

# ST. LAURENCE LADIES GUILD

"Here to serve, not to be served." Matthew 20:28

January 2026

## Service Opportunities

### Heart of Worship—Sat., February 7th

Ladies Guild will be looking for 7-8 ladies to help serve refreshments at Heart of Worship on Saturday, February 7th. We will set out fruit, cookies, and water prior to the break. Please consider serving.

### OCIA—Sunday, February 22nd

Ladies Guild will serve a brunch for the OCIA candidates on Sunday, February 22nd. We are looking for volunteers to serve at the event and to make breakfast casseroles. A pan and recipe will be provided. This is a wonderful way to show prospective Catholics the beauty of our service ministry.

Contact: Joanie O'Daniel for information. [izodaniel@yahoo.com](mailto:izodaniel@yahoo.com)



## Ladies Guild Calendar

Jan 14th — Pocket Prayer Shawl

Jan 15th — LG Meeting—Parish Hall

Jan 18th — Angela House Bunco

Jan 23rd —Shop 'til U Drop wrap up meeting

Jan 30th —Haak Vineyards & Winery—evite coming

**TBD —Dinner and a Movie —Early February**

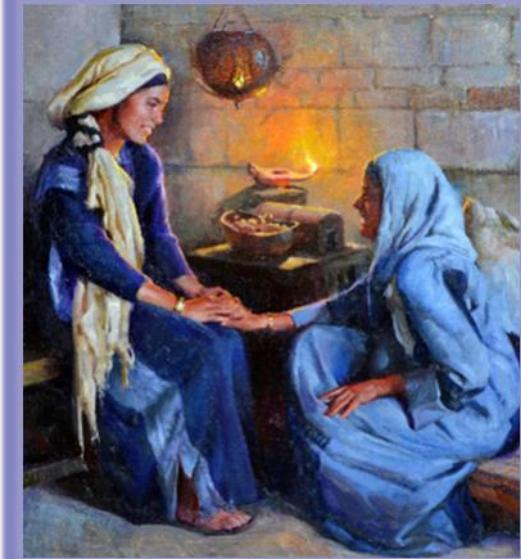
Feb 7th —Heart of Worship

Feb 15th—Tentative date—Angela House Bunco

Feb 19th —LG Meeting—Parish Hall

Feb 22nd—OCIA Candidates Breakfast

Feb 24th—Relics at St. Anthony of Padua



Ladies Guild Praying Hands is one powerful prayer chain. Send prayer requests to [sllgprayers@gmail.com](mailto:sllgprayers@gmail.com)



## New Member



Irene McGonagle

by Teresa Humphreys

December 2025 Bunco



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Happy New Year with blessings and a special thank you to these Santa's elves who helped create a special Christmas for the residents of Angela House. **Emelia Appel, Joy Eckelkamp, Sue Garcia, Anne Hansel, Cammy Janik, Norma Knoebel, Judy McCullough, Sandra Surginer, and Reji Thomas** gave new towel sets and **Cammy Janik** and **Bonnie Pollan** provided Fuzzy Socks.



The residents received \$25 dollar Wal-Mart gift cards from **Debbie Abbott, Julie Badrick, Magdalene Bryant, Essie Burgess, Jeanette Freeman, Janet Hill, and Linda Pedersen** with bath scrunchies from **Carol Giardina** while Social Concerns sent bath products from Bath and Bodyworks. **Andi Maceo** sent stockings to hold various items from **Dixie Jesco, Miche Broussard, and Judy Schockling**.

Before unwrapping their gifts, Addisha, Stephanie, Erica, Amanda, Megan, Sarah, Irene, and Catherine played several games of Bunco with office manager Tracy, **Debbie Abbott, Shawna Callahan, Carol Giardina, Anne Hansel, Teresa Humphreys, Dixie Jesco, Norma Knoebel, Cathy Lamb, Judy McCullough, Linda Panek, Elizabeth and Judy Schockling**, and Pam Smolen.

We all enjoyed snacks and beverages from **Debbie Abbott, Dixie Jesco, Norma Knoebel, Cathy Lamb, Judy McCullough, and Linda Panek**.

A special shout out to our drivers **Debbie Abbott** and **Anne Hansel**!

As seen by the many contributors, our visits to Angela House are truly a group effort, and we so appreciate your support as we continue in our 6th year of service to these remarkable women.



Bunco Winners, Erica, Irene & Addisha



The upcoming  
Bunco date is  
January 18th

## Christmas Party & Cookie Exchange—Dec. 18th

Thirty seven ladies thoroughly enjoyed an evening of fun, tasty appetizers & desserts and the lovely holiday concert by the Tuesday Morning Musical Club Chorus with amusing songs about shopping! We appreciate **Jane Waguespack** who coordinated this festive musical treat. Thanks to **Monica Williams** for the huge array of prizes!



Magna Cayll, Sue Jordan, Tina Greenfield, Cathy Topper & Gail Anawaty



Sharon Gonzales



TWIN SWEATERS—Cammy Janik & Carol Griesser



Debbie Abbott, Cammy Janik, Sharon Gonzales & Irene McGonagle

## Christmas Party & Cookie Exchange—Dec. 18th



Rose Marie Fuller, Magdalene Bryant & Kimberly Gause



Magdalene Bryant, Kimberly Gause & Ella Guillory



Judy Meador & Winnie Hackett



Gail Anawaty & Cathy Topper



Teresa Humphreys & Pat Rega



Tammy Caffrey & Monica Williams



The Tuesday Morning Musical Club



Rosa DuQue & Cristina Carlson



Maureen Ambrocik, Allyson Morrison, Gail Anawaty, Judy Scheckling, Barbata Bolling, Jeannie Dobrava, Carol Giardina, Winnie Waltzer-Hackett, Carol McDonough, Elize West & Joanie O'Daniel.

## Pocket Prayer Shawl—December 17th

Judy Scheckling hosted the December 17th meeting. Thank you **Gail Anawaty & Joanie O'Daniel** for the very tasty Eggnog Martinis!

The next meeting will be at Julianne Salverson's on Wednesday, January 14th from 10-12. Mark your calendars.

Many more need to be made!  
Interested in learning how to knit or crochet? Contact Gail Anawaty  
[ganawaty@gmail.com](mailto:ganawaty@gmail.com)



## *The Flock Project*



## PRAYER CORNER

By Maureen Ambrocik

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "savior." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

The name of Jesus is the sweetest of all names, and He who bears it is most worthy of all love. He who calls Jesus his friend can be assured that this friend is the most devoted and unselfish of all friends.

source: [catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org)

In the Name of Jesus let every knee bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth and let every tongue confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

For Prayer Requests:  
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# Funeral Receptions Ministry

by Carol Giardina, Judy  
Schockling, & Joanie O'Daniel



The following contributed food for the December receptions:

A big thanks to the following ladies who served at 3 funeral receptions during the month of December: **Gail Anawaty, Loretta Dieudonne, Carol Giardina, Liz Hoose, Sue Kulha, Andi Maceo, Chrissy Mitchell, Allyson Morrison, Joanie O'Daniel, Judy Schockling & Sandra Surginer.**

<b>Maureen Ambrocik</b>	<b>Emelia Appel</b>	<b>Barbara Bolling</b>
<b>Magdalene Bryant</b>	<b>Inez Dauterive</b>	<b>Pennie DeGroot</b>
<b>Jeannie Dobrava</b>	<b>Tina Dougherty</b>	<b>Sue Garcia</b>
Kathy Hensler	Joanne Hresko	<b>Teresa Humphreys</b>
Carol Inamdar	Cynthia Ischy	<b>Dixie Jesko</b>
Carole Kanusky	<b>Arleen Kluepfel</b>	<b>Norma Knoebel</b>
Melissa Lange	Andi Maceo	<b>Carol McDonough</b>
Michelle McGinnis	Judy Meador	Theresa Neal
Rosemary Newlin	Becky Pascual	Madrienne Petitjean
Valerie & Karl Placette	Barbara Roy	Linda Rumbarger
Holly Simonich	Toni Slusser	<b>Sandra Surginer</b>
<b>Reji Thomas</b>	Elize West	



No meals were provided in December.

by Michelle Manukonda

The Meals That Heal Ministry provides meals to parishioners of St. Laurence who are in need of a little extra help during times of illness, after surgery or the birth of a baby. This ministry is a part of St. Laurence Ladies Guild, but membership is not a requirement for volunteering to help provide meals. Participating in Meals That Heal is a wonderful way to serve others! If you or a parishioner you know is in need of meals, or if you are interested in providing a meal to those in need, please contact: Michelle Manukonda at [ladiesguildmth@gmail.com](mailto:ladiesguildmth@gmail.com)

## Membership

Fill out your membership application for 2025-2026 in an online format. Indicate your method of payment (check or cash) to drop off at the Parish Office (the box is checked weekly), bring to the meeting, or give to Judy Scheckling. [judyschock@aol.com](mailto:judyschock@aol.com)

Scan the QR code or use this hyperlink:  
[Membership Form](#)



Need help filling out the online form? Call, text or email Andi Maceo: [andimaceo@gmail.com](mailto:andimaceo@gmail.com), 713-823-0216



### BIRTHDAYS

Allyson Morrison	January 6
Barbara Bolling	January 11
Norma Spaulding	January 12
Sue Garcia	January 13
Linda Holifield	January 18
Kathy Bradley	January 20
Judy Scheckling	January 25

## Annunciation Catholic Church & Lunch—December 3rd

Jeannie Dobrava, Linda Pedersen, Mary Ann Talab & her sister, Maureen Ambrocik, Magdalene & Richard Bryant toured Annunciation Catholic Church located in downtown Houston. The church was founded in 1869 and is the oldest church in continuous use of any faith in Houston. After Jeannie, Linda, Mary Ann and her sister and Maureen enjoyed a delightful lunch at Osso & Kristalla located in the same area.



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