

HOLY REDEEMER COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello ladies! Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you all are doing well and gearing up for a fun and exciting holiday season. We had another great meeting on November 8th, enjoying taco bar for dinner with our potluck, with 39 members in attendance. Thank you to the Our Lady of Fatima Guild for hosting the meeting. We discussed our successes with HR Auction, Fr. Georges' reception, and the Veterans Dinner. We also talked about our upcoming scrapbooking and euchre events, December Cookie Walk, and our December Mass/meeting on the 6th. This month's tangible donations included collection of nonperishable goods for Holy Redeemer Outreach, and our cash donations included \$150 to the Knights of Columbus to purchase a sleeping bag/coat for the homeless and \$150 to Carriage Town Ministries. Looking forward to seeing you all at our December Meeting!

DECEMBER MEETING/MASS

Our December meeting will be held on Wednesday December 6th. We will begin with our Infant Jesus Mass at 5:15 PM in the church. Thank you to Karen Thornton, Alisa Wells, Nancy Amrich, and Elizabeth Mattson for volunteering to help with the service. Please bring a donation of baby items with you to this Mass, which we will bring up during the service as an offering, and all will go to Heartbeat of Flint. This is a great charity that our Council has supported for many years--this group helps young mothers who keep their babies, supporting them with clothing, diapers, formula, furniture, toys, bath items, and other baby needs, as well as providing parenting classes and counselling to help them succeed as young parents. Following the Mass, we will head over to the hall for a catered dinner. Cost for this is \$5--if you have not already done so, please contact Sylvia Walton for your reservation. After dinner, we will have a short business meeting and then entertainment to celebrate the fun of the season!

COOKIE WALK

Our Cookie Walk will be held December 9-10 after the Saturday 4 PM and Sunday 9 and 11 AM Masses in the Ministry Center. Thank you so much to Joan Clark and Alisa Wells for chairing this event. Joan announced they will set up the same format, creating a path to follow to see all the cookies (this worked very well last year). Please bring your holiday cookie donation to help make this event special. Joan and Alisa also requested donations of holiday breads and candies, which will be sold separately. Decision was made to go up on the price of the cookie boxes this year - small box-\$10, large box-\$12. Please contact Joan or Alisa if you have questions.

SCRAPBOOKING

Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make our scrapbooking fundraiser a huge success! Special thanks to Jennifer Mikonczyk for chairing this event, Joan Clark for running the kitchen, Jean Johnson for coordinating the vendors, Jeanyne Johnson for handling registration, Natalie Butler for managing raffles, and to Lorraine Nemecek for taking care of the basket raffle and handling emcee duties on Saturday. Another special thanks to all the ladies who helped in the kitchen, snack bar, setup/cleanup, selling raffle tickets, and donating food for snacks, breakfast items, soups, cookies, and cakes. We had 85 ladies there scrapping and did very well on our raffles as well. I also want to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated baskets for our basket raffle--we had 51 baskets, the most we have ever had!!! We will have a report at the December meeting of how well we did.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Thank you to Karen Marsh, Monica Howe, and Joan Clark who served dinner and snacks for the November Euchre. Thank you also to Karen Thornton for the delicious pulled pork for our sandwiches and the yummy cookies. This has continued to be a great event that we put on with the Knights of Columbus. We will not have a tournament in December, but will

resume our tournaments in January on the third Thursday of every month. We decided to increase the cost to \$20 starting in January to help cover ours' and the Knights' expenses. I also want to say a special thank you to Madeline Martin for staying after tournaments to help me with clean up, much appreciated!

DINNER AUCTION/FR. GEORGES' RECEPTION/ VETERANS DINNER

I want to thank our ladies for helping to make these events a huge success, and for stepping up to help at the request of the church and the K of C. We did a fantastic job selling raffles at the Dinner Auction on October 14th, helping the church to make over \$8000 on this event. Fr. Georges was very pleased with the reception for his installation on October 28th. Food turned out well and it ran smoothly. The Knights were very grateful for the ladies who helped to register and sell raffle tickets at the Veterans Dinner on November 4th as well.

WINE TASTING

We will be holding our Wine Tasting event on Saturday January 20th at 1:00 PM in the Family Life Center. Cost will be \$30 per person and will include a complimentary wine glass, wine tasting, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. We will have the sommelier from Oliver T's present again to tell us about the different wines. We will be selling tickets after Masses in early January. If you have any questions or want to be kept informed, please contact Sylvia Walton or Teresa Sherman-Gach.

DUELLING PIANOS

We will be having a Duelling Pianos event on May 4th in the Family Life Center. Doors will open at 5:30 for heavy Hors d'oeuvres and drinks, then entertainment beginning at 6:30. Our target is to get 300 people for this event. Ticket prices will be graduated, depending on the closeness to the stage. Midwest Duelling Pianos will be providing our entertainment for a flat fee, and any donations they receive for the songs they play will be given back to us. We are going to advertise this around the county if possible. Contact Teresa Sherman-Gach or Natalie Butler for more information.

OTHER BUSINESS

Debbie Summers announced the Advent Tea will be held on November 26th, and that the Giving Tree tags are now available (gifts to be returned by December 6th). The Music Ministry requested a donation from our group for cookies for the Christmas Concert reception, and we agreed to donate \$150. After our meeting, we were contacted by the church that they had secured other funds to cover the reception, so we will plan to give our donation instead to the Divine Mercy Foundation that the concert is sponsoring.

At the Parish Council meeting this month, a special plea was again put out to request more adorers for our Perpetual Adoration chapel. Sign-up is available on the Holy Redeemer website.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for Fran Taylor to have a quick recovery, Cheryl Elizondo's mother-in-law, Jim Butler, prayers for a struggling relative, prayers for a struggling relationship to be rekindled, Fr. Bob recovering from hip surgery, Gerald Cox (heart issue), and Mom's recovery from an illness. Please keep these requests in your prayers.

CALENDAR

Meetings--September 6, October 4, November 8, December 6, January 10, February 7, March 6, April 10, May 8
Cookie Walk--December 9-10
Wine Tasting-January 20, 2024
February Bake Sale--February 10-11, 2024
Lenten Retreat--March 2, 2024
Duelling Pianos-May 4, 2024

BIRTHDAYS

Dec 7	Sue Slater
Dec 15	Margaret Carter
Dec 16	Karen Thornton
Dec 17	Paula An drosky
Dec 21	Maggie Purvey
Dec 22	Angela Weston
Dec 25	Carol Popadich
Dec 26	Kathleen Tadjewski
Dec 27	Jacqueline Perez
Dec 31	Joyce Wilson