

St. Robert's Guild Gazette

February 2019 ~ Rose Cuka, Editor



How blessed are we to have selected such a vibrant and positive parish! Each day at St. Roberts I see people doing big and small things that go seemingly unnoticed by others, not for their own glory but for the glory of God.

One of the most popular volunteer opportunities in the Guild is being a Martha. Through the Marthas, Gayle Ross and her team of caring and diligent volunteers provide respite and a meal for the bereaved following funeral services. I have heard from numerous volunteers that the sign up for bringing food for these events often is full within minutes. In 2018, St. Roberts held 67 funerals and each time they were asked, our members prepared and delivered food and the women who serve the luncheons took time out of their busy days to do so. What better way to serve the living and the dead than through offering the grieving an opportunity to eat and share memories together?

In January, we hosted our first Guild Fulfilled event and by the time this Gazette is printed, the second event will have been held also. Just a reminder, Guild Fulfilled is our way of offering opportunities to fulfill our mission of faith and fellowship for the women of the parish- but all women are welcome. On March 12th, we will be hosting Guild Fulfilled in the newly remodeled Guild Room- Meeting Room 3. While we celebrate our new space together, we will also be hosting a shower for the St. Margaret of Cortona ministry. If you don't know what St. Margaret of Cortona does, this event promises you an insight into this important outreach ministry.

Thank you to all of our members who make St. Roberts the special and blessed place it is.
Ann Zemann ~ Guild President

EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR - 2019

February 23	*	Family Game Night 6:30 P.M. MR3
March 1	*	Murder Mystery 6:30 P.M. (Bumped off on Bourbon Street)
March 3	*	Donut Sunday
March 3	*	Blood Drive ~ Mainelli Center
March 6	*	Ash Wednesday
March 7	*	EPS Brunch ~ Mainelli Center 10:30 AM
March 11	*	Morning of Reflection ~ 8:30 A.M. Mass 9:30 A.M. ~ Mainelli Center Open to ALL parishioners
March 12	*	Guild Fulfilled ~ 7:00 P.M. ~ Guild Room
April 18	*	Seder Service
April 20	*	RCIA Reception
April 21	*	Easter Sunday
April 24	*	Fr. Stillmunk's Birthday
May 3	*	Spring Luncheon

REMINDERS

Membership: The Guild Year time frame is now January 1 to December 31 in any given year. Registrations are accepted throughout the year. However, to save on mailing costs membership forms were sent via e-mail and also included in paper form in the bulletin. If you did not have access to either of these options you may get a form at the parish office or call Ann Zemann at 402-250-2691. Dues are \$20.00 a year and payable to St. Robert's Ladies Guild.

First Friday Mass at 8:30 is offered for Guild members living and deceased and for the intentions of Guild members. Gather in the Narthex before Mass and following Mass meet in the Guild room for coffee and fellowship.

Circle #1 St. Monica ~ "Celebrate & Serve"

Their big event is coming soon..."Murder Mystery Party". Celebrate Mardi Gras by attending "**Bumped Off on Bourbon Street!**" You don't want to miss this excitement on March 1 at 6:30 p.m. so make your reservation now with Mary Pinker at 402-980-2276.

Circle #2 St. Elizabeth ~ "On a wing and a prayer"

These ladies began the year with prayer, reports and a rousing game of Outburst. They had so much fun they were unable to determine if Team 1 or Team 2 won. On February 11th they enjoyed a presentation by Sue Bristol (a published author) on how to write a memoir. In March they will enjoy camaraderie at a dinner outing and time for a lot of friendly conversation..They will also collect diapers for EPS. On April 24th they will host their annual dinner at Josie Harper Hospice House. These ladies prepare and serve a delicious meal to the residents who are most grateful...an event enjoyed by all.

Circle #3 ~ St. Genevieve "Been There Done That"

Members of this circle gathered on January 10th for a good old fashioned gabfest. They did their best to share information on family and friend events.

February 14th held a special Valentine event for them. A musical duo of piano (Drew Neneman) and flute (Mary Sanderson) entertained the ladies. Thanks to these Parish Staff Members for their beautiful performance.

A reminder that toiletries are collected at each meeting for the residents of women's shelters.



Of course we always look forward to the EPS brunch which will be held on **March 7th** this year. An Irish themed meal is prepared by the Wilson family...and is always delicious. Don't forget to make your reservation to celebrate this St. Patrick's event!!

Circle #4 "St Gianna"

These new moms and Circle members enjoyed a get together on January 15th at the Corkscrew in Rockbrook. They enjoyed fellowship and entertained ideas for future meetings and events.

They will host a Family Game Night on February 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 3. Bring your own game and snack to share. Drinks will be provided. Call Katie Nielsen at 712-898-5802 to RSVP and for more information about the activities of this Circle.

COMMITTEES

Blood Drive:

Chairwomen ~ Diane Kuncl & Marie Kozel

The first Sunday Blood Drive in conjunction with Donut Sunday was held on January 6, 2019.

Results ended on a positive note. Twenty six donors stepped up resulting in the collection of 23 units as the others were deferred.

Future dates are:

Sunday ~ March 3 ~ 7:30 am - 1:30 pm

Sunday ~ May 5 ~ 7:30 am - 1:30 pm

Wednesday ~ July 10 ~ 1:00 - 6:00 pm

Wednesday ~ September 4 ~ 1:00 - 6:00 pm

Sunday ~ November 3 ~ 7:30 am - 1:30 pm

Bridge:

Three opportunities exist for Bridge Players. If you would like to join the game or be a sub contact one of the coordinators.

Couples Evening: Mary Ann Kuhn ~ 402-551-4376

Ladies Evening: Mary Manning ~ 402-616-7946

Ladies Afternoon: Pat Smith ~ 402-333-8159

Good Bridge starts here!!

Communication: New this year and chaired by Susan Gnann ~ 937-776-0353. Susan will keep guild members and parishioners informed about guild events.

Donut Sunday: Christine Leszczynski has provided her time and talent for nearly 10 years. She is a pro at ordering just the right amount and kind of donuts for parish consumption. Thanks Christine for doing such a great job. By the way...don't bypass the donation basket to help offset the cost of this fellowship event.

Morning of Reflection: Plan to attend on March 11th. The morning begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m. and Registration and Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. The presentation, **"Offering Sacrifice as a Gift"** by Jen Messing will certainly set the stage for your Lenten Journey. Jen is very qualified as she touts an undergraduate degree in Social Work and a Masters in Theological Studies.

Outreach: Thanks to Anne Mahoney for her years of dedication as she steps down from this committee, whose mission is to provide meals to parishioners experiencing hardships such as a health crisis. Janine Emmons is now the chair.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Skilled and unskilled knitters and crocheters are welcome to join this group at their weekly gathering on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. Monetary and yarn donations are most welcome.

Margaret of Cortona group works in conjunction with the VNA to provide household items to transitional families. They are always in need of sheets (queen), pots and pans and kitchen items.

Mother/Daughter: A repeat of **"Paint the Town"** will be held on a Saturday in October. Following the 5:30 Mass gals and moms will gather in the Mainelli Center for a fun night of Pizza & Painting.

Past Presidents will focus on applicants to the Regina Minton Scholarship. This scholarship awards tuition for a 6th grade girl in both CCD and the five day school for the following school year. Eligibility requirements will be forthcoming

Guild Socials: Gaming tables, food and drink brought about 140 players to Vegas Night on January 19. All foods, chips, snacks, sodas, meatballs and pulled pork, were donated. A popular signature drink (jello shot) was also served. Raffle baskets added a winning thread to the atmosphere. A variety of items were part of the raffle as well as several beautiful pieces of jewelry which were donated by Sols (John & Suzanne Dineen). Many thanks to them.

Guild Fulfilled: **"Soul Core"** a prayerful/pilates experience was attended by a dozen ladies on January 11th. This event combines spiritual reflection as well as physical movement with a focus on the Rosary.

Fr. Rob gave a presentation on February 6th, on **"Love is Better the Second Time Around"** He told of his journey from a Catholic upbringing to the Episcopal clergy back to the Catholic tradition. About 40 ladies enjoyed his very interesting and informative narrative.

The March meeting on the 12th, will provide an insight into the role of St. Margaret of Cortona. Ministry. We will host a shower for this ministry and answer all your questions. You will also be able to see our newly remodeled Guild Room.

MAH JONGG MONDAYS

Join us for open Mah Jongg every Monday afternoon in the Guild Room. Play begins at 12:30 and finishes by 4:00 PM. New to Mah Jongg? Every first Monday is for newbies. Come learn how to play. Fifteen to twenty ladies are already enjoying this ancient tile-based, strategic and thought provoking game.