

February 12, 2018

Hello ladies,

I have many things to bring everyone up to date on concerning the St. Michael's Women's group.

In January, we held two get togethers where we shared food, laughter and information. Barb Hembree gave us a comprehensive list of ways we can participate and have opportunities for service within our parish. She also updated us on the women's recovery home that is being established in Greenfield as a transitional place for 10-12 women at a time to stay after coming from a treatment center for addiction. The Talitha Koum Recovery House is be a much needed home for the women to continue to receive counseling, help with putting together a resume, and finding work so they will have a better chance of becoming a productive part of their communities. The stays may be as long as 90 days. We will keep you updated on this community outreach of service. We are looking forward to participating in this and Fr. Aaron is already deeply involved with this project. It's an awesome way for us as Christians to make an impact in our community. The church has already had a trivia fundraiser for the home, and we hope you were able to attend the evening of fun and fellowship. There will be many more opportunities to get involved in this pet project of ours.

Our group also was able to be a part of something truly fantastic. We pitched in and shared our time and muscles to help the Simuneks with packing up Micki's parents' home so she could get items taken to auction. Micki has no siblings and with her father recently dying, it was a great opportunity to help a fellow parishioner check some stuff off of a long list of things to get done. Thank you to all of our helpers! It was fantastic to see how many came to help out. It made quick work of a huge task. Micki is speechless with thanks to everyone!

We now have set dates and times for our get togethers. These are not meetings. They are a time for fellowship, discussing ways to enhance our faith, and making our mark in this world through service to those in need. We have decided to have women with their last names beginning with letters A-M to bring a savory snack to share and ladies N-Z please bring something sweet. Bottles of water will be provided for everyone, but if you'd prefer to bring your favorite beverage please do. Our set days are every 3rd Tuesday evening in the Fr. Severin parish Life Center, Room 2 after 6 pm Mass. We encourage everyone to attend Mass first, then come on over for our get together. There is another monthly option of the 4th Monday of the month @10am in the parish office meeting room. We hope to have something interactive at each event to inform, participate in, or just enjoy. The same things will be going on at both get togethers so please choose whichever fits into your schedule the best. We hope to see all of our fellow women at some time throughout the year. This is not an all or nothing issue.

Please just join in when you can. In fact, we have our first parish wide get together set for all women of the parish on Saturday May 12th. It is going to be a tea. We anticipate it being in the afternoon. Just mark your calendars now with the date. More info on time will be coming very soon.

We have handed out surveys to all who have come so far to get input on ideas for what you would like to see the group do or be a part of. We want everyone's input. This group is going to be what we make it. We are going to be doing great things! Surveys are available on the St. Michael website under the Women's Club tab.

One of those great things was presented by Karen Farrell at our January get togethers. We are going as a St. Michael group to the Catholic Women's Conference in downtown Indy on Saturday, March 10th. It's an all-day event starting at 8:30 am to 4:45 pm. There will be three dynamic national speakers, a Mass, and confession will be offered as well as Benediction. Lunch is provided as well. We would love to all ride together in a bus. The group rate cost is \$45 and is due by Feb 20th. **Please don't let the cost keep you from going! Funds are available!** We will all be together as a group for the day. Christie Murphy is our contact in the parish office. All registrations need to go through the office to keep us as a group. Registration forms are available on the St. Michael website under the Women's Club tab. You can pay with cash, check, or credit card. I'm hoping to get at least 30 women to come. I will need helpers to push me around in my wheelchair. ;-). Any questions call Mary Beth at 317-408-5476 or Christie Murphy at 317-462-4240.

I would also like to thank Dodie Fleming for taking care of getting both Fr. Aaron and Deacon Wayne a small token of our thanks over the holiday season of \$200 for each of them.

For the next two years this is your leadership group:

Mary Beth Sifferlen-Chair
Theresa Mayer-Fellowship
Karen Farrell and Peggy Welage-Spirituality
Barbara Hembree-Service
Linda Newett- Treasurer

Blessings To All,

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