

Notre Dame Council of Catholic Women

By Denise Michaud

When I reflect on the many accomplishments of the ladies from our parish, I am awed by their generosity. The National Council of Catholic Women focuses on three primary areas: spirituality, leadership, and service. Notre Dame's Council of Catholic Women fulfills this mission through the guilds whose reports are below, as well as countless hours of service that translate directly into dollars saved for our parish. What better leadership than Barbara Violette, who humbly gives so much of her time and talent leading the teams that clean the church weekly. And what better service than that of Sue Pearson, who graciously takes care of sending cards to those who have experienced an illness or a loss and also visits Life Care weekly. In truth, there are too many examples of leadership and service to enumerate here.

As for spirituality, the evidence can be seen at each of our meetings, as we begin and end with heartfelt prayer. As my first year draws to a close, I need to express my gratitude to Judy Collins, CCW secretary, and Aimee Place, CCW Vice-President, who have given me invaluable assistance, without which I would not have been able to fulfill my duties. All the ladies of the NDCCW are truly Catholic role models for the young women who will one day follow in their footsteps.

St. Elizabeth Guild

By Sue Pearson

This guild serves those in need, whether through an encouraging card, personal visit, or meals. Through the prayer card ministry, cards are sent to provide inspiring and supportive messages. A book is located in the church vestibule for parishioners to request prayers. Include the full address for a card to be sent.

Life Care Ministry

Every Friday two members visit the residents of Life Care Center from 2:30 until 3:30 to socialize and play card games. We are grateful to all parishioners who generously donate prizes, which the residents love. We are in need of prize contributions, especially for the men; i.e., caps and socks. Prize contributions may be left in the parish hall labeled Life Care Ministry. New members are always welcome. For further information on the St. Elizabeth Guild or Life Care Ministry, contact Sue Pearson (423) 636-8419.

St. Veronica Guild

By Barbara Violette

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that help clean the church & do the linens. We have new people that are helping some of the groups: Nancy Flaglor, Martha Theobald, Nancy McCarty, Denise Michaud, Daniel, Anikka, & Dante. They have volunteered to be one of the groups of five. We still need four more people to make up the fifth group. Anyone interested can call me.

We have five great volunteers doing the linens: Carol Marcello, Mary Lou Lamb, Bettye Bright, Audrey Vocaturo, and Barbara Price. If anyone else would like to help them, give Barbara a call at 639-0090.

St. Catherine Guild

By Wendy Hankins and Mary Lou Lamb

St. Catherine's Guild is for any woman in the church who loves to craft. Wendy Hankins and Mary Lou Lamb, the co-chairs, would like to thank all the women of the guild and others who took time to donate to our sales last year. Some of our best selling items were from ladies who craft at home. We are busy making items to donate to the Notre Dame Relay for Life team.

Our meeting on April 8 will be a project for the CCW. We plan to have several "mini" sales through the year. All suggestions and craft donations are welcomed. The proceeds benefit the CCW and kitchen fund. We love to meet other crafters; please come by or call us.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

By Carol Marcello

When our Prayer Shawl Ministry began last spring, I had no idea we would reach out to so many people who had a need for one. Fr. John had blessed twenty completed prayer shawls last fall. Since then we have given out about fourteen of them. We are now down to half a dozen. Because of the bad weather this winter, we have not met as a group, but I am hoping we will start up again in the spring.

Anyone who would like to join our ministry is more than welcome. We meet at my house once a month. For those who prefer working at home, please continue to do so as our supply is getting low. We could also use more lap throws for the men and those who are in wheel chairs. They are so appreciated. Many thanks!

You may contact me at 639-4574 if you have one to donate or would like to join our group.

55th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are invited to the 55th anniversary celebration of Notre Dame Catholic Church. The Council of Catholic Women and the Knights of Columbus are hosting four receptions - one after each Mass - the weekend of April 24-25. Plan to stay after Mass, enjoy some refreshments, visit with friends, and view some of our Church's old scrapbooks and artifacts. Notre Dame was established as a new and independent parish in 1955. Fr. Albert Siener was the first pastor and Notre Dame was the center for mission activities in the surrounding 8 counties, called the Greeneville Missions. At that time the

parish bordered on Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina. We have grown a lot since then - four Masses in one church!