

## **Affiliation Report – St. Mary Magdalen, Altamonte Springs**

**March 16, 2024**

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

I pray you all are having a blessed Lenten Journey!

In February, the St. Mary Magdalen Council of Catholic Women purchased items to fill 100 Valentine bags for the Life Care Nursing Home residents in Altamonte Springs. These Valentine bags consisted of lotions, toothbrushes, jewelry, decks of cards, puzzles, coloring books, colored pencils, soap, shampoo/conditioner, socks, stuffed animals, perfume, hair accessories, chapsticks, Notes of Encouragement, etc; things that the residents could use and could be readily accessible.

Starting the first Friday of Lent, several of our CCW Ladies volunteered at our weekly Fish Fry Dinners every Friday during Lent. Even though this was a Knights of Columbus-sponsored event, CCW was actively involved and were able to assist where needed.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, several of our ladies participated in the Central Florida Laps 4 LIFE at Bishop Moore High School by forming the HEARTBEAT CCW Team to raise money for mothers in need and for the purchase of new ultrasound machines. The HEARTBEAT CCW Team raised a total of \$2,855 collectively.

Also, during the month of March, our ladies are busily preparing for our Annual Parish Seder Meal on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> (during Holy Week), with our new Parochial Administrator, Fr. Edwin Cardona, serving as the Rabbi for the very first time. We have sold 100 tickets so far, and hope to sell up to 300 tickets for this year's Seder Meal. CCW Ladies, Men's Club, Knights of Columbus, and our Life Teen Youth are all participating to make this year's Seder Meal a success.

Looking ahead, we will have our Installation of New Officers the first week of June, and also plan a CCW Summer Social as an effort to reconnect and retain the members we have by planning a fun activity during the summer for all of our membership.

Have a blessed Easter Season and Summer!

Sincerely in Christ,

Christine Shields  
President  
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