

The Altar-Rosary Society of St. Francis Xavier Parish

September 2008

For over 100 years the ladies of St. Francis Xavier Parish have been serving the church through the Altar-Rosary Society. Today many of the ladies share their talents in the church by preparing flowers, taking care of candles, and washing altar cloths. Others work in the kitchen helping serve food for funeral dinners. Many contribute baked goods for the annual bake sale at the picnic.

The Society meets on the First Friday of every month from September through May. After the rosary and 7:30 A.M. mass the ladies gather in the Father Dolski Center for a light breakfast, a short business meeting, and a speaker.

All parish women are considered members. Some use the envelope in the September packet to pay the yearly dues. These dues, donations from serving funeral dinners, Austin's receipts, and money collected from flowers at Easter and Christmas are the society's main sources of funding.

If you are not an active member, we ask you to give us a try. You and your friends are always welcome to attend our meetings.

The following is a list of some of our 2007-2008 activities:

1. Distributed flowers and mass intentions at Christmas to shut-ins and staff
2. Dry cleaned priest's vestments
3. Provided and served meal for the homeless at St. John's shelter
4. Polished rectory silverware
5. Gave \$100 to send a suitcase of medical supplies to Honduras
6. Ruffled a quilt donated by St Mary Quilters and gave the proceeds, \$550, to House of Hope
7. Sponsored First Friday masses for deceased members
8. Provided altar flowers and candles throughout the year
9. Purchased Christmas trees and other seasonal decorations for the altar
10. Contributed to Pime Ministries to help support a child in Myanmar (Burma) and sent extra money at Christmas
11. Served funeral dinners
12. Held a luncheon at Legend's and a breakfast at Oak Street Café
13. Purchased kitchen supplies
13. Had the following programs at meetings: Chico Ramirez, Multicultural Center, Julie Massey, campus ministry, Sr. Agnes Fisher and Jennifer Allen, House of Hope, Laurie Ropson, Aging Center, Sheila DeLuca, pastoral Associate, Notre Dame Middle School Band, Sr. Ann Rehrauer, OSF

We need many volunteers to help with these projects. If you are interested, please contact one of the following members:

To volunteer to help at funeral dinners call Kathy Schadrie at 336-9405.

To volunteer for other projects or to answer any questions you may have, contact the following:

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