

ST. MONICA GUILD

## THE GRAPEVINE 2026



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

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY - MAR. 17**

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

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

**HAPPY ST. JOSEPH'S DAY - MAR. 19**

*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – Matthew 6:21*

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**DEBBIE ROWINSKI – 216-970-7980**

I hope this Lenten season has been a meaningful time for reflection and prayer. Thank you to all the ladies who have joined us for our annual Fish Fries—whether by volunteering, enjoying a meal, or supporting the Stations of the Cross each Friday. Your presence and generosity truly make a difference.

February's meeting was a welcome break from winter. It was wonderful to gather, learn some helpful tax updates, and enjoy a lively round of Bingo together. We are already looking forward to our next meeting on **March 19**, when we'll celebrate **St. Joseph's Day** with a Lenten Prayer Service.

And since it is so close to St. Patrick's Day, **we hope to see everyone wearing their favorite St. Patty's green!**

*Debbie*

### PROGRAM

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

The Guild enjoyed an informative and enjoyable February gathering. Co-First Vice President **Debra Sarnowski** presented valuable tax guidance and scam-prevention tips, and members had fun playing Bingo to make up for January's cancelled meeting, with winners taking home cozy thermal mugs—complete with hot cocoa—courtesy of Debra. Many thanks to **Diane Hojnowski**, our Bingo helpers, and **Kathy Zack** for assisting with the numbers.

**Fr. John Mullee** will offer a Lenten program and introduce **Nancy Heineke**, our new Spiritual Life Coordinator. All are warmly invited to attend Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. in the St. Benedict School cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you.



**BAKELESS BAKE SALE** **KATHY ZACK – 216-662-1248 / MARY LOU KRAWCZYK – 216-581-0317**

Our much-loved BAKELESS BAKE SALE, began in February, **and will continue through the month of March.** For your convenience, envelopes are located at the entrance doors in Church, or you can place your donation in an envelope marked “ATTN GUILD – BAKELESS BAKE SALE”. 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** **CHRISTINE PAYNTER – 216-475-4205**

I am sad to share with you the passing of Guild member, Marianne Toma, on February 28, 2026. A Celebration of Life Mass took place at St. Monica Church on Friday, March 6, 2026. Marianne was very active and much loved in the Guild. Marianne touched many hearts through her dedication and generosity to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. **The Guild Memorial Mass for Marianne will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. Friday, March 20, 2026.** Please keep Marianne and her family as well as all our deceased members and families in your prayers.

**SUNSHINE** **BARB OKUROWSKI – 216-406-3731**

*Sympathies* were sent to the family of Guild member, **Marianne Toma**, who passed away on February 28, 2026. *Get Well/Thinking of You* greetings were sent to **Rosemary Welich** who recently had surgery. Please continue to let me know of anyone you think might need a little cheer sent their way. **Stay healthy.** Spring has sprung! (I think).

**TRAVELING MADONNA** **ROSEMARY WELICH- 216-410-5003**

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

**JENNINGS SOCIAL** **JANE DAHLHAUSEN-330-690-0531**

Hi ladies! I was not able to attend Jennings February social. However, our faithful guild member Sue Kolo stepped up again to help out. She provided some helpers to assist the residents and offered prizes to the winners. She reported that there were 32 residents in attendance. Guild members Mary Ann Wieliczko and Debbie Falacienski were able to help Sue keep the folks on track while filling out their cards for a bingo. Additional hep was provided by Mary McFeeley and Kathy August and some staff members. Overall, a very successful afternoon. **Thank you again to all who gave their time and energy. Your dedication means so much. Our next social will be Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 3 p.m.** I hope to be back by then and see everyone. Spring is just around the corner.

**FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON** **MARLYN PRAZNIK – 216-218-2482**

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 are 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** **SUE MEDVETZ –216-924-3804**

We are halfway through our Lenten Fish Fry season already. You only have a couple more weeks to enjoy a wonderful sit-down dinner. **Our last Friday for serving is March 27<sup>th</sup>.** Connect with friends you haven’t seen in a while and enjoy the fun, food and fellowship this parish event provides.

**MARCH  BIRTHDAYS**

Margie Gasparik	Mar 04 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Balewski	Mar 08 <sup>th</sup>	Joann Keshock	Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>
Viola Peterre	Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pattie Fashinpaur	Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Svoboda	Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>
Karen Greenfield	Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Lu Peterre	Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Veronica Tabaj	Mar 25 <sup>th</sup>
Ruth Draganic	Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>				

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