

St. Therese Altar & Rosary Society

Dear Ladies of St. Therese Parish:

The Bible, in the gospel of Luke, tells the story of Mary & Martha, two sisters. Martha works behind the scenes to make Jesus feel welcome in their home as well as allowing Mary to listen to His words. Therein lies the mission of the Altar & Rosary Society - to work *behind the scenes* to help when needed in the St. Therese Parish Community, but also, to listen to His words. We need both Marthas and Marys.

The Altar & Rosary Society supports many parish activities from supplying the bread & wine used at Mass as well as devotional and altar candles. *Our Lady's Gift Shop* is one of our keystone endeavors here at St. Therese providing easy access to many religious gifts and articles. We also provide lunches following funerals for deceased parishioners' families, as well as supporting the Bright Futures Fund, the Parkville Women's Center, Catholic Charities with our "purse project", Operation Breakthrough, Hillcrest transitional housing by managing a transitional home for a homeless family, as well as providing rosaries for our sister parish in Guatemala and other missionaries. There are a variety of activities that you can participate in that don't require that you attend a meeting; Mission Sewing, Rosary Making, providing a food dish for a funeral luncheon, just answering an occasional call for assistance, etc.

Covid-19 negatively impacted our membership ranks and we are hopeful that 2023 will be a year of *new beginnings and rebuilding* for us.

As this new membership year begins, all women of the parish are encouraged to join Altar & Rosary as either an *Active* or *Passive* member. You can complete the attached Membership Form and return it with your membership donation(s). You can also use the Form to identify areas of interest where your *time, talents, and treasure* can best be utilized in our various ministries. The Membership Form can be returned by mailing it to the Parish Office, dropping it at the Gift Shop or in the weekly collection basket.

Our monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Wooldridge Center, beginning with the Rosary at 6:30 PM. The first meeting will be held on September 11th in the *Reflection Area* of the school, due to the church renovations occurring during this time.

We need **many** hands to facilitate a variety of activities that happen in our parish community. We hope you will take this opportunity to become a member, so that you can help us in "every little way" to allow us to continue our many projects and programs here at St. Therese and be both Marthas and Marys.

With blessings for your kindness,

The Altar & Rosary Membership Committee

NOTE: Scan this code with your phone to complete the form online or submit the paper form.

