



## FAITHFUL



# Evening Under the Stars '23

## Annual event proves successful in all areas

**Dear Friends of Mt Claret,**  
Evening Under the Stars Oktoberfest 2023 was a great success this year! Delightful weather, good food and drink with friendship and fellowship made it all come together nicely. It was a great joy to honor Sr. Joan Fitzgerald and Sr. Joanie Nuckols from Xavier College Prep. Mt. Claret has enjoyed a great relationship with XCP; we are pleased to host them for their junior and senior day of prayer, and for the Kairos retreat experience.

Our Silent Auction tables were full of fun and exciting items – all of the items sold! We are always grateful for the hard work of our organizing committee – co-chairs Karla and Gene Keller, and committee members Marty Murphy, Karen Thomson, Erin Regan, Lisa Weisenburger, Andrew Theis, Amy Mulhern, Zelta Graham, Graham Johnson, and Mary Schmidt.

We are also thankful for the Mt. Claret Staff, Tom McGuire, Shawnee Hill, and Ed McDonald. We seem

to have gotten comfortable with the Oktoberfest theme! We plan on continuing it for the future.



# Evening Under the Stars

Oktoberfest 2023





**THANK YOU**  
to all who  
attended and  
supported  
the event!



*you're invited to a*

**CHRISTMAS**

**PARTY**

*eat, drink and be merry*

*December 19 at 5:30p*

**MT. CLARET DINING ROOM**

**SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**ENJOY GOOD FOOD**

**GATHER IN FRIENDSHIP!**

**PLEASE RSVP: 602-840-5066**



# CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PHOENIX

WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

The Christ Child Society, which meets at Mt. Claret, is an all-Volunteer organization serving children in need for 38 years. Our volunteers share their time and talents with children, moms, and babies regardless of race or religion. We distribute layettes, bedtime bags, comfort quilts, feminine hygiene bags through 26 valley organizations and provide literacy enrichment programs to intercity schools.

We could always use more support and we are looking for new members. Please join us at our January 8th meeting which starts with Mass at 9:30 in the Chapel. In addition, our major fundraiser will be February 3rd. For more information visit our website [christchildphx.org](http://christchildphx.org).

## PHOENIX SERRA CLUB

The Serra Club of Phoenix is part of the International Serra Club. The primary mission of the club is to pray for and support men and women in vocations. The Phoenix Serra Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month at Mt Claret. The meeting includes, social time, dinner meal and a presentation from a guest speaker. If you would like to attend please contact the incoming president John Burgess at [jb.87place@gmail.com](mailto:jb.87place@gmail.com).



# The chapel campaign ne

We need your continued  
end of year giving  
support!



Make an End-of-Year gift donation supporting the  
Chapel Renovations at: [mtclare.org/donate](https://mtclare.org/donate)  
Chose the **Chapel Renovation Donation**

DONATE TODAY AND  
**DOUBLE**  
YOUR



One  
Gift

Equals  
TWO!

Through 12/31/23

# IMPACT!

Gifts received by Dec. 31 will be  
DOUBLED with the generosity  
of anonymous donors willing  
to match funds in 2023  
up to \$100,000!



# Needs \$200,000 in 2023.

**Please consider a donation to The Chapel Fund for Mt. Claret. End of year gifts of \$1000, \$2500, \$5000 and more will help us quickly match the \$100,000. Any size gift makes an impact.**

As many of you know, Mt. Claret provides a unique, sacred space surrounded by natural beauty. The chapel renovation completed early in the year ensures that the natural beauty of the Retreat Center is paired with a chapel equally beautiful, honoring the sanctity of our space as one ripe for spiritual reinvigoration. Mt. Claret provides attendees a seamless opportunity to grow their faith and commit to the deepest response to God's call to love. Thank you for your generous support of our capital campaign that made these renovations possible.

We are excited to share that a group of anonymous donors have committed \$100,000 to match the generosity of those who support Mt. Claret Retreat Center. We have

\$200,000 remaining to pay and need your help, coupled with these matching donors, in order to eliminate our chapel renovation debt. Each dollar given is matched up to \$100,000. Will you please consider helping bring this year to a joyful end?

Choose to gift once, or commit to a monthly pledge. A \$500 pledge paid monthly equals a monthly commitment of only \$42 yet provides, with the match, an investment of \$1000. Your donation is fully tax deductible, and any gift amount is greatly appreciated.

**We ask for your prayerful consideration in support of this last push of 2023.**

**Believe** that lives are changed in Sacred Spaces.

**Believe** that true spiritual healing in the presence of God occurs in those who seek it.

**Believe** that Mt. Claret provides such a space for the Faithful of our Diocese!

Remember, God is never outdone in generosity! May God Bless You,





A watercolor-style illustration of a nativity scene. In the center, the Virgin Mary is seated in a red robe, holding the infant Jesus in a woven basket. She is surrounded by other women in blue and red robes. The scene is set under a wooden stable structure with a glowing light above the entrance. In the foreground, there are sheep and a donkey. The background features a large, green Christmas tree with a bright star on top, set against a dark blue night sky with stars and a colorful, ethereal light wash in shades of blue, purple, and pink.

*Christmas Mass*  
at Mt. Claret

December 24

**Christmas Eve**

10:00AM Mass

8:00PM Mass with Choir

December 25

**Christmas Day**

10:00AM Mass