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ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S CLUB
Wednesday, May 13, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

Trish welcomed everyone and led the group in the opening prayer. She also recognized recent birthdays and anniversaries. We welcomed new member Jodie Heng. About 30 women were in attendance.

REFRESHMENTS – Provided by Okyen Portenga, Eileen Grunstra, and Dorothy Zajechowski. Thank you!

TREASURER'S REPORT – [This is an update since the meeting.] As of May 13, our checking account balance is \$11,371; our diocese account balance is \$8,630.

PROGRAMS – Cynthia Caulfield

June 10 – Lunch Potluck at Mueril Tuggle's home. Members were asked to sign up for what they will bring. This is our last meeting until September.

QUILT GROUP UPDATE – Deb Taetsch/Bonnie Glavich reported that the quilts are done and are very beautiful. Quilt raffle tickets are now available and will be distributed to club members at our June Potluck. We will be selling tickets before and after mass only for the last 2 weekends prior to the festival (instead of Jun-Jul-Aug).

[Note: Since this is our biggest fundraiser, we strongly encourage our members to buy/sell the 10 tickets allocated to them. However, if you are certain that you don't want the tickets, let Bonnie or Deb know. We can use the unwanted tickets at the parish festival selling booth in September.]

REQUEST FOR WOMEN'S CLUB TO BAKE FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY - Like last year, our club has been asked to help with the Pentecost Party on May 24th after the 8:30 and 11 a.m. masses. We are asked to provide breakfast items such as muffins, breads, coffee cakes, bars, etc. You can drop off your baked goods in the kitchen on Saturday or just bring them to the church on Sunday before either mass.

PARISH FESTIVAL BAKE SALE – Marie Huyge, who leads the parish festival bake sale, confirmed that baking help is needed for the September 12th festival. Please mark your calendars, and thank you in advance for your generosity.

CARDS SENT FROM THE CLUB – Deb Taetsch sent sympathy cards to Jim Burke (Barb) and the family of Mary Pat Dubuc. Marie Huyge requested that a get well soon message be sent to Julie Hellberg.

MASSES – Our club is purchasing mass cards for recently deceased club members Barb Burke and Mary Pat Dubuc. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

PRAYER SHAWLS AND LAP ROBES – Trish said that the prayer shawl ministry has many shawls and lap robes they would like to gift to shut-ins or ill people. If you know of someone who would like a shawl or lap robe, please contact Rachel Lohman 734 765-8556.

CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION – Trish reported that no nominations were received. The current board has agreed to serve another term. Motions for each officer were made, seconded, and confirmed. Officers are as follows:

Member at Large – Deb Taetsch
Treasurer – Lynn Rigoli
Secretary – Marilyn Wheeler
Vice President – Cynthia Caulfield
President – Trish Ostberg

TODAYS PROGRAM – Retired Ottawa County District Court Judge Susan Jonas (Sandy Mercurio's sister) spoke about establishing "Treatment Courts." It was a very interesting and informative presentation. Treatment courts are designed to address drug and alcohol addiction, reduce recidivism, avoid long periods of incarceration, and improve the lives of participants. The program is 18-24 months of intensely supervised probation. Susan compared these treatment courts to lighthouses – they guide you through troubled times. There are several hundred such courts in Michigan. Thank you, Susan!

Thank you to those who donated toiletries for the food pantry!

Submitted by
Marilyn Wheeler, Secretary
St. Mary's Women's Club