

St. Paul VI Women's Society News



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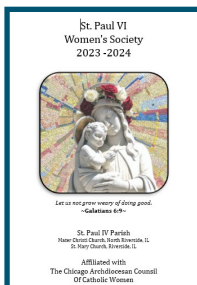
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December: our festive finale

Our December gathering will begin at 7 p.m. Wed. the 13th in the Marian Room at Mater Christi, preceded by the rosary at 6:30 in church. We will make Scrabble crosses as we share favorite Christmas memories, enjoy refreshments, and hold Split the Pot and Glad You Came drawings. Come and relax with us at our last gathering till Feb. 7!



Directories debut at November gathering



Distribution of our first Women's Society directory was a highlight of our Nov. 8 gathering. Members who have not yet received a directory may request a copy from one of the officers. Nicki Mendez shared a visual journey of her

recent travels to Rome, the Vatican, Turkey, and Greece. She gifted each attendee with a packet of incense from the Vatican. Steve Piszczor of the Holy Name Society brought several bags of Thanksgiving meal groceries to be raffled, to publicize the HNS Turkey Raffle and Turkey Shoot. The evening's potluck refreshments made for diverse fare, from thumbprint cookies and Krispy Kreme donuts on the sweet end to homemade Chicken Marsala and bruschetta on the savory end. Thanks to everyone!



Day of Reflection

Women's Society members were joined Dec. 2 by other women of this and nearby parishes for a Women's Day of Reflection in the Oak Room at St. Mary Church. It was an ideal way to prepare for the beginning of Advent the following day. Janet Olivieri Caschetta led the reflection with her interactive presentation "Unwrapping the Names of Jesus." Janet is a director of religious education for the Archdiocese of Chicago with a master's in pastoral studies from Loyola University. By exploring the many appellations given to Jesus, she helped attendees prepare their hearts to celebrate Him and seek to become more joyful, peaceful, loving, and hopeful this Advent season. The event, arranged by the Society's spiritual co-chair Chris Alfred, included a Madonna and child craft and a potluck salad and dessert lunch.



Calendar

Dec. 13: Monthly gathering, MC, 7pm

Dec. 17: Society Mass, MC, 11am
NO JANUARY GATHERING

Jan. 6: Society Mass, SM, 4pm

Feb. 7: Monthly gathering, MC, 7pm

Feb. 10: Society Mass, MC, 5pm

Happy
Birthday

December

Debbie Czajka

Kathy Drenth

Elise George

Michele Higgins Prod

Elvy Hromek

Linda Johnson

Dolores Messlein

Renee Zdarsky

January

Cece Calendrino

Shirley Hoving

Mary Lou Marchetti

Tina Melendez

Genevieve Mokrzycki

Beverly Swift

Austins awarded Christifideles



The esteemed Christifideles Award was conferred on Berni Austin and her husband, Bert, Oct. 1 at Holy Name Cathedral. This award is bestowed on a Catholic layperson or married couple who demonstrate, by participation in parish life, the personal and ministerial renewal called for by the papal exhortation Christifideles Laici. St. Paul VI Parish

nominated the Austins because they have been "instrumental in blurring dividing lines and building bridges in our unified faith community." Besides their sustained involvement and leadership in parish ministries, Berni and Bert have raised 10 children.

What you like to do

At our September gathering, Co-Presidents Nicki Mendez and Theresa Mendez invited each attendee to indicate her favorite meeting activities among a list of potential ones, to help guide future gatherings.

- ◆ Tied for first place were bingo and travel presentations!
- ◆ Game/card nights came in second.
- ◆ Presentations on saints placed third.
- ◆ In fourth place was trivia.
- ◆ Tied for fifth place were cooking and jewelry making.



Nicki noted, "This is great stuff for the second half of the year!"

