



Snows Women's Auxiliary

Snows Women's Auxiliary – Formed November of 2012

We are a service and social organization existing so that the women of Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church can be involved with assisting others while enjoying social activities.



Officers Effective July 1, 2021

President:	Ann McCarthy
Vice Pres:	Mary Francis
Rec. Sec:	Gayle Carlson
Treasurer:	Susann Boley
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Snows Women's Auxiliary Mission Statement:

Promote sociability among members and fellowship among the church's congregation.

Promote charitable service to the church with activities each year, such as but not limited to, money for Christmas cheer, scholarships, help to needy families, donation of clothing, food for the poor and needy, and any other such activity approved by the members.

Assist in promoting and supporting the members of Snows Women's Auxiliary and the Knights of Columbus, Council Number 4997.

SWA Presidents Message March 2022

Dear ladies,

Lent will be upon us soon. March 2nd is Ash Wednesday. The three traditional pillars of our "Lenten discipline" — prayer, fasting, almsgiving — help to reinforce our conversion to Christ and our dependence on God's grace. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. Each of the three disciplines touch upon an element of life that is important to us as human beings: our use of time, our use of material resources, and our attention to our own selves and needs. The disciplines of Lent help us to remember that all of these things have their origin in God's gracious love, and all are given to us for service to that love.

For **Prayer**, I invite you to join other SWA members each Friday at 3 PM (the time of Christ's death on the cross) in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Zoom link is noted on Page 5 of this newsletter and the Chaplet takes approximate 9 minutes. There will also be many opportunities to pray with the whole Snows community, especially with the Stations of the Cross during Lent.

For **Fasting**, beyond fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, there is abstinence from meat on Fridays. But historically we have given up a simple pleasure to remind ourselves what sacrifices Jesus had made for us. My mother always gave up candy, while my daughter gave up soda. Maybe I will do both this year.

For **Almsgiving**, we keep in mind those that need our love and support. During Lent we try to increase our generosity to those suffering. We try to give more consciously of our time, talent and treasures. This can be caring for ourselves as well as others.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the Lenten season. May the grace of our lord bless you and deepen his relationship with you during these 40 days.

Ann McCarthy



Calendar of Upcoming Events

On-going – The SWA Knit and Crochet group meets every other Tuesday in the Parish Center from 10:00 am -1:00 pm. Next meetings are Mar. 1, Mar. 15 and Mar. 29. If interested, contact Pat at 786-5066.

Tue., March 1 – No March meeting. Join us for a listening session of the Synod on Synodality instead of our March SWA meeting. See the adjacent announcement for more details.

Wed., March 2 – Ash Wednesday

Fri., March 11 – SWA Luncheon at Oceano at the Peppermill. An invitation will be sent out with all the details.

Sat., March 19 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner in Parish Center. Details coming soon!

Sun., March 20 – Bingo at the Parish Center

*See the back page of the newsletter
for the full SWA Calendar.*

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

In October of 2021, Pope Francis called for a 2-year process of listening and dialogue within the Catholic Church, known as the "Synod on Synodality". These sessions will focus on our journeying together as a people. The insights gained will be shared with the Bishops at the Synod in Rome in 2023.

As noted on the Catholic Mobilizing Network website, *"A Synod is a journey of discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit. In this Synod, the entire Church is being called to discern how the Spirit is moving through and with the Body of Christ – inside and outside the church – so that we may continue to fulfill our mission to evangelize in the world."*

SWA members are offered an opportunity to participate in one of the listening sessions. Our session will be held in the Parish Center chapel on **Tuesday, March 1** from **5:30 – 7:30 pm**. It will begin with an hour of Adoration followed by an hour long listening session. It is asked that if you decide to come, please do not be late and please plan on staying the whole time.



The poster for St. Patrick's Day Dinner is framed with a green border. At the top left is a snowflake logo with 'Snow Kitten's Auxiliary' below it. The top center features a green background with white text 'St. Patrick's Day DINNER'. To the right is a small graphic with the text 'May Your Blessings be many Happiness come through your door'. The main text in the center reads 'Saturday, March 19', 'Our Lady of the Snows Parish Center', 'Social Time: 5:00 pm', and 'Dinner Served: 5:30 pm'. Below this, it says 'Dinner includes:' followed by a list: '★ CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE', '★ ROASTED CARROTS & POTATOES', '★ IRISH BREAD', '★ NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS', and '★ DESSERT'. It also mentions 'Knights of Columbus Cash Bar Available' and 'Suggested Donation per person \$17'. A green box at the bottom contains the text 'RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!', 'Sign up online by clicking the link below or by going to the Parish Office', 'RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MARCH 12!', and a row of small leprechaun illustrations at the very bottom.

[Click this link to go to online order form](#)



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At the Parish Center:
SWA BINGO – March 20 – 1PM

- Bingo Cards - \$5 each
- Food and Drink available for purchase
- Come a little bit early to get set up
- Must be at least 21 to enter building
- Bring small bills-change is limited

Lent's Liturgical Somberness- By Fr. Rocky

Just as we are called to fast and abstain from certain rich foods in Lent — in a spirit of penance and self-discipline — so, too, we “give up” for a time some of the more glorious and joyful aspects of the Liturgy: not only the Gloria — the joyous hymn the angels sang the night our Savior was born — but also the Alleluia (what could be more exhilarating than Handel’s Alleluia chorus from the Messiah?). Moreover, we also omit floral decorations and instrumental music in our churches during those 40 days (see General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Nos. 53, 62, 305, 313). Why? Because all of those elements are external and exuberant expressions of joy; Lent is not a “joyful” season, it is a “penitential” season. While it is true that we should always rejoice (Phil 4:4), during Lent we are soberly and penitentially preparing for the passion and resurrection of Christ.

The 40 days of Lent offer us an opportunity to imitate what Jesus did in the desert for 40 days: He prayed and fasted in preparation for His public ministry. The Church asks the faithful to perform works of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during the Lenten season in imitation of Christ and for the good of our souls. This “spiritual spring training” makes us stronger if we embrace these practices with mindfulness and generosity.

An essential aspect of the life of the Christian is to worship God at Mass. The Liturgy uses signs and symbols to teach and inspire us, and to help us along the way toward Christ. There are many elements to the Liturgy: sacraments and sacramentals, readings and hymns, gestures and actions, vestments and vessels, art and architecture, priest and people, and so forth. The selection, combination and arrangement of these various elements keeps the Liturgy fresh and engaging. As we read in the Book of Ecclesiastes (see 3:4), so we worship in the Liturgy: There is a time for weeping, and a time for rejoicing.

Rev. Francis Hoffman, J.C.D., Executive Director of Relevant Radio. Follow him on his Facebook page “Father Rocky.”


















2022 SWA Easter Bake Sale

The Bakers are gearing up for the Easter Bake Sale. Watch for the online order form link to be sent out mid of March. Ordering cut-off date is April 1st. The Bakers will get prepared and start baking Easter week so items will be fresh for Easter. Bake orders can be picked up Thursday, April 14 from Noon – 4 PM or Friday, April 15 from 9 AM – Noon.

Thank you to Donors to SWA Raffle and Silent Auction

THANK YOU for your donation that was used in one of our raffle baskets or as a silent auction item at our Parish Christmas celebration at the Peppermill. Please accept our most heartfelt appreciation for being a generous donor to this event. We are pleased to tell you that our event was well attended, and we were able to raise the funds necessary to continue to support the ministries that help the needy which in turn, continues to make the community a better place.

Corporate Donations:

	Animal Ark
	Beaujolais Bistro
	Boomtown
	Bricks Restaurant
	Ceasar's Entertainment- The Row
	Greater Nevada Field
	Johnnys
	La Cucina Italian Eatery
	National Auto Museum
	Nugget
	Somerset Country Club
	Sparks Heritage Museum
	Specialty Automotive
	Squeeze In
	Wild Island

Consider frequenting these Corp donors. They have consistently given generously to our various fundraising efforts.

Thank you again from,

SWA, Sandy McClure and her merry bunch of raffle basket organizers.

SWA Members who donated:

Barbara Babcock
 Susann Boley (and Ken)
 Carol Burr
 Gayle Carlson (and daughter)
 Sandra Gerhardt-Carroll
 Ellie Lawson-Gilgovan
 Ann McCarthy
 Sandy McClure
 Barrie McKay
 Cindy McLaughlin
 Bobbi Miller
 Ginny Motola
 Anne O'Neill
 Phyllis Paydo
 Belinda Preston
 Marge Quaglieri
 Barbara Reyes
 Sandy Retter
 Deb Van Keuren
 Lottie Wilson
 Madeleine Zunino

NON SWA Members who donated:

Karen Claffy
 Joycette Dapra
 Andy Wagner
 Stacey Quest

If we have missed mentioning another donor, we sincerely apologize for we truly appreciate all who have given to this fundraiser.



Join the Snows Women's Auxiliary

THE SWA MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT IS UNDERWAY

We are looking for more Women from the Parish to join our group. If you are reading this newsletter and are not a member of the Snows Women's Auxiliary, please consider joining us! If you are a member, please consider bringing another Woman Parishioner to our next meeting with hope they will join our group.

This ministry of Our Lady of the Snows church began in November, 2012 and grew out of a small group of ladies who were wives of Knights of Columbus members. The SWA has since grown to approximately 100 ladies who gather to socialize, share their faith and participate in lots of fun activities while raising funds to support our church, school and various local charitable organizations.



See the back page for more information on how to join us!

This information will also be provided in the Welcome basket provided to new parishioners.

Divine Mercy Chaplet 2022

The SWA Divine Mercy Chaplet Zoom meeting starts at 3 pm sharp every Friday and takes about 12 minutes to pray.

Below is the schedule through Dec. 23, 2022.

Month	Date
Feb.	4, 11, 18, 25
March	4, 11, 18, 25
April	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
May	6, 13, 20, 27
June	3, 10, 17, 24
July	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
August	5, 12, 19, 26
September	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
October	7, 14, 21, 28
November	4, 11, 18, 25
December	2, 9, 16, 23

To Join the Zoom Meeting:

1. Type or copy/paste the web address below in your computer web browser & press Enter or
2. On your keyboard, press and hold either Control (**CTRL**) key and then click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86417595411?pwd=SFpzYU4rYW40RIZiTFI2NnJ3Vllzd09>

Meeting ID: 864 1759 5411

Passcode: snows

Add Excitement to Your Life - Join a SWA Committee!

Current Chairwomen listed in **Bold** above member names

Compassion Committee	
<i>Ongoing</i>	
Sandra Gerhardt-Carroll 772-2103	Cindy McLaughlin 750-7867
Ann Steckline	Lisa Robinson
Barrie McKay	Lorie Johnson
Barbara Clark	Lottie Wilson
Barbara Reyes	Madeline Zunino
Betty Mullins	Nancy Piercy
Diana Perez	Nelda McGee
Ellie Lawson-Gilgovan	Sandy McClure
Laurie Goodman	Terry Norman

Bingo Committee	
<i>Ongoing</i>	
Gayle Carlson 843-1847	Betty Mullins 399-9131
Cindy McLaughlin	Madeleine Zunino
Eugenia Hovland	Pat Jarvis
Ginny Motola	Sandy McClure
Karen Waite	Sharon Cortez
Lorie Johnson	Susann Boley
Lottie Wilson	Theresa Kristynik

Fall Fashion Show Committee	
<i>Fall, 2022</i>	
Denise Topoian 544-4191	
Betty Mullins	Lorie Johnson
Brucie Ingram	Madeleine Zunino
Carol Burr	Melissa Meetze
Cindy McLaughlin	Sandra Gerhardt-Carroll

Easter & Thanksgiving Bake Sale Committee	
<i>April, 2022 and November, 2022</i>	
Sandra Gerhardt-Carroll 772-2103	Lorie Johnson 560-3967
Cindy McLaughlin	

Holiday Basket Raffle Committee	
<i>December 2022</i>	
Sandy McClure 233-5359	
Anne O'Neill	Ginny Motola
Barrie McKay	Lottie Wilson
Betty Mullins	Madeleine Zunino
Gayle Carlson	

Chili Cook-Off	
<i>Deferred until later in 2022</i>	
Sandra Gerhardt-Carroll 772-2103 or 826-3689	

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Committee	
<i>Saturday, March 19, 2022</i>	
Sandra Gerhardt-Carroll 772-2103 or 826-3689	

Making a Difference Awards Committee	
<i>Next Award Date is Tuesday, May 3, 2022</i>	
Sandy McClure 233-5359	
Eugenia Hovland	Lorie Johnson
Gayle Carlson	Mary Boles
Ginny Motola	Pat Klos

SWA & Knights of Columbus Golf Outing	
<i>Monday, May 16, 2022</i>	
Sandy Retter 762-3212	
Ann McCarthy	Cindy McLaughlin
Barbara Reyes	Gayle Carlson



OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CHURCH
SNOWS WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CALENDAR – Updated 2/16/22

SWA MEETINGS – 1st Tuesday of the month

PLACE: Parish Center TIMES: Rosary – 6:00 pm Meeting – 6:30 pm

MONTH	OFFICER MEETING 8:30 am	GENERAL MEETING 6:30 pm	BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED	PARISH & SWA ACTIVITY REMINDERS
Mar.	2.19.22	3.01.22	* Synod on Synodality in lieu of SWA meeting Held in Parish Chapel from 5:30 – 7:30 pm	Wed., Mar. 2 - Ash Wednesday Sat., Mar. 19 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner Sun. Mar. 20 - Bingo
April	3.19.22	4.05.22	<i>Presentation: TBD</i> * Vote on new 2022-23 Officers	Sun., April 17 - Easter Thurs. April 14 and Fri., April 15 – Pick up Easter Bake Sale goods
May	4.23.22	5.03.22	<i>Presentation: Making a Difference Student Award winners</i>	Mon., May 16 - SWA & KofC Charity Golf Tournament
June	5.22.22	6.07.22	Thank You to retiring Officers Reminder – SWA Dues are due 7.1	





Snows Women's Auxiliary



Ladies 18 Years and older.....

We invite you to join our group of wonderful women.

We are women who:

- Provide Service to our Parish
- Help with Fundraising to benefit our Community, Church and School
- Form Interest Groups for Fun
- Participate in Educational and Entertaining Programs and Events

Meetings:

- First Tuesday of every month
- Rosary at 6:00 PM
- Meeting 6:30 PM at the Parish Center

If you are interested in joining the SWA, please fill out the membership form and turn it into the Parish Office or give it to any SWA member. Membership forms can be obtained by emailing Cindy at c.cmclaughlin@charter.net.

For more information on the SWA, please go to the Parish Website at:

<http://www.olsparish.com> –click on *ministries* and then on *SWA*