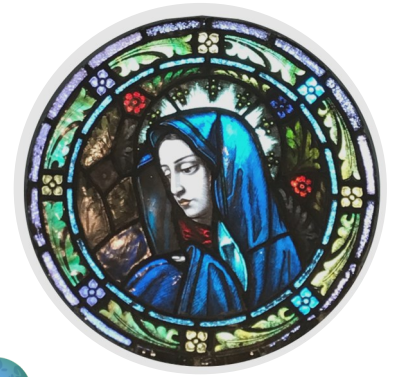


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Crosses and diamonds in April



We will once again enjoy potluck refreshments at our April 3 gathering. If your last name begins with A-M, please share something sweet, or N-Z, a savory. But either is appreciated! After business, we will engage in some creativity and then some brainwork. First is making a clever clothespin cross or crucifix, instructed by Theresa Mendez. Then we'll shift to a trivia quiz about April's birthstone -- the diamond!



Our gathering will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Room of Mater Christi Church. We invite you for the rosary at 6:30 in church. Split the Pot and Glad You Came drawings will complete the evening. See you there!

Retreat:

A Spirituality of Imperfection

We can seek perfection, but what does our faith say about being perfect? Our Women's Society retreat, Sat., May 18, will explore the hope and challenge that faith offers as we live each day in our imperfect world. Dr. Carole Eipers, friend and former director of the St. Paul VI pastoral team, will lead the retreat from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Marian Room at Mater Christi. The \$25 fee includes a continental breakfast and sandwich lunch. Register at our monthly meeting



April 3, or go to

www.stpaulviparish.org

and scroll down to Parish Life and then Women's Society Retreat.

Please sign up by May 1.



Our Woman of the Year: Sue Jones!

The Women's Society voted Sue Jones as 2024 Woman of the Year, March 6. Teresa Hall nominated her. Sue has been a parishioner of St. Mary and now St. Paul VI since 1987. She has chaired the Parish Council since 2022. Sue has been a leading light in parish life, Catholic Charities projects, and humanitarian causes. A profile of Sue will be featured in an upcoming parish bulletin, and a celebration is being planned.



Calendar

April 3: Monthly gathering, MC, 7pm

April 6: Society Mass, MC, 5pm

April 20: Sisters, Soda, and Scripture, Lyne, 1pm

May 1: Monthly gathering, MC, 7pm

May 5: Society Mass, MC, 11am

May 5: May Crowning, Shrine, 12pm

May 18: Women's Society Retreat, 9am-2:30pm, MC

June 5: Monthly gathering, 7pm, MC

An Antarctic penguin adventure

Susan Storcel's illustrated account of her journey to Antarctica in January captivated her audience at our March 6 gathering. Susan took us along on her plane trip and voyage aboard a National Geographic vessel as she discovered the Land of the Penguins. Her fascination with these "adorable creatures"--the



Adelie, chinstrap, and gentoo penguin species--was contagious! Listeners plied her with questions, wanting more. Susan made penguin favors for everyone, and hostesses Carol Dvorak, Nicki Mendez, and Sue Kahler made themed food such as snowman sandwiches, "Antarctic ice water," edible snow, and fish crackers.



Susan Storcel in penguin heaven, with gentoos to the left, chinstraps to the right.

Side note: World Penguin Day is April 25!



April

Jackie Alfred

Jane Dolezal

Barbara Gurski

Debra Higgins

A generous gesture

Dina Kraus, our newest member, came to her first meeting in February as Teresa Hall's guest. In March, Dina brought four small Easter baskets she knitted, and four lucky members won them as Glad You Came Prizes. Dina had filled them with candy, and Nicki Mendez added some little novelties.



Welcome, Dina!

Soup & Stations

The Women's Society led the Lenten Stations of the Cross at Mater Christi Church on March 15, and served a simple meal of nine homemade soups and bread before the devotion. Thanks to members who contributed, led the Stations, and carried the crucifix.



May Crowning & Bylaws updates



The society's ad hoc May Crowning Committee, chaired by Nicki Mendez, is planning the parish-wide celebration for Sun., May 5, following the 11:00 Mass at Mater

Christi Church. Parishioners will be invited to come together for the beautiful observance this year in a procession from Mass to the Mother of Mothers Shrine, and next year, at St. Mary Church. Details will be shared soon!

Theresa Mendez is chairing the ad hoc Bylaws Committee, which has drafted our society's first set of bylaws. After the Board has had an opportunity to review the draft, it will go to the membership for discussion and approval.

