

St. Elizabeth Guild

This guild includes the prayer card ministry and will send cards to those in need of cheer. A book is located in the vestibule of the Church for parishioners to request prayers. Please include full address if you wish for a card to be sent. Contact Sue Pearson at 636-8419 for information or to offer assistance.

Notre Dame Council of Catholic Woman

By Gail Thompson

The Notre Dame Council of Catholic Women is affiliated with the Knoxville Diocese CCW and The National CCW, and all women of the parish are considered to be members. If you are not already active, you are invited to become more involved.

At our meeting in January, a survey was taken to see "Where do we go in 2009?" A lot of good ideas were gathered and Lisa Loewenkamp gave a presentation of *Renew - Why Catholic?*

At our February meeting, a new guild was added: St. Elizabeth's. This guild serves people in need, whether through a card, visit, or needed meals. Sue Pearson volunteered to serve as chairperson. Ladies already serving or willing to help include Jean HagenBurger, Bettye Bright, Margaret Wayson, Amanda Norris, Susan Collins, Wendy Hankins, and Judy Collins. Please notify Sue Pearson if you know of a parishioner that is in need of St. Elizabeth's. Maggie May volunteered to be our Publicity Chairperson and will send out articles to the local media and get announcements of important events on the radio or in the newspaper. We also participated in the Red Envelope/Pro Life Project. Through fundraising efforts, the CCW voted to fund the Notre Dame Mass book covers.

In March the CCW sponsored a Lenten soup supper and Stations of the Cross. We hosted the Spring CCW Five Rivers Deanery meeting that 25 women and our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Dan Whitman, attended. A big thank you goes out to Loretta DeRuvo, Barbara Price, Margaret Ayers, Amanda Norris, Aimee Place, Maggie May, Jean HagenBurger, Carol Marcello, Elaine Janaskie, and Ruth Hawk for providing morning refreshments, lunch, and dessert.

At our April meeting, plans were discussed for the upcoming "Graduation Breakfast" and nominations were taken from the floor for the election of our 2009- 2011 CCW officers. Election of officers will occur in May.

The CCW guilds have been very active. St. Veronica's had a general cleaning of the church in April and is taking care of the altar, church, and its needs. St. Martha's Guild is continuing its outreach to bereaved families by providing meals after funeral Masses and on other occasions. Several members of St. Catherine's guild have started a prayer shawl ministry.

St. Catherine Guild / Prayer Shawl Ministry

By Wendy Hankins

St. Catherine Guild and the Prayer Shawl Ministry consist of a group of women who come together to enjoy the fellowship of meeting and creating together. We are part of the Council of Catholic Women. St. Catherine Guild provides a social outlet for women whose interest is in handiwork to produce crafts of all kinds. We are always looking for service projects by way of crafting to benefit the CCW, the Church, and the community. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets to knit and crochet prayer shawls. We welcome anyone new to knitting or crocheting; we will always lend a helping hand. Our prayer shawls are for persons going through difficult times as a comfort to know we care. We hope you consider joining one or both groups; we look forward to meeting new members as well as the women who have already made each group such a joy to be in. Wendy Hankins and Mary Lou Lamb are the chairs of the St. Catherine Guild and Carol Marcello is the chair of the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

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ND Seminarian Assignment, Adam Kane

I grew up in Lynchburg, TN in the middle of the woods. I converted from Baptist to Catholicism when I went to college by reading the Early Church Fathers and watching EWTN. I was received into the Church in 2003. I graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a Bachelors in Anthropology, the study of humanity; and I moved to Johnson City to get my graduate degree. I attended one year at ETSU and then left school because I felt called to the priesthood. I lived one summer with Fr. Micheal at the discernment house in Johnson City. Last August, I entered Saint Meinrad Seminary in Indiana, and I will start my second year of philosophy this fall. When I was told that I was assigned to Norte Dame for the summer I was quite happy because I had heard of the great things the parish was doing under the leadership of Fr. John. I am looking forward to meeting everyone in the parish.

From our Seminarian, Dustin Collins

I have just finished my first year at Saint Meinrad School of Theology. The second semester ended on a good note, and I will be returning to the school in August to begin my second year of theology. I will spend 11 weeks of my summer in Antigua, Guatemala, taking part in an immersion program which is offered there. I will stay with a local family and take Spanish classes four hours a day. By the end of the summer, I will hopefully learn a lot of Spanish and get experience with the Hispanic culture. I thank you for all your prayers and support and look forward to returning to

Notre Dame in early August.