

## St. Catherine Guild

*By Wendy Hankins & Mary Lou Lamb*

We are rapidly approaching the St. Patrick Craft Fair in November. The women have gotten together each month and have made amazing items. We have beautiful ornaments of glass, plastic, Styrofoam, and plastic canvas. We have quilt aprons, crocheted and knitted scarves and hats, dish cloths, towels, placemats, pot holders, hot pads, coasters and many, many more carefully crafted items. We are averaging approximately 12 to 15 women attending each month. It is a pleasurable gathering of friends who give comfort to one another, warmth with our friendship, quality crafting, and relaxation and pride in what we do.

In October we priced our craft items, packing and organizing them for the fair in November. We are planning a felt craft for the nursing home residents, knitted and crocheted squares for a "team" quilt, and plastic canvas cancer ribbons for our Relay for Life team. There are many more such plans for the coming months, and we would all like you to "come on down" and "make" a difference. If you have an idea for something you would like to teach, make, give, or show at any of our sessions, please do come to the church hall at 9:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of every month. There are so many things we can do, for so many causes. The more the merrier.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

*By Carol Marcello*

The Prayer Shawl Ministry was started this year as an extension of the St. Catherine's Guild. Several ladies, who enjoy knitting and crocheting, decided to get together to make shawls to present to someone who is ill, going through a medical procedure, experiencing bereavement, going through a difficult time for other reasons, or simply celebrating a special occasion. Our group meets once a month at Carol Marcello's house from 9:30 until noon to work on the shawls together.

Upon completion of the shawls, they are blessed by Fr. John; and a Shawl Prayer is included before being given to the recipient. Our group is open to anyone who would like to get together to make shawls and enjoy the fellowship of each other while doing something meaningful. We will even teach interested newcomers how to knit and crochet. We have several women who work on their shawls at home and have donated them to our ministry. So far we have completed 15 beautiful shawls and have given several to members of our church who are on our prayer list. If you know of someone who is in need of a shawl, whether they are members of our parish or not, please let us know. You may contact Carol Marcello at 639-4574.

## St. Martha Guild

*By Barbara Price*

The St. Martha Guild is set up to provide mercy meals for family and friends of those who have died. I would like to thank everyone who constantly help to cook, donate and prepare food, money, set-up and clean-up and otherwise provide services, so that we are able to continue to provide comfort to those in their time of sorrow. Both men and women have worked together in this ministry in all capacities. We welcome everyone who would like to be part of this ministry.

## St. Veronica Guild

*By Barbara Violette*

We have a new lady, GiGi Hampton, taking Andrea Robinson's place cleaning with one of our group. Andrea will fill in when she can if someone in another group has to be out. Thanks to Bill Broyles who comes in on Fridays and mops the hall floors, what a help that is to the people cleaning each week. Last but not least thanks to all the men and women who clean the church and the ladies who do the linens. We can always use more people. If anyone would like to help with the linen or cleaning the church call 639-0090, and I'll fit you in.

## Floral Ministry

*By Mary Ann Laun*

About two months ago, a CCW's St. Veronica Guild member, with the approval of Fr. John, began doing fresh floral arrangements to adorn our church. We now have Boston ferns at the foot of the altar and try to keep fresh flowers by the tabernacle, by the statues of our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and in the Chapel. You can help. If you would like to have flowers donated for a specific occasion and noted in the bulletin, a minimum donation of \$25 is required and needs to be brought to the office as least a week prior to the date.

Please enjoy the beauty of the flowers and know that they are tended to with love to beautify God's altar by volunteers Carol Marcello, Barbara Price, Fran Willis, and Judy Collins. If you would like to help with the care of the flowers please contact the committee.

## From our Seminarian Dustin Collins

I thank all of you for your birthday wishes and for the support and prayers you have shown to my family during our time of loss. This school year is coming on well and has been a busy one for me. This year I am doing my ministry as a chaplain in a hospital in Jasper, IN. I am taking classes in the New Testament, Moral Theology, Modern Church History, Church and Orders, and I am continuing to build upon my time in Guatemala with Advanced Spanish. I have just finished my written statement to the bishop asking to make the Ministry of Acolyte here at Saint Meinrad in February of 2010.