

# WOMEN'S GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting:

**March 11 at  
St Jude**

**Guild Officers**

PRESIDENT:

Margo McCaul

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Ellen Casale

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Meg Hoover

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Michele Miller

**MARCH MEETING/LENTEN RETREAT - MONDAY, MARCH 11 at  
5:00 – 7:45 pm - the HALL at ST. JUDE**

A Lenten Retreat led by Father Cal will be held in place of the March meeting. It will be in the hall at St. Jude. A light dinner of sandwiches and salad will be served. Please plan to attend.



**FISH DINNERS ~ FRIDAYS IN LENT**



Take Out Only begins at 4:00 followed by Eat-In & Take Out from 4:30—7:00

Once again, the Lenten fish dinners are a success. We have served just over 1,000 meals in the first two weeks. The last Lenten fish dinner will be Friday, March 22.

Donations of baked desserts continue to be needed each week. Please drop off any items at the parish hall beginning at 2:00 pm. The wonderful homemade desserts are the “icing on the cake” of a wonderful meal. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all who are working to make these meals such a success. We continue to welcome newcomers to the meal as well as long time diners.

**St. Patrick's Breastplate**



Christ with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

**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 MATILDA

Matilda was the daughter of Count Dietrich of Westphalia and Reinhild of Denmark. She was also known as Mechtildis and Maud. She was raised by her grandmother, the Abbess of Eufurt convent. Matilda married Henry the Fowler, son of Duke Otto of Saxony, in the year 909. He succeeded his father as Duke in the year 912 and in 919 succeeded King Conrad I to the German throne. She was noted for her piety and charitable works. She was widowed in the year 936, and supported her son Henry's claim to his father's throne.

When her son Otto (the Great) was elected, she persuaded him to name Henry Duke of Bavaria after he had led an unsuccessful revolt. She was severely criticized by both Otto and Henry for what they considered her extravagant charities. She resigned her inheritance to her sons, and retired to her country home but was called to the court through the intercession of Otto's wife, Edith. When Henry again revolted, Otto put down the insurrection in the year 941 with great cruelty. Matilda censured Henry when he began another revolt against Otto in the year 953 and for his ruthlessness in suppressing a revolt by his own subjects; at that time she prophesied his imminent death.

When he did die in 955, she devoted herself to building three convents and a monastery, was left in charge of the kingdom when Otto went to Rome in 962 to be crowned Emperor (often regarded as the beginning of the Holy Roman Empire), and spent most of the declining years of her life at the convent at Nordhausen that she had built. She died at the monastery at Quedlinburg on March 14, 968 and was buried there with her late husband Henry. Her feast day is March 14th. She is the patron of parents of large families.

Matilda is the patron of the St. Mathilde church in Laatzen (Germany), the St. Mathilde church in Quedlinburg (Germany), the Melkite church in Aleppo (Syria), and the Mathilden-Hospital in Herford (Germany).





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

**Wednesday March 20 @ 2:00 pm @ St. Jude**

***What Jesus Saw from the Cross* by Antonin Sertillanges**



*All ladies are invited to join*

Everyone is invited to join the Women's Guild book club. The book club meets 5 times per year and reads 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.

The last book for the 2023/2024 Guild Year:

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) or Judy Kavanagh (momkavanagh@hotmail.com).

## **Afternoon Tea**

The Women's Guild will be sponsoring a Tea Party at St. Jude on Saturday, May 11th at noon. Join us for a lovely Full Afternoon Tea with your friends and family. Each person's Tea will consist of 4 types of finger sandwiches, 4 desserts, and 3 savories (such as scones and muffins). Traditional condiments such as butter, jam and clotted cream will be included, along with your choice of tea. Tickets are \$25. Because we are limited to 25 guests, reservations must be paid for prior to May 8th. Tickets will go on sale starting April 20/21. Treat you mother, aunt, sister, gal pals, etc., and yourself to an elegant experience. If you have questions, please contact Connie Fuller at cmfuller2016@gmail.com or 804-513-4396.



**Birthdays of the Month**

Happy birthday to any friends or family members born this month.



**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	Kim Liebsch	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; Ellen Casale; Cathy Austin; Laurie Kane

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; Laura McCaul, Mother-in-Law of Margo McCaul; Allene Arvin, sister of Mikey Thompson; Niece of Sally Cool; Stephanie Krueger, friend of Donna Gray; Gisele Harris, great niece of Laura Foussekis; Butch Connor, husband of Lil Connor; Robert Caffro, brother of Ro Ayres and Julie Phelps; Tony Taylor, brother of Joan Kelly; Kelly O'Connor, niece of Sandy Brassard; Diana, friend of Sandy Brassard; Sophia Patsy, cousin of Phyllis Riccelli

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; Arlene Walsh, sister of Lil Connor

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