

Women's Guild

The women's guild exists to promote devotion to our patroness, Our Lady of Czestochowa and to pray for her guidance to enhance our spiritual life for our parishioners and community. We come together socially and to raise funds to further enhance a build of community and worship.

We sponsor various programs as fund raisers such as:

- The Cook Book Sale
- Christmas Bazaar
- Golf Cart Raffle
- And more...

We meet monthly in the Parish Hall at 7:00 P.M. with a \$5.00 yearly due. Each month we sponsor a speaker or a program such as:

- Evening of Fun and Fashion
- Unbirthday Party
- Decorating Tips
- Ice Cream Social
- Pizza Party
- Day of Recollection

The Garden Club

This club is open to all who like to dig in the earth and take pleasure in planting and nourishing plants that help to praise God by bringing beauty to all who come to our House of Worship.

Our Lord has done wondrous things for us and gardening is a very rewarding way to show our appreciation. Planting flowers, pulling distracting weeds, trimming bushes and tress, mulching to have good moisture for plants who live under the Florida sunshine and heat.

We need helping hands to keep the Lord's garden lovely and growing so that others may find peace in the beauty that surrounds them. Join us to help us make this happen.

Hospitality

We are a group of parishioners who want all to feel welcome and to be part of our Christian Community.

Our responsibilities are as follows:

- We meet and greet at activities when requested to do so and assist and support other ministries when asked
- Donut Sunday is the last Sunday of each month. We serve coffee and donuts after the 8:00 and 10:00 A.M. masses. Three teams alternate serving for this event.
- We host and oversee a covered dish to welcome all new parishioners three times per year
- We assist the Mother's and Father's Day celebrations by passing out flowers or prayer cards after all the Masses celebrated on these days
- We send cards for Operation Sunshine
- We will participate in future Healing Masses
- Bereavement brunches are done when requested by the family
- We maintain all kitchen inventory and assure that all functions have adequate supplies for their gatherings (requisition forms for needed supplies are found in the kitchen).
- We are a group who are here to welcome and serve

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 A.M. in the Parish Hall.

Knights of Columbus

Worldwide when over 1.7 million Knights and their families contribute more than 63 million volunteer hours and donate over \$136 million dollars to charitable programs annually, they are helping each other and society to realize that membership in the Order is the experience of a lifetime.

This call to action is seen as the duty and responsibility of every Knight to share what we can do to serve our fellow man in an effort to better the world and in turn to make our Order better through what we provide to others.

- In Service to the Church:
 - Knights are the “strong right arm” of their local parishes. They help with tasks and special projects that require both the financial and the manpower based resources that Knights can provide.
- In Service to the Community:
 - Knights participate in food drives for the homeless, sponsor soup kitchens and staff facilities to help those who might otherwise go without food.
 - Knights conduct drives to raise money for citizens with mental retardation
- For the good of the Council:
 - Councils hold activities that foster fraternal bonds between members, allow for networking opportunities and building leadership skills in members that lead to professional success
- For the Family:
 - Councils sponsor social functions that are open to members and their families. They conduct several events every year ranging from family outings and holiday parties to elaborate barbecues.
- For the Youth:
 - Councils conduct a wide variety of youth based programs in local schools to be of service to young people.

Right to Life Ministry

The St. Mark Right To Life Ministry is dedicated to the truth that life is a gift from God, beginning at conception (fertilization) and ending in natural death. In this conviction, we commit ourselves to help protect all innocent human life by making abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and the destruction of human embryos socially, ethically and legally unacceptable. In recognizing that "they" must do something and that "they" are we, our activities include:

- Educating others on the evil of abortion in the light of the deaths of over 48 million unborn human beings in the U.S. since 1973.
- Educating others of the profound difference between adult stem cell research which has saved lives and embryonic stem cell research which utilizes "baby farms" to develop human embryos who will be killed and their tissues harvested in the alleged hope that perhaps some kind of cure of will be forthcoming. No cure has ever been achieved using embryonic stem cells.
- Encouraging communication with our legislators and the media to bring about public recognition of the value of human life.
- Participating with and supporting other pro-life organizations as volunteers and in demonstrations of solidarity.

Our next meeting will be at 3:00 PM in the church hall on the third Monday of each month. If you believe that this is a moral issue worthy of your help, please come. And bring a friend!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, an International Catholic Lay Organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering tangible and spiritual support through prayer and person-to-person services to the needy and suffering in the tradition of the founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

Organized locally, Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served, because in them we see the face of Christ.

Some of the ways we serve in our communities are:

- Person-to-person assistance through home visitation to individuals and families.
- Visitation/assistance to the elderly, sick and disabled
- Disaster relief
- Special services through thrift stores, food pantries, dining halls, housing and shelters
- Collaboration with other agencies and organizations
- Visitation and assistance to the institutionalized and incarcerated
- Job assistance programs
- Youth programs
- Foreign and domestic twinning—where one Conference or Council reaches out to help another