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# Summer Retreats in Full Swing

## Attendees experience updated conference center

**Dear Friends of Mt Claret,**  
Summer 2024 is here and reminding us of how severe it can be! Thankfully we are in good shape here with our buildings and infrastructure and able to support the ministries and organizations that rely on Mt. Claret for retreats!

and Spirit-filled gatherings!  
In May we replaced the carpet in our conference center. It is one of the most used spaces on campus and was overdue for an update. The carpet that was replaced was put in over 13 years ago and it was showing signs of wear throughout. In addition to the new carpet

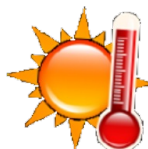


Our calendar remains full throughout the summer for our weekend overnight retreat groups –including The Cursillo Movement, Catholics in Action, St Mark’s Parish Youth Ministry, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Ignatian Retreat, Engaged Encounter, Rachels Vineyard, and several others. We are grateful for their presence at Mt. Claret and we pray they have successful

we repainted the interior walls to be a pleasant combination of colors! Without the generous donations we receive we would not be able to maintain the property and spaces to the level we do. We have a beautiful campus and the buildings also require care and upkeep to provide the best spiritual experiences for our guests. Thank you for your continued support.



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**HEAT  
EMERGENCY**

We’re in the middle of a deadly excessive heat warning with temperatures often being over 110°F. While many of us can ride out this heat wave indoors,

the brutally high temperatures can be life-threatening for families struggling to pay utility bills and for those living on the street in full exposure to the elements. Throughout last summer, Maricopa County experienced a significant increase in heat-related deaths, recording 645 fatalities. Approximately 71% of these deaths occurred during the summer on days when excessive heat warnings were in effect like today. Moreover, about 45% of those heat-related deaths last summer involved individuals experiencing homelessness. Last July, Phoenix set a record with a 31- day streak of highs at or above 110°F, making it one of the hottest summers ever! Your donation today will help save lives this summer! By supporting SVdP, you help us make a real difference by funding vital water and heat relief for those in need. This year, we don't have federal funding that has helped us support heat relief efforts in the past, so community support is even more important than ever.

**A gift of \$50 purchases 465 bottles of water for those in need.**

**A gift of \$100 can help families keep the AC on.**

**DONATE TODAY**

SVdP heat relief operations are in full swing, running through Sept. 30. SVdP is offering indoor cooling stations, ice water, snacks, hygiene kits, basic supplies, emergency food box deliveries, and rent/utility assistance to keep families out of the heat and in their homes. In addition to indoor heat relief locations, SVdP is operating two water trucks this summer conducting outreach throughout the Valley focused on life-saving services for those on the street who don't have access to heat relief centers ensuring everyone stays hydrated and cool during the hot summer months. Thank you for all you do to make Arizona a better place for everyone. Your partnership makes an impact, and we are so grateful!

## **St. Vincent de Paul asks for water**

### Donations will support need at cooling centers

Thanks to the leadership of George Chasse a member of our community, we were able to participate in a clothing drive and a food drive supporting St Vincent de Paul! Both efforts were a huge success. Our generous community filled over 4 boxes of cloths and

about the same another time with food. SVDP has expressed their gratitude for our donations. With the summer upon us SVDP is asking for help to purchase water for distribution at cooling centers. Here is a note from SVDP asking for support.



## Summer Water Drive

Kicking off St. Vincent de Paul's 100 Days of Summer campaign is our annual water drive with ABC15, Arizona 61, Bashas' and Food City, which is happening all month long! This is the BIG drive that helps SVdP get through the summer and provides the 6,500 bottles of water handed out by the nonprofit. EVERY. SINGLE. DAY.

**\$10 = 68 bottles**  
**\$25 = 170 bottles**  
**\$50 = 340 bottles**  
**\$100 = 680 bottles**

**How to Donate:**  
Online any time at  
[stvincentdepaul.net/water](http://stvincentdepaul.net/water)

Or donate cases of water at  
SVdP thrift store locations.

**Mail Checks to:**  
St Vincent DePaul  
PO Box 13600  
Phoenix AZ 85002



**Additional Art Installed in Chapel**

Just before Easter Celine Minton who is the artist who has done all of the Chapel artwork, including painting on the wood pieces of the altar, supervised the installation of the images she painted of Blessed Mary and St. Joseph holding Jesus into the niches on either side of the altar. They came out beautifully! We have received many compliments on the artwork. Celine is now working on the images and paintings that will go around the Tabernacle in the Adoration Chapel. We will keep you updated on their progress.

We continue to receive many compliments on our work in the Chapel. It is very gratifying for me to hear these comments. It definitely makes all the sweat and tears worthwhile. I am always grateful and continue giving thanks to our donor community who so generously supported this effort!



## Update on **Maria Elena**

Maria Elena continues to do well in the assisted living memory care facility she is in. She is active and engaged with her community. She recently moved and her new address is:

**Maria Elena Zuniga**  
**c/o Mariposa Grande Assisted Living**  
**4651 W. Mariposa Grande Lane**  
**Glendale, AZ 85310**

She loves receiving cards and notes!

## **Mt. Claret Receives Grant**

In February, Mt. Claret received a grant from Catholic Community Foundation for \$15,000. We applied for the grant through the CCF Giving Circle program. The grant will fund the purchase and installation of flat screen TV's in our dining room which is the only meeting space on campus that does not have projectors or TV's for



presentations. This is a wonderful gift and we are extremely grateful. According to the CCF website, "The Catholic Community Foundation Giving Circle is an innovative program inspired by a new generation of philanthropists and donors. Each Giving Circle member is an active participant in the community grant-making process. The members cast a vote in the grant awarding and have an opportunity to connect with grant recipients. Each member of the Giving Circle invests their own philanthropic dollars into the program to collectively multiply the impact of their giving in our community."





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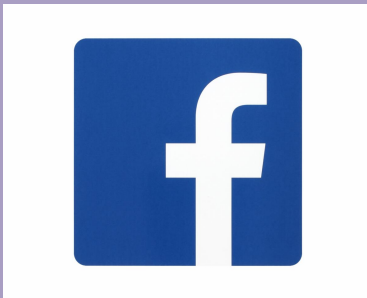
**WE NEED AUCTION ITEMS**

This once-a-year event has been our annual fundraiser for many years, and the

generosity of friends and supporting businesses are what makes this evening such a success. Would you please consider donating to the auction this year? We are in need of a wide array of items that will appeal to our guests. In the past, some popular items have been tickets to local sporting events, or concerts, bicycles, fine jewelry, and accessories, gift certificates to restaurants, golf courses and spas, fine wines, and other epicurean delights. And, of course, cash donations are also welcome. Perhaps you could put together a theme basket for the silent auction? You might also consider donating a larger item like a week at a timeshare or a weekend at your vacation home away from the valley! Whatever you can share will greatly benefit Mt. Claret and the many lives it touches.

**WANT TO DO MORE?**  
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On Facebook everyday at 12 noon, our Chapel bells play the Angelus, and we post the Angelus prayer. Please consider making this part of your daily prayer life. Regular prayers encourage a hopeful and optimistic spirit – so now more than ever, we need to double down in our prayer lives!

St. Anthony Mary Claret...pray for us!

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