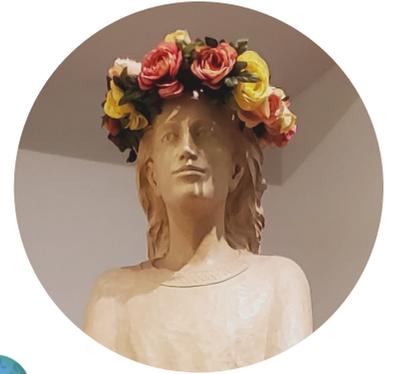


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Visit the Land of the Penguins with us

"The land looks like a fairytale," Norwegian polar explorer Roald Amundsen said of Antarctica. The astonishingly beautiful continent is home to blue whales, penguins, and seals. Susan Storcel ventured to this remote location by plane and ship in January. Join your friends as we travel to the Land of the Penguins on Wed., March 6, when Susan shares her adventures across the dreaded Drake Passage to a land few have seen! Our gathering will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Room of Mater Christi Church with a short business meeting that includes voting for our 2024 Woman of the Year. We invite you to join us for the rosary at 6:30 in church. Then, travel vicariously to a remote land, sample some themed refreshments, and share in the Split the Pot and Glad You Came drawings!



Photo by Susan Storcel

Mark May 18 for our retreat

Dr. Carole Eipers, friend and former director of the St. Paul VI pastoral team, will lead the annual Women's Retreat sponsored by our society May 18 at Mater Christi Church. The retreat will run from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Marian Room.



Carole has served in parish ministries for over 30 years as a teacher, director of religious education, youth minister, and pastoral associate. She was director of the Office for Catechesis for the Archdiocese of Chicago. She is a national catechetical consultant for religious book publisher William H. Sadlier Inc., New York. She has published and made presentations internationally. Carole holds a Master of Pastoral Studies degree from Loyola University Chicago and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Indiana.

More details will follow in the parish bulletin and at our March 6 gathering. Save the date for this special faith-enriching day.

Meeting Updates

Treasurer Ida Clary reported a treasury balance of \$4,242.02 as of Feb. 7.



The Women's Society had 94 members as of Feb. 7, according to Membership Chair Nancy Sima. New member Dina Kraus was welcomed at the February gathering.

Join or Renew Your Membership



Calendar

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

May 5: May Crowning, MC

May 8: Monthly gathering, MC, 7pm

May 18: Women's Society Retreat, 9:30am-2:30pm, MC



March

Coletta Behrendt
Kathleen Burns
Marlene DeSantis
Alyce Pilarski



Stations and a Simple Meal

Our Women's Society will serve a meal of soup and bread and then lead the Lenten Stations of the Cross on Fri., March 15, at Mater Christi Church. A signup sheet will be available at our March 6 gathering for members who would like to contribute homemade or store-bought soup or bread. The simple meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Marian Room, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 in church.



Pietà by Oleg Supereco

Remembering...

Our fellow member and friend, **Delphine "Del" Burns**, died Feb. 13. She was 91. Our society's memorial Mass is scheduled for 5:00 on Sat., June 22, at Mater Christi Church, where she was an active parishioner for 65 years.



Rev. James Barrett, former teacher and principal of Mater Christi School, presided at Del's funeral Mass. He spoke of their friendship of many years and honored Del for always being in the forefront of generous service to the parish, the school, and the former Women's Guild. She did many things, without wanting credit. Her offices included Guild president and chair of the Guild fashion show/luncheon for years. Most recently, she supplied the books used by the ministers of care and beverages for the monthly meals that society members prepare for Housing Forward, coordinated by her daughter Kathleen. Besides Kathleen, Del and her late husband, James, are the parents of James Jr., Stephen, Suzanne, Nancy, and Patricia. They have 14 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. We will keep Del and her family in our memories and prayers.

Irene Horacek, a longtime member of the former Mater Christi Guild, died Feb. 17. She and her late husband, Frank, had two sons, Frank Jr. and the late Donald. Let us keep Irene in our prayers. Our society's memorial Mass is scheduled for 5:00 on Sat., July 20, at Mater Christi Church.



Walking with Moms in Need

Jane Dolezal, who chairs our society's Respect Life Commission, is organizing a parish-wide Walking with Moms in Need program under our society. Numerous parishes have adopted the step-by-step program, established by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. It calls for a parish to inventory local resources for pregnant women in need, identify gaps, and create a parish response for filling the gaps. "It is a yearlong project, and no finances are involved," Jane said at our Feb. 7 gathering. The focus is on the whole family affected. Jane is putting together a group to set up the program. Once established, it should not need many people to run it. You can contact Jane at 708-309-1824, or at zinnia4@sbcglobal.net.

