



Altar Society, Parish of the Visitation

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MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

Craft Show

The 2022 Show is set for November 18th. There will not be a quilt display.

Heritage House Activities

Cakes were delivered to the Heritage House on Thursday, February 10th, for their monthly birthday party. We were not allowed to participate in any activities because of COVID.

Scholarships for 2022 Seniors

The Altar Society will award 2 scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each. Qualifications are to be a member of the Church of the Visitation and be a graduating senior planning to attend a university, college, or trade school in the fall semester immediately following graduation. Applications are available on the Church of the Visitation website. Completed applications should be submitted to Rita Kleypas at rkleypas@gmail.com by March 31, 2022.

Cleaning List

The Cleaning list for the hall for the weekend masses is being updated. Any concerns need to be addressed to Courtney. The list should be available soon. Also, please check the bulletin weekly for a reminder when it is your time to clean.

Easter Lilies

We will be ordering Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday. There is a collection envelope on April 3rd for Easter Flowers, however, you may put this donation in the collection at any time. You may also put your donation in a plain envelope marked "Easter Flowers".

Spaghetti Luncheon

The Spaghetti Luncheon for the 1st Reconciliation Class and their families was a success. Approximately 40 people were served. Congratulations to Mabel Lovicott, Bryla Wilde, Raynor McLaughlin, and Ryson McLaughlin.

ADCCW Convention

The Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will have their annual convention on May 16-17, 2022, at the Austin Marriott North in Round Rock. Make plans to attend!

Killeen/Temple Deanery Meeting

The May K/T Deanery meeting is canceled because of the Diocesan Convention held in May. The next meeting will be in August hosted by St. Mary's in Temple but held at St. Luke's parish hall.

Member Participation

All ladies of the parish 18 years and older are members of the Altar Society with no dues. The Mother's Society was organized on the feast of the Holy Rosary, October 2, 1887. On that day, a little band of Catholic pioneer women, (ancestors to most of us!) met with their pastor, Rev. P. A. Heckman, for the purpose of organizing an Altar Society. That will be 135 years ago this October of 2022! Please consider becoming an active member to keep our Society strong and growing. Any member who attends a meeting for the 1st time will receive a Westphalia Cookbook! (If you have one already, give to a friend!) We will be compiling a list of duties the Society takes care of and will be asking member participation to help fulfill them.

Officer Nominations

A huge thank you to Geraldine Kahlig for graciously accepting the Treasurer's position and to Connie Petru for graciously accepting the Secretary's position. Officer inductions will be at the April meeting.

Ordination to the Diaconate

Bishop Joe Vasquez will ordain 16 men from the Austin Diocese to the diaconate on Saturday, March 19th. Congratulations to a former parishioner, Matt Hoelscher, on your ordination!

Contact Info

The email is the quickest way to get Society info to all ladies. If you are not receiving the newsletter or any other information from the Society through the email, please email the Society at westphaliaaltarsociety@gmail.com with your contact info. You may also use this email for discussion items or contact one of the officers at the above numbers.

Dates to Remember

Mar 19th – Diaconate Ordination

Mar 31st – Scholarship application deadline for HS seniors

Apr 3rd – Altar Society, March Meeting, Centennial Room

Apr 10th – Palm Sunday, beginning of Holy Week

Apr 14th – Maundy Thursday, beginning of Holy Triduum

Apr 15th – Good Friday, fast & abstinence

Apr 16th – Holy Saturday

Apr 17th – Easter Sunday

May 1st – 1st Communion Services

May 16-17 – ADCCW Convention

Memorial of St. Patrick, Bishop – March 17th

Per Catholic Answers.com, St. Patrick used three spiritual weapons to convert a nation and impact the world:

- 1. Unceasing Prayer - Romans 8:26: "The Spirit helps us in the weakness of our prayer. For we do not know how we ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes on our behalf with groaning that cannot be put into words."*
- 2. Immersion in Scripture - Psalm 20:7: "Some boast of chariots, and some of horses; but we boast of the name of the Lord our God."*
- 3. Virtue of Perseverance - Perseverance is an allied virtue of fortitude, one of the cardinal virtues that enables us to overcome obstacles to obtain great goods.*

"I, Patrick, am a sinner; the most uncultured and smallest among all the faithful, indeed many people consider me to be worthless."— St. Patrick, Confessio