

SPCC Happenings



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Fundraising Efforts Include “Dollar A Day” Campaign

The new year brings with it a new fundraising effort in the *St. Patrick’s Parish Capital Campaign: Preserving Our Past—Ensuring Our Future With Christ As Center.*

The focus is “A Dollar A Day Paves The Way” aimed at providing parish families who have not already pledged funds toward the construction of the new parish hall with the opportunity of doing so. By pledging \$1 per day (\$30 per month) over the next three years, a family can contribute slightly more than \$1,000 toward the

Build Out Project.

Out of over 600 registered St. Patrick’s families, 112 have made pledges during the campaign’s initial drive launched in Dec. of 2012. Current cash and/or pledge donations total almost \$1 million. Another \$500,000, in the form of a loan from the Diocese of Reno, will eventually need to be repaid.

According to Jane Moon, Build Out Project Facilitator, if at least an additional 400 families choose to participate in the “A Dollar A Day Paves The

Way” fundraiser, “we will have almost met our entire financial obligation toward the construction of the new hall.”

Pledge forms may be obtained at the parish office which is open on Tues., 1-4 p.m., and Wed., Thurs. and Fri., 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m. They may also be picked up in the church vestibule.

For more information about the “A Dollar A Day Paves The Way” fundraiser, individuals may contact Build Out Project Facilitator Jane Moon at 423-6983. THANK YOU ♥ to all those who have already pledged or plan to do so.

Ladies Guild: Busy Parish Organization

The Ladies Guild of St. Patrick Church is another among the active organizations which blesses the parish community with its many services.

After the Masses during the Feb. 8-9 weekend the group sponsored a Valentine’s Day bake sale which netted over \$300 for its annual scholarship fund. Bake sales are held several times each year - in Nov., Dec., Feb. and May—for this purpose. Scholarships are awarded in May to women who are planning to attend college and meet other eligibility requirements. This year two scholarships of \$300 each will be given. Applications will soon be available for the 2014 awards. Interested high school seniors about to graduate as well as adult students will find applications posted on the church’s bulletin boards or placed on the Rose Room counter. All bake sale proceeds are utilized for these scholarships.

The Ladies Guild also operates the religious goods cabinet located in the Rose Room of the church building. According to President Nancy Gerten, many new items—including possible gifts for First Communion and Confirmation recipients—have recently been added to the inventory. Statues, rosaries, bibles (in either English or Spanish), and medals are among other merchandise that may be purchased. Photos of Pope John Paul II, soon to be canonized, are also available. Monies collected from the sales of the religious goods go toward restocking the cabinet. Due to the current need for religious education (CCD) classes to be held in the Rose Room and the church after Sun. Masses, the religious goods cabinet can be opened for parishioners to shop on only a limited basis. Contact the parish office at 423-2846 on Tues., 1-4 p.m., or Wed., Thurs. or Fri., 9 a.m.-12 noon or 1-4 p.m., for exact days and times.



BAKE SALE GOODIES—Siblings Omar, Elizabeth and Daniel enjoy looking over the homemade cookies, cakes and candies brought to the bake sale conducted by the Ladies Guild of St. Patrick’s after all the Masses during the weekend of Feb. 8-9.

CINDY GREER was the Knights of Columbus raffle winner of the “Spa For Two” at Spa Toscana at the Peppermill in Reno.

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LADIES GUILD—Members of St. Patrick's Ladies Guild listen closely to reports by the group's officers at their Feb. 12 meeting. Seventeen women attended that afternoon.

Parish Hall Construction Schedule

Although the initial completion date for the construction of the new parish hall was set for Feb. 2014, the project was delayed until recently due to the need to obtain official approval from appropriate agencies. Wintry weather and frigid temperatures in Dec. also contributed to the delay. A construction schedule is being prepared and will be posted in the Rose Room by the end of February.

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

March 1—Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
 April 20—Easter Sunday
 May 3-4—Ladies Guild Bake Sale
 May 10—First Communion
 May 11—Confirmation (also Mother's Day)

Ladies Guild (Continued from page 1)

On the second Wed. in May members of the Ladies Guild honor the Blessed Mother with a coronation ceremony and recitation of a special rosary in the church. Parishioners are welcome to participate in the celebration which begins approximately 11 a.m.

The Ladies Guild normally meets at 1 p.m. on the second Wed. of each month in the Rose Room.

"This year we have been extremely busy," said President Gerten, partially because the group has occasionally invited speakers—also members of St. Patrick's—to make presentations at their get-togethers.

For example, in Jan. of this year, Rachel Mills, whose parents and siblings are parishioners, gave a talk on her experiences while working for one year as a volunteer in Afghanistan.

With Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5, the Ladies Guild is prepared to help with the readings at the Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. on Fri., March 7, in the church and will host the following Soup Supper in the Rose Room.

Assisting Nancy Gerten in her responsibilities as president of the Ladies Guild at St. Patrick's are:

Lorraine Melanson—Vice President
 Rose Krenik—Secretary
 Colleen Sabatino—Treasurer
 Georgia Hanifan—Chaplain

Normally, during the month of Jan., the Ladies Guild members come together as a group at one of the Masses and participate in a Corporate Communion followed by breakfast that includes their spouses.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Ladies Guild, or wish to help them in any of their fundraising projects, please contact President Gerten at 428-2899. The annual membership fee is \$10. THANK YOU ♥ to the Ladies Guild for all you do for St. Patrick Church and its parishioners!

ASH WEDNESDAY—MARCH 5
MASS AT 10 A.M. & 6 P.M.

Bridget, Laura Shurtliff Share "Walk" Experiences

WALK TALK—Bridget Shurtliff (left) and her sister Laura recently spoke to the members of the Ladies Guild about their 2013 participation in *Crossroads: Pro-Life Walks Across America*. Here Laura indicates on a T-shirt of the event where the walkers began their trek.

Bridget and her sister Laura Shurtliff, parishioners of St. Patrick Church, were the featured speakers at the Feb. 12 meeting of the Ladies Guild. They shared their experiences as participants in *Crossroads: Pro-Life Walks Across America* during the summer of 2013.

One of the most interesting stories which they related was about one member of their group who celebrated her 21st birthday during the walk. The young woman's only birthday wish was her desire to pray for 21 consecutive hours outside an abortion clinic which she did while others joined her for much shorter shifts. As Laura continued to recount the event, a potential client walked into the clinic, but, upon departing, expressed her thanks to the prayer-

ful group for being there at that particular moment since she was moved to keep her expected baby. The female walker observing her 21st birthday regarded the news as one of the best birthday presents she could have received, Laura said.