

St. Raphael Guild

Membership: May 2019 – May 2020

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 1147 Clubside Drive Westlake, Ohio 44145
Questions? Feel free to call Laura Gallagher at 216-386-9888

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City / Zip: _____
Member: New / Current (circle one) _____
Email: _____

Please check where you would like to volunteer. The committee chair will contact you with additional information.

Community Service

- Rae-Ann Nursing Home (Westlake)
 Afternoon Bingo Volunteer
 3rd Wednesday 2-3 pm
 Christmas gift for Nursing Home Resident
- Bake / Cook for a Parish Event
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Coat Drive for Westside Catholic Center

- Work an after Mass shift
- Deliver donations to WSCC

Ways and Means

- Donut Sale Volunteer
- Poinsettia Sale Volunteer
- Bake Cookies for Cookie Extravaganza

Anointing of the Sick

- Volunteer to Bake
- Volunteer to set-up/clean-up

Spiritual Planning Committee

- Advent Evening of Reflection

Social Events

- Annual Fall Luncheon Committee
- Chinese Raffle Donation Fall Luncheon
- Spring Salad Luncheon
- Girls Night Out Event

Special Interest Groups

- Gourmet Lunch Group
 (meets 4 times a year)
- Book Club

Family Ice Skating Party

- Volunteer to help

Feel free to make suggestions for activities, speakers and events below.

Please Note

The guild operates on the academic year of September through May. You will be contacted by the coordinator of the event that you select. This contact may not be made until near the time of the event.

Book Club

Open to all women of the Guild. Feel free to come when you can. Members meet once monthly on a Thursday evening in the school library to discuss book selections. Books are chosen based on the suggestions of the members and all 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 yearly 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 enjoy a lovely luncheon, a Chinese raffle and fashion show, all to raise money for the Guild programs. The attendees' generosity helps to fund two \$1000 scholarships to parish youth attending Catholic high schools as well as contributions supporting the life of the parish. In past years we have funded the Holy Family statue in the church, the indoor signage, benches outside the church, and the Zwilling Room renovations among many other projects.

Halloween Costume / Winter Coat Collection

Usable costumes, coats, gloves, scarves, and hats are 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 are sold at the Guild annual poinsettia sale, kicking off the holiday season. Proceeds go towards supporting Guild activities.

Scholarship

Through our annual essay contest, the Guild awards scholarships to deserving parish youth entering a Catholic high school who embrace the mission of the Guild 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 they wish. Please give serious consideration to becoming a member. Attend some of our events and see what we are all about. We would love to see you!