

St. Paul VI Women's Society News



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A Women's Society Christmas

The Women's Society will gather for its next meeting and Christmas festivities on Wed. evening, Dec. 7, at 7:00 in the Marian Room at Mater Christi Church. The festivities will include music and Christmas-themed food and drink! While we enjoy fellowship, we will each have the choice of painting a Christmas tree on canvas or creating a snowman ornament. There will also be a Christmas ornament exchange! If you would like to take part in the exchange, please bring a wrapped ornament worth up to \$10. We hope you will join us beforehand in church at 6:30 for the Rosary and the St. Andrew Christmas Novena.



Support for Misericordia

At our Nov. 7 meeting, our members approved a \$100 donation for Misericordia. This nonprofit offers a continuum of care for developmentally disabled persons. Currently it serves 600 children and adults in residence. Misericordia is a charity of the Archdiocese of Chicago operated by the Sisters of Mercy. The gap between state funding and program expenses is nearly \$20 million, so Misericordia relies heavily on private funds as well.



Chicks, Coffee, and Conversation = FUN!

On Sat., Nov. 12, women from our parish gathered in the Marian Room to talk about the woman at the well and the love she received from Jesus.

We enjoyed some sweet breakfast treats and coffee and each other's company while discussing our personal faith journeys and how, like this woman, we sometimes feel we are on the outside until we experience the love of Jesus.

Please plan to join us for Women, Wine, and the Word on Sat., Feb. 18. **Invite a friend!**

Grab a tag from the Giving Tree



Gifts for our parish Giving Trees are due back next weekend, Dec. 10-11, and many tags are still hanging. If you haven't yet, please consider taking one from the tree in Mater

Christi's narthex as you arrive for our meeting Wed.! (Trees are also located at St. Mary Church and the St. Hugh Faith Formation Center.)



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Join us



AT THE TABLE THIS ADVENT



Women's Society projects

Feeding the Hungry

This fall, our Society purchased 500 microwaveable containers for dinners our volunteers make for the homeless in the Housing Forward shelter in Oak Park. Members generously donated \$147, and the society paid the \$191 balance.



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. 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. We work with Hines VA and a low-cost cremation service to cremate deceased veterans whose families are 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.



We will keep the parish posted on our progress as we identify veterans who need our help. Thank you for your generosity! We were able to assist the family of Marine Michael White; please pray for the repose of his soul.

Membership

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.

Currently, we have 73 paid members.

Let's make those numbers go much higher!

Congratulations to Mae Medalla. She was the lucky winner of our membership raffle and received her dues money back.

Join or Renew Your Membership



Keep In Your Prayers



Pray for healing for the sick members of our Society, including Del Burns, Bern Gordus, Linda Johnson, Marie Kelly, and Virginia Novak.

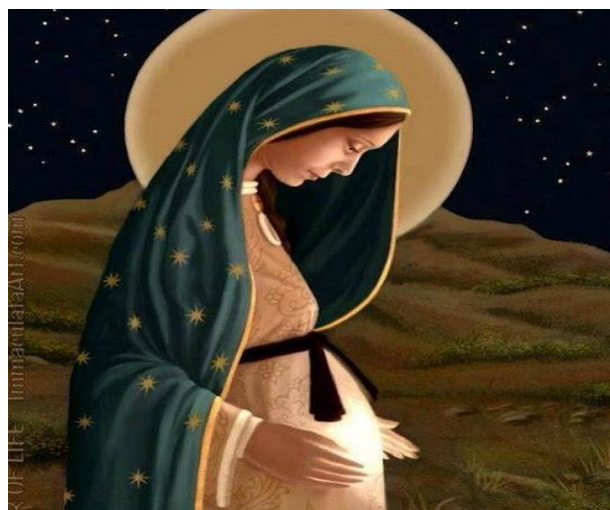
Calendar

- Dec. 3-4: HNS Pictures with Santa & Hospitality (Tree lighting Sat., MC)
- Dec. 7: Monthly Gathering
- Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception: Daily Mass times & MC, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe: SM, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 13: Parish Advent Reconciliation, SM, begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 16 & 20: Las Posadas
- Dec. 17: Simbang Gabi: MC, 5 p.m.
- December 25: Merry Christmas!
- January 1, 2023: Happy New Year!
- Feb. 1: Monthly Gathering

What is Simbang Gabi?

Simbang Gabi (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a devotional, nine-day series of Masses attended by Filipino Catholics in anticipation of Christmas.

St. Paul VI parish will celebrate one evening Mass of this devotion at Mater Christi Church on Dec. 15 at 5 p.m.



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