

Our Lady of Grace Altar Society

April 5, 2022

The meeting opened with the Memorare.

Roll Call: St Louise, St Monica, St Veronica all present, St Bridget absent

Secretary's report: minutes approved (moved by Marietta and seconded by Berny)

Treasurer's report: approved (moved by Kathy and seconded by Ellie)

Old Business

1. Monthly event serving schedule:

April	Monica
May	Veronica
June	Bridget
July	Louise
August	Monica
September	Veronica

2) We have 4 active circles which are on the monthly event serving schedule and 5 circles to serve funerals: Bridget, Louise, Monica, Veronica (June and July funerals), and Francis (only serve funerals, not on monthly schedule).

3) Funerals:

Francis	3/12/22	Betty Steinberger	225 meals requested
Louise	3/22/22	Sharon Walter	150

St Louise would like to limit the meal options to scalloped potatoes and ham, fettucine alfredo, or hamburger hotdish.

4) Lent soup and sandwich meals

March 2	Bridget and others	Knoephla	
March 11	Louise	tomato	about 60
March 18	Veronica	tomato	about 60
April 1	KC's	pasta fagioli	about 60
April 8	KC's		

Catholic Daughters, confirmation students, and KC's are willing to help.

KC Fish Fry 3/25 at the Columbian

5) Living Stations of the Cross Wednesday 3/30 and Sunday 4/10

6) Wednesdays of Lent (3/9 through 4/6): fellowship after 9 am mass downstairs; parish staff will serve with volunteers to assist. Teen will order and pick up donuts.

- 7) Sunday March 20: One Dei band from Bismarck will perform. They will play the music for the 5:30 pm mass. Mass will be followed by 1 hour of Eucharist Adoration and then fellowship. Confirmation students will make bars and serve. One Dei plays music one time a month at Spirit of Life for adoration.

New Business

- 1) April 16 Easter Vigil Mass: RCIA reception after Mass (4 people). Three helpers requested. We will check with the KCs.
- 2) First Communion: Saturday April 23 at 4 pm and Sunday April 24 at 10:30 am. (There will be no First Communion students at the 8:30 Mass. There are 51 children preparing for the sacrament. On Sunday, the KCs will serve a breakfast. Tanya will have a cake for 4:30 and 10:30. We will need volunteers from St Monica to cut and serve cake (2 at 4:00 pm and 3 at 10:30 am).
- 3) Scholarships: The deadline for applications is April 15. Application forms are available at BRCS and OLG office. There are three \$300 scholarships available from the Altar Society as well as two \$250 Brent Weston scholarships. St Monica will judge the essays this year. The scholarship money will be paid to BRCS in September. For next year, it was suggested that we approach Lindsey Wald at the school to see if there are students who are more financially needy who could be encouraged by school staff to apply.
- 4) Altar Society officer nominating committee: There are two positions open, Vice president and secretary. Ali will be President and Sue will be treasurer. St Veronica's is seeking volunteers but have not found anyone willing to take one of the open positions. This will be tabled until the process discussed in #10 is completed.
- 5) Annual kitchen cleaning (to be completed by the end of May)
 - a) Reception room, freezers, ice machine, supply room behind brown door (pantry closet): Louise
 - b) Counters, cabinets, island, sinks, carts, salt and pepper shakers, cream/sugar containers, roasters, coffee pots, drawers: Veronica
 - c) Dining room, all tables (including those in the storeroom behind St Gianna room), chairs, posts: Knights of Columbus? Bridget?
 - d) Refrigerator, dishwashing room and floor, shelves, highchairs: Monica
- 6) Mass for deceased and living members of Altar Society May 3 7:00 pm
- 7) Ice cream social for all the women of the parish May 3 after 7:00 pm mass. St Veronica to host.
- 8) Graduates' mass May 22 at 10:30 am. Cake and beverages will be served after mass. We need 3 volunteers from St Veronica's to cut and serve cake. (Donuts for regular fellowship will also be served.)
- 9) Parish picnic: Parish Council will be discussing it at their April 12 meeting. Altar Society will probably be asked to make a roaster of beans (Berny's recipe).
- 10) It was brought up that we should form a committee to look at how Altar Society does things. According to the parish website "the mission of Altar Society is 1) to promote spiritual life of the women of OLG parish, 2) to promote true Christian charity, the love of God and our neighbor, and Christian family life, 3) to foster love for the house of God and to labor for its care and adornment...One of its most rewarding acts of service is to cook and serve funeral luncheons to family and friends of deceased members of OLG parish." Sue obtained the database from the

parish office and identified those women who are already active in a circle. It was moved by Marietta and seconded by Dori to have each circle bring to the May meeting the names of 1-2 people from their circle who would be willing to participate in meetings this summer to explore possible reorganization; Sue Weston will be chair. The goal is to identify how to involve other people in the parish with Altar Society activities. Nancy Vitko, Kathy Lach, and Ali Coleman have already volunteered. One possibility is to have different volunteer groups (those who will bake bars, those who set up the dining room the previous evening, and those who cook/serve the actual funeral). All Altar Society members are welcome to submit ideas.

11) Ice machine is not functioning properly. The ice cubes are not solid. Doris will bring it up to Steve. We also need 4 new roasters (will check with Bill to make sure there aren't any stored anywhere else). Also needed is a new 30-40 cup coffee pot/percolator. Once these items are obtained, we should write the purchase date on them with permanent marker.

12) Suggestions for donations from Altar Society funds:

African mission in Kisii, Kenya, East Africa

In honor of Fr Bruce, the parish started the Fr Bruce Krebs Endowed scholarship fund for students and families to receive assistance to attend Bishop Ryan Catholic School.

After discussion, a motion was made by Sue and seconded by Dori to approve a \$500 donation to the African Mission and \$1500 to the Fr Bruce endowed scholarship fund.

Motion passed. (Last year, we donated \$1000 to the Retired religious fund.)

Meeting was adjourned at 2100 (Motion by Ellie, seconded by Garnetta)

Next meeting is May 3.