

# Ladies Sodality News

Thank you to all who attended the Ladies Sodality reorganizational meeting held on April 30, 2015. We talked about the history of the Ladies Sodality in our Parish and ideas for things we would like to accomplish and ways to reorganize and help our parish organization to grow.

Below is a brief summary of what was discussed at the meeting and what has been accomplished thus far:

The Funeral Crew and Funeral Fund were discussed. This was mentioned in the previous letter inserted in the parish bulletin. The Circle Leaders have been busy making calls to those on their circle lists to see who would be willing to be a part of the funeral crew. The list of names compiled is attached. If you would like to be on the funeral crew and have not been contacted by a circle leader, please contact the Parish Office. Anyone from our Parish is encouraged to help. We had a wonderful response, thanks to all of those who agreed to be on the list!! Approximately five people are needed for each dinner, so we should not have to call on individuals very often. We are aware of some who have physical limitations, and have taken note of that so you will only be asked to work a short amount of time. Again, everyone is invited to bring a dish for a funeral dinner and the Knight of Columbus Hall will be open at 7AM for dishes to be dropped off. If you are unable to help with dinners and would like to donate to the funeral fund, this would be a way one could be of service to parishioners in their time of need. Checks can be made to St. Joseph Funeral Fund.

By contacting everyone on the circle lists, our hope was to have the listings accurate before they were published in the bulletin and on the Parish website. The lists have been modified to the best of our ability and they are attached. Please take a moment to find your name and be aware of who is your Circle Leader. If we have made an error or you are not on a Circle List, please contact the Parish Office. Our Circle Leaders spend much time calling for help for the Oktoberfest and other Parish functions, when the need arises. Please be generous with your time. When you receive a call, please respond in a timely fashion. This makes their job so much easier. We do have women on our circle lists that are unable to physically help with activities, but their prayers and/or other activities, such as sending cards, are a valuable part of our Ladies Sodality.

Below is a list of other ideas which came from the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Our hope is to have various interest groups that meet on a regular basis and all the ladies come together a couple of times a year for larger events or fundraisers. If you are interested in being a part of, or leading a group of this type, please contact Dana Robnett, Parish Council President at 573-473-8207.

Ideas from those in attendance:

Gardening Club (some are members of Master Gardeners)

Quilting – a request for an additional quilting session to be done in the evening so that new people can learn. [7 quilts are completed at this time.]

More visibility in the church of Ladies Sodality through the bulletin or other means

Outreach – Nursing Homes, Shut-ins, Women's Prison

Additional Bible Study Groups

History of the Church Group (History Room)

Retreats for Women of the parish