

St. Therese Altar & Rosary Society

Ladies of the Parish,

As Altar & Rosary begins a new membership year, we hope you will consider renewing your membership or becoming a new member of our organization which provides many opportunities for the women of our Parish to collectively demonstrate Christ's call to ministry.

The work of the Altar & Rosary Society began with the care and maintenance of the Altar of the church, but our mission has grown to include a variety of activities and ministries that impact our parish and community. Our organization provides the Altar Bread and Altar Wine, Devotional and Altar Candles, and Funeral Lunches for the families of deceased parishioners. In addition, we support Catholic Education through the Bright Futures Fund, The Parkville Women's Clinic, and an apartment at Hillcrest Traditional Housing, Catholic Charities, and others. The parish depends on Altar & Rosary to augment funding and/or serve as ambassadors for specific events. The Parish and has always been able to count on the ladies of Altar & Rosary to assist wherever and whenever needed.

Because of the pandemic over the last two years, we have been unable to hold our traditional fundraisers-- the Bread Bake, Ice Cream Social Raffle, and the Bake sale. They provide us with our largest means of monetary support. At this time, candle sales, the gift shop, the membership fees and donations are our only means of income to support parish activities and community outreach.

All women of the parish are invited to join us whether as a member in spirit or as an active participant in one or more of our many ministries--the parish Gift Shop, the Funeral lunch committees, Rosary making, the Purse Project, Mission Sewing, Hillcrest apartment committee, or as a volunteer for parish events. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Wooldridge Center. You are welcome to attend, although the meetings are not mandatory.

Attached is a membership form that you may return through Sunday collections, to the Parish Office, or at *Our Lady's* Gift Shop, along with your membership donation of \$20 or more. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email AandR@sttheresenorth.org

"What matters in life is not great deeds, but great love." These are the words of St. Therese, the patron saint of our parish. During her life, she taught "a spirituality of doing the ordinary, with extraordinary love." By participating in the Altar & Rosary Society's ministries and outreach, you too can show extraordinary love doing ordinary things. We ask that you will consider joining us this year!

Humbly yours,
Kelly Johnson
President