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Potluck, friends, and games await Feb. 7

Welcome back after an arctic January! Our February gathering will begin at 7 p.m. Wed., Feb. 7, in the Marian Room at Mater Christi, preceded by the rosary at 6:30 in church. Everyone is invited to bring a potluck item. Those whose last names begin with A to M could bring something savory, and N to Z, something sweet, but anything is appreciated! We will enjoy social time, refreshments, and Valentine's games, followed by Split the Pot and Glad You Came drawings. Come join your friends!



A scene from our December gathering

We crafted Scrabble crosses at our Dec. 13 gathering. Hostesses were Rosemary Kufita and Chris and Jackie Alfred.



Supporting our youth at NCYC

In November, our Society authorized \$100 to support students going to the National Catholic Youth Conference, Nov. 16-18 in Indianapolis. Chris Alfred, one of three chaperones for the 8 students, said, "13,000 high school students were alive and on fire with their faith! During Adoration, you could hear a pin drop in the stadium. I've never seen so many kids going to Confession. The kids aren't the future of the Church; they are the Church."

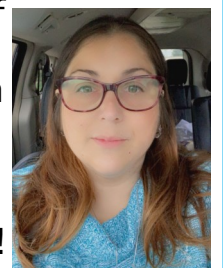


Leadership news

Lauri Bukowski is stepping down as Women's Society vice president and Bylaws Committee chairwoman, but she will continue to be an active member. Anyone interested in succeeding Lauri as vice president, please let us know. The ACCW is also looking for someone to be liaison from our Society to the ACCW.

Chris Alfred, our newsletter editor and co-chairwoman of the Society's Spiritual Commission, has been promoted to business manager of St. Paul VI Parish.

Congratulations, Chris!



Calendar

- Feb. 7:** Monthly gathering, MC, 7pm
Feb. 10: Society Mass, MC, 5pm
Feb. 10: Women, Wine, and the Word, after 5pm Mass, MC
Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday
March 6: Monthly gathering, MC, 7pm
March 10: Society Mass, SM, 10am
March 15: Lenten Soup & Stations, MC, 6pm, sponsored by Women's Society
April 3: Monthly gathering, MC, 7pm
April 6: Society Mass, MC, 5pm
April 20: Sisters, Soda, and Scripture, Lyne, 1pm



February

Mary Ann Doornbos
Milissa Dropka
Carol Dvorak
Bern Gordus
Jane Kasal
Donna Reisiger
Susan Storcel

Hostessing Lessons and Carols

On invitation from parish director of music, Aniello "Nello" Barone, our Society coordinated and hosted a reception following the Lessons and Carols service, Dec. 10 at Mater Christi Church. The music ministry presented the Advent concert and prayer service, followed by the reception at Menarik Hall. About 80 guests talked glowingly about the inspiring service while sampling refreshments. Nello's vision for these "community touchpoint" events is to involve as many parish ministries as possible.



Popcorn fundraiser Double Good

The Double Good popcorn fundraiser created by Society Co-President Theresa Mendez, and a smaller one, raised a total of \$803.50 for the Society's Veterans Cremation Fund, she was delighted to report in December. Online stores sponsored by Theresa, Co-President Nicki Mendez, Chris Alfred, and Theresa's daughter Marissa Santiago and sister, Elizabeth Mendez, raised \$706.50. Theresa said, "Marissa set up another fundraiser because a few of her co-workers and friends missed it. Her store raised an additional \$97, bringing the total to \$803.50! I'd like to extend a huge thank-you to all who purchased from our stores!"



Fund assists Marine Corps veteran

Another deceased U.S. veteran was recently cremated with funds from the Veterans Cremation Fund, generously donated by St. Paul VI parishioners and other individuals.

Richard John Float, a Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War, died Nov. 27, 2023, at Hines Veterans Hospital in Maywood. His widow, Mary, and stepdaughter, Sharon, expressed their sincere appreciation for the aid. Linda Johnson works with Hines and a low-cost cremation service to pay for cremation of deceased veterans whose families are in dire need of assistance. Veterans receive free interment at any national cemetery, but cremation is not covered.

