

HOLY REDEEMER COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN NEWSLETTER

JANUARY, 2024

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello ladies! I hope you are all surviving the sudden appearance of winter and making it through the cold. We had a great meeting on January 10th, with 35 of our members braving the cold to join us for our soup/salad/dessert potluck, always delicious! We heard a great talk from Sr. Rachel and Sr. Christina from St. Mary's Mission in Flint--they shared their experiences witnessing to members of the community, and some of their many programs. We decided to give our monthly donation (voted for \$200) to support their cause. We welcomed new members Colleen Joliat and Kathy LaPorte and were able to get through our business meeting, then enjoyed a fun White Elephant auction! Thank you for all the donations for this event, as well as the linen donations for St. Francis Prayer Center. February's tangible donations will be made to St. Luke's New Life Center--in particular, they are requesting donations of deodorant (esp. women's), Kleenex, canned meat (like tuna or chicken), and any personal hygiene items (especially Kotex, etc). I look forward to seeing you all February 7th at the Family Life Center.

WINE TASTING

Thank you to all of our volunteers for helping to make our Wine Tasting a fun and special event. A special thank you to Karen Thornton for preparing the menu of heavy hors d'oeuvres, and to Lorraine Nemecek, Sylvia Walton, Pat Corlew, Celeste Marchesi, and Jennifer and Keith Mikonczyk for helping with food prep and set up. We truly appreciated having Michael from Woodberry Wines and Don from Oliver T's educate us about the different wines and share tips on how to select and serve wine, and what foods to pair wines with. Many of our patrons are already looking forward to next year.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Thank you to Cecelia McDonald, Sylvia Walton, Lorraine Nemecek, Monica Howe, and Pat Corlew for helping to serve food and snacks for our January Euchre Tournament, and to Karen Thornton for her delicious sloppy joes. We had fewer people that night due to the weather, but we did have some new players who saw it advertised at St. Robert's--thank you to Natalie Butler for always getting our events out to the local churches. Our next euchre will be on February 15th at 5:30 in the Family Life Center, cost is \$20.

FEBRUARY BAKE SALE

A big thank you to Joan Clark for agreeing to chair our February Bake Sale. This will be held on February 10-11 (Super Bowl weekend) after the Saturday 4 PM and Sunday 9AM and 11 AM Masses in the back of the church. We will be looking for donations of baked goods from our ladies, more information will be coming about drop-off times. With this being the big football weekend, people really like having baked goods for their parties--football cakes and pies have been really popular in the past. We have also had suggestions of including some savoury snacks as well (such as Chex Mix, garlic rolls, etc), but we appreciate whatever you bring!

COOKIE WALK

Thank you to Joan Clark and Alisa Wells for all the hard work that they put in to make our Cookie Walk a wonderful event. We raised a total of \$865, which was down from last year, which may have been due to some problems with advertising. This was still a special event, and we really enjoyed everyone's delicious cookies and holiday desserts. Thank you to all of you for baking!

LENTEN RETREAT

We will be having our annual Lenten Retreat on Saturday March 2. This will coincide with the World Apostolate of Fatima holding Mass at Holy Redeemer, so the retreat will begin with Mass at the church at 9 AM. After Mass, we will proceed over to the Family Life Center for brunch and speaker programs. The event will close with an activity and closing prayers, and should conclude about 1 PM. Tickets are \$10, please contact Gerri Lajewski at (810) 955-1571.

SCHOLARSHIP

Thank you to Donna Borges and Emily Arthur for creating a nice bulletin insert regarding our scholarship programs, that was placed in the January 20-21 bulletins. We will be getting applications out to the church office soon. If you know a high school senior graduating this year or any woman returning to education, please direct them to see the bulletin insert on the church website and encourage them to apply.

DUELING PIANOS

Our Dueling Pianos event is scheduled for Saturday May 4th beginning at 5:30 in the Family Life Center. The event will start with heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks, and then entertainment will begin at 6:30. Cost for tickets will vary based on where you are seated, more information will be coming soon. Thank you to our committee for all of their hard work!

ROSARY PROJECT

We will be moving forward with purchasing rosaries and prayer cards that will be available in a basket at Holy Redeemer Outreach, with a note saying these are provided by the Council of Catholic Women. We are also hoping to follow up this evangelization with further events later in the spring, and will keep you updated.

CALENDAR

Meetings--September 6, October 4, November 8, December 6, January 10, February 7, March 6, April 10, May 8
Fall Bake Sale--September 16-17
Scrapbook weekend--November 10-11
Cookie Walk--December 9-10
Wine Tasting--January 20
February Bake Sale--February 10-11
Lenten Retreat--March 2
Dueling Pianos--May 4

BIRTHDAYS

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| Feb 1 | Ruth Cassidy |
| Feb 1 | Madeline Martin |
| Feb 2 | Joanne Dinnan |
| Feb 6 | Constance Hodge |
| Feb 6 | Darlene McAuliffe |
| Feb 6 | Thao Paris |
| Feb 7 | Paula Paul |
| Feb 8 | Fran Bontumasi |
| Feb 8 | Dorothy Bowlsby |
| Feb 8 | Elizabeth Mattson |
| Feb 10 | JoAnn Lubiato |

SICK LIST/PRAYER LIST

If you know of a member who is ill or otherwise in need of prayers, please contact **Teresa Sherman-Gach** at treetah82d@yahoo.com, and we will include her in our prayer list.