

ST. MONICA GUILD
THE GRAPEVINE 2023



Board Meeting: WEDNESDAY, DEC 6 – 6:30 P.M.
Membership Meeting: (Please Note: DATE CHANGE)
THURSDAY, DEC 14 – 6:30 P.M.
Jennings Social: WEDNESDAY, DEC 20 - 2:00 p.m.
MERRY CHRISTMAS

“My prayer for you is that when Christ comes to you in Christmas, He may find in You a warm home, warm love like that of a heart full of love, like that of a simple shepherd who was the first one chosen to see Christ.”

Saint Theresa of Calcutta

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

MANDY CORSI – 216-408-0765

Dear Guild Members,

I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving with your families. It is now time for Advent, and preparing for Christmas. We get so involved in decorating our homes, putting up the Christmas tree, baking cookies, writing cards, shopping and wrapping presents that we need to take a breath and slow down for the real reason for the Season. That God gave us the most perfect Gift~ His Son, Jesus Christ. That is what we celebrate the most. What a beautiful time of year of celebration for this reason!

I hope you enjoyed our speaker Debbie Makowski at the November meeting’s presentation on Nutrition. She called me afterwards and said she enjoyed presenting to such a lovely group of ladies. A big “Thank You” to Sue Medvetz for another successful Peterson Nut Sale! Great Job! Hoping to see all of you at our December Christmas Party/Meeting. We will be playing our version of Bunco! Always a good time! Don’t forget to bring 3 to 5 inexpensive wrapped gifts to exchange during the game!

God’s Blessing to You and Yours,

Mandy

PROGRAM

KATHY ROWINSKI – 216-663-9852

I’d like to thank our November Guest Speaker, Debbie Makowski, Certified Nutritionist/Fitness and Food Coach, for a very informative presentation on **H**ealthy **E**ating + **A**ctive **L**iving (H.E.A.L) a holistic approach to wellbeing so you can feel and live your best life. We even had a quiz! She left us with these basic principles: By eating the 3 macros—protein, healthy fats, complex carbs—with each meal, eating 3 meals a day without snacking in between meals, and hydrating with water, the body maintains a healthy physique. Choose foods that serve your body and allow you to live in optimal health. Thank you, Debbie, your presentation was enjoyed by all.

Please join us on **Thursday, December 14th, at 6:30 p.m. (one week earlier than usual) for our Christmas party/meeting when we will again play our version of “Bunco”**. We’ll provide the dice; you provide the 3-5 inexpensive wrapped gifts. They can be something you got and want to re-gift, or something you didn’t really need but couldn’t pass up the sale. Hopefully you will get something just as nice in return, as well as have lots of fun. It is a fun and simple game—roll the dice and take a present, near the end of the game you take/swap/steal one from your neighbor. Looking forward to seeing you there!

MEMBERSHIP

LOUISE TRIPTOW - 216-225-0323

The purpose of the St. Monica Guild is to promote the spiritual development of all Catholic women and to give financial assistance to our parish whenever needed. **Just a reminder, that your annual Membership fee of \$5.00 is due by December 31st, (as stated in the Constitution of the Saint Monica Guild Article III – Sec. IV: Each member, upon payment of dues, is entitled to vote, make motions, offer nominations, and act as Committee Chairpersons).** You can drop your membership envelope in the Church collection basket, the parish office, or pay at the meeting. Invite a friend, neighbor, or relative! We'd love to have them join us.

Peterson's Nut Sale

SUE MEDVETZ – 216-924-3804

Once again, thank you to all who participated in the 2023 Guild's annual nut sale. **Special thanks to those who were able to increase their sales over last year's totals. Our total sales were \$6,192.00.** Thank you for your support in helping to make this fundraiser a success. All proceeds will benefit our Church.



FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON

MARLYN PRAZNIK – 216-218-2482

Plans are moving along for celebrating our **38th Annual Fashion Show/Luncheon on April 21, 2024, at Woodside Event Center on Mill Road off Wallings Road. Blossoms n Bows Boutique in Sagamore Hills, will once again be providing our fashions.** Our theme this year is "Celebrate Spring!" and we will be providing you with lots of ways to celebrate! More details to come! Please remember us during this season of gift giving and donate your new or never used items for the basket raffles. **We need "new" gifts, gift cards/gift certificates that will not expire until after April 2024.** Some suggestions would be children's toys, games, personal care items, gardening items, pet items, just to name a few. Donations can be brought to our membership meeting, dropped at the parish office, or call me to make arrangements for pick up or drop off.

ROSARY CHAIN

CHRISTINE PAYNTER 216-475-4205

Please remember all of our deceased members of the Guild in your prayers during this Holy Season of Christmas.

SUNSHINE

BARB OKUROWSKI – 216-406-3731

Sympathies were sent to member, Barb Vaughn, for the recent loss of her mother. Please keep Barb and her family in your prayers. Please continue to let me know if there is anyone that you know of that could use a little sunshine sent their way. *Wishing Christmas Blessings to you and your family.*

TRAVELING MADONNA

RITA STANOWICK 216-662-1513 / ROSEMARY WELICH 216-410-5003

The Traveling Madonna visited with **Nancy Simpson for the month of November. She will travel to the home of Rita Stanowick to visit for the month of December.** If you would like to schedule a visit to your home, please call Rita or Rosemary.

JENNINGS SOCIAL

LAURA MUROWSKY - 216-587-2172

The November Jennings Social was attended by 33 residents who enjoyed the fun afternoon of playing bingo and afterwards cookies and coffee. Thank you to Sue Kolo, Connie Holub, Mary McFeely and Kathy August for volunteering and visiting with the residents for the afternoon. **December's social will be a hot chocolate/cookie and caroling afternoon instead of the usual Bingo games. Please join us on Wednesday, December 20th at 2:00 p.m. and share some holiday cheer with everyone. Wishing all a Merry Christmas.**

DECEMBER  BIRTHDAYS

Agnes Ungarsky	Dec 1 st	Laverne Cappelli	Dec 2 nd	Claire Hrovat	Dec 6 th
Barb Vaughn	Dec 11 th	Mandy Corsi	Dec 14 th	Betty Lou Tomko	Dec 14 th
Debbie Kosmata	Dec 19 th	Connie Holub	Dec 20 th	Nancy Fitch	Dec 25 th
Tina Anelli	Dec 27 th	Joan Fischer	Dec 27 th		

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