

ST. LAURENCE LADIES GUILD

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

February 2026

Service Opportunities

One of the charities that Ladies Guild supports with proceeds from Shop ‘til U Drop is Sole Loved. Sole Loved is a 501c3 children’s shoe charity based right here in Sugar Land. Sole Loved partners with local Title-1 schools to provide new sneakers and socks for children in need. Recent statistics show that 1 in 3 children in the Houston area are living in poverty. In 2025, Sole Loved provided shoes and socks for over 3,500 of these children, ranging from toddlers to high schoolers. Many of these kids had **never** owned a new pair of shoes. These shoes are distributed during the 15 to 20 events held each year where the children are invited in to be fitted and “shop” for their new shoes. Needless to say, these events require lots of volunteer



Ladies Guild Praying Hands is one powerful prayer chain. Send prayer requests to sllgprayers@gmail.com



Ladies Guild Calendar

- Feb 7th—Volunteer at Heart of Worship
- Feb 9th—Dinner & a Movie
- Feb 12th—Pocket Prayer Shawl
- Feb 14th—Sole Loved Event at Common Threads
- Feb 15th—Angela House Bunco
- Feb 19th—LG Meeting—Parish Hall—Elijah Rising
- Feb 21st—Sole Loved at Oak Forest Foster Closet
- Feb 22nd—OCIA Candidates Breakfast
- Feb 24th—Relics at St. Anthony of Padua
- Mar 6th—TBD—Fish Fry & Stations of the Cross
- Mar 15th—Angela House Bunco
- Mar 19th—LG Meeting—Parish Hall

manpower. Be watching future newsletters and emails for information on how you can volunteer and make a real difference in a child’s life. (And have **your** heart filled with joy at the same time.)



If you would like more information, please visit the Sole Loved website at soleloved.org, check out the Sole Loved Facebook page or contact Carol Giardina at 281 703-8615.



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by Teresa Humphreys

January 2026 Bunco



Carol Giardina, Anne Hansel, Teresa Humphreys, Norma Knoebel, Cathy Lamb, Linda Panek, Elizabeth and Judy Shockling, and Pam Smolen met for our first of the new year monthly Angela House Sunday Bunco games on January 18. Our snacks were provided by **Carol Griesser, Kathy Hensler, Norma Knoebel, Judy McCullough, Linda Panek,** and Pam Smolen.

We enjoyed playing and catching up with Angela House ladies Amanda, Regina, Kimberly, Erica, Amanda, Denise, Stephanie, Addisha, Irene, Sarah, Catherine, new residents Miriam and Tenika, soon to be new graduate Danielle and house manager Sonya for 17 very lively and loud games. Ladies Guild member **Judy Shockling** was our star player rolling 5 Buncos.

The ladies received cozy socks donated by **Miche Broussard** and an assortment of mugs and water bottles donated from our many contributors. Our visits to Angela House are truly a group effort. Please consider contributing your time and getting to know these remarkable women.



Bunco Winners: Addisha, Catherine & Tenika

A special triple shout out to our driver Anne Hansel.

Upcoming Bunco dates: February 15th, March 15th, April 19th



Stretch Class for Wellness — January Meeting

Thirty five ladies enjoyed a 30 minute stretch class provided by Jazzercise Instructors Marcia Engelking and Bonnie Inamdar. Monica Williams and Cristina Carlson each won a free month of Jazzercise courtesy of the Sugar Land Studio and the Sienna Studio. Congratulations Ladies!



Marcia Engelking, **Monica Williams**, **Cristina Carlson** & Bonnie Inamdar



Josie Vranish, Bonnie Inamdar, Marcia Engelking, **Judy Schockling**, **Joanie O'Daniel** & **Sharon Gonzales**



Instructors Bonnie Inamdar & Marcia Engelking leading the stretch class

Pocket Prayer Shawl—January 14th



Gail Anawaty, Julianne Salverson, Linda Juge, Elize West, Winnie Waltzer-Hackett, Carol Giardina, Joanie O'Daniel & Judy Schockling

Many more need to be made! Interested in learning how to knit or crochet? Contact Gail Anawaty ganawaty@gmail.com

The Flock Project



PRAYER CORNER

By Maureen Ambrocik



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. This year the first 18 days of February fall during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green, the symbol of hope, is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The remaining days of February are the beginning of Lent. The liturgical color changes to purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

For Prayer Requests:
sllgprayers@gmail.com

Funeral Receptions Ministry

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



A big thanks to the following ladies who served at 2 funeral receptions during the month of January: **Gail Anawaty, Carol Giardina, Andi Maceo, Joanie O’Daniel, Teresa Humphreys, Julianne Salverson & Jeannie Dobra.**

The following contributed food for the January receptions:

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| Lynne Daus | Tina Dougherty | Sharon Ehrenkranz |
| Ella Guillory | Kathy Hensler | Janet Hill |
| Carol Inamdar | Jean Jablonski | Cammy Janik |
| Dixe Jesko | Carole Kanusky | Andi Maceo |
| Rosemary Newlin | Linda Rumbarger | Holly Simonich |
| Joan Tyler | Mary Visser | Jane Waguespack |
| | Pamela White | |



No meals were provided in January.

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

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 Schockling. 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, 713-823-0216



BIRTHDAYS

Cathy Topper	February 5
Tina Greenfield	February 8
Maggie Tillman	February 12
Judy Meador	February 13
Magna Cayll	February 15
Julie Badrick	February 16
Jane Waguespack	February 22



On Friday, January 30th, Haak Vineyards & Winery was the location for a night of wine, live music (by Zach Tate Duo) and great company. 8 Ladies Guild members and their partners had a wonderful time visiting and drinking wine!

Haak Winery—January 30th



Josie Vranish, Mary Anne & Bill Talab, Shirley & Linus Pannapara



Carol & Mike Giardina, Gail Anawaty, Mark O'Daniel, Bert Ebbitt, not pictured: Joanie O'Daniel



Julianne & John Salverson, Andi Maceo and Josie Vranish

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**Check out the St. Laurence Ladies
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