



## ST. MONICA GUILD *THE GRAPEVINE 2026*



**Board Meeting:** Thursday, Feb. 5 - 6:30 p.m.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY - FEB. 14**

**Lent Begins: ASH WEDNESDAY - Feb. 18**

**Jennings Social:** Wednesday, Feb. 18 - 2:00 p.m.

**Membership Meeting:** Thursday, Feb. 19 - 6:30 p.m.

**"We love because He first loved us" - 1 John 4:19**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**DEBBIE ROWINSKI – 216-970-7980**

♥ Happy Valentine's Day, Ladies Guild! ♥

What a joy it is to celebrate this season of love with all of you. I've always enjoyed sharing my birthday month with Valentine's Day—the colors, the warmth, and the focus on love make it extra special. The board and I were disappointed that January's meeting had to be canceled, though I'll admit I didn't mind the unexpected snow day from work. Now I'm crossing my fingers that the weather cooperates so we can finally gather in February. We're looking forward to hearing helpful tax tips from our very own Deb Sarnowski and giving Bingo another try! To add to the fun, **we encourage everyone to wear festive Valentine attire—hearts, reds, pinks, anything cheerful and bright.** As we begin our Lenten journeys, please continue to stay safe, keep one another in prayer, and hold onto hope that warmer days and a gentle thaw are on the way.

*Debbie*

### PROGRAM

**KATHY ROWINSKI-216-663-9852 / DEBRA SARNOWSKI-216-849-6291**

Get free help filing your taxes. Debra Sarnowski, an IRS-certified Tax-Aide volunteer, will talk about the AARP Foundation Tax-aide service, documents you need, deductible medical/dental expenses, identity protection personal identification number, filing status and the fact that the IRS is phasing out tax refund checks by mail plus handouts on scams and some free sample\$.

Taxes can be frightening, so we will end the evening with a FUN NIGHT OF BINGO—the earliest form can be traced back to the 16th century Italy. A game called "Il Gioco del Lotto d'Italia" was played, involving numbers drawn from a bag and marked on cards. Bingo encourages social connections and is designed to create a joyful engaging atmosphere. Come join us Feb. 19th, 6:30p.m., in the St. Benedict School cafeteria for a fun evening and learn where to go for free tax service.

### MEMBERSHIP

**MARGIE GASPARIK – 216-389-2581**

Unpaid yearly Membership fees (\$5.00) are now past due. Please try to pay your dues by our February meeting, you can drop them off at the parish office or mark an envelope attention Guild and drop it in the collection basket at church. Each member, **upon payment of dues**, is entitled to vote, make motions, offer nominations, and act as Committee Chairpersons (*see Article III-Membership Sec. IV*).

### **BAKELESS BAKE SALE**

We will be kicking off our much-loved BAKELESS BAKE SALE, distributing envelopes at the **February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and running through March**. Envelopes can be turned in through the Church collection basket, dropped off at the Parish Office or given to any Guild Board member. Thank you in advance for your participation in this fundraiser and continued generosity!

### **ROSARY CHAIN**

It is with much sadness that I share with you the passing of long time Guild member, Diane Marie McGiboney. Diane was very active in the Guild and worked on the Guild's Fashion Show for many years. She was a wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved spending time with her grandchildren. Diane passed away on January 22, 2026. Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Macedonia. She will be buried at Hillcrest Cemetery. **The Guild Memorial Mass for Diane will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, February 26, 2026.** Please keep Diane and her family as well as all our deceased members and families in your prayers.

### **SUNSHINE**

Please continue to let me know of anyone you think might need a little cheer sent their way. **Stay warm and healthy.**

### **TRAVELING MADONNA**

The Traveling Madonna has been visiting with Rita Stanowick for the month of December. She will then continue Her travels to visit with Janie Dahlhausen for the month of February. Call Rose to schedule a visit in your home.

### **JENNINGS SOCIAL**

Hello everyone. Although I wasn't able to attend January's Jennings Social, I'm grateful to share that things were in excellent hands. A big thank-you to Sue Kolo, who kindly stepped in to keep everything running smoothly. She reported a wonderful turnout of about 30 to 35 residents, which is fantastic to hear. Our faithful volunteers once again showed up with their usual generosity of spirit. Present were Maryann Wieliczko, Kathy August, Debbie Falacienski, Marge Schaefer, Sister Marge, and Sue Kolo. If I missed anyone, please forgive me—your help is truly appreciated. **Our next social will be Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 2–3 p.m.** Fingers crossed that the weather cooperates. If anything changes, we'll be sure to let you know. Thank you again to all who gave their time and energy. Your dedication means so much.

### **FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON**

Mark the date on your calendars for **April 19, 2026!** We will celebrate our **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Show/Luncheon** once again at **Woodside Event Center on Mill Road off Wallings Rd., Broadview Heights**. We're looking forward to celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Blossoms n Bows Boutique of Sagamore Hills again providing our fashions. Our theme this year is **"Fabulous Forty!"** And we will be providing you with lots of ways to celebrate! More details to come! Please consider donating your new or never been used items for the basket raffles. We also need gift cards/gift certificates that will not expire until after April 2026. Donations can be brought to our membership meetings, dropped at the parish office, or call me to make arrangements for pick up or drop off.

### **ST. MONICA FISH FRY**

**Lent begins (Ash Wednesday Feb 18<sup>th</sup>); that means it's FISH FRY TIME** at St. Monica Church. Our first Fish Fry will be served on **Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** and each Friday through **March 27<sup>th</sup>**, from 4-7p.m. **Many volunteers are needed on Wednesday, Thursday, and especially Friday, for food prep, setup, serving and cleanup.** Please consider volunteering a couple hours a week to enjoy the fun, food and fellowship this parish event provides.



## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Deborah Rowinski	Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kathy Zack	Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Rowinski	Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>
Rosemary Welich	Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Simpson	Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Stachowiak	Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>
Marva Drozell	Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Kovach	Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Chesney	Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>

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