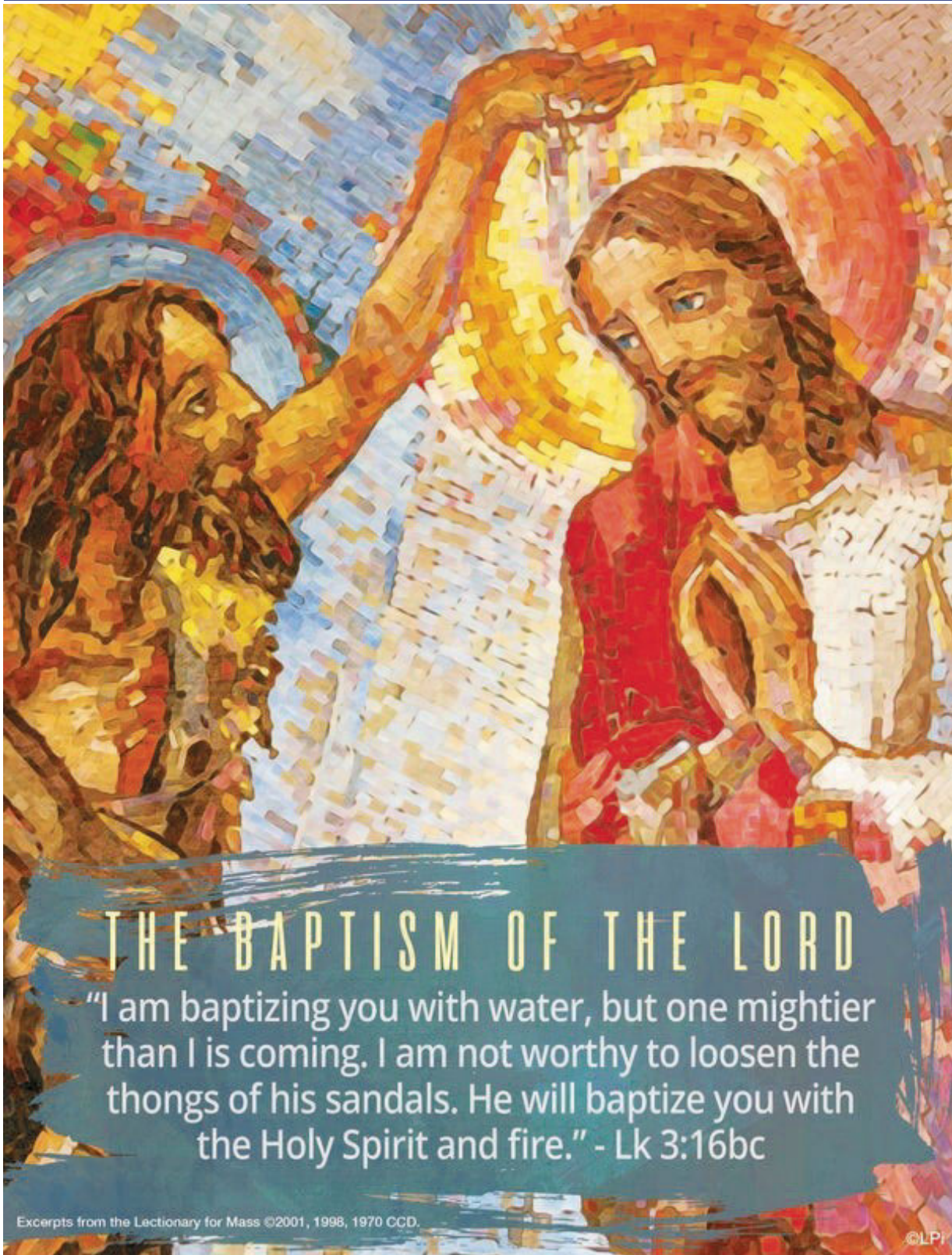




SAINT MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Jan 9, 2022



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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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.

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



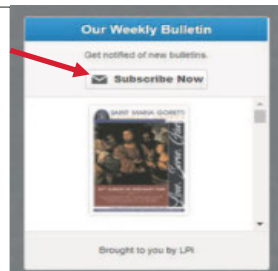
To all who worship with us today, St. Maria Goretti warmly welcomes you. We pray that your time with us is spiritually enriching and enjoyable. We invite you to keep in touch with us via email and text. Simply text SMG to 84576 or visit online at Flocknote.com/smgaz to register your cell phone and email 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 10

8:00am - Mass
6:30pm - Youth Ministry - John XXIII

Tuesday, Jan 11

8:00am - Mass
8:45am - Faith Fitness Stretch - Piper II
4:00pm - CGS - Atriums
6:00pm - Charismatic Prayer Group - Lambert Rm 6
6:30pm - RCIA - John XXIII

Wednesday, Jan 12

8:00am - Daily Mass
8:30am - Bible Study with Kevin Saunders - Piper Hall
4:00pm - CGS - Atriums
7:15pm - Choir - Church
7:15pm - AA - Piper II

Thursday, Jan 13

8:00am - Mass

Friday, Jan 14

8:00am - Mass
6:00pm - First Communion/Confirmation Wkshp via Zoom

Saturday, Jan 15

9:30am - SMG Crafters - Piper II
3:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass

Sunday, Jan 16

8:00am - Mass
10:00am - Mass

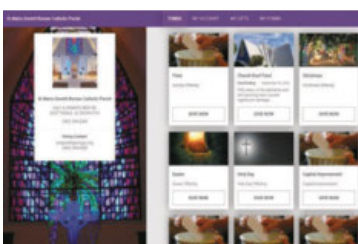
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Envelopes (72).....\$3,742.25
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Total Plate Offeringhis week.....\$ 8,977.70

Christmas.....\$54,979.00

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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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 9, 2022

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
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Jan 8	5:00pm	Maria & Lupe Calvillo
Sunday	Jan 9	8:00am	SMG Parish Family
		10:00am	Marion & George Sepsi
Monday	Jan 10	8:00am	Wilma Pratt
Tuesday	Jan 11	8:00am	Rev. Michael Farrell, SSJ
Wednesday	Jan 12	8:00am	Sandy Lassley
Thursday	Jan 13	8:00am	Dudley Bolton
Friday	Jan 14	8:00am	Piazza Family
Saturday	Jan 15	5:00pm	Broock Brothers
Sunday	Jan 16	8:00am	Jim Lewis
		10:00am	SMG Parish Family



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 memory of Jim & Elma Ebil



Join us in St. John XXIII Hall
Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Jan. 11th: Epiphany &
Baptism of our Lord

If you would like information about becoming Catholic or are missing some of your sacraments please contact Dcn. Carmene at dncncarmene@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 20th. 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 in Piper Hall.
(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, contact Mary Elizabeth at 480-329-2690.



Grades 6 – 8



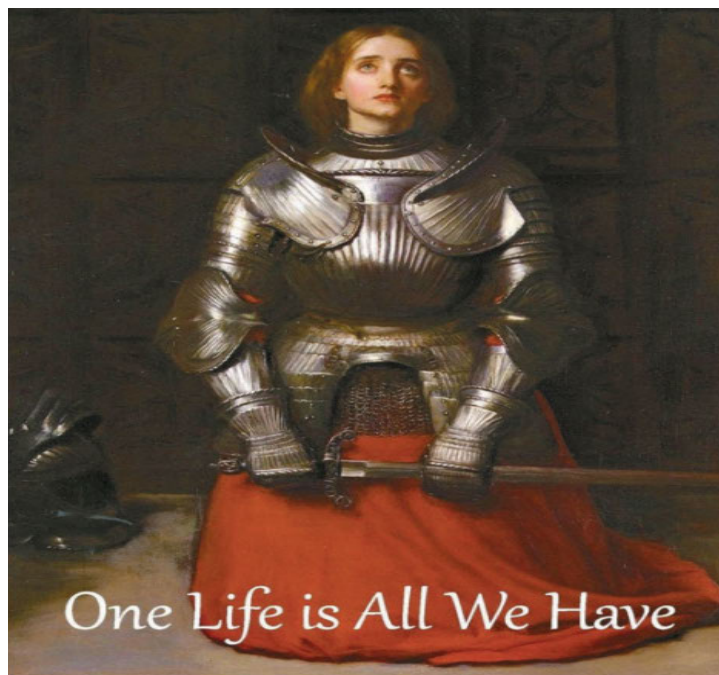
Grades 9-12

Jan. 10th: Bridges & Crossroads

Welcome Back for another FABULOUS Semester, as we continue to grow in our faith!

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

If you have questions about our Youth Ministry contact Cindy at 480-948-8380 ext. 21 or ctroiano@smgaz.org



11th Annual Catholic Women's Conference
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SMG St. Vincent de Paul

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved with whom I am well pleased."

Out pantry is in need of large (4-5) diapers, and as always, paper goods. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

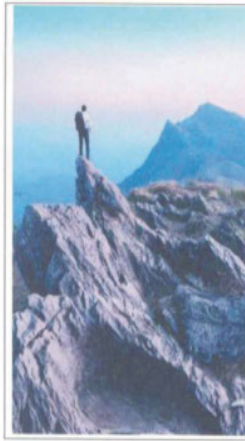
We invite all men of the parish over 18 to join us at our meetings the second Monday of the month at 6:30pm in Piper II. Come share your ideas and be a part of our future here at SMG. The commitment is just one hour a month.

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.



Strength & Virtue

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Targeting men's issues

JOURNEY TO PEACE COUNSELING SERVICES

What: A support group targeting men's issues including pornography use.

Why: To become stronger and more virtuous men, husbands, fiancés, fathers, brothers, and sons. Be inspired by others. *Inspire others!*

Where: Journey to Peace Counseling Services

West Valley (Mesa) and East Valley (Goodyear) locations

When: Dates to Be determined (Please call or email.)

- ◆ Journey to Peace Counseling Services provides compassionate, evidence-based mental health therapy in line with the Catholic faith.
- ◆ Men (18+) of any faith tradition, or no tradition, are welcome.
- ◆ In-person and telehealth participation available.
- ◆ Privacy of group members is vital. It will be strictly guarded.
- ◆ Interested? Please call group facilitator Romano Cedillos at (480) 787-1955 for details, or email him at romano@jtpcs.org
- ◆ Visit us online at www.jtpcs.org

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.



Stop by Piper Hall for Coffee & donuts after Sunday Masses.

The Baptism of the Lord

Reading I Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by a strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30



Reading II Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good. When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Gospel Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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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