

St. Paul VI Women's Society News

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Prayer mosaic to highlight February gathering

Women's Society members, if you are looking for a great experience to connect deeper with the Lord, come to our first monthly gathering of 2023 and experience a prayer mosaic. It may be just what you are looking for! Each of five stations is designed to help us develop this closer connection.

We will meet Wed. evening, Feb. 1, at 7:00 in the Marian Room of Mater Christi Church. Join us for fellowship, a brief meeting, the prayer mosaic, and refreshments! New members are welcome. We invite you to come beforehand at 6:30 and join us in church for the Rosary.



Scenes from our December gathering

Our December 2022 gathering included painting a Christmas tree on canvas and creating snowman ornaments while enjoying fellowship and listening to Christmas music. We also had an ornament exchange. Thanks to our social committee chairwomen Theresa Mendez and Nicki Mendez for the enjoyable craft activities, and to our December hostesses: Rosemary Kufra, Chris Alfred, Jackie Alfred, and Nicki Mendez.



Anne and Mae



Theresa, Rosemary, Chris, Tina, Jackie, Nicki, and Lauri



Ida, Lorraine, and CeCe



Pat and Donna



Sue



Gerry and Jane



Kathy and Kim

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.

Burial Project Honors Veterans

Marine Michael Dennis White was the latest U.S. veteran to benefit from the generosity of St. Paul VI parishioners who contributed to our Women's Society's Veterans Burial Fund. Big Mike, as he was called, joined the Marine Corps in 1974 after graduating from high school. He became a skilled shooter and earned several medals. He died Sept. 16, 2022.



Our society's Respect Life Committee works with Hines VA Hospital to identify newly deceased veterans whose families are in dire need of assistance in laying them to rest. The committee engages a low-cost service that cremates or embalms them. Although veterans receive free interment at any national cemetery, embalming or cremation services are not included.

We were able to assist Michael's family in this way. They said he had a heart of gold and opened it to everyone. He loved to cook, listen to music, and play games with his family.

Parishioners donated \$2,483 in fiscal year 2021 ending last June, and \$335 more in FY 2022 from July 1-Dec. 31. A total of \$700 was paid out, leaving a current balance of \$2,118. Thanks to all who have supported this project. If you know of a family in need of services, please let us know.

Keep In Your Prayers



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

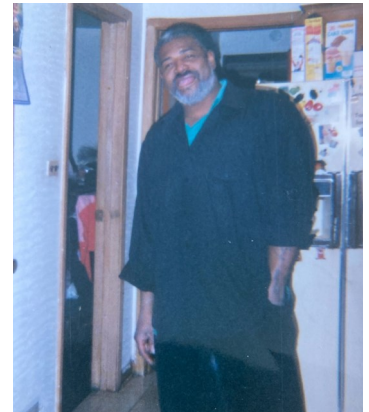
Calendar

Feb. 1: Monthly Gathering
Feb. 18: WW&W: MC, 7pm
Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday
Mar. 1: Monthly Gathering
Apr. 9: Easter
Apr. 12: April Gathering
Apr. 19: Women's Retreat

Sending cheer to Fr. Cy

After undergoing several hospitalizations and many weeks of treatment to improve his heart condition, Pastor Emeritus Cy Nemecek decided to move from his home on 8th Avenue in North Riverside to a retirement community adjacent to Evergreen Park that is sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. His new address is Rev. Cy Nemecek, Mercy Circle, 3659 W. 99th St., Chicago, IL 60655. Please keep Father Cy in your prayers.

Marine Michael Dennis White



January & February

Pat Borow CeCe Calandrino
Janet Dorrance Milissa Dropka
Carol Dvorak Bern Gordus
Shirley Ann Hoving
Jane Kasal Mary Lou Marchetti
Tina Melendez Shirley Polich
Donna Reisiger Susan Storcel