Ladies of Mothers’ Prayer Group,

Our organization began over twenty years ago as a playgroup for moms staying home with young children who came together to learn more about their faith and to share fellowship. Many of those inspired women are still strong supporters of our group which speaks to the group’s importance and its impact on generations of women.

The last twenty years have seen unprecedented change in our society, and the demographics of our school and parish communities are now vastly different. Most mothers now work outside of the home and have children who are in school and daycare. While the Wednesday mornings of today’s moms look very different than the mornings of moms when the group was founded, the need for Christ and the need for support from other women remains unchanged. In an effort to meet the requirements of today’s moms, we are implementing changes to our meeting format while keeping the group’s aims unchanged.

Beginning with a trial in November and in full swing in January, we will be meeting for our full meeting the **first Wednesday of the month**. This means we will meet in Higgins Hall in the **St Augustine room from 9:30 -11:00** (following the 8:30 All School Mass). We will have ample time for fellowship, to discuss the Gospel, to pray, and to learn about our Saint. **Babysitting will be available**. We hope this serves those women who are still home with young children and is an opportunity for those women unable to make the longer meeting on a weekly basis to make time in their schedules once a month.

The other Wednesdays of the month, we will be meeting at **7:55 (before the All School Mass) in the St. Augustine room** of Higgins Hall. You are welcome to come to that room prior to the meeting to socialize any time after 7:30. We will have a reflection for the day, brief discussion, and intercessory prayer. If you can join us, we will then proceed over to the Church for Mass at 8:25. We hope this meets the needs of busy moms who can’t stay for the longer meeting but desire to dedicate time to their relationship with Christ. Toys will be setup during this meeting time for children who are not yet school aged.

There are so many obstacles to prayer in today’s overscheduled world. We need to find ways to overcome these obstacles and make **God the king of our hearts and our schedules.** In Sunday’s Gospel, Zacchaeus overcame being short and unable to see Jesus by climbing a tree. Our prayer is that this modified schedule will help you to better see Jesus (without risk of bodily injury).

We would be honored if some of your time spent deepening your relationship with God is spent at one of our meetings-whether that be the full meeting or mini meeting version (or both). Please see the following modified schedule for 2022-2023.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at mothers.prayer.group.stl@gmail.com.

May God Bless You,

Katie and Courtney

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**Meeting Date and Time**

* Saint for Study
* Gospel for Upcoming Sunday
* Any special notes
* All meetings are in the St. Augustine room of Higgins Hall unless otherwise noted

**2022 Meetings**

**November 2 from 9:30-11:00**

* All Souls Day
* Saint Gianna Beretta Molla
* Luke 20:27-38

**November 9 from 7:55-8:25**

* Saint Andre Bessette
* Luke 21:5-19
* **Help needed with Matthew 25 following All School Mass at 9:30 in portable building**

**November 16 from 7:55-8:25**

* Saint Damien of Molokai
* Luke 23:35-43
* **Help needed with Matthew 25 following All School Mass at 9:30 in portable building**

**November 30 from 7:55-8:25**

* Saint Dymphna
* Matthew 3:1-12

**December 8 Christmas Party from 9:30-11:00**

* *Please note this is a Thursday!!!*
* Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
* Cookie and Prayer Exchange
* More details and evite to follow

**2023 Meetings**

**January 4 from 9:30-11:00**

* Saint John the Apostle
* Matthew 3:13-17

**January 11 from 7:55 to 8:25**

* **Saint Maximillian Kolbe**
* **John 1:29-34**

**January 18 from 7:55-8:25**

* Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
* Matthew 4:12-23

**January 25 from 7:55-8:25**

* Saint Anne and Saint Joachim
* Matthew 5:1-12

**February 1 from 9:30-11:00**

* Saint John Mary Vianney
* Matthew 5:13-16

**February 8 from 7:55-8:25**

* Saint Clare of Assisi
* Matthew 5:17-37

**February 15-No room available for meeting**

* Possibly meet to pray Rosary at 8 before Mass in side chapel or by statue of Mary

**February 22 from 7:55-8:25**

* Ash Wednesday
* Joan of Arc
* Matthew 4:1-11

**March 1 from 9:30-11:00**

* Saint Anthony of Padua
* Matthew 17:1-9

**March 8 from 7:55-8:25**

* Saint Catherine of Bologna
* John 4:5-42

**March 15 from 7:55-8:25**

* Saint Patrick
* John 9:1-14

**March 22 from 7:55-8:25**

* Saint Ignatius of Loyola
* John 11:1-45

**March 29 from 7:55-8:25**

* Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini
* Matthew 27:11-54

**April 5 from 9:30-11:00**

* Saint Zita of Lucca
* John 20:1-9

**April 19 from 7:55-8:25**

* Saint Thomas More
* Luke 24:13-35

**April 26 from 7:55-8:25**

* Saint Rose Venerini
* John 10:1-10

**May 3 from 9:30-11 End of the Year Party**

* Details and evite to come closer to event