



ST. LAURENCE LADIES GUILD

“Here to serve, not to be served” Matthew 20:28

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Ladies Guild Web Site: <http://www.stlaurence.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=230>



November 2016 NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Hello Ladies!

Thanks to all of you ladies who came to the October meeting and brought items to fill treat bags for the residents of the Sugar Land Health Care Center. We had fun and hopefully brightened the day of some folks at the center.

Our next meeting is Shop Til You Drop. It's November 17th from 6:00-9:00 pm in the Ave Maria Center. Bring a friend or two, there's no entrance fee. But there is lots of shopping, food to purchase, drawings throughout the evening, and complimentary beverages provided by none other than Ladies Guild! Hope to see you all there!

Wishing you all a blessed and happy thanksgiving.

Tina Dougherty
Ladies Guild President 2016-2017
“Behold, I make all things new again.”

Thanksgiving Prayer

We give thanks to you today, God, for all that you have blessed us with this past year. Thank you, God, that we can be together and enjoy this meal together in health and wellness. Bless this food and the hands that prepared it. Thank you God for the bounty of blessings you have bestowed upon us this past year. Amen.

Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent November 27

“Almighty God, grant us the will to greet our Savior with our good works when He comes, so that we may be worthy to be on His right hand and possess the kingdom of heaven.”

SPIRITUAL

Teresa Humphreys

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH DEDICATED TO CHARITY FOR THE SUFFERING SOULS

November is traditionally an especially important month to pray for those in purgatory, and many visit the graves of the departed on All Souls' Day, November 2nd. While the sacrament of penance is essential for the forgiveness of sins, purgatory may be necessary for many of us to satisfy the temporal punishment still due for venial and forgiven mortal sins.

Even with frequent confession many of us still need purgatory to get our souls spotless. Purgatory is more than just some sort of Divine Detergent. It prepares souls for their heavenly home! Purgatory has been described, at times rather poetically, as a “cleansing fire” that burns away the cross of sins on our souls. St. Paul wrote of those being saved “yet so as through fire” (1 Cor 3:15), and whether or not the soul endures a literal fire, its purification does involve suffering.

However, our prayers for these souls can help alleviate their sufferings and help them reach heaven more quickly. Although they can no longer pray for *themselves*, they can and do pray for *us* as well out of gratitude!

To help the Holy Souls in Purgatory:

1. Have Masses offered for them.
2. Pray the Rosary and the Chaplet for the Holy Souls.
3. Pray the Stations of the Cross.
4. Offer up little sacrifices and fast.
5. Spread devotion to them.
6. Attend Eucharistic Adoration and pray for them.
7. Gain all the indulgences you can, and apply them to the Holy Souls.

This coincides with our conversation about indulgences at our October meeting. Here is a little information on the subject of indulgences.

An indulgence, according to the Roman Catholic Church, is a means of remission of the temporal punishment for sins which have already been forgiven but are due to the Christian in this life and/or in purgatory. This punishment is most often in purgatory but can also be suffered in this life. An indulgence removes time needed to be spent in purgatory. There are two kinds of indulgences: partial and plenary. A partial indulgence removes part of the punishment of sins. A plenary indulgence removes all of the punishment of sins.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

St. Laurence Ladies Guild

2016 SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

OPEN

Thursday, November 17, 2016

6:00 till 9:00 PM

St. Laurence Ave Maria Center

3103 Sweetwater Blvd

Sugar Land, TX 77479

Participating Vendors

Jalimob Gifts

The Pampered Chef

The Waggin' Wagon BARKery

S and G Wood Crafts

Katelyn's Krazes

4 Paws Gourmet Dog Treats

Signature Pecan Treats

Usborne Books

Cotton & Paisley

Mary Kay

Hope Faith and Burlap

Redroek Traditions

Premier Designs

Debby's Notables

Dottie's

Great Harvest Bread Co.

Mystical Designs

Origami Owl

Photography by Julia

That's A Wrap

SEM Creations

Inside the Looking Glass

Tupperware

Toys & More

And Much Much More!!!!

Bring a friend and start your Holiday shopping early!!

Beverages to be provided!!!

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Carol Giardina, Chrissy Mitchell,
Judy Schockling and Kate Whitehead

Thank you to the following ladies for assisting with food and serving at 2 funeral receptions during the month of October. Thanks so much to all who assist families in their time of need!

Monica Brenner	Diana Collins	Miranda Domec
Eva Donalson	Julie Evett	Peggy Finch
Marge Gerontakos	Carol Giardina	Barbara Heinsohn
Karen Hernandez	Mary Jane Hess	Anne Higgins
Janet Hill	Linda Holifield	Joanne Hresko
Chayo Huff	Teresa Humphreys	Margie Koenig
Sue Kulha	Mariann Licato	Elia Nava
Theresa Neal	Rosemary Newlin	Tho Nguyen
Judy Schockling	Holly Simonich	Lyn Stefans
Glenda Trevino	Joan Tyler	Yvonne Watts
Kate Whitehead		

PROGRAMS

Sue Garcia and Sharon Gonzales

Thank you for sharing time at our October meeting preparing the Treats & Treasure Bags! Your 'tagged' sentiments, along with the gift bags, were joyfully received by the residents at the Sugar Land Health Care Center! We too received a feeling of joy sharing them and celebrating October birthdays of the residents with a sing-a-long headed up by our own Ukulele player and Guild member, Sandra Mendez!

Ladies Guild will not have a scheduled meeting this month, but we hope to run into you at Shop 'Til You Drop! Our next meeting will be our Christmas gift exchange on December 15th. Please bring a wrapped 'Christmas Themed' gift valued at \$15. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!



MEMBERSHIP

Jennifer Reyes and Cara Turner

Ladies Guild would like to welcome our newest members who signed up at our first two meetings of the year:

September Meeting

Anna Acosta
Diane Broderick
Michelle Cashiola
Peggy Finch
Heidi Green
Cathy Hines
Joanne Hreskio
Susanne King
Autumn Kirk-Phillips
Terri Leong
Lisa Murphy
Linda Pedersen
Joanne Ray
Jennifer Reyes
Lisa Skiffington
Marjorie Smith
Mary Sorgenfrei
Monica Williams
Maria Wolters

October Meeting

Patrice Cassidy
Maria Cutright
Helen Keane
Kim Malek
Peggy Parsons
Yvonne Watts

We thank all those Ladies Guild members who spread the word about how wonderful Ladies Guild is and those who brought a friend. We encourage you to invite a new person to each meeting so we can grow in friendship and service.

Wishing our Calendar Girls a Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to the following "birthday girls":

Anna Silver: 11/3
Carolyn Patin: 11/4
Susan Hargarther: 11/5
Eva Donalson: 11/9
Jeanne Chromcak: 11/21
Teresa Humphreys: 11/28

Meals that Heal

Meals that Heal provides meals to parishioners during a time of need, due to illness, surgery, or the birth of a baby.

We provided 6 meals in the month of October. Many thanks to the following who provided meals to those in need: Rebecca Escobedo, Larry Guin, Peggy Finch, Rueben Aguilar, Rose Carmouche, and Liz Hawk.

This is a very rewarding ministry, as the recipients are so thankful. Remember, your meal does not need to be home cooked; pick up and deliver will work just fine. If you are not receiving notices to provide a meal, please contact me at [281-980-5851](tel:281-980-5851) or jzodaniel@yahoo.com

We enjoyed the delivery of Treats & Treasures to the Sugar Land Health Care Center! Sandra Mendez led the sing along. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the visit and we were filled with joy! Thank you Sandra! Sue & Sharon and Ladies Guild.



Recipe submitted by Joan O'Daniel. **Sour Cream Noodle Bake** by the Pioneer Woman.

Ingredients:

1-1/4 pound Ground Chuck
1 can 15-ounces Tomato Sauce
1/2 teaspoon Salt
Freshly Ground Black Pepper
8 ounces, weight Egg Noodles
1/2 cup Sour Cream
8 oz Cream Cheese, softened
1/2 cup Sliced Green Onions (less To Taste)
1 cup Grated Sharp Cheddar Cheese

Instructions

Her original recipe calls for cottage cheese, but I've always made it with cream cheese instead because that's what my family likes. Prep time - 10 Minutes, Cook Time - 20 Minutes, Servings - 8

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Brown ground chuck in a large skillet. Drain fat, then add tomato sauce. 1/2 teaspoon salt and plenty of freshly ground black pepper. Stir, then simmer while you prepare the other ingredients.

Cook egg noodles until al dente. Drain and set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine sour cream and softened cream cheese. Add plenty of freshly ground black pepper. Add to noodles and stir. Add green onions and stir.

To assemble, add half of the noodles to a baking dish. Top with half the meat mixture, then sprinkle on half the grated cheddar. Repeat with noodles, meat, then a final layer of cheese. Bake for 20 minutes, or until all cheese is melted.

RECEPTIONS

Julie Badrick and Essie Burgess

It is a quiet time at receptions right now. We look forward to working with you again when we are called to serve at any upcoming receptions.



**The Wild Goose:
St. Laurence Parish Mission**

Ladies Guild members will sit together to answer Father Dave Pivonka's invitation to discover a more profound life giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. Please join us Monday, November 14th and Tuesday, November 15th in the narthex of St. Laurence Church at 6:45 pm. The program each night is from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. As Father Pivonka suggests, "Turn the Goose loose in your life!"

For more information please contact Teresa Humphreys at tah8285@aol.com

Hello Ladies:

Next Thursday, November 17th is Shop 'Til You Drop and we need your help. We will be serving complimentary beverages and cheese and crackers and we need nine people helping at our beverage/snack table between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. There will be 3 shifts: 6-7, 7-8, and 8-9. Please contact our Hospitality chair Sandra Parker at spcaralinda@gmail.com if you can help out. Thank you!

Tina Dougherty
Ladies Guild President

A big thank you to all the wonderfully talented Ladies Guild members who helped pour hundreds of foam free glasses of cold refreshing beer and invigorating wine! Your efforts were greatly appreciated by all those thirsty St. Laurence parishioners who attended our St. Laurence Bazaar and visited our "Beer and Wine Booth". A special thank you to **Bill Talab** for helping coordinate and setup the booth!

Jeanne Chromacak
Judy Schockling
Teresa Humphreys
Norma Spaulding
Devoni Wardlow
Gail Anawaty
Pennie DeGroot
JoAnn Ray
Audrey Talab
Katie Rawls
Marjorie Smith
Carol Griesser
Maria Kole
Marlene Dame
Lisa Hadden
Kathy Gammon
Jody Tancred
Sue Garcia
Deb Gonynor
Julie Badrick
Kathryn Kar
Mary Hall
Sharon Gonzales
Joan O'Daniel

MaryAnne Talab and Liz Hawk
Beer and Wine Booth Committee

Prayerfully consider serving as Ladies Guild vice-president.

Hi Ladies,

The Funeral Reception Ministry needs your help! Due to family circumstances, we have lost several members of our Coordinating Committee, the latest one being Kate Whitehead, who just announced that she is moving back to Colorado. We need to find several people who will be willing to serve as a Coordinator. This involves making sure that we have the volunteers and food that we need when a reception is scheduled, directing the volunteers on the day of the reception, occasionally shopping for goods that we need and working with the other Coordinators (Judy Schockling, Chrissy Mitchell, and Carol Giardina) to make sure that everything runs smoothly. Don't worry – we will work closely with you until you feel comfortable taking charge of a reception on your own.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this important part of our ministry. It is extremely rewarding and appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Judy at 713 202-2309 or JudySchock@aol.com or Carol at 281 703-8615 or CGiardina01@earthlink.net.

Thank you all for your continued support,
SL Funeral Reception Ministry