

# WOMEN'S GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting:

**September  
11**

**Guild Officers**

PRESIDENT:

Margo McCaul

VICE PRESIDENT:

Ellen Casale

SECRETARY:

Meg Hoover

TREASURER:

Michele Miller

**Membership Renewal**

We have started a new Guild, fiscal year and it is time to renew your membership. Our next meeting will be Monday, September 11, 2023 in the hall at St. Jude. To renew your membership. Complete the form on the right and mail it to St. Jude or leave it in the Guild folder. (No cash - checks only, please.) Or bring the completed form with your payment (cash or check) to our September meeting. A form must accompany all membership renewals for accountability purposes. Many thanks.

*Have a wonderful summer!*

**Guild Application/Renewal**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (mm/dd): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form to:  
 Louisa Catholic Women's Guild  
 P.O. Box 40  
 Mineral, VA. 23117

DUES = \$10/yr reg & \$5/assoc  
 Make check payable to:  
 Louisa Catholic Women's Guild

Please do not send cash.



**Our mission is to unite all women of St. Jude and Immaculate Conception Parishes through Religious and Educational activities.**



***Earthly Farewell -  
Heavenly Welcome:***

***Linda Siar, sister  
of Connie Fuller***

## **WOMEN OF FAITH—SAINT JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL**

What a way to start a marriage! Jane no sooner arrived at her new home than she discovered she might lose it. Her husband, Christophe, had not only inherited the title of baron but enormous debts as well. But Jane had not come to the marriage empty-handed. She brought with her a deep faith instilled by her father who made daily religious discussion fun, allowing the children to talk about anything -- even controversial topics. She also brought a good-hearted way that made a friend comment, "Even stupid jokes were funny when she told them."

These qualities helped the twenty-year-old French woman take charge by personally organizing and supervising every detail of the estate, a method which not only brought the finances under control but won her employees' hearts as well. Despite the early financial worries, she and her husband shared "one heart and one soul." They were devoted to each other and to their four children.

One way Jane shared her blessings was by giving bread and soup personally to the poor who came to her door. Often people who had just received food from her would pretend to leave, go around the house and get back in line for more. When asked why she let these people get away with this, Jane said, "What if God turned me away when I came back to him again and again with the same request?"

Her happiness was shattered when Christophe was killed in a hunting accident. Before he died, her husband forgave the man who shot him, saying to the man, "Don't commit the sin of hating yourself when you have done nothing wrong." The heartbroken Jane, however, had to struggle with forgiveness for a long time. At first she tried just greeting him on the street. When she was able to do that, she invited him to her house. Finally she was able to forgive the man so completely that she even became godmother to his child.

These troubles opened her heart to her longing for God and she sought God in prayer and a deepening spiritual life. Her commitment to God impressed Saint Francis de Sales, the bishop who became her director and best friend. Their friendship started before they even met, for they saw each other in dreams, and continued in letters throughout their lives.

With Francis' support, Jane founded the Visitation order for women who were rejected by other orders because of poor health or age. She even accepted a woman who was 83 years old. When people criticized her, she said, "What do you want me to do? I like sick people myself; I'm on their side." She believed that people should have a chance to live their calling regardless of their health.

Still a devoted mother, she was constantly concerned about the materialistic ways of one of her daughters. Her daughter finally asked her for spiritual direction as did many others, including an ambassador and her brother, an archbishop. Her advice always reflected her very gentle and loving approach to spirituality:

"Should you fall even fifty times a day, never on any account should that surprise or worry you. Instead, ever so gently set your heart back in the right direction and practice the opposite virtue, all the time speaking words of love and trust to our Lord after you have committed a thousand faults, as much as if you had committed only one. Once we have humbled ourselves for the faults God allows us to become aware of in ourselves, we must forget them and go forward."

She died in 1641, at sixty-nine years of age. Her feast day is August 12.

Prayer: Saint Jane, you forgave the man who killed your husband. Help me learn to forgive a particular person in my life who has caused me harm. You know how difficult it is to forgive. Help me to take the steps you took to welcome this person back into my life. Amen



## **Guild Book Club**

**Meets the Third Wednesday of the Month @ 2:00 pm @ St. Jude**

***All ladies are invited to join***



Everyone is invited to join the Women's Guild book club. We meet 5 times per year and read books with a Catholic/Christian/Religious theme. Usually we read a variety of fiction and non-fiction with a book concerning the Saints for our November discussion, a Christmas or Advent book for our January discussion and a Lent or Easter book for our March discussion. We send the questions out in advance (usually about 7 questions). We meet the third Wednesday of September, November, January, March and May at St Jude's at 2 p.m.

Planned books for the 2023-2024 Guild Year:

- \* September 20, 2023: *Lazarus* by Morris West
- \* November 15, 2023: *The Witness of Early Christian Women, Mothers of the Church* by Mike Aquilina
- \* January 17, 2024: *A Catholic Christmas* by Kathleen M. Carroll
- \* March 20, 2024: *What Jesus Saw from the Cross* by Antonin Sertillanges
- \* May 15, 2024: *The Rapture Trap, A Catholic Response to End Times Fever* by Paul Thigpen

If you have questions, please contact Laura Foussekis ([lfoussekis@comcast.net](mailto:lfoussekis@comcast.net)) or Judy Kavanagh ([momkavanagh@hotmail.com](mailto:momkavanagh@hotmail.com)).



### **Prayer for the Assumption of Mary**

Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Birthdays of the Month

- 4 - Maria Mader
- 6 - Ginnie Deanley
- 8 - Renee Brown
- 9 - Amy Schnetzler
- 10 - Lavonne Simmons
- 12 - Fran Randazzo
- 17 - Billie Markowitz
- 22 - Ann Marie Worosz
- 29 - Patricia Harbin



### TEAM LEADERS

Team	Chair	Co-Chair
Advertising	Melissa King	
Bake Sale	Margo McCaul	Donna Gray
Banquet	Julie Phelps	Amber Harman
Book Club	Laura Foussekis	Judy Kavanagh
Christmas Bazaar	Connie Fuller	Donna Gray/Wendy Smith Shirley Willis—Silent Auction
Church Beautification	Joan Kelly	Meg Hoover
Lenten Fish Dinners	Michele Miller	Julie Phelps
Martha & Mary Ministry	Jennifer Grimm	Lil Connor
Newsletter	Meg Hoover	
Refreshments	Connie Fuller	
Scholarship	Wendy Smith	
Sunshine/Guild Mass Cards	Mikee Thompson	
Yard Sale	Donna Gray	Sally Cool

For Guild Members Health & Healing:

Lavonne Simmons, Maria Mader, Mary Carole Weiner, Erni Heimberg; Alona Wiedel; Sue Morlino; Sue Handrahan; Virginia Whitehurst

For Family & Friends Health & Healing:

Carter Ayres, Grandson of Ro; Regina White, niece of Julie Phelps and Ro Ayres; Dick Nagle, Father of Mikey Thompson; Marilyn Myhre, sister of Billie Markowitz; Kent Myhre, nephew of Billie Markowitz; Sister Sally Russell, SSJ; Miriam Kavanagh, daughter of Judy Kavanagh; Chuck Pace, son-in-law of Mary Ann Belair; Michelle Feldmeier, sister-in-law of Mary Ann Belair; Hermine Curry, sister of Erni Heimberg; Sherrell Vierling, daughter of Ernie Heimberg; David Bruce, member of St. Jude Choir and Knights of Columbus; Brent Price, nephew of Mikey Thompson; Lisa Salerno (formerly Rothlisberger), former member of the Guild; Dan Schroeder and family, friends of Cindy Honchar; grandson of a friend of Judy Kavanagh; Bill O'Connor, brother-in-law of Sandy Brassard; Gillian Clissold, sister of Donna Gray; Chris Fursman, son of Deacon Tom and Jackie Fursman; Arlene Walsh, sister of Lil Connor; Rocky Johnson, grandson of a friend to Sandy Brassard; Wolfgang Werner, brother of Erni Heimberg; Jonathan Grimm, husband of Jennifer Grimm; Bill Ritter, father-in-law of the son of Judy Kavanagh; Butch Connor, husband of Lil Connor; Roseann Kelly, daughter of Joan Kelly; Sam Watson, great-grandson of Shirley Willis; Lily O'Keefe, grand-daughter of Judy O'Keefe; Steve Attrill, friends of Sandy Brassard; James Austin, father of Ann Moore and grandfather of Veronica and Victoria Moore; Clara, infant great-granddaughter of Mary Northrup; Luca, great-grandson of Maria Mader; Judy Clark; Judy Havel; Mike Cooper; Larry Kavanagh, husband of Judy Kavanagh; Linda Kuykendall; Linda Markovits, friend of Donna Gray; Mia Etheridge, Louisa County Firefighter; Dawson Dholen, nephew of Billie Markowitz; Vern Balery, close friend of Billie Markowitz

Repose of the Soul:

Paula Pineda, sister of Cathy Austin; Bill Ritter, father of Judy Kavanagh's son-in-law; Max Couchman, St. Jude Choir Member; Linda Siar, sister of Connie Fuller

For additions or deletions to the listing; please send an email message to either:

[megger1025@yahoo.com](mailto:megger1025@yahoo.com) or [lcladiesguild@gmail.com](mailto:lcladiesguild@gmail.com)

Please NOTE the list will be "scrubbed" at the beginning of September. If you wish a name to remain on the list, please email Meg by September 1 or let her know at the September meeting. Thank you.



