

St. Bernadette Altar Society Minutes – October 1, 2026

Members in attendance: 26

6:15: A/S members took turns leading a decade of the rosary for the special intentions as requested on the sheet at sign-in.

6:30: Mary welcomed the A/S members. Happy Birthday wishes to all October birthdays. We began the meeting with our Opening Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mary said the Blessing. We enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Cheryl Adamson, Rita Frickel, Mary Huss, Sharon Jedlicka, Mary Parr and Shelby Parr.

7:05: Meeting came to order. Members read the minutes from the September meeting. Joan Foreman-Mertz motioned to approve the minutes. Patti Loges seconded.

Correspondence: None

Michelle Varney presented the Treasury Report as Sue Miller was unable to attend. Ending savings balance was \$15,862.77; checking balance was \$2,892.72. Mary will check with Sue regarding the interest rate we get after a concern was expressed. Rosary Sorensen motioned to approve the report and Patty Pogge seconded.

Bills: None

Old Business:

BEAP Bake Sale – it was communicated to Lynn Schultz/Dale Kreher & Fr. Boyd to check to make sure that the funds for the Bernadette Education Assistance Program are being used. Mary has a note to Tristan to put in bulletin what we raised for BEAP.

New Business:

Shelby Parr gave an update on the 8th Grade Breakfast, scheduled for November 15. She proposed that A/S could hold a fundraiser during breakfast. She described an idea for showcasing 5 – 10 Christmas trees, like the Shriners' Christmas Tree event where local businesses or individuals sponsor a themed tree, valued at \$400 - \$1,000 each. Raffle chances would be sold to win the prizes on the tree. Each tree would have a theme. A/S could sponsor a tree, Men's Club could sponsor a tree, possibly Eddie's Catering, and Associated Fire Protection, or other local businesses also. We

need to know sponsors by Nov 1st. Set up for tree displays would be on Sat, Nov 14. An easel will show what prizes are on each tree. Trees will be provided, which can be of different sizes. A/S, instead of baskets, would fund a tree – money would go towards trees. The trees will stay with A/S to be reused each year, as this could be the start of a yearly tradition. Everything else – prizes and decorations, etc. goes to the winner. Mary proposed that we skip the October Fall Bake Sale if we go ahead with the Christmas Tree fundraiser. The A/S members present had a show of hands in favor of the Christmas Tree Fundraiser event with no Fall Bake Sale. We will retract in the bulletin that there will be no Fall Bake Sale. Mary asked for ideas for a theme for our tree, which will be decided at our Nov 5th meeting. We will also have a sign-up sheet at our next meeting.

Scrip sales begin again in October. The Altar Society has both masses the 3rd week of the month; and the 11:00 mass on the 4th week of the month. An OWL for each time slot is needed. A sign up sheet was passed around for those who can be an alternate if the OWL is unavailable.

PRE Confirmation Dinners – Sign-Up Genius: dates are still available.

OUC CW Update – October “Walking with Moms in Need” Diaper Drive: Collection cribs can be found at both St. Bernadette and Holy Ghost. OUC CW meeting on first Tuesday of the month.

HG updates: Next Chicken dinner moved from Oct. 9th to the 16th. Cinnamon Roll Sunday Oct 25th after 9am Mass. Christmas cards are needed for reuse to the homebound project. Next meeting is Tues, Oct 20 at 6:30pm in HG social hall. All ladies are welcome.

A/S dues envelopes: Mike Tysor will add month & day of birthday.

America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally: pray to Our Lady of Fatima for our nation Sat, Oct 10, 12pm at St. Bernadette parking lot. Contact Carole Williams for more information.

Pro-Life Walk on Dodge St. this Sunday, Oct 4th at 2pm.

Bingo winners were Rita Frickel and Mariann Kokotajlo.

Split the pot winner was Rosary Sorensen.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.