

LOUISA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting:

May 12

Guild Officers

PRESIDENT:

Margo McCaul

VICE PRESIDENT:

Ellen Casale

SECRETARY:

Meg Hoover

TREASURER:

Michele Miller

Guild Meeting

Our May meeting will be Monday, May 12. We will begin with our Mass of Remembrance for our deceased Guild members. Mass will begin at 5:00 at St. Jude.

Following the Mass we will have our Annual Appreciation Dinner in the hall. We recognize and honor all our members to celebrate another successful year. A regular meeting will also be held.

We hope to see you there.

GUILD YARD SALE

Saturday, May 3 from 7:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Jude's Hall

Refreshments will be available for purchase and donated baked items such as brownies or cookies are welcome. They will be included with the food sales.

Items may be dropped off through Friday, May 2 from noon until 3:00 pm.

Come out and find some hidden treasure or the item you have been searching.

For additional information, please contact Donna Gray at dgray1984@gmail.com or Sally Cool at c.coolone@hotmail.com

St. Jude Church Cleaning

Thank you to all the ladies who helped clean the church to make it shine for Easter. The many hands pitching in helped get the job done quickly and efficiently. Your efforts were most appreciated.



LENTEN FISH DINNERS

3,089 Meals Served



Many thanks to all the hardworking ladies who helped make this another successful year.

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



**Earthly Farewell -
Heavenly Welcome:**

**Pope Francis
&
Kathy Largo**

WOMEN OF FAITH—SAINT ISIDORA

Saint Isidora, also known as Saint Isidore and Isidora of Tabenna, was a Christian nun and saint of the 4th century AD. She is considered among the earliest fools for Christ. While very little is known of Isidora's life, she is remembered for her exemplification of the writing of St. Paul that "Whosoever of you believes that he is wise by the measure of this world, may he become a fool, so as to become truly wise." The story of Isidora effectively highlights the Christian ideal that recognition or glory from man is second to one's actions being seen by God, even if that means one's actions or even one's self remains unknown or misunderstood. This ideal was extremely important to the early Desert Fathers and Mothers who recorded Isidora's story.

There are few biographical details concerning the life of Saint Isidora. Most of what is known can be found in the Lausiaca History (Historia Lausiaca) written in 419-420 by Palladius of Galatia, at the request of Lausus, chamberlain at the court of the Byzantine Emperor Theodosius II. While other texts from this time mention the story of St. Isidora, the Lausiaca History is the most commonly referenced text about the saint's life.

Isidora's birthdate is unknown, as is her age at the time she joined the Tabenna Monastery in Egypt. Tabenna, or Tabennesi, was the original monastery established by St. Pachomius sometime after 325 AD. Prior to that time, the tradition was for monastics to live alone as hermits or anchorites, each devoted to a Monastic rule they had individually received from God. St. Pachomius believed that groups of monastics living together would be able to better support each other in their devotion to Monastic rules and the guidance of the Holy Spirit and his Elders. Pachomius traveled to Tabenna to establish a monastery. Subsequently, his sister Maria, with his blessing, established a women's monastery nearby, creating the first fully community for women in Egypt.

It is unknown what year St Isidora came to the monastery established by Maria or how old she was at the time, however it is the events at the monastery that provide the few biographical details in existence.

At the time Isidora lived at the monastery, it is believed about four hundred women lived and worked there, devoting themselves to monastic life. As part of the community at the monastery, Isidora remained a type of outsider, known to wander about in the kitchen, focused on doing every type of menial job to be found. She was commonly referred to as "the monastery sponge," referring to the fact that she occupied herself by doing the dirtiest of jobs at the monastery. While it was said that Isidora was tonsured when joining the monastery, she stood apart from the other sisters by wearing a rag (most likely a dish towel from the kitchen) on her head. This type of head covering was in sharp contrast to the standard tonsure or cowls worn by the other sisters.

Referenced in all accounts of Isidora, is that her madness or possession was "feigned" or a matter of pretend. Isidora's dedication to her Christianity led her to manifest the words of St. Paul who wrote "Whosoever of you believes that he is wise by the measure of this world, may he become a fool, so as to become truly wise."^[15] The implication being that Isidora's commitment to her faith lead her to outwardly act as an afflicted person (keeping her true intentions to herself), while inwardly her suffering for the sake of being a "fool" became an act of worship.

The date of canonization for Saint Isidora is unknown. Having lived before the Sacred Congregation of Rites founded by Pope Sixtus V in 1588 (now the Congregation for the Causes of Saints), the records of Isidora's canonization have been lost if ever they existed. During Isidora's life time, the process for canonization fell under Pre-Congregation, where designates for Sainthood could be canonized by a local bishop or primate based on devotion, which is likely what took place with her cause.

The feast day of Isidora is celebrated by both the Eastern Orthodox Church and Roman Catholic Church on 10 May and 1 May respectively.



Guild Book Club - Next Meeting & Book

Wednesday, May 21 @ 2:00 pm @ St. Jude

***Tobit's Dog* by Michael Richard**



The book is a retelling of the biblical story. It is set in North Carolina during the Depression and brings to life, in surprising ways, the beloved Old Testament characters including the important but often overlooked family dog.

All ladies are invited to join - light refreshments will be served

The book club meets on odd months from September through May. The club reads books with a Catholic/Christian/Religious theme. A variety of fiction and non-fiction books are selected. Questions are sent out in advance (usually about 7 questions). Meetings are the third Wednesday of September, November, January, March and May at St. Jude at 2 p.m.

If you have questions, please contact Laura Foussekis (lfoussekis@comcast.net) or Bobbie Dorr (bobbiedorr1@gmail.com)



COMING NEXT MONTH - GUILD BAKE SALE!

The next Guild Bake Sale will be held on Father's Day Weekend after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. The dates are June 14 and 15.

Donations of baked goodies will be accepted beginning 3:00 pm on Saturday, the 14th until just before the 5:00 Mass and before the 11:00 Mass on Sunday the 16th.

All donations are welcome.

For information or questions, contact Donna Gray at donnagray1984@gmail.com or 914-588-1654 or Sally Cool at c.coolone@hotmail.com or 540-894-4191

A Prayer for Mothers

We pray for all Mother-figures, those who have loved, surrounded and shaped us with motherly care and compassion. We especially pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us, their sacrifices and care gave us a glimpse of the extent of your love for us.

Thank you for them. Grant health, blessings, and well-being for those, our mothers, who are still alive.

We also remember those mothers who are no longer with us. While they live forever in our hearts and memory grant them eternal rest and reward of their labours. Amen



Birthdays of the Month

16 - Laura Foussekis
 17 - Sally Cool
 21 - Kathy Fleser
 22 - Diana Rivera
 23 - Jane Bono
 20 - Ann Marie DeCarli
 26 - Lorraine Costello



TEAM LEADERS

Team	Chair	Co-Chair
Advertising	Laura Foussekis	
Bake Sale	Donna Gray	Sally Cool
Banquet	Julie Phelps	Amber Harman
Book Club	Laura Foussekis	Bobbie Dorr
Christmas Bazaar	Connie Fuller	Donna Gray/Wendy Smith Shirley Willis—Silent Auction
Church Beautification	Joan Kelly	Kathleen Cunningham
Lenten Fish Dinners	Michele Miller	Julie Phelps
Martha & Mary Ministry	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; Mary Ann Ptasznik; Marilyn Gutekenst; Ro Ayres; Diana Rivera; Sr. Carrine Etheridge; Shirley Willis; Joan Kelly

For Family & Friends Health & Healing:

Patrick Noto, husband of Karen Muelhauser; Margit Mertiny, sister of Ursula Canada; Bruno Noto, father-in-law of Karen Muelhauser; Alene Arvin, sister of Mikee Thompson; Debbie Brassard, sister-in-law of Sandy Brassard; Alice Hensley, Mary Adams, & Nancy Lloyd, cousins of Karen Donnelly; Cathleen Morgan, sister-in-law of Ellen Casale; Marian Green, sister of Judy Kavanagh; Dan Russell, husband of Jane Russell; Ethan Cody, a friend of Billie Markowitz; Janine Broadhurst, sister of Shelly Bocci; Chip Broadhurst, brother-in-law of Shelly Bocci; Candy Ricketts, family friend of Shelly Bocci; Grace Kopf, daughter-in-law of Maureen Kopf a member of the choir; Rita Schalk, sister of Ellen Casale; Ron Brassard, husband of Sandy Brassard; Dana Steele, wife of George Steele; Ann Russell, sister of Jane Russell; Margie Smith, friend of Jane Russell; Steve Fleger, friend of Jane Russell; Dennis Harbin, husband of Patricia Harbin; Les Shigley, cousin of Margo McCaul; Mark Slater, cousin of Jane Bono; Helen K. Hicks, cousin of Jane Bono; Jenevie King

Repose of the Soul:

Kathie Fridley; Grant Adkins, brother-in-law of Ro Ayres and Julie Phelps; Ann Marie Worosz; Patricia Martin, the daughter of a friend of Ursula Canada; Kris Horton, cousin of Laura Foussekis; Vicki Ashwell, friend of Michele Miller; Sigrid Gastoukian, mother-in-law of Ann Gastoukian; Jack Bohler, friend of Michele Miller; Judy DeGroot, friend of Meg Hoover; Alyssa Valdez, niece of Diana Rivera; Linda Phelps, sister-in-law of Julie Phelps; Kathy Largo

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

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