

# Guild Gazette

## Important dates:

Blood Drive, July 14, Mainelli Center 7:30-1:30, schedule ahead or walk-in

Guild Fulfilled, August 8, Guild Room, 7 PM- Organized Family Meal Planning by a mom with 5 satisfied customers, Katie Watson

Blood Drive, Sept. 8, Mainelli Center 7:30-1:30, schedule ahead or walk in

Guild Fulfilled, Sept 25th, Guild Room, 7 PM, *Angels are for Real*, a presentation by the Holy Family School of Faith

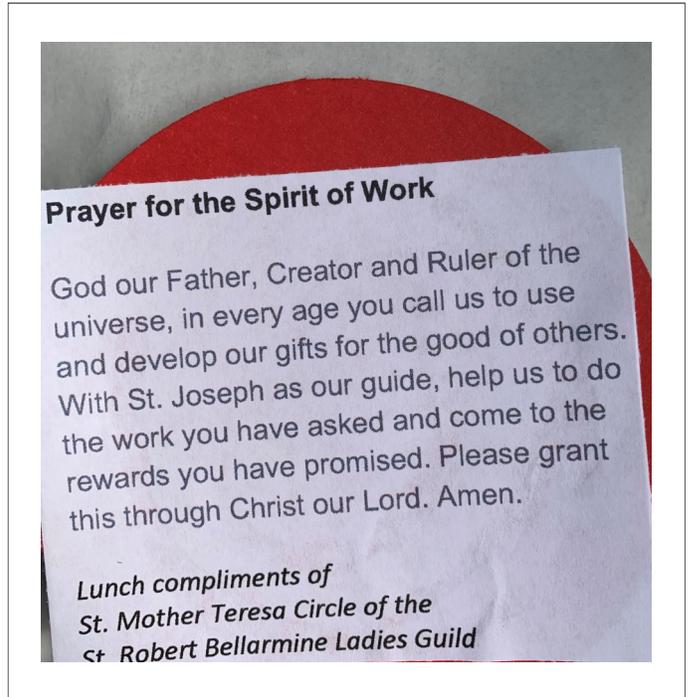
Doughnut Sunday, Oct. 6, Mainelli Center

## Message from the President

I recently read an article connecting American's growing lack of religious identity with a growing disconnect from community. In a recent study, approximately 20 percent of Americans identified themselves as "nothing in particular," when speaking about their religious identity. This lack of identity is directly correlated to the sense of belonging and togetherness that makes people feel connected to their neighbors and their community. Scary, isn't it? We have 1 out of 5 Americans who feel no connection with God and little connection with humankind.

Here in Omaha, and especially in our St. Roberts family, we have a tremendous amount of this sense of belonging and togetherness. Our faith unites us, our service strengthens us, and our fellowship builds friendships and relationships that last for a lifetime.

People sometimes like to reflect about the good old days,



Betsy Weindel, daughter of Guild member Amy Weindel, included this note with homemade cookies she sent with lunches provided by St. Mother Teresa Circle to Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

and we are fortunate here at St. Roberts to be in a community where the values of days gone by hold true. Much of this is only possible because the women of the Guild continue to provide opportunities for

the parish to worship and pray together, to reach out to the community in service, and to gather throughout the year to celebrate

Remember, THESE are the good old days. Ann Zemann

## Rose Wilson Honored at Luncheon



Rose and her husband Bernard celebrate at the luncheon

Rose Wilson was honored at a luncheon sponsored by the Omaha Urban Council of Catholic Women on May 8th. Rose has served the parish and community for many years.

Rose has been an active member of the St. Roberts Guild since its earliest beginnings and

was one its first board members. She served as Guild President and is now an active member of the St. Genevieve Circle. She has used her time and talent to visit the sick and infirm, to lead various charitable endeavors, and to offer friendship and welcome to her fellow parishioners among

many other things.

It is Rose's humble and selfless commitment to this cause and to our parish that has distinguished her as our St. Robert's OUCCW Woman of the Year.

Thank you, Rose!

# Scholarship Winner Announced



Cecilia Kwiatek accepts flowers from Jan Brannen at the Spring Luncheon

Cecilia Kwiatek, daughter of Brad and Katie Kwiatek, is this year's Regina Minton Scholarship honoree from St. Robert Bellarmine School.

Cecilia is active in a number of activities at school and in the

community. Her essay and recommendation letter showed the qualities of being a welcoming, friendly, inclusive and active young leader that distinguished her as this year's scholarship winner. Congratulations, Cecelia!

The winners of the Regina Minton Scholarships receive one year's tuition for the continuation of her religious studies, either through the St. Robert's Religious Education program or at the 5 day school.

This year, no applications were received from the Religious Education program, and the

scholarship committee opted instead to donate the allocated funds to the Religious Education program for use as the director sees fit..

***"It was an easy decision to help.. Because I feel that everyone needs a friend to help them during their time of need."***

**Cecilia Kwiatek**  
**Scholarship Essay**

**Since the last edition of the Gazette, Women of the Guild have:**

Decorated the graves of the deceased parishioners of St. Roberts

Hosted a brunch raising \$10,000 to benefit EPS

Stuffed and hid about 2,000 Easter Eggs which were found in about 10 minutes at the annual Egg Hunt

Held the Lenten Day of Reflection, Seder Meal and RCIA Welcome Celebration

Met to unwind and relax together in faith and fellowship

Held our annual Spring Luncheon

Made dinner for the families at Hospice House ...and much, much, more

## Moms of Faith has a new leader

Many thanks for Sarah Ryland who led this group with love and commitment for so many years.

We are thrilled to have Tracie Youell use her gifts to pick up where Sarah left off. She and her family moved to St. Roberts last summer. Tracie had always been involved in Bible studies

and in moms groups so Moms of Faith seemed like a natural fit. Says Tracie, "It has been a great experience getting to know other moms and using my organizational skills for our Catholic faith. " Need info? [momsoffaithsr@gmail.com](mailto:momsoffaithsr@gmail.com)



## The Guild Needs Volunteers for 2020

**Membership** - Works with the President and Vice President to distribute and collect membership forms and to log them electronically. Perfect for the gal who loves spreadsheets and checklists and has time to play on Excel at home.

**Guild Fulfilled** - This talented woman coordinates a speaker or presenter, on an average of once per month throughout the calendar year. This role is



ideal for you if you are the person with great ideas who is curious about a lot of things. The time commitment is about

an hour a month.

**Vice President** - The Vice President serves a one year term in this role and then moves to the position of President for one year. The Vice President's duties include coordinating the Spring luncheon and sending correspondence as needed to members of the Guild.

Interested? Email Ann Zemann at [anzemann@cox.net](mailto:anzemann@cox.net)