

Our Lady of Grace Altar Society Minutes
February 1, 2022

Doris led the opening prayer.

Roll Call Present: St. Louise, St. Monica, St. Veronica

Secretary's report was read. Passed by Dawn and seconded by Bernie

Treasure's Report: Sue Weston went over the report. Passed by Dawn and seconded by Bernie.

Old Business:

Altar Society Monthly Serving Schedule: February - St. Bridget, March - St. Louise, April - St. Monica, May - St. Veronica,

Christmas party was December 4th. There was the right amount of food and the Klein family entertained. It was suggested that next year it might be nice to just have some Christmas Carols and more time to visit.

All went well with the New Year's Eve potluck gathering. A suggestion for next year was to have several people take turns calling bingo.

There were 12 funerals served and the circles have been kept very busy. This started a discussion on the altar society's role in the church and how we fulfill this in the future. There will be a continuation of this in the new business.

New Business:

St. Bridget Circle will serve donuts and coffee after the 9:00 mass on February 8th.

Sue made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the BRHS After Prom Party. Bernie seconded and it passed.

Deacon Steve had a discussion with Sue about paying for a different baptismal gift since we no longer buy the bibles. Bernie made a motion to approve this expense and Dawn seconded. It passed.

Ash Wednesday is March 2nd and the altar society was asked to serve soup and sandwiches on 3/2, 3/11, 3/18, and 4/8. We have done this in the past but the groups are unsure if we can continue doing events like this and keep up with the funerals. There is just not enough help. We said if we do agree to do this we would only do 3 nights at the most. We agreed to go back to our circles and see if we can get enough ladies to help.

This led us to discuss that the primary goal of altar society is serving at funerals and we may need to quit helping with other events since our membership is so low. We also discussed the possibility of joining all the groups and having one coordinator. Another idea was the church may need to develop a separate group that deals with the other events like Lent, picnics, Easter Vigil, etc.. Doris and Sue are going to share our concerns and ideas with the Fathers and Deacons.

Dawn made a motion to adjourn and Sue seconded.

Next meeting is March 1st.