

St. Raphael Guild

Membership: May 2018-May 2019

The Guild is a unique and vibrant group comprised of women of the parish of all ages. We organize spiritual, social, and service activities to support our parish and local community. Join us and meet new people, develop friendships that will last for years to come, and enjoy a variety of fun and interesting events. There is truly something for everyone!

All women of the parish are encouraged to support the Guild by becoming a member. Your \$10 membership dues enable the Guild to effectively continue and expand current activities and programs. Please complete the form below and return it along with your dues check made payable to St. Raphael Guild. You can drop it in the collection at mass, take it to the administration building, or mail it to:

Laura Gallagher 154 Kensington Circle Bay Village, Oh 44140
Questions? Feel free to call Laura Gallagher at 440-892-6903

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City / Zip: _____
Member: New / Current _____
Email: _____

Please check where you would like to participate in planning or volunteering to help. The committee chair will contact you with additional information.

Community Service

___ Rae-Ann Nursing Home (Westlake)
 Afternoon Bingo Volunteer
 3rd Wednesday 2-3 pm

___ Bake / Cook for a Parish Event
___ Prepare a meal for a family in need

Coat Drive for Westside Catholic Center

___ Work an after Mass shift
___ Deliver donations to WSCC

Ways and Means

___ Donut Sale Volunteer
___ Poinsettia Sale Volunteer

Spiritual Planning Committee

___ Advent Evening of Reflection

Social Events

___ Annual Fall Luncheon
___ Chinese Raffle / Auction Committee
___ Spring Salad Luncheon
___ Girls Night Out

Special Interest Groups

___ Gourmet Lunch Group
 (meets 4 times a year)
___ Book Discussion Group

We welcome your suggestions for future activities, speakers, and topics.

Book Club

Open to all women of the Guild on a "come as you can" basis. Members meet monthly on a Thursday evening in the school library to discuss book selections. Selections are chosen based on the suggestions of the members and all the ideas are welcome!

Bingo

One Wednesday each month, we visit Rae-Ann nursing home in Westlake to play Bingo with the residents. We bring our own prizes and provide assistance to those who need help to play the game or just share the experience!

Guild Gourmet

Four times a year, this group meets for an afternoon of fun filled lunches and recipe sharing. Each member participates as part of the "cooking team" for one lunch and a guest for the rest!

Annual Fall Luncheon

Women enjoyed a lovely afternoon of shopping with local vendors, a Chinese raffle and Silent Auction, all to raise money for the Guild's programs. The attendees' generosity helped the Guild award three \$1000 scholarships to parish youth attending Catholic high schools next year.

Halloween Costume / Winter Coat Collection

Hundreds of usable costumes, coats, gloves, scarves, and hats were collected and donated to the Westside Catholic Center to help our brothers and sisters in need to stay warm during cold winter months.

Poinsettia Sale

Beautiful red, white and pink poinsettias as well as wreaths and bows were sold at the Guild's annual poinsettia sale, kicking off the holiday season. Proceeds go towards supporting Guild activities.

Spring Salad Luncheon

Guests this year were treated to many delicious salads and desserts as well as a 50/50 raffle and a very informative presentation by our parochial vicar Fr. Eric Garris. Each person brought a salad or dessert to share.

Scholarship

Through our annual essay contest, the Guild awards scholarships to deserving parish youth entering Catholic High Schools who embrace the Guild's mission to "pass on God's love in everything we do."

The Guild truly does have something for everyone!! It is a group that spans generations and members can be as involved as their busy schedules allow. Please give serious consideration to becoming a member. Better yet, attend some of our events and see what we are all about!!