

St. Paul VI Women's Society News

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ST. PAUL VI PARISH

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Magical night planned for September 7

Wednesday, Sept. 7, our first monthly gathering of 2022-2023, promises to be a magical evening!

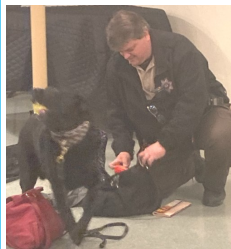
Marshall Brodien Jr. will perform his amazing tableside and stage magic as Wizzo from 7:30-8:30 at Mater Christi in the lower-level Marian Room.



The gathering will start at 7:00 after an opening prayer, a short business meeting, and time to grab refreshments. We invite you to join us for the rosary first, at 6:30 in Mater Christi Church.

Members of the Women's Society and other women who are interested in joining the society are invited. There is no charge for the show, but our \$15 annual dues can be paid that evening.

March meeting goes to the zoo!



Did you come to the March 9 Women's Society gathering and watch Lt. Barb Clish from the Brookfield Zoo Police Department feed strawberries to pancake tortoise Watson, and Sgt. Tom Noga put gun detection dog Charlie through his paces? As a thank you to the zoo, we sent a donation to Brookfield Zoo's Share the Care for Charlie, the police dog.



St. Paul VI Women's Society Officers and Board

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Chris Alfred

Our Lady's Volunteer: Barb Gurski

**We are still looking for a Secretary and Service Chair. If you are interested please contact Carol Dvorak or Susan Kahler.

Women's Society's First Woman of the Year

The St. Paul VI Women's Society is proud to honor Carol Dvorak as our 2021-2022 Woman of the Year! Carol is the co-president from the former Mater Christi Women's Guild with her counterparts from the former St. Mary CCW and St. Hugh SCW.

Carol stepped in as president of the Guild in 2018. Since 2021, she has been a welcoming presence to the women of all three legacy parishes attending our St. Paul VI monthly gatherings at Mater Christi. Her vivacious personality and sense of humor are thoroughly engaging!

Carol, we cherish your friendship and salute your leadership. Congratulations!

We also honored Gerry Dulik (Mater Christi) and Mary Ann Doornbos (St. Hugh) who were chosen to be women of the year in 2020, but weren't able to be honored at that time.

Women's Society projects

Feeding the Hungry: Do you enjoy cooking? There is opportunity and need for volunteers to help feed the hungry at a homeless shelter located on Lake Street in Oak Park, through Housing Forward.

The first Friday of each month, generous cooks provide a total of 40 dinners. Each volunteer makes 5-10 dinners of a menu of their choosing comprising an entree, a vegetable, and a dessert.

Containers are supplied (we'll have a donation jar to help pay for the containers). Meals are dropped off at Kathy Burns' home in North Riverside, and she delivers them to the shelter. If you are interested in this worthy deed, please contact her at burns.kathleen@comcast.net.

Burying Veterans: The Women's Society's Respect Life Committee had a special parish collection in May to celebrate our veterans. The former Mater Christi Women's Guild had worked with Hines VA and a low-cost cremation service to cremate four deceased veterans whose families were in dire need of assistance. Veterans receive free interment at any national cemetery, but embalming or cremation services are not included. Many of our veterans are forgotten, homeless, or suffer from illness. As of August 18 we had collected \$2,758. We will keep the parish posted on our progress as we identify veterans who need our help. Thank you for your generosity!

Calendar

September 7: Monthly Gathering

September 10: Society Mass, MC; 5pm

September 11: Parish Service Fair,
Knight's Tootsie Roll Drive

September 18: "The Chosen," Season 2
Program begins
Oak Room, SM; 1pm

September 23: Women, Wine,
and the Word
Oak Room, SM; 7pm

September 25: Hospitality Weekend

September 26: St. Paul VI Feast Day

October 5: Monthly Gathering

October 8: ACCW Fall Assembly
Breakfast; Carlisle —
Oak Brook — \$40

October 21: Trunk or Treat, MC

October 23: Hospitality Weekend
hosted by the Society; and
Society Mass, SM, 10am,
and MC, 11am

November 9: Monthly Gathering

November 12: Chicks, Coffee, and
Conversation
Marian Room, MC; 10am

WELCOME BACK!
FRIENDS, WE MISSED YOU!

Membership

Dues for the 2022-2023 membership year are \$15. Please fill out the membership form and return it with your \$15 dues to join in on all the Women's Society fun and projects!

Each member who pays her dues by the November meeting will be entered into a drawing, and the winner will receive her dues back as a prize.

For 2021-2022, we had 62 members. Let's make those numbers go much higher!

Keep In Your Prayers

Pray for healing for the sick members of our society, especially Fran Serpe and Dolores Messlein.

Pray for the repose of the souls of two recently deceased members of our society, Irene Kolar and Marie Haggerty.

Bountiful baby drive

Throughout May, St. Paul VI parishioners generously responded to the Women's Society's baby item drive for the Women's Care Center of LaGrange. The society thanks everyone for the hundreds of new items donated at the dropoff sites at St. Mary, Mater Christi, and the Lyne Center!



The center provides free, confidential counseling for pregnant women. Expectant parents who attend the center's parenting classes receive coupons for new baby items in the Crib Club room.

Shown dropping off the donations are Linda Johnson, co-chair of the society's Respect Life Committee, and Carol Dvorak, society co-president. Jane Morin, at right, is director of the center, and later wrote: "We want to thank you for your incredibly generous donation of baby items, gift cards, and monetary donations to our center. Each and every one of these items will be such a blessing to the women and babies we serve. ... May God bless you all, and again, thank you for your kindness."

St. Paul VI Women's Society 2022-23 Member Information



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Contact preference? Circle Choice
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