

Women's Club

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Fall 2019

Happy 5th anniversary to our parish Women's Club! The group began with a mission, *To empower women of our parish in all stages of their lives by providing opportunities to grow in mind, body, and spirit.* Our activities and events start with a suggestion from an individual in the group or a request from someone who has seen a need in the parish or community. A willing member agrees to lead the activity/event and seeks volunteers to fill in, as needed. It has been fun to see the diverse areas of talent and interest and we look forward to what lies ahead for us.

All adult women of the parish are members of the Women's Club. There is no signup or dues. We love seeing new faces and recognizing faces of those who have been in the parish for many years. Together we have shared, laughed, learned, created, and formed a parish family of women who can accomplish anything. Please join us!

Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates!

Tuesday, September 17th –



Potluck

Ladies Potluck at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria
Bring a favorite dish and the recipe to share.

(If you are unable to bring a dish this time, please come anyway!)

Tuesday, October 1st -

Double Denim Party at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria
Wear a pair of jeans and bring a pair to donate to The James Project.
(See the article on back for more information about The James Project.)

Sunday, November 17th -

Gingerbread House Workshop at 6:00-8:00 in the school cafeteria
Instructions and all materials will be provided for you to assemble
decorate and take home your own gingerbread house.



Sunday, December 8th -

Advent by Candlelight (time to be announced)
Guest speaker—Marlene Mulford, graduate of the Catholic Spiritual Mentorship Program
Volunteers needed to decorate tables, bake, greet & serve.
Text or call Sally Petrone at 217-341-9088



During October we painted pumpkins pink and donated them to the Simmons Cancer Institute.



Everyone enjoyed making gingerbread houses!





Many cut fabric while others pulled out their sewing machines to make feminine products for girls & women in Ghana.



Over the past several years we have worked with the confirmation students to make over 200 fleece blankets. These blankets are given to baptized babies in our parish.



Contact Information

We promote most of our activities and events through the bulletin, school newsletter, and email. If you are not receiving our emails, please sign up on the parish website at www.bsps.org.

The James Project

On October 1st the Women's Club will gather for a fun evening while supporting and learning about a local ministry. The James Project is a not-for-profit Christian ministry which provides homes and support for fostering families in Sangamon County. When a child is placed with a new foster family, they very often arrive with only the clothing they are wearing. It is then up to the foster parents to find or buy necessities for the child – clothing, toiletry items, shoes.

The James Project maintains a warehouse of items. Through donations, Closet 1:27 provides clothing, gift cards for shoes, beds, bedding, and necessities to newly placed foster children.

We put together items based on the child's needs, gender, age, and size and deliver it to the home within 24 hours. This allows the foster parents to spend more time getting to know their new child, rather than having to go out and search out basic necessities for their child.

Foster children have already experienced so much heartache before arriving at a foster home, we want to give them items that help them move easily into new schools and situations.

An urgent need for the children is current/stylish clothing. Skinny jeans are one of our most requested items. The Women's Club is asking Blessed Sacrament members for donations of new, or very gently used, skinny jeans of all sizes. (We serve children up to age 18).



Advent by Candlelight
Sunday, December 8th

The annual Women's Club Advent by Candlelight evening will be held on Sunday, December 8th. We need table decorators, bakers, greeters, and servers to make it a successful evening. Our special guest speaker is Marlene Mulford, a graduate of the Catholic Spiritual Mentorship Program. Please add December 8th to your calendar and consider volunteering. For more details, text or call Sally Petrone at 217.341.9088.