

Yarns 'n Prayers



St. Giles Prayer Shawl Ministry

News from the 3rd Quarter, 2022

1- **Do you know someone in need of our community's prayers?** Whether it's a physical, emotional or spiritual problem, our prayer shawls and blankets carry our prayers to those in need. You can get a shawl or blanket for that someone you know at the Parish Center when it's staffed, or ask someone on the Pastoral Team, or the contact below.

2- **There is no charge for this** but donations of yarn, or money to buy yarn, are appreciated to carry on this ministry.

3- **Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to participate in this ministry?** We gather at the Parish Ministry Center on the second Monday of each month at 1 PM to bless and record new shawls and blankets, share patterns and ideas, and get yarn for new projects. Attendance is not required. You can join this ministry by making at least one shawl or lap blanket. If you need yarn to do this, you can get some from our stash. Send your contact info to Paul Joseph Schleitwiler, FCM to be added to the roster

4- **Do you have a story to share about prayer shawls or blankets?** Or other things related to this ministry or the making of shawls and blankets? Did something in this newsletter inspire you to comment about it?

Share what you have to say by email to pjschleitwilerfcm@yahoo.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting dates in 2022

The 2nd Monday of each month

4th Qtr Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12

To confirm a particular meeting date, contact Paul Joseph Schleitwiler, FCM at pjschleitwilerfcm@yahoo.com

2022
Hi Mergie -
Just a note of
thanks to you for
sending the Prayer
Shawl updates! So
nice of you - a very
interesting. We surely
come a long way - thank
to you - gratefully,
Janita

What More Can I Do?

You may not be able to make things to carry our prayers to those in need, but, if you know of someone who needs our prayers, you can get a shawl, blanket or other item from the Parish Center and give it to that person. If you can't physically do that, call the Parish Center with your information about where and to whom and why to send something and ask that it be passed to one of us who can do it.

08-10-22

To the St Giles
Shawl Knitters -
Here is some extra
yarn that I hope
you can use for
your shawl ministry.
It is so important.
Thank you for all your
time. In gratitude,
Pat Murray
Just Knands

Statistics for the Quarter

Members in this ministry crafted and submitted 37 shawls, 5 blankets, 13 hats, 17 scarves, 56 blessing squares, 2 baby sweaters, and 3 pair mittens this quarter. One of the hats was made by a visiting Frenchwoman. We also received a quilt and several crocheted blankets made by Mary Cath's husband's grandmother.

People in need of our prayers received 30 shawls, 2 blankets and 42 blessing squares.

The total number of people reached by our prayers and whom we continue to pray for keeps growing. The thanks we have received show how our prayers have been welcomed. Even those who do not make something add their prayers to this ministry we all share.

One who sleeps under a crocheted blanket is cradled in love.

Crocheted Heart

Size of the heart will depend on the ply of the yarn and size of the hook.

Magic Ring: make a loop around your fingertip, put the hook through the loop, yarn over and draw a loop through the loop on your finger.

Do not pull the finger loop closed. Make the first row stitches into that loop, then pull the loop closed. *Voi ici!* It is magic.

ch = chain, sc = single crochet, dc = double crochet, tc = triple crochet, yo = yarn over.

sc foundation ch; cast on and chain 1, put the hook through the first loop, yarn over and draw up a loop, ch 1, [yo and pull through the 2 loops, put the hook through the ch 1, ch 1, yo and pull up a loop,] repeat [*] ending with yo and pull through the 2 loops for the last stitch.

Row 1- In magic ring ch3, 3tc, 4dc, 1tc(center), 4dc, 3tc, ch3, slip stitch. Do not turn.

Row 2- 2sc in ch3 space, {3dc in next st}x3, 3dc, 2dc in next stitch, (dc, tc, dc) in center tc, 2dc in next stitch, 3dc, {3dc in next st}x3, 2sc in ch3 space, slip st through ring.

(original design) ch30 to make hanger, slip st through ring, tie off.

Weave in ends. ~ Jude 2022

(loop variation) sc foundation ch7, slip st through ring, tie off. Weave in ends. ~ PJSvBFCM

Who Else Are We Praying For

In addition to those we are already praying for, there are added this quarter: Who we pray for 3rd qtr 2022

a volunteer at American Diabetes Association. cancer
a Goddaughters son, newborn with Down's syndrome
a friend of Megan Mulcahy in NC, having a liver transplant;
a 10-year-old girl whose father has cancer;
a woman whose husband died;
a woman whose friend was killed in the Highland Park incident.
a woman whose sister died;
a woman in hospice with lung cancer,
a woman whose mother died.
a baby boy
wto friends of Marcy Darrin;
one to a person waiting for a liver transplant
a mom whose son has a brain tumor.
the wife of a parishioner
a woman who requested one,
teenager whose grandmother died.
a member of St. Catherine's/St. Lucy's bereavement ministry.
a man and two women for illnesses,
a person asking for prayers
members of St Catherine/St Lucy Fatih and Fellowship



Knit Heart by Paula Labooe

Knitted Heart Patch

The perfect knitted heart for any project or occasion.

Skill Level | Intermediate

Finished Size | 4.5" wide; 4" long

Knitted hearts are a fun Valentine's day project and these patches can be used in all sorts of ways. Attach them to a hat, scarf, jacket, bag or any other accessory – make two, seam and stuff them to make a little softie or make a few to give with Valentines. You'll only need about an hour or so for each.

Recommended Supplies

Approx 12 yds each heart

US 7 (4.5 mm) Knitting Needles

Yarn Needle

Scissors

These hearts are worked from one side to the other using increases and decreases to create the heart shape. If you don't have the recommended yarn, you may substitute with another medium weight yarn as long as it's in the same weight category. Check your gauge and adjust as needed so the sizing comes out right. The recommended yarn amount will likely be different too.

Abbreviations

CO Cast On

K Knit

K2tog Knit Two Together

KFB Knit Front Back

Rep Repeat

St(s) Stitch(es)

Written Instructions

Row 1: CO 7. K all sts(7 sts)

Row 2: KFB. K to last st. KFB. (9 sts)

Row 3: K all sts. (9 sts)

Repeat: Rep rows 2 and 3, three more times. You will have 15 sts on needle at the end of repeat.

Row 10: K to last st. KFB. (16 sts)

Row 11: K all sts. (16 sts)

Repeat: Rep rows 10 and 11, two more times. You will have 18 sts on needle at end of repeat.

Row 16: SSK. K to last st. KFB. (18 sts)

Row 17: K all sts. (18 sts)

Repeat: Rep rows 16 and 17, three more times. You will have 18 sts on needle throughout.

Row 24: KFB. K to last 2 sts. K2tog. (18 sts each row)

Row 25: K all sts. (18 sts)

Repeat: Rep rows 24 and 25, three more times. You will have 18 sts on needle throughout.

Row 32: K to last 2 sts. K2tog. (17 sts)

Row 33: K all sts. (17 sts)

Repeat: Rep rows 32 and 33, two more times. You will have 15 sts on needle at end of repeat.

Row 38: SSK. K to last 2 sts. K2tog. (13 sts)

Row 39: K all sts. (13 sts)

Repeat: Rep rows 38 and 39, three more times. You will have 7 sts on needle at end of repeat.

Work a simple knitting bind off. Weave in ends and use ends to improve shape if necessary.

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You would enjoy attending a prayer shawl ministry meeting. The women have some very interesting yarns.

Basketweave Baby Blanket

Difficulty level: ** Easy

This baby blanket features the Rib and Garter pattern, which gives it the distinctive basketweave texture. The pattern naturally creates a scalloped edge, so there is no need to worry about borders!

Skills Required/Techniques Used:

- Knit & purl, cast on & bind off
- Knit and purl through back loop

Finished measurements: 40" x 40" (100 cm x 100 cm)

Materials: Worsted weight yarn, approx. 1500 yds (1400 m)

Needles: circular needles US #7 (4.55 mm) OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE

Gauge: 16 sts x 20 rows = 4" x 4" (10 x 10 cm) in Rib and Garter pattern.

Notions: yarn needle

Abbreviations:

st, sts - stitch, stitches; k - knit; p - purl; k tbl – knit through back loop; p tbl – purl through back loop; RS - right side; WS - wrong side

Pattern Notes:

Selvedge stitches: the first and the last sts in each row are selvedge stitches, work them as follows: slip the first stitch knitwise and purl the last stitch in all rows except the very first one, in the first row knit the first st and purl the last one.

Short Overview of the Pattern:

The blanket is worked in the Rib and Garter pattern. The pattern forms scallop edges on all sides of the blanket, therefore there is no need for borders.

To make a larger blanket, you can cast on more pattern repeats.

Blanket

Multiple of 16 plus 1 + 2 selvedge sts

Cast on 163 stitches. These include: 161 sts for 10 repeats of the pattern plus 1 and 2 selvedge sts.

Row 1 (RS): k1, [(k tbl, p1) 4 times, k tbl, p7] 9 times, (k tbl, p1) 4 times, k tbl, p7, k1, p1. 163 sts.

Row 2 (WS): sl, p8, (p tbl, k1) 4 times, p tbl, [p7, (p tbl, k1) 4 times, p tbl] 9 times, p1. 163 sts.

Row 3 (RS): sl, [(k tbl, p1) 4 times, k tbl, p7] 9 times, (k tbl, p1) 4 times, k tbl, p7, k1, p1. 163 sts.

Rows 4 - 7: repeat rows 2 - 3.

Row 8 (WS): repeat row 2. 163 sts.

Row 9 (RS): sl, [k1, p7, (k tbl, p1) 4 times] 9 times, k tbl, p7, (k tbl, p1) 5 times. 163 sts.

Row 10 (WS): sl wyif, (p tbl, k1) 4 times, p tbl, p7, p tbl, [(k1, p tbl) 4 times, p8] 9 times, p1. 163 sts.

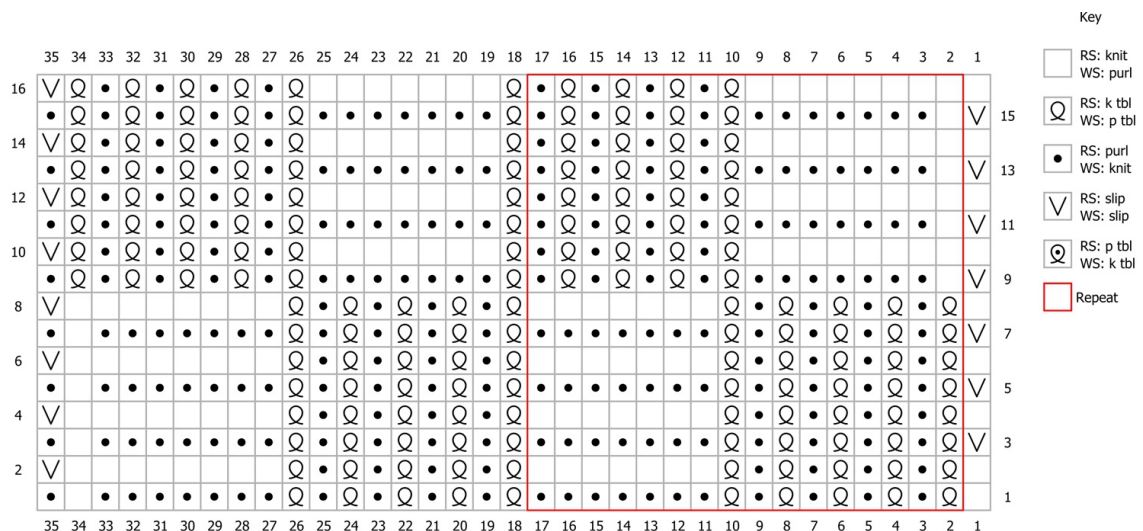
Rows 11 - 16: repeat rows 9 - 10.

Repeat rows 1-16 13 times or to desired length.

Bind off.

Finishing:

Weave in all yarn ends. Block.



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Materials:

first color Yarn; second color Yarn

–H-5.00mm Crochet Hook

–Yarn Needle

–Scissors

NOTES:

-You can use a smaller or larger hook to make this square depending on your tension. With an I-5.5mm Crochet Hook, the finished square measures 6 inches. This square is worked from the center outward

Special stitches: Ch(s): chain(s); YO: Yarn Over; St(s): Stitch(es); Sl st: slip stitch.; SK: SkipSC: Single Crochet; HDC: Half-Double Crochet; DC: Double Crochet; TR: Treble Crochet (YO twice)

Beg. Popcorn: ch up 3, 4 DC in same st, remove hook from loop, insert hook in 1st st, put loop back on hook and pull through.

Popcorn: 5 DC in same st, remove hook from loop, insert hook in 1st st, put loop back on hook and pull through.

Beg. TR Popcorn: ch up 3, 4 DC in same st, remove hook from loop, insert hook in 1st st, put loop back on hook and pull through. ch up 4, 5 DC in same st, remove hook from loop, insert hook in 1st st, put loop back on hook and pull through.

Pattern:

Ch 4, sl st to beginning to form a ring

Rnd 1: Beg. Popcorn in ring, ch 2, 3DC in ring, ch 2, DC in ring, CH 11, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 sts, HDC in rest of the chs, 3 HDC in last ch and make a popcorn st, DC back into ring, ch 2, 3 DC in ring, ch 2, Sl st to beg. popcorn.

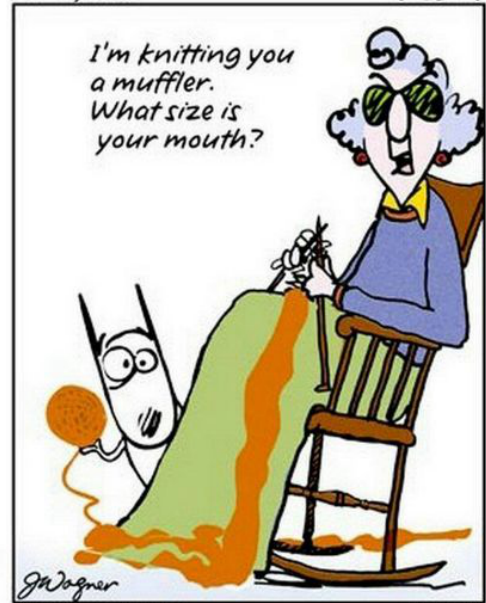
Rnd 2: Beg. Popcorn in popcorn, ch 2, Dc in ch 2 sp, DC in the next st, [2dc, ch 2, 2dc] in next st, dc in next st, DC in ch 2 sp, sk dc, [2DTR, ch 2, 2DTR] in center ring (working behind the dragonfly tail), dc in ch 2 sp, DC in next st, [2dc, ch 2, 2dc] in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in ch sp, ch 2, sl st to beg. popcorn.

Rnd 3: Beg. Popcorn in popcorn, ch 2, DC in ch sp, dc in next 4 sts, [DC, ch 3, DC] in corner, DC in next 6 sts, [dc, ch 3, dc] in corner, dc in next 6 sts, [dc, ch 3, dc] in corner, dc in next 6 sts, dc in ch sp, ch 2, sl st to popcorn.



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Rnd 4: Beg. TR Popcorn in popcorn st, ch 2, dc in ch sp, dc in next 6 sts [DC, ch 3, DC] in corner, dc in next 8 sts, [dc, ch 3, dc] in corner, dc in next 8 sts, [dc, ch 3, dc] in corner, dc in next 8 sts, ch 2, sl st to beg. tr popcorn.

Rnd 5: Ch 3, [DC, ch 2, 2 dc] in same popcorn st, DC in next 8 sts, [2 DC, ch 3, 1 DC] in corner, DC in next 10 sts, [2 DC, ch 3, 1 DC] in next corner, DC in next 10 sts, [1 DC, ch 3, 1 DC] in next corner, DC in next 10 sts, Sl st to beg ch up 3.

Rnd 6: DC in each st around putting [2 DC, ch 2, 2 DC] in each corner.

Rnd 7: Sc in each st around, [2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc] in each corner. Sl st to beginning.

Assembly: Sew tail down.

Wings:

Attach yarn with long tail for sewing later

Right side: Ch 8, DC in 3rd ch from hook, DC in next, HDC in next, SC in the rest of the chs, sl st back into body of dragonfly, ch 10, TR in 4th ch from hook, DC in next 2 sts, HDC in next, SC in the rest of the sts, sl st back onto body of dragonfly, fasten off, Sew wings down flat.

To make the opposite side:

ch 10, TR in 4th ch from hook, DC in next 2 sts, HDC in next, SC in the rest of the sts, sl st back onto body of dragonfly, Ch 8, DC in 3rd ch from hook, DC in next, HDC in next, SC in the rest of the chs, sl st back into body of dragonfly, fasten off, Sew wings down flat.

Fasten off, Weave in ends.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Over the summer the Prayer Shawl Ministry has continued to provide prayer shawls and lap blankets where needed, 15 in the last month, we received 12 new ones. This past month, we have sent a crate of scarves and hats to the French Nuns in Chicago for the homeless and another to the students at St. Eulalia's School in Maywood. We are preparing a crate of items to go to the Columban Mission in El Paso, Texas. They tell us that November is their coldest month. Now the Prayer Shawl Ministers are preparing hats and scarves to accompany the coats that are collected for the parish Coat Drive program. A new effort this year are small knitted/crocheted hearts to be presented on Veterans Day to the residents at Hines VA Center.

All of this is because of your generosity. We thank you.

Our Ministry is growing, we welcomed several new members over the summer. We have also been contacted by a group of knitters/crocheters in California who want to start a Prayer Shawl Ministry. To receive a shawl or lap blanket for a loved one or to have one sent, call the Parish Center office at 708/383-3430, or come by during business hours. Please continue to pray for all those receiving an item. All items are lovingly made and intended to provide warmth and embrace the recipient through the prayers of a loving St. Giles Parish and the presence of a loving God. May you be enfolded in God's love,

~ Margie Rudnik, for the Prayer Shawl Ministry



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Our Blessing for Shawls and Lap Blankets

(adapted from Janet Severi Bristow - 2000)

May God's grace be upon these shawls and blankets ...
warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.

May these mantles be a safe haven ...

a sacred place of security and well being ...

sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.

May those who receive these shawls and blankets be cradled in hope,

kept in joy, graced with peace,

and wrapped in love.

Blessed be!