

ST. MONICA GUILD
THE GRAPEVINE 2026



Board Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 8 - 6:30 p.m.

Membership Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 15 - 6:30 p.m.

Jennings Social: Wednesday, Jan. 21 – 2:00 p.m.

***“New Year – a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story?
Ultimately, we write it. The choice is ours.”***

~Alex Morritt

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

DEBBIE ROWINSKI – 216-970-7980

Happy 2026! Our **Bunco** was a great last hoorah for 2025, so thank you to everyone who celebrated at our Christmas party, and also brought so many donations for the military who couldn’t make it home for the holidays. I hope that we can break the cycle of weather issues this month and be able to play some **Bingo on January 15th**. Don’t forget to wear your comfy clothes or pajamas to get a raffle ticket. God’s Blessing to all as we continue to celebrate this Christmas season; And stay warm!

Debbie

PROGRAM

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

What a joy it was to gather for our annual Christmas party! We hope everyone had fun playing Bunco and appreciated the wonderful gifts that were shared—not only for the game itself, but also through the generosity of those who brought gifts for the military. Terry Davis was truly touched by this kindness. A heartfelt thank you to all who helped with the set-up and made the evening so special. Mark your calendars on **January 15th, wear your comfy clothes and join us for Bingo at 6:30p.m. in the St. Benedict School cafeteria**. All are welcome—we can’t wait to see you there!

MEMBERSHIP

MARGIE GASPARIK – 216-389-2581

Unpaid yearly Membership fees (\$5.00) are now past due. Please try to pay your dues by our January 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

KATHY ZACK – 216-662-1248 / MARY LOU KRAWCZYK – 216-581-0317

Looking not too far ahead, our **Bakeless Bake Sale fundraiser begins February 19th**. Envelopes will be available at the February meeting.

ROSARY CHAIN

CHRISTINE PAYNTER – 216-475-4205

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas and New Year holidays. Please remember to keep all our Guild members and their families in your prayers especially Marianne Toma who recently lost her brother, Lynn Phipps whose husband Bob passed away Dec. 7, 2025, and the family of deceased Guild member, Betty Jacob (dec'd. 11/22/24), whose husband John passed away Dec. 23, 2025.

SUNSHINE

BARB OKUROWSKI – 216-406-3731

Get Well greetings were sent to member, **Debra Sarnowski**, who is currently rehabbing at home from knee replacement surgery, and **Jane Dahlhausen** who has been hospitalized for a month from a bad fall, and recently released, is taking it easy at home. **Sympathies** were sent to the following members: Marianne Toma for the recent loss of her brother, Lynn Phipps whose husband Bob recently passed away, and to the family of deceased member Betty Jacob, whose husband John passed away 2 days before Christmas. Please continue to let me know of anyone you think might need a little cheer sent their way. **Stay warm and healthy. Wishing you Peace and Joy in the New Year.**

TRAVELING MADONNA

ROSEMARY WELICH- 216-410-5003

The Traveling Madonna has been visiting with Rita Stanowick for the month of December. She will travel to the home of Kim Giera for the month of January. She will then continue Her travels to visit with Janie Dahlhausen for the month of February. If you would like to schedule a visit to your home, please call Rosemary Welich.

JENNINGS SOCIAL

JANE DAHLHAUSEN-330-690-0531

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I am looking forward to our **visit on January 21**, to the residents of Jennings. As we did not visit in December due to the busy holiday schedule at Jennings, I'm sure the residents are also looking forward to our visit. **Please mark your calendars for the 3rd Wednesday of the month.** Hoping to see some new faces join us!

FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON

MARLYN PRAZNIK – 216-218-2482

Mark the date on your calendars for **April 19, 2026! We will celebrate our 40th 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 40th 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

SUE MEDVETZ – 216-662-8257 / 216-924-3804

The Feast of The Baptism of the Lord is observed on January 11th and will end the Christmas season. **In 5-1/2 weeks the season of Lent begins (Ash Wednesday Feb 18th). That means it's FISH FRY TIME at St. Monica Church.** Our first Fish Fry will be served on Friday, February 20th and each Friday through March 27th, 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.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Betty Halasz	Jan. 4 th	Linda Mayausky	Jan. 9 th	Fran Arko	Jan. 12 th
Kristen Medvetz	Jan. 12 th	Christine Paynter	Jan. 14 th	Barb Looby	Jan. 14 th
Dawn Ziman	Jan. 19 th	Shirley Smith	Jan. 21 st	Patricia Cordell	Jan. 21 st
Diana Kolodziej	Jan. 27 th	Geraldine Golem	Jan. 27 th		

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