

St. Raphael the Archangel ALTAR AND ROSARY SODALITY WOMEN'S GROUP COMMITTEES

Acknowledgements

Acknowledges births, deaths, weddings, shut-ins, etc. of members and distributes Mass cards and/or send plants when requested. Responsible for informing ARS members if a death occurs and when the membership is to meet to pray the Rosary or the funeral prayer.

Altar Cloths

Washes and irons altar cloths when requested by the Pastor.

Altar Servers Albs

Periodically checked by the Chairwoman. The Albs should also hang by size (small to large). When soiled, they are to be placed into the basket in the Albs closet.

Book Club

Meets monthly in a member's home to discuss a religious book of the group's choice.

Environmental & Arts

Dresses Fellowship Hall for the liturgical seasons.

Funeral Ministry

Assists priests to ensure funerals run smoothly. Two volunteers needed.

Hospitality

Invites and manages hostesses to provide food for monthly ARS meetings.

Membership

Accepts applications and keeps membership list up to date.

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Publicity

Publicizes monthly meetings; writes ARS column for the bulletin; publishes monthly newsletter following each meeting; ensures ARS content on St. Raphael website is current and is available to both current and prospective members.

Rosary

Leads membership in praying the Rosary and has copies of "How to Pray the Rosary" and the Memorare for members. Makes and sells hand-crafted rosaries. Makes rosaries for the military and missions.

Service Committees

Angel Tree: Annual collection of Christmas gifts for needy families for distribution by Catholic Charities.

Bake Sale: Sale of baked goods after Masses 1-2 times a year. Funds benefit St. Raphael

Cookie Walk: Sale of Christmas cookies in December. Funds benefit St. Raphael.

Diaper Depot: Spring and fall collection of money and diapers to benefit Catholic Charities food pantries.

Food Drive: Fall collection of non-perishable food items and cash donations to benefit Open Arms Mission.

Food Pantry: Volunteer support of Open Arms Mission Food Pantry. See *Food Pantry* under *Human Concerns* listing of St. Raphael ministries.

Social Committee

Plans and organizes social and spiritual events open to all women of the parish. May include games, trips, dinners at a local restaurant, and the annual Christmas dinner.

Wedding Ministry

Assists priest and wedding party to ensure wedding runs smoothly. Two volunteers attend rehearsal and wedding ceremony.