



St Mary L.A.M.

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A Message from Our President

Dear L.A.M. Members:

Happy and Blessed New Year to you and your families.

We are very sad to report that two L.A.M. members died this past week. On Tuesday, January 5th, Carmela Cerjak, age 93, entered eternal life. Carmela and her late husband, Frank, were the loving parents of four children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was an Extraordinary Minister, accomplished bridge player, avid reader, golfer and loved music and theater. She was also a member of the L.A.M. Ladies' Book Club and often attended a wide variety of our events. Her funeral is scheduled for January 11 at 11:00 a.m.

On Thursday, January 7th, past board member Dick Losey, age 75, entered eternal life. Dick and his wife, Kathy, have been very active L.A.M. members attending many dinners, Road Ralleys and special events. Dick led the St. Mary Senior Golf League for many years. He often attended daily Mass, was a member of the Men's Honor Guard, Men's Club (including seafood dinner worker), L.A.M. Mass Server and devoted to his family. He and Kathy have three children and 10 grandchildren. His funeral is scheduled for January 13 at 11:00 a.m.

I'd like to welcome new L.A.M. member Janet O'Driscoll who resides on Danbury Ln in Hudson. Please help us make her feel comfortable at our events.

The survey results are in. Fifty six members responded and we learned some things. Some of our members are not comfortable with Zoom and we look forward to seeing you when we can meet again in person. But almost 70% of the membership is OK with Zoom. Some members need a little more help before feeling comfortable on Zoom. We can help with that. The consensus is that a monthly digital meeting is fine and speakers who address travel, humor and spirituality are desired. Other small group topics were also suggested. We're listening and planning future Zoom meetings with these suggestions in mind.

"God Loves us absolutely, unconditionally and just the way we are"
—The God Minute Podcast

God bless all L.A.M. members and St. Mary Parish,

Richard A Nebiolo
L.A.M. President

Our Next Zoom, January 12th

The L.A.M. Board is excited to present **Mary Anne Kickel** who will be presenting to us on the topic of "The Beauty of a Compliment". The Zoom will held on Tuesday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m. with a welcome lobby beginning at 6:45 p.m. Mary Anne has addressed L.A.M. before and she has amused us with her lively humor and sage insights.

Mary Anne is a fellow parishioner at St. Mary. In her former life, she was a special education teacher and then a guidance counselor. She has volunteered for the Summit County Courts as a "guardian ad litem." She has taught PSR and served on the parish council. She has been married for 49 years and has 2 daughters, 2 sons-in-laws and 3 gorgeous grandsons.

The Zoom link for the session will be sent on the day prior. Please plan to attend this enjoyable evening with your L.A.M. friends.



On Deck for February 10th

Fr. Rob Ramser is the parochial vicar at St. Angela Merici Parish in Fairview Heights. He was ordained in 2015 and was initially assigned to St Ambrose Parish in Brunswick. His home parish is The Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus. He is a joyful, caring priest with a love of travel. He will share photos and stories of some of his travels in Eastern Europe.

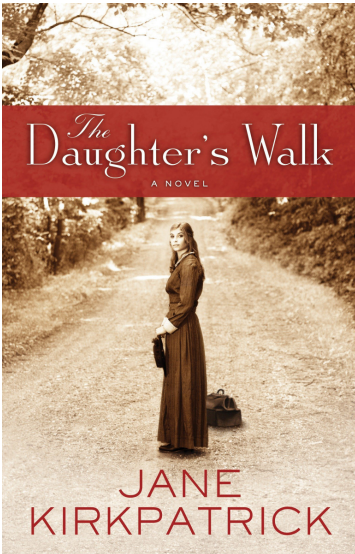
The Zoom session is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10th with a welcome lobby opening at 6:45 p.m.

The Summit County Public Health Department has a sign up page where you can enroll to receive up-to-date information on the COVID-19 vaccination program (especially to determine when you are eligible under your state-designated priority group, i.e. "Affiliation") at www.scph.org/covid. Keep informed. Stay Safe. Be Healthy.

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Ladies' Book Club

Happy 2021. Prayers and peace to all of you as we journey through a new year! It was so wonderful to see (on Zoom) over 20 book club members to discuss **The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek** by Kim Michelle Richardson. **Susan Klein** led our discussion with a great review of the book and information about the author, the blue people, and the book women who diligently delivered books to those in Kentucky. We will meet again via Zoom on February 4, 2021 at 10:00 am. Below is the list of books through May 2021. We are still in need of a book to read for May 6, 2021 along with two more facilitators. Please consider helping and email us soon if you can.

February 4, 2021	<u>The Daughter's Walk</u> by Jane Kirkpatrick	Facilitator: Anne Jordan
March 4, 2021	<u>The Authenticity Project</u> by Clare Pooley	Facilitator: Need a volunteer
April 1, 2021	<u>The Daughters of Erietown</u> by Connie Schultz	Facilitator: Mary Sulzer
May 6, 2021	Book to be Determined	Facilitator: Need a volunteer

Susan and I want to thank you all for your participation in this vibrant book club. We have been co-chairs for almost 6 1/2 years and it is time to share this responsibility with someone else. May 6th will be our final book club as co-chairs. We sincerely hope that someone (s) will volunteer to lead this task. We are willing to help you get started. Below is some information on how easy it can be.

Book selection from members are greatly appreciated. The book choice must have at least 40 library copies available (in all formats) so that no one has to purchase a book. The book club chair should read the book beforehand so that it is a choice that the majority of our members will or should enjoy—a book that invokes a great discussion. It can even be a book you would never think to read or one that teases your inquisitive mind and one you can learn something from.

Facilitators are required for each book to enable a lively discussion. We are always grateful for those who volunteer. None of our procedures are written in stone so it will be up to the new chair (s) to put their own signature on how it will be handled. We want to keep this wonderful, intellectual and social group going, so it's up to you. We want to thank Barb Bettwy and Janet Lennon who birthed this book club. It's been a "fun ride" for both of us and we thank you so much for your help and participation.

See you in February!
Susan Klein and Sharon Zolan

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