

St. Teresa's Altar Society Meeting Minutes

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Subject: St. Teresa's Altar Society Meeting Minutes

Hello Ladies of St Teresa's Parish,

The circle leaders met with Mary Pat last week and I want to pass along the topics we discussed. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out by replying to this email.

- Priest Study Dinner - this has been covered by several women over the years and we have been asked to take it over going forward. The dinner is scheduled for October 6th (next week) and the food is being supplied by women of the parish. Father Hottovy and Father Kipper will be serving the food and Claire Schinkel and I will be on hand to clean up when they are finished.
 - We will now have the Sisters appreciation dinner and the Priest Study Dinner in October so we will need to start planning early to ensure we are able to support both in the same month.
- Discussion was held on the best way to contact the women of the parish when volunteers are needed. Historically this has been done by phone calls but there are several who would prefer either a text message or an email. With this in mind we have decided to use signup genius for the events planned well in advance, namely the bazaar, the fish fries and the Sunday coffee and rolls. For events that are not normally scheduled in advance, such as funerals, phone calls or texts will be used. We know not everyone checks their emails on a regular basis or do not use it at all, so we will phone those individuals who have indicated they prefer that method of contact. If you did not fill out a volunteer sheet you can reply to this email with your preference and I will pass it along to your circle leader.
- Discussion on whether to keep the circles or move away from them. This has been discussed at a few meetings now and it has been decided to keep the circles. The main concern is the same women always being called for helping with these events leading to others feeling left out. We are a community of women and it is important for everyone to feel part of that community.
- Bazaar booth changes/ideas are needed. We have had the same booths for several years and we would like your ideas on possible new booths. Some ideas brought up at the meeting by Rosie Pollak were a cookie booth and chuck a luck which is a dice game. If you have ideas please send them to this email address or contact your circle leader or another member of the Altar Society.
- How the Fish Fry dessert table works was reviewed and no changes to the current process are needed.
- Coffee and Rolls will continue after the 8 and 10 o'clock masses. The decision was made to no longer supply cookies or rolls after the noon mass. This event will remain in the basement and

we will be reaching out to other groups such as Godteens, Christian Mothers and Little Flowers to help.

- New members receive information on the Altar Society that is outdated. Currently it mostly describes the work we do to support the altar. Laura will work with Mary Pat to update this information to include all facets - work, prayer and community.
- A meeting will be scheduled in October for the women who said they were interested in being part of the committee to come up with events for women. This includes both spiritual events to help us grow in our faith and fun events to grow our community.
- Discussion on renaming the group will continue at the next full Altar Society meeting the first Wednesday in November. Your input on this subject would be appreciated.
- The prayer line email account has been set up and ready for your prayer requests. The address is levaoracionesDeo@yahoo.com. The translation is "Lift up prayers to God". Please save this address to your contacts. You can submit any prayers, this isn't just for those major events that happen in life. Lifting up prayers as a community is powerful even for seemingly small requests. When submitting your prayer request you can request to remain anonymous, I will ensure your name is not passed on when the prayer request is sent out to the rest of the members of the Altar Society. The prayer request will go out to all the women of the parish. Please take the time to read the request and say a prayer, even if it is a short prayer. God hears them all.
- A phone prayer chain is also in the works. If you are interested in being part of this prayer chain please respond to this email or let Mary Pat McBride know. Her phone number is 402 314-1296. She will be the first link of the chain. The prayer chain works by the first caller letting the second caller on the list know of a prayer, the second caller contacts the third person on the list and so on. You only make one phone call. Prayer requests that are received at levaoracionesDeo@yahoo.com will be passed along to Mary Pat to ensure those that do not use email often are able to participate in supporting all prayer requests. Mary Pat will also pass any phone prayer requests to me so I can send them out via email.

God's blessings to you all,
Margy Stoley
St. Teresa's Altar Society Secretary

A strong woman isn't afraid of anything...but a woman of strength shows courage in the midst of her fear.