Catholic Men's Fellowship (1st Wednesday at 7:00 pm in Piper Hall)..... Sean Fitzgerald..(480) 293-4565
Christ Child Society .....Helen Jaros (480) 991-2207
Crafters Group (1st & 3rd Saturday at 9:30 in Piper II).....Judy Colburn (480) 948-8380
Cursillo .....Phil Ondrei (480) 951-5047
Duet: Partners in Health and Aging.....www.duetaz.org (602) 274-5022
Ecumenical Outreach & Interreligious.....Phil Ondrei (480) 951-5047
Faith Fitness Stretch Class (Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m. in Piper II).....MaryElizabeth(480) 329-2960
Guadalupe Outreach.....Michelle DiDomenico (480) 229-9197
Knights of Columbus (2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm in Piper II).....Shane Luensmann (602) 400-9335
Marriage Encounter ..... (480) 948-8380
Men's Club (2nd Sunday at 10:00 am in Piper Hall)..... Bob Bundy (480) 998-7401
Pastoral Care .....Judy Colburn (480) 948-8380
Pastoral Council (Pastoralcouncil@smgaz.org).....Phil Ondrei (480) 948-8380
Prayer Ministry.....Bob & Carol Bundy(480) 948-8380
Prayer Request Line.....Judy Colburn (480) 948-8380
Prison Ministry .....Judy Colburn (480) 948-8380
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages).....(602) 254-6723
Sanctity of Life.....Julie Watson (480) 326-2277
Santa's Workshop .....Jodina Errichetti (480) 948-8380
Secular Franciscans (2nd Saturday at 8:30 am in John XXIII).....Robert Bundy, ofs (480) 998-7401
St. Vincent de Paul .....(480) 948-8380 x.50
Women's Bible Fellowship (1st & 3rd Thursday at 9:00am in John XXIII) .....Mary Arnold (480) 235-9806
Women's Book Discussion Group .....Denise Schaffer (480) 948-3473
Women's Group (3rd Thursday at 6:30pm in Piper Hall).....Kathy Nord (602) 705-9643

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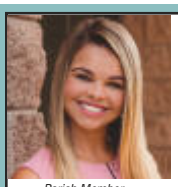
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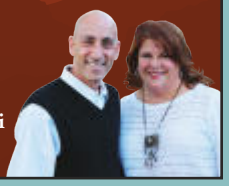

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