



ST. LAURENCE LADIES GUILD

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

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December 2016 NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Hello Ladies!

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who came and helped out at our annual Shop Til You Drop last month. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves!

It is the season of Advent, a time of waiting and reflection. That can be so hard to do in our society. Everyone is busy shopping, cooking, decorating, enjoying parties. In the midst of all this hustle and bustle, take some time, even just 5 minutes each day to pray, to listen, to reflect, to be silent, to wait. Jesus was born over 2000 years ago but He is with us now, waiting to be born anew in each of our hearts. Make a place for Him this Advent so that you may experience true joy and peace this Christmas season.

Wishing you a holy Advent and a blessed Christmas.

Tina Dougherty
Ladies Guild President
2016-17

"Behold, I make all things new again."

Prayerfully consider serving as
Ladies Guild vice-president.



A Joyful and Triumphant Trail!

Come enjoy the spirit of the holiday season and experience Christmas joy at the next Ladies Guild meeting, Thursday, December 15, at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Share some “holly, jolly” times during the traditional gift exchange, plus other festive activities planned for the evening.

Bring a “Christmas themed” wrapped gift valued at \$15. Ladies Guild will provide a ham for this evening, so please bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided.

Sue Garcia & Sharon Gonzales



Hi Ladies,

The Funeral Reception Ministry needs your help! 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy JudySchock@aol.com or Carol CGiardina1951@gmail.com

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

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Carol Giardina, Chrissy Mitchell,
and Judy Schockling

Thank you to the following ladies for assisting with food and serving at 3 funeral receptions for the month of November. Thanks so much to all who assist families in their time of need!

Gail Anawaty	Julie Badrick	Jane Braun
Monica Brenner	Diana Collins	Cindy Cummings
April Davis	Diane DiPuma	Tina Dougherty
Julie Evett	Peggy Finch	Marge Gerontakos
Carol Giardina	Krista Gibson	Cathy Gottlieb
Mary Jane Hess	Joanne Hresko	Chayo Huff
Jean Jablonski	Bernita Johnson	Sue Kulha
Mariann Licato	John W Loper	Sandra Mendez
Christine Mitchell	Elia Nava	Theresa Neal
Tho Nguyen	Becky Pascual	Edith Personette
Jennifer Reyes	Cherie Schmoe	JudySchockling
Toni Slusser	Mary Thompson	Glenda Trevino
Catherine Weisbrodt	Kate Whitehead	

RECEPTIONS

A merry and blessed Christmas to all. Looking forward to serving our parish next year with all of you.

Essie Burgess and Julie Badrick



The Meals That Heal Ministry provides meals to those who need a little extra help during times of illness, after surgery, or after the birth of a new baby. This ministry is a part of the St. Laurence Ladies Guild, but membership in the Ladies Guild is not a requirement for volunteering to help make meals. We provided 3 meals during the month of November. Thanks go to the following: Wendi Lojo, Rebecca Escobedo, and Peggy Finch.

This is a wonderful way to serve others! If you or someone you know is in need of meals, or you are interested in providing a meal to those in need, please contact Joan O'Daniel at 281-980-5851 or ladiesguildmth@gmail.com

SPIRITUAL

Teresa Humphreys

Advent Prayer

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Christmas Eve Prayer

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.
- Robert Louis Stevenson

Christmas Day Prayer

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wise men. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.