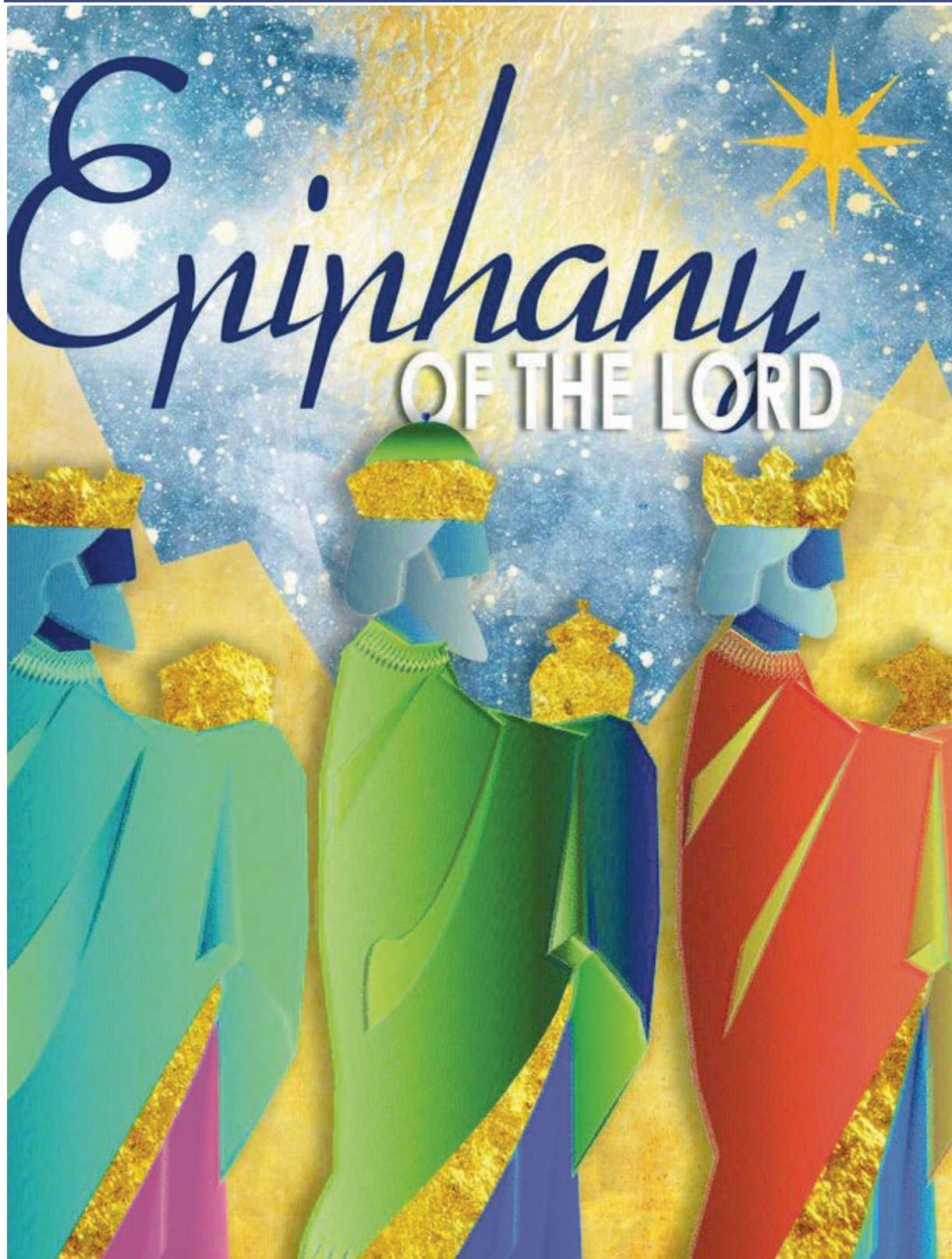




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OFFICE HOURS

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
 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. Paul Avarez..... ext. 12
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 Cindy Troiano ext. 21
Baptism Preparation, Alicia Aber ext. 11
RCIA, Dcn. Carmene Carbone & Cindy Troiano ext. 21



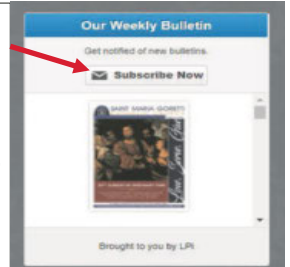
To all who worship with us today, St. Maria Goretti warmly welcomes you. We pray that your time with us is spiritually enriching and enjoyable. We invite you to keep in touch with us via email and text. Simply text SMG to 84576 or visit online at Flocknote.com/smgaz to register your cell phone and email 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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Jan 3
Parish Offices Closed
 8:00am - Mass

Tuesday, Jan 4
 8:00am - Mass
 4:00pm - CGS - Atriums
 6:00pm - Charismatic Prayer Group - Lambert Rm 6
 6:30pm - RCIA - John XXIII

Wednesday, Jan 5
 8:00am - Daily Mass
 4:00pm - CGS - Atriums
 6:30pm - Knights of Columbus - John XXIII
 7:15pm - Choir - Church
 7:15pm - AA - Piper II

Thursday, Jan 6
 8:00am - Mass
 9:30am - Women's Bible Study - John XXIII

Friday, Jan 7
 8:00am - Mass

Saturday, Jan 8
 7:30am - Secular Franciscans - John XXIII
 3:30pm - Confessions
 5:00pm - Mass

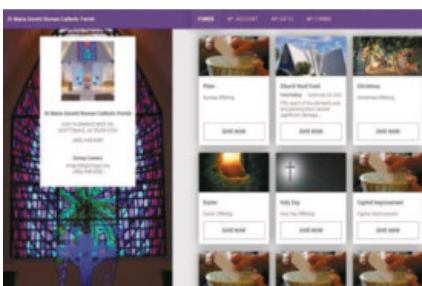
Sunday, Jan 9
 8:00am - Mass
 9:00am - St. Vincent de Paul - John XXIII
 10:00am - Mass

**Plate Collection Totals for
 December 19, 2021**

Envelopes (87).....\$3,997.00
 Loose.....\$3,036.85
 Online Giving (69).....\$4,213.50
Total Plate Offering this week.....\$11,247.35

Year to date Plate Budget (Jul - Nov).....\$271,900.00
 Year to date Plate Actual (Jul - Nov).....\$263,037.97

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



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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 JAN 2, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Jan 1	8:00am	Wagner & Aber Families
		5:00pm	SMG Parish Family
Sunday	Jan 2	8:00am	Cynthia Blake
		10:00am	Tess Daley
Monday	Jan 3	8:00am	Sebastian Lombardo
Tuesday	Jan 4	8:00am	Don Stout
Wednesday	Jan 5	8:00am	Charles Broock
Thursday	Jan 6	8:00am	Josephine Ratkiewicz
Friday	Jan 7	8:00am	Gene Bolton
Saturday	Jan 8	5:00pm	Maria & Lupe Calvillo
Sunday	Jan 9	8:00am	SMG Parish Family
		10:00am	Marion & George Sepsi



Call or visit the parish office for information.

Altar Flowers

We are pleased to be working with Blooms on a Budget, who are delivering a fresh floral arrangement every week. If you would like to sponsor a weekly floral arrangement, there is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Office. Here, you can offer the arrangement as a memorial for a deceased loved one, or as an honorarium for someone who is still living. Your memorial/honorarium will be printed in that weekend's bulletin. The offering is \$60 for each arrangement (one arrangement each weekend), which will remain in front of the main altar all week. Thank you for helping us beautify the sanctuary each week and give glory to God!



"Notice how the flowers grow. They do not toil or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of them" (Luke 12:27).



The Altar Flowers this weekend are placed in honor of Ed & Sylvia Hill's 54th Wedding Anniversary



Join us in St. John XXIII Hall
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Jan. 4th: *The Eucharist*

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sacraments please contact Dcn. Carmene at
dncarmene@smgaz.org, 480-948-8380 ext. 26 or
Cindy at ctroiano@smgaz.org, 480-948-8380 ext. 21



Women's Bible Study meets the first and
third Thursdays of the month, from
9:30am - 11:00am in St. John XXIII Hall.
We will continue study on "The Mass" by
Bishop Barron on Jan 6th. If you would
like to more information please email Cindy at
ctroiano@smgaz.org or 480-948-8380 ext. 21



Gospel Reflections
with Kevin Saunders
Wednesdays, 8:30 - 9:15 am
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(check the parish calendar for schedule)
No charge - 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.

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



**Mandatory Parent and Child
First Eucharist Workshop #2**
January 14th 6:30pm via Zoom.
Link for the meeting will be sent the day
before the meeting.

**Mandatory Parent and Child
Reconciliation Workshop #1**
Jan. 28th 6:30pm via Zoom

Questions, please call Cindy at 480-948-8380 ext.
21 or ctroiano@smgaz.org

The Charismatic Prayer Group is part of the worldwide
Catholic Charismatic Renewal. The primary mission of
the Charismatic Prayer Group is to praise and worship
God, and to pray for the people of the parish. Join us
Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. For more information, con-
tact Mary Elizabeth at 480-329-2690.



Grades 6 – 8



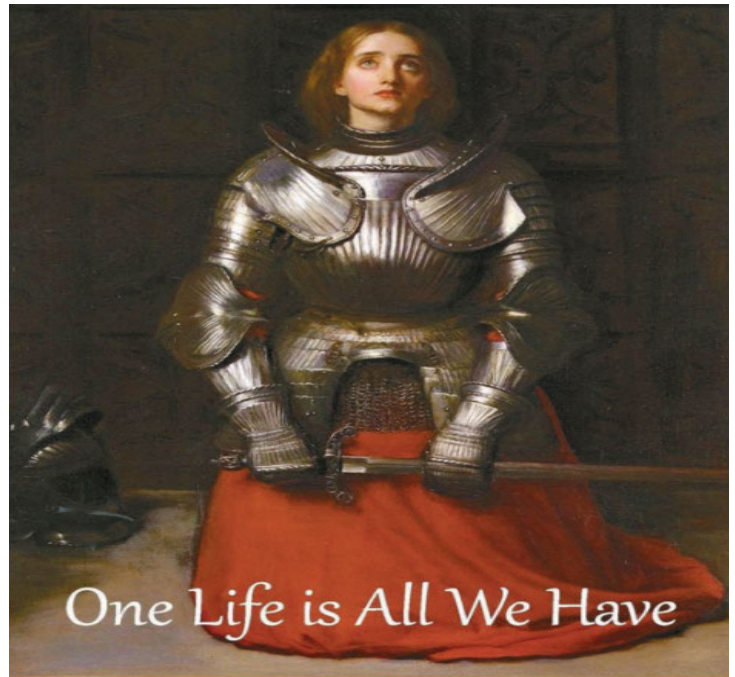
Grades 9-12

Jan. 3rd: **Bridges & Crossroads**
No Session

**Merry Christmas and a very
happy New Year!**

Both Bridges and Crossroads meet Monday eve-
nings from 6:30 - 8:00pm! It's never to late to join.

If you have questions about our Youth Ministry
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We Have" based on a quote from this year's patron, St.
Joan of Arc. For more information call 602-471-1944 or
email info@cwphx.org. Tickets are on sale now
at cwphx.org.



SMG St. Vincent de Paul

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

If you know of anyone who needs help of any kind, please, let us know (480-948-8380, ext. 50). We'll do our best to help. Thank you.



Knights of Columbus Council 11007

We're back!

We are Fraternal men sharing our love of God, Family, the Church and country. Due to health concerns we have been inactive for nearly two years and are now re-engaging and developing objectives for the coming year. In the past we produced The St. Patrick's Day dinner, The Oktoberfest dinner, continue to be an integral part of the Guadalupe Outreach program, collaborated on projects with our Youth Ministry and much more.

We invite all men of the parish over 18 to join us at our next meeting **Wednesday January 5th** at 6:30pm in Piper II. On the agenda is our annual St. Patrick's Dinner and future activities. Come share your ideas and be a part of our future here at SMG. The commitment is just one hour a month.

For more information email Grand Knight, Sean Daley - seanaz2nv@yahoo.com.

Faith Fitness Stretch Exercise

We meet Tuesday mornings at 8:45 a.m. in Piper II (off of Piper Hall) for healthy stretching & fellowship.

Contact Mary Elizabeth at 480-329-2960, 480-948-6960 or maryelizabeth23@gmail.com.



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2022 Arizona for Life March & Rally

**January 15, 2022
10:30 am - 2:00 pm**

The 2022 Arizona for Life March and Rally is a celebration of life designed to inspire, educate and activate the pro-life community in Arizona. Hosted by the Arizona Life Coalition, an organization which unified and activates the community of organizations dedicated to the sanctity of human life, this energizing, family-friendly, and bilingual pro-life event features Alveda King, niece of the great Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted, and Karyme Lozano, the famous Latina actress and advocate for Life.

March Location: 7th Ave & Washington (Downtown Phoenix) - Rally: 17th Ave between Adams & Jefferson between Wesley Bolin Plaza and the State Capitol.

Visit www.azliferally2022.org for event details.

**They were
overjoyed at
seeing the star.**

Matthew 2:10

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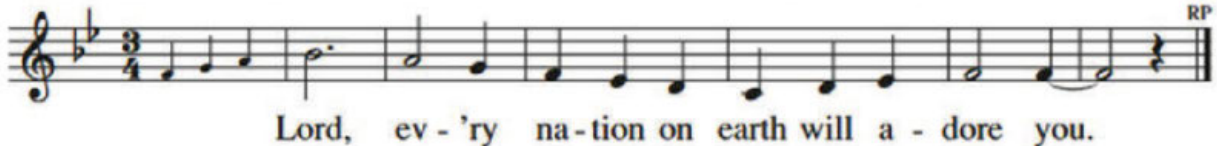
The Epiphany of the Lord

Reading I Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13



Reading II Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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
Charismatic Prayer Group	Mary Elizabeth (480)329-2960
Christ Child Society	Sue Jaros (480) 290-6070
Crafters Group (1st & 3rd Saturday at 9:30 in Piper II)	Mary Gower (480) 245-0418
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)	Mary Elizabeth (480) 329-2960
Guadalupe Outreach	Michelle DiDomenico (480) 229-9197
Knights of Columbus (2nd Monday at 6:30 pm in Piper II)	Sean Daley (480) 416-4192
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 9:30am in John XXIII)	Cindy Troiano (480) 948-8380
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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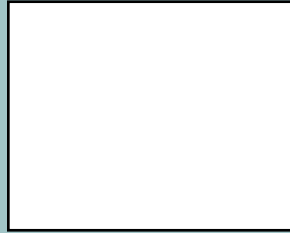
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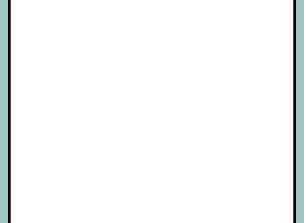
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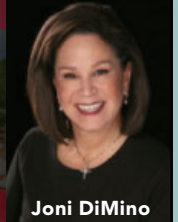
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