

WOMEN OF ST JOHNS



WHO ARE WE? We are all of the women of our parish. Did you know that when you register as a member of St. Johns, you are automatically a member of the Women of St. Johns? Your name gets included on Group A, B or C and you are now “one of us”. Welcome Aboard! No obligation here, but your participation is certainly welcome!

WHAT ARE WE? The Women of St. Johns is a group of caring, concerned, adult women who come together to celebrate our faith.

WHY DO WE EXIST? Our mission is to provide services and support to our parish and community with Christian love. Our ministry embraces prayer through service, focusing on the areas of fellowship, hospitality, outreach and spirituality.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: OUR CURRENT OFFICERS ARE:

PRESIDENT: JAN SKOTT

VICE PRESIDENT AND PARISH COUNCIL REP: DONNA HAFNER

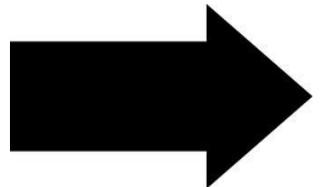
SECRETARY: DEE HONE

TREASURER: IONE FEJFAR

OUR REGULAR MEETINGS ARE HELD FOUR TIMES A YEAR, FEBRUARY, APRIL, SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER, USUALLY THE 2ND SUNDAY OF THOSE MONTHS, AFTER THE KNIGHTS’ PANCAKE BREAKFAST. BETWEEN THESE MEETINGS, ANY NECESSARY DECISIONS OR ACTIONS ARE MADE BY THE OFFICERS OR BY EMAIL VOTE. WE HAVE WORK GROUPS, A, B AND C, WHO SHARE THE HOSTING OF FUNERAL DINNERS AND SPECIAL EVENTS ON A ROTATING BASIS. WE ALSO HAVE FOUR SUBCOMMITTEES, SERVICE, SOCIAL, SPIRITUALITY AND FUNDRAISING, WHO PROVIDE US WITH GREAT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS TO KEEP US FOCUSED ON OUR MISSION. DID I MENTION WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF TWO GOOD WOMEN TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE?

Number 1 answer to the question: “Why are you involved with the Women of St.Johns?”

SURVEY SAYS: “That’s what we are called to do.”



There have been many changes
ferent Priests serving our Parish
strong desire to “be there” when
have been fundraising for a
encourage fellowship and hospi-
ject became prohibitive, the
remodel the kitchen with the
into the dining room. We have
Center. We continue to raise
Area” or for the remodel of the



many families and or organizations have needed us and will continue to need us whether it be for medical expenses, home fires, seminarian funds, campus ministries, relief funds, the Storehouse/ Food Pantry, and Senior Meals, just to name a few.

PAST PROJECTS: our two main **FUND-RAISERS** each year are the St. Patrick’s Day Ham Dinner in March and the Pig Roast in August. In addition, we host bake sales in June (Crazy Horse Volks-march), July (Gold Discovery Days) and September (Labor Day Weekend) each summer. We have also had rummage sales. Our **SERVICE PROJECTS** include val-entines, poinsettias and Bingo to nursing home residents, prayer shawls, Stations of the Cross, Generations of Faith meals, First Communion, Confirmation and Graduation celebrations, Backpack pro-gram, Select-A-Gift Angel Tree, parish clean-up activities, Advent program, fu-neral lunches, Duc-In-Altum, Life Teen meals and potlucks to celebrate various events. Our **SOCIAL COMMITTEE** has treated us to events such as a wine and chocolate social, a napkin exchange, and a game night, with more fun activities to come. **SPIRITUALITY** has hosted a delight-ful evening with Susan Safford. We have heard rumors of future retreats as well.

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as well. The one constant is our
needed. For many years, we
“Gathering Area” in our Church to
tality. When the cost of this pro-
Women of St. Johns elected to
hopes of continuing that remodel
also helped with the new Parish
funds for our dream “Gathering
dining room. In the meantime,



OUR FUTURE: The purpose of this Newsletter is simply to bring you up-to-date and keep you informed. As we look into the crystal ball, we can only see a vague, cloudy image. However, we do know that none of us want our women's group to die. Nor do we want it to be simply another meeting that is all work and no play with the same people involved. Currently, we have many committed individuals who help and participate. A big thank you to those for all that they do. Even our men and youth have pitched in and helped with muscle power and decorating flair on several occasions. We sincerely hope that as our committees and their events continue, we will provide something of interest to everyone. If you are currently not involved, or could help in any way, even with comments or new ideas, **WE WANT YOU!** Please join us at our meetings and activities, and please respond with a “YES, I CAN HELP” when called. This is your parish family — let's make it the best it can be. We reap what we sow. Many hands make light work!