St. Peter Church, Ladies Sodality

**Sunday, September 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**Morning Preparations.**

Met at 6:00 this morning in Msgr. Hoog Hall, to set up for meeting. Joyce Amick, Georgena Hayes. Cheryl Buechter stopped by Schulte’s to purchase donuts, milk, orange juice to bring to meeting. Joyce, Georgena, Janet Brown, Cheryl brought breakfast casseroles. Lucille Krummen brought iced banana muffins. Joyce, fruit salad. Georgena, biscuits, butter, jelly.

**Mass. 7:00 a.m.**

Members received Ladies Sodality medal to wear during Mass. This year, ladies proceeded individually to sit in first 3 rows of Church, Mary’s altar side. In past years, ladies would gather in the back of church, process in. Jane Kliethermes and Cheryl Buechter carried Offertory Gifts. Father Secrist presided at Mass. During homily, he introduced Ladies Sodality. Many thanks for all you do for St. Peter Parish.

**Breakfast. Welcome.**

Joyce Amick welcomed everyone. 19 members attended. Breakfast casseroles, fruit, banana muffins, biscuits, cinnamon rolls and donuts (from Schulte’s), coffee milk, orange juice were served. Joyce mentioned that early this morning, when they arrived to set up at 6:00, Father Secrist was already there, cleaning the room! Father does SO much for our parish!

**Card Party. Joyce Amick.**

Card party and game night will be Wednesday, October 5th.

Joyce will check to see if Raffle tickets can be inserted in bulletin. Lately, there have been no inserts, only items directly printed with bulletin pages.

Cakes and attendance prizes are needed. Volunteers are needed for the evening of card party. Joyce passed around a sign-up / volunteer sheet.

Proceeds from the Card Party are donated to St. Peter Parish to purchase altar breads and other needs that might arise.

**Quilt**. This year’s gorgeous “Tree of Life” quilt features a floral applique design, with blue, red, yellow, orange colors. White background, trimmed in green. It is 91” X 103”. Donated by Tom Mueller and quilted by his wife Mary, before she died. Thank you for this beautiful quilt!

**Attendance prizes for Card Party**. Popular items are lotions and shampoos. Household and decorative items are also appreciated, something “new to you”!

**Treasury Report. Georgena Hayes, Treasurer.**

Georgena distributed a copy of the 2022 treasury report.

Hopefully, Ladies Sodality can promote, invite people to Card Party via the St. Peter bulletin. Last year, Ladies Sodality spent $217 to mail tickets to StP parishioners.

Donations and thank you notes were recently received from funeral dinner families. Donations listed on report. Recent funerals, donations received, which are not listed on report: Jo Dudenhoeffer, $200. Joe Grothoff, $50.

St. Peter Parish is also hosting funeral dinners for parishioners of St. Joseph Cathedral Parish. A donation of $100 is required. $50 to St. Peter Church. $50 to Ladies Sodality.

**Quilts. Esther Kempker.**

Esther displayed a beautiful embroidery hearts quilt top, shades of pink stitching. Ladies Sodality may wish to have this quilted, used for next year Card Party Quilt Raffle.

Esther passed around 6-8 very pretty quilt fabrics, quilt kits, donated by friends of St. Peter Church, requesting that fabrics be made into quilts, used for raffle at StP or other churches.

**Sale A Rama. November 6, 2022.**

Michelle Truesdale will again chair the event.

In years past, Sale A Rama funds were saved in a church replacement carpet account.

Confirming with Michelle, via her September 26 email:

In 2014 or 2015, tables and chairs were purchased for Selinger Center and Msgr. Hoog Hall, with Sale A Rama money.

During church remodel, Michelle inquired about a donation for flooring, but nothing ever became of that.

In 2022, Michelle Truesdale requested that $20,000 of Sale A Rama funds be used to upgrade computer system at St. Peter. Ladies Sodality Board OK’d this request. Michelle will reach out to Gloria concerning this donation.

**Social Hour. Janet Brown.**

Michelle Truesdale, Beverly McCracken, Jan and Kevin Brown are hosting Social Hour. The 2nd Tuesday of each month. School lets out early. Parking is available! The first Social Hour was held in July.

Ladies Sodality discussion. Would members be interested in moving our December meeting to the 2nd Tuesday in December. Possibly combining with Social Hour.

September 13 update: Georgena called, talked with Michelle and Beverly. Yes, they would be happy for Ladies Sodality to host December Social Hour!

**Future of Ladies Sodality.**

Most all of the ladies who attend Ladies Sodality meetings are 70 years or older. What is the future, for Ladies Sodality. Re-brand the group name. How to encourage new members. Appeal to empty nesters (those ladies, whose children have graduated high school). Other groups: Funeral Dinners and Quilters. We are all getting older.

**Events, Meeting, Social Calendar. Notification of Parish Events in Bulletin.**

Barb Martin, a member of one of the quilter groups, led discussion on St. Peter Church better publicizing parish events, social activities, group meetings, in a calendar format in the weekly bulletin. With the creation of St. Peter new app, new changes are beginning to happen with StP website! Calendar events, church groups, meetings, activities might be better publicized. One example: Mother of Perpetual Help group.

Joyce Amick asked the group: how did each of you ladies hear about today’s Ladies Sodality event (attending Mass, breakfast, meeting)? One person said she received a phone call. 17 people raised their hand, they read the bulletin announcement. Some members do not have computers. They receive St. Peter Church information via the bulletin.

A question was asked. How are ladies informed of funeral dinner food requests. There are 3 separate groups: 2 groups receive notification via email. 3rd group are people who receive a phone call, for food donations to funeral dinner.

Kathleen Lavery, Communications/Outreach Coordinator, plans to host an StP app class, how to install, use the new app.

Myra Rosskopf Wolfe will talk with Kathleen about StP calendar addition to bulletin.

**7 Sisters for Priests. Virginia Henley.**

7 Sisters for Priests is a group of people who prayer for one of our St. Peter Parish priests for one hour, on assigned day of the week. This group is sometimes referred to as Seven Sisters Apostolate. Please contact Kathy Smith to learn more about this group.

2022 Sept 26. Sent Michelle email, requesting SaleARama donations updates.

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**Welcoming Committee. Myra Rosskopf Wolfe.**

Coffee and Donuts! Usually the second Sunday of the month. After 7:00 and 9:00, morning Masses.

Next weekend (which will be the 3rd Sunday of the month), all are invited to Coffee and Donuts, to welcome Father Brad Berhorst. August 1st, Fr. Berhorst joined St. Peter Church as Associate Pastor. He is a native of St. Martins and a Helias Catholic High School graduate. Fr. Berhorst was ordained on June 29, 2019 and has a licentiate in canon law from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. Fr. Berhorst was previously at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia and has spent the month of July in Costa Rica in a Spanish language immersion program as he will be saying the Spanish Mass on Sunday.

Also we welcome Reverend Thomas Alber, as Associate Pastor. Fr. Alber will provide ministry to the Hispanic community of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Lake Ozark.

And also on September 18 at coffee and donuts, we extend well wishes to Brother Stephen, who has been residing at St. Peter Rectory, teaching at Helias. Brother Stephen will be leaving to join a community of Brothers at Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois.

**Seasons of Hope. Grief Support Group. Myra Rosskopf Wolfe.**

Beginning September 20, Tuesday evenings at 6:15. A 6 week program formulated by Ave Marie Press. Free. Scripture, sharing, comfort. Please sign up with Kathleen at parish office.

**Catholic Stewardship Way of Life.**

St. Peter Parish will join the Diocese Stewardship Program beginning July 1, 2023. St. Peter is in the last, 3rd tier, of parishes joining Stewardship Program. At Masses, the weekend of November 5 and 6, 2022, Father Stephen Jones will introduce Stewardship. November 10 (Thursday evening), Father Jones will host an open forum at St. Peter, inviting and answering questions, listening to comments.

Examples. Comments. Presumptions. Questions.

* St. Joseph Cathedral Parish was in 1st tier group of Stewardship. If someone donates $100 to St. Joseph School, then $10 of that amount will be donated to the Diocese.
* From what we are reading, with new Stewardship, a parish will be allowed one fund raising event. With that one event. Parish will keep 100% of proceeds.
* With other fund raising events (or donations), 10% of proceeds will go to Diocese.
* Some parishes have fish fries. Will 10% of proceeds go to Diocese.
* St. Peter Ladies Sodality Card Party. Will 10% of proceeds from that event, go to Diocese? Assuming Sale A Rama will be StP “big event”. Yet, Sale A Rama and Card Party are generally thought of, as being sponsored by Ladies Sodality, not St. Peter Church. Does that distinction make a difference with Stewardship donations to Diocese?
* Recently Ladies Sodality donated $2,000 to StP for communion wafers. (Ladies Sodality has given money for communion wafers for many years now.) Would 10% ($200) be required to be sent to Diocese.
* During our Ladies Sodality meeting, members were wondering. What about a bequeath, money willed to StP? What about funeral donations in memory of the deceased? 10% to Diocese?

**Attendance Prizes.**

Beautiful purple fall mums were won by Dorothy Johnson, Marcia Slaughter, Cheryl Buechter. Congratulations!

Please note, Vogelweid Learning Center will not be selling chrysanthemums this year.

Many ladies in attendance stayed to help clean up after breakfast. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

# Cheryl Buechter

Ladies Sodality Secretary

A copy of Ladies Sodality meeting minutes was e-mailed to Kathleen Lavery, Communications/Outreach Director, on September 29, 2022, as per August 2011 church bulletin announcement, which states that it is recommended that organization reports be submitted, to inform parishioners of church activities, for possible publishing in the church bulletin or included on the Ladies Sodality website, following pastor approval.

We are requesting the minutes be posted to Ladies Sodality website. Thank you.