

# WOMEN'S GUILD NEWSLETTER

January 2024

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Next Meeting:

**January 8 at  
St Jude**

**Guild Officers**

PRESIDENT:

Margo McCaul

VICE PRESIDENT:

Ellen Casale

SECRETARY:

Meg Hoover

TREASURER:

Michele Miller

**JANUARY MEETING - MONDAY, JANUARY 8 AT 6:00  
(following the recitation of the rosary at 5:30) IN THE  
HALL AT ST. JUDE**

The January meeting will be in the hall at St. Jude.

**Deacon Al** will be our guest speaker continuing his talk on the Mass.

We will be collecting donations of diapers and laundry detergent for the International Rescue Committee in Charlottesville at our. This will be our 11th year collecting items for the IRC. Most of the refugees in Charlottesville being helped by the IRC are family members of individuals who assisted our military in Iraq and Afghanistan. Larger sized diapers (size 3 or larger are most needed; any size welcome) and small containers of laundry detergent or pods are preferred. Thank you in advance for helping to welcome these refugees as they adjust to living in their new home.



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



***No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, for to His Angels God has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways. Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.***

## **WOMEN OF FAITH—SAINT FRANCISCA SALESIA AVIAT**

Daughter of Theodore Aviat, a shopkeeper, and Emilie Caillet. Baptized 17 September 1844; Confirmed on 2 July 1856. Educated at the Visitation School in Troyes from age eleven to sixteen. With Father Louis Brisson, she founded the Sister Oblates of Saint Francis of Sales in Troyes, France, dedicated to helping young women who poured into the cities during the Industrial Revolution. She took the Salesian Rule for the congregation. She entered religious life on 11 April 1866, took the veil on 30 October 1868, taking the name Sister Frances de Sales, and made her final vows on 11 October 1871. Superior of the Institute in 1872. Opened homes and schools for working class girls. Exiled from France on 11 April 1904 due to religious persecution and anti-religious legislation. She rebuilt her congregation from Perugia, Italy, and the Order was approved by Pope Saint Pius X in 1911.

Feastday: January 11

Birth: 1844

Death: 1914

Beatified: 27 September 1992 by St Pope John Paul II

Canonized: 25 November 2001 by St Pope John Paul II

### **The Year Ahead**

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,

But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making our path easy,

But by making us sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from us,

But by taking fear from our heart;

Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making our life always pleasant,

But by showing us when people and their causes need us most, and by making us anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead.



### **Guild Book Club - Next Meeting & Book**

**Wednesday January 17 @ 2:00 pm @ St. Jude**

***A Catholic Christmas* by Kathleen M. Carroll (the book highlights various feast days throughout the Advent and Christmas Season)**



***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. Questions are sent 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.

Remaining books for the 2023/2024 Guild Year:

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)).



**Birthdays of the Month**

- 3 - Cathy Austin
- 6 - Donna Gray
- 11 - Victoria Moore
- 12 - Sandy Brassard
- 18 - Barb Hierholzer & Joan Kelly
- 23 - Ellen Casale
- 27 - Karen Donnelly



**TEAM LEADERS**

Team	Chair	Co-Chair
Advertising	Melissa King	
Bake Sale	Melissa King	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	Kathleen Cunningham	Meg Hoover
Lenten Fish Dinners	Michele Miller	Julie Phelps
Martha & Mary Ministry	Needed	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, Alona Wiedel; Sue Morlino; Sue Handrahan; Virginia Whitehurst; Lorraine Costello; Helen Winston; Cathy Austin

For Family & Friends Health & Healing:

Dawson Dholen, nephew of Billie Markowitz; Vern Balery, close friend of Billie Markowitz; Bess Haile, cousin-in-law of Jane Bono; Carson Ayres, Grandson of Ro Ayres; Jonathan Grimm, Husband of Jennifer Grimm; Judy Stenglein, friend of Sue Handrahan; Joyce Holley, friend of Sue Handrahan; Candy Ricketts, friend of Shelly Bocci; Cathleen Morgan, sister-in-law of Ellen Casale; Laura McCaul, mother-in-law of Margo McCaul; Arlene Walsh, sister of Lil Connor; Damian Kavanagh, son of Judy Kavanagh; Danny Savage, friend of Becky Chidester; Allene Arvin, sister of Mikee Thompson; Niece of Sally Cool; Stephanie Krueger, friend of Donna Gray

Repose of the Soul:

Sr. Vita M. Pierce IHM, friend of Sr. Carrine; Jennie Breeden, Mother of Jennifer Grimm; Albert Anick, cousin of Karen Donnelly; Erni Heimberg; James Austin, father of Ann Moore and grandfather of Veronica and Victoria Moore;

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