

CHRISTIAN WOMEN AT THE BASILICA NEWSLETTER

February 2019



General Meeting

Speaker: Deacon Ted Faust

Topic: "Light from Light: Learning to Breathe with Both of Her Lungs".

Monday, Mar 4 @ 6:30 PM, Lower Church Undercroft

There will be a short meeting and then Deacon Ted will give us an overview of the spirituality of Western and Eastern Christianity. Many of us don't understand that there is an Eastern Christian (and Catholic) Rite at play – and how it is wonderfully complementary to Western (Roman) Catholicism. Join us for this informative talk to help kick off the start of your Lent! Please bring a friend, an appetizer, dessert or snack.

Christian Women Retreat

March 23 - 24

Marytown Retreat

Center, Libertyville, IL

Annual Women's Lenten Retreat with the Christian Women of the Basilica: "*A Time for Transformation,*"

March 23 & 24, at the Marytown Retreat Center in Libertyville, IL. Cost is

\$130.00 which includes your room for your overnight stay, three meals and the talks. If you have never been on retreat or if it's been a while,

I ask you to prayerfully consider it. **Join us for a day and night** of Reflection,

Adoration, Prayer, Faith Sharing, Talks, Rosary and so much more! You will leave relaxed, renewed and refreshed!

The Retreat speakers will be Fr. Brad Milunski & Fr. Paul Schneider. **Registration with**

payment due by Wednesday, March 13, 2019

For more information please contact Jane Czarnecki-Drake 414-519-3010.



Spring Bake Sale

March 30 – 31, 2019

Undercroft

Bake Sale coming soon to a Basilica near you! We are looking for donations of cookies, cakes, pies, cupcakes, breads, bars, candies, snack mixes, nuts, etc. We were a little short on baked goods at Christmas so we're asking all bakers to help make this bake sale successful! We also need help with set-up and with pricing of items on Saturday March 30th after 1:30 PM and/or selling of items before and after all weekend masses. Baked goods can be dropped off in the Undercroft after 1:30 PM on Saturday. Please bring items packaged, ready to sell.

Clear plastic containers will be available in the gift shop a week prior to the bake sale.

Please label if nuts and or peanut butter are in the ingredients. Thank you!



**Soup and Session
Monday, April 1
Church Undercroft**

We will be volunteering for the Lenten soup and session on April 1st. Our group will supply the homemade soups, breads, crackers, & desserts. Please bring your own serving utensils. We will also help with set up/tear down. There will be a sign-up sheet at our March General Meeting.

Movie Night

This is cancelled. Originally it was scheduled for Friday, Apr. 26. It has not been determined if this will be rescheduled. If there is a new date it will be announced.

Scholarship Luncheon

This is one of our favorite events of the year! Date has been confirmed: Save the date, Saturday, June 1 @ The Wisconsin Club.

Raffle Items Needed

We are again asking for donations of raffle prizes for the Christian Women Scholarship Luncheon. Donations of all kinds are needed and greatly appreciated. Some suggestions: Items for summer fun and technology enthusiasts - gardeners, golfers and grillers. Wine or spirits are always a big hit as are gift cards to restaurants and stores in any amount. Things for the home/kitchen

or accessories, such as jewelry, purses or scarves are also appreciated. Donations needed by May 12. Items can be dropped off at the Pavilion gift shop.

Christmas Bake Sale

Thank you to all of you that generously donated soups, crafts, baked goods and helped at the bake sale. This year we decided to try something a little different. A member suggested, "why not make homemade soups to take home and heat up." She said, "our soups are always a hit at Soup and Session so why not try selling them?" What a great idea! So, we decided to give it a try. I'm happy to say that we sold out of all of them! People seemed to love the idea and were still asking for them after we ran out. So, it looks like we'll be offering them again at our next Christmas Bake Sale!



Special thanks to Margaret Derr for leading this event, also Sharon Felten, and Julie Westbrook who spent most of their weekend at this event. Our bake sales are major fundraisers for us and we wouldn't be able to continue them year after year without

all your donations and help! We are very blessed and thankful to have all the wonderful ladies in our organization!



Christian Women Quilt Raffle

Congratulations to parishioner and member of Christian Women Jeannette Schamens. She is the winner of the quilt made and donated by Camille Nawrocki, also a parishioner and member of Christian Women. The drawing was held on Sunday, December 23 following the Milwaukee Symphony Concert. We appreciate all of

Camille's many hours of hard work stitching this beautiful quilt and all the time she spent over two weekends



selling raffle tickets. Camille was able to raise \$1,286.00. Amazing!! Thank you Camille for helping support Christian Women!

Christmas Dinner

We celebrated our Christmas Dinner on Monday, January 14 at Oak Creek Community Center.

Thank you to all of you that donated gift cards, and bought raffle tickets!



Spiritual Life Notice and Appreciate By: Jane Czarnecki-Drake

We are reminded at this time of year how keeping hope and finding light and beauty takes work.

After days and days of snow, then extreme cold, then clouds and rain, then clouds and sleet, then clouds and freezing rain, then just fog and clouds. It made me make a concerted effort to find things that were bright and signs of light and life. I started noticing when a coworker would wear a bright and cheery color; I noticed and took time to appreciate a deer on the side of the road as I drove to the store; I noticed how random acts of generosity make such a huge impact when a stranger offered me candy (I know, it doesn't sound good - but it was fine!); I noticed how simply lighting one candle could brighten a room and definitely noticed when the sun came out for a whole *10 minutes* the other day!

This sometimes challenging time of year is the time to notice and appreciate the little things, because most of our life is made up of the little things. Look for the signs of light of the world, it's always there because the light of Jesus is always there waiting for us to take in that gift.



Crafts
From Crosses to Talents
By: Sharon Felten

Have you ever had days when your thoughts went something like this “How am I ever going to get through this pain in my heart?” Don’t we all have those days...I do and I will be honest they have been so incredibly painful. Staying close to Jesus and Mary has always been my mainstay of comfort. But when my spiritual world went upside down, I was so lost and confused!

Then a dear priest friend said to me after listening to all my sadness, he said, “so what is your project you are working on...? You need a project!” I then realized something with all the crosses come talents to get me through the crosses. I am so blessed, to be given the talents of painting, baking and fiber art!

When I ponder how did you get through that painful time

in your life, I can come up with a big awesome project to match it. It helped me work through the pain with a sense of manageability. So, this is a very long introduction to introducing my new business called “Lady Poppy Designs.” I started this business with the idea of sharing my talents of fiber art to not only teach an awesome craft but learn there’s also a tool to help work through all the crosses we are given. It’s amazing when the hands are busy with something of creativity what can happen to our mood. It’s motivating and inspiring to know what lies in us!

So, let’s start with the oldie but super fun proggy rugs. Many of you are familiar with proggy, but there’s more to come within the fiber art world of proggy rugs. My new work studio located in my home, is opening with classes, in Proggy and Wool Felt Flowers. Looking forward to making rugs and memories with all of you!

Working through the joys and sorrows that life gives us. You will soon be receiving an email regarding my Open House for sign-up on Proggy Classes and Felted Flowers. If you don't have an email please contact me for a copy of the invite:

Sharon Felten
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Peace in Creating!

Game Night
Parish Center

If you would like more information, please email Diane at dianelowell@milwpc.com or call 414-545-6062.

Future Dates for 2019 are:

May 14

June 11

July 9

August 13

September 10



2019 Calendar of Events
“Subject to Change”

Monday, March 4

General Meeting
6:30 PM in the Undercroft

Saturday, March 23 &

Sunday, March 24

Marytown Retreat

Saturday, March 30 &

Sunday, March 31

Spring Craft & Bake Sale
After all Masses, Undercroft

Monday, May 13

General Meeting
6:30 PM in the Undercroft

Saturday, June 1

Scholarship Luncheon
Wisconsin Club

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the gift of life. Hear the prayers of these women who recall the day of their birth and rejoice in your gifts of life and love, family and friends. Bless them with your presence and surround them with your love that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



March

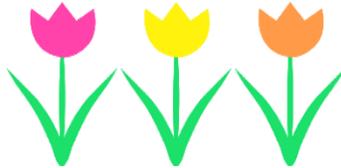
- 3 Antonia Chavez
- 4 Sarah Lopez
- 7 Shari Hanneman
- 7 Joyce Schinka
- 12 Susan Plewa
- 13 Laura Reichert
- 28 Donna Drazkowski

April

- 6 Christi Jentz
- 8 B.J. Doyle
- 12 Joyce Britt
- 13 Paula DeVito
- 15 Lisa Wochos
- 21 Emmy Bisser
- 23 Carol Sheridan
- 25 Malissa Lelinski
- 25 Quitlowa Mont
- 28 Dorothy Helmenstine

May

- 2 Rachael Culver
- 7 Mary Wdowczk
- 20 Debbie Shutta
- 26 Christine Le Blanc
- 26 Jeannette Schamens



“What you hold, may you always hold, what you do, may you always do and never abandon. But with swift pace, light step, unswerving feet, so that even your steps stir up no dust, may you go forward securely, joyfully, and swiftly, on the path of prudent happiness.”

St Clare of Assisi

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