

LOUISA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting:

September 8

Guild Officers

PRESIDENT:

Meg Hoover

VICE PRESIDENT:

Ellen Casale

SECRETARY:

Laura Foussekis

TREASURER:

Michele Miller

Guild Meeting

Our June meeting was a lovely end to another successful Guild year. Please welcome the newly elected officers:

Meg Hoover - President

Ellen Casale - Vice President

Laura Foussekis - Secretary

Michele Miller - Treasurer

Looking forward to another good year beginning with our September meeting on the 8th. A special thanks to all who contributed their time and talent in support of the many Guild activities throughout the year. Enjoy your summer!



GUILD CHRISTMAS BAZAAR CRAFTING SESSIONS

EACH MONDAY (4 TOTAL) IN AUGUST

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

IN THE HALL AT ST. JUDE

Four crafting sessions are planned to create items for sale at the Guild sponsored Christmas Bazaar in November. The sessions are open to anyone interested in learning a craft technique and spending time with other Guild members. Each week will feature a different crafted creation. You are welcome to attend as many sessions as you wish.

BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Wednesday - July 9, 2025 - the Hall at St. Jude - Noon - 6:00 pm

The Knights of Columbus sponsor Red Cross Blood Drives on the odd months (Jan-Mar-May-Jul-Sep-Nov). **All** blood types are always needed. You may sign-up online by going to redcross.org. Search on the zip code 23117 and select St. Jude plus your desired time to give.



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



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 TERESA DE LOS ANDES

Juana Enriqueta Josefina de los Sagrados Corazones Fernández Solar was born in 1900 in Santiago in Chile to the upper class Miguel Fernández and Lucia Solar as the fourth of six children; three males and two females not including herself. Her brothers were Luis and Miguel and Ignacio and her sisters were Lucía and Rebeca (d. 31 December 1942). Rebeca became a Discalced Carmelite nun at the same convent as Juana. Her baptism was celebrated in the parish church of Santa Ana.

Juana received her education in a college managed by French nuns from the Sacred Heart order, and she remained there from 1907 until 1918. In 1914, she decided to consecrate herself to the Lord and become a Discalced Carmelite. On 8 December 1915, she made a vow to remain chaste and she renewed it on a regular basis. Juana was pious in character, but could also be stubborn and vain; she also lost her temper on some occasions. On one particular occasion, her sister Rebeca grew so fed up with Juana that she hit her while the red-faced Juana grabbed her with anger but stopped and kissed her cheek. Rebeca was confused and unsure but chased her off and said: "Get out of here! You have given me the kiss of Judas!" Juana was hospitalized in 1913 for acute appendicitis. In her childhood, she also liked singing, dancing, and playing croquet and tennis. She was an able swimmer and could play the piano and harmonium. In 1916, she made a retreat for the Spiritual Exercises.

In her childhood, she read the autobiographical account that Thérèse of Lisieux had written and the experience had a profound effect on her pious and innocent character while also coming to the realization that she wanted to live for God alone. Juana had to work to overcome her initial self-centered character towards that of one directed to the caring of others above all. Her further inspiration for this self-transformation was her upcoming First Communion which led her to this commitment in an effort to achieve worthiness of what she was soon to receive. Juana received her Confirmation on 22 October 1909 and made her First Communion later on 11 September 1910. In September 1917 she sent a letter to the prioress of the Discalced Carmelite convent close to her home expressing her desire to enter the order. In late 1917 she and her mother left church and she turned to her mother in abruptness and asked whether she knew she would become a religious to which her mother told her that decision was for her father to make. Juana did not pursue it. From school, she sent a letter to her father on 25 March 1919 and received no response. She returned home for a brief period but did not mention it and her father never alluded to it either but before she left for school again he consented when she asked him about it.

On 7 May 1919 she entered the novitiate of the Discalced Carmelites in Los Andes at which time she was given the new religious name of "Teresa of Jesus"; she later received the habit on the following 14 October. Toward the end of her short life the new nun began an apostolate of letter-writing in which she shared her thoughts on the spiritual life with others. But she soon contracted typhus that was diagnosed as fatal. However, some historians have suggested that she might have contracted Spanish flu, which was devastating Chile at this time. In any case, her condition grew worse on 2 April 1920 - Good Friday. Sister Teresa was still three months short of turning 20 and had six months to complete her canonical novitiate so as to make her religious vows. But she nevertheless was allowed to profess her vows "in articulo mortis" ("facing death") on 7 April 1920. Sister Teresa received the final sacraments on 5 April 1920 and later died at 7:15pm on 12 April 1920, one week after Easter. Her remains were later relocated in 1940 to a new chapel.

Teresa of Jesus remains popular with the estimated 100 000 pilgrims who visit on an annual basis the shrine where her remains are venerated in the Shrine of Saint Teresa of Los Andes [es] in Los Andes. The nun is Chile's first saint and the first Discalced Carmelite saint from outside of Europe. She is the patron of young people.

Her feastday is July 13.



Guild Book Club - 2025/2026 Year



All ladies are invited to join

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 in the Hall at St. Jude at 2 p.m.

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

September 17 - *Brideshead Revisited* by Evelyn Waugh

November 19 - *The Rocking Chair Prophet* by Matthew Kelly

January 21 - *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph* by Adam Hamilton

March 18 - *Jesus the Bridegroom: The Greatest Love Story Ever Told* by Brant Pitre

May 20 - *Life of Union with Mary* by Father Emile Neubert

Prayer for the Nation

God our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation; by the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens, may harmony and justice be secured and may there be lasting prosperity and peace.

For those who serve in public office, Almighty and Eternal God, you know the longings of our hearts and you protect their rights. In your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security, and peace.

God Bless the USA!



Birthdays of the Month

1 - Jeanne Flynn
 3 - Evelyn Benet
 7 - Ellie Chambers
 14 - Shirley Willis
 20 - Mikee Thompson
 24 - Kim Liebsch
 29 - Margo McCaul



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	Ann Gastoukian	Jane Russell
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; Ro Ayres; Diana Rivera; Sr. Carrine Etheridge; Shirley Willis; Joan Kelly; Billie Markowitz; Margo McCaul

For Family & Friends Health & Healing:

Joseph Noto, brother-in-law 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; Mary Adams, & Nancy Lloyd, cousins of Karen Donnelly; Marian Green, sister of Judy Kavanagh; Dan Russell, husband of Jane Russell; Ethan Cody, 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; 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; George Mader, brother-in-law of Maria Mader; Mitchell, friend of Becky Chidester; Patricia Maddy, aunt of Kim Moyer; Alice, the daughter of an IC parishioner

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; Cathleen Morgan, sister-in-law of Ellen Casale; Lee Herbermann, brother of Maria Mader; Vito Morlino, husband of Sue Morlino; Shirley Mann, friend of Laura Foussekis and Donna Gray; Alice Hensley, cousin of Karen Donnelly; Dana Steele, wife of George Steele

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