

2019 St. Joseph Women's Society Committees and their Chairs

Contact may be made with committee chairs by using the Society e-mail address, womensociety@stjosephcolumbia.org, or members may look up the chair's phone number in the Society Directory.

Church Care (*Theresa Dion and Linda Oliver*)

The church care committee is responsible for cleaning the church once a week, generally Friday Morning.

Church Altar Linen Care (*Claire Wagner and Jo Killoy*)

The church altar linen care committee is responsible for laundering (washing and pressing) church altar linens each week.

Community Outreach

The community outreach committee coordinates the Women's Society's interaction with organizations outside of the parish. Outreach projects are added and deleted as the membership desires.

Current activities: *Hilde Meisner-Birthright Baby Shower*

Mary Sue Barnum -Snack Pack Program

Anne Hoppmann – Notes to Friends...Women Society Members unable to attend.

Food for the Bereaved Committees (*Claire Wagner, Gwen Skipper, Libit Woodington*)

Food for the Bereaved is a parish ministry led by the St. Joseph Women's Society by which comfort is provided to the sorrowing through the caring preparation of a meal. The meat for the meal is provided by the church or funds donated for food for the bereaved with the remaining dishes being furnished by committee members who attempt to prepare enough for the family to have food for a few days after the funeral as well. The meal may be served at the church or in the home of a family member. Providing the meal is rotated among three groups. Committee chairpersons are members of the St. Joseph's Women's Society. Other committee members are members of the society and the overall parish. The chairpersons contact their members, as needed, to have the meal prepared and delivered. **Teresa Chmura tracks funeral and meal data.**

Flowers/Decorating (*Sophie Sagrera and Mary Sue Barnum*)

The flowers and decorating committee plans, orders and decorates the church at Easter and Christmas. The committee also decorates for Women's Society functions as needed.

Hospitality Committees (*Group1-Claire Slifco; Group2-Mary Fitzsimons; Group3-Shawn Giese*)

Three hospitality committees provide a light lunch for monthly meetings of the Society. **Each member of the Women's Society will be assigned to one of the hospitality groups.** Each group will provide food two meetings each year.

Legislative Committee (*Gwen Skipper*)

The Legislative Committee is responsible for gathering pertinent legislative information and informing the Women's Society of items of importance to them.

Membership Committee (*Beverly Stricklin, Martha Becht, Julie Rotureau*)

The Membership Committee is responsible for making the women of the parish aware of the mission of the Society and recruiting new members from among those parishioners. This committee also keeps the Society Brochure up to date and takes opportunities to raise parishioners' awareness with the work of the society.

Communications:

Publication - *Mary Sue Barnum* is responsible for putting together the membership directory. The directory is published as soon as possible at the beginning of each year.

Mary & Martha – *Mary Ellen Perretta* - publishes the monthly newsletter based on input from the membership. The newsletter is to inform and encourage membership participation. Members are welcome to provide articles to be published in the newsletter.

Update St. Joseph Church website – All information to update the Women's Society page on the St. Joseph website is to be *submitted to the SJWS President. The SJWS President will then furnish the information to the St. Joseph Church webmaster to update the Women's Society page.*

Bulletin announcements – *Jamie Hall* - assists in the preparation of bulletin announcements regarding Women's Society activities.

Brochure - *Jamie Hall* - This brochure defining the Women's Society is sent to all new parish members.

Program (SJWC Vice President – Teresa Sowers)

The SJWS Vice President is responsible for planning the programs for the monthly meetings.

Special Events Committee

The Special Events Committee is responsible for providing food or help with events in the church which do not occur on a regular basis. Examples include events as varied as preparation of desserts or snacks for parishioners after various church functions.

July – Birthright Tea Room – Gwen Skipper

November – Memorial Mass Reception – Libit Woodington

History Committee (Regina Spell and Teresa Sowers)

The purpose of the History Committee is to create a history of the activities of the St. Joseph Women's Society in a given year. This history is also submitted to the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women's Convention for other members of the council to gather ideas and information that will encourage their members to participate in activities for their church, community and internationally. The committee gathers all information for any activity the Society, or any member of the society, is involved in from the general meeting in January through the end of December. This involves photography, cutting out write-ups in newspapers or the church bulletin, scrapbooking, calligraphy or any interest you might have in helping to gather the history of the organization.

Telephone Committee (Betty Procko-Chairperson; Committee members: Betty Shepherd, Cathy Rollings, Tinka Tiemann, Fran Mauldin, Ann Funderburk, Anne Sakara)

The Telephone Committee calls to remind members of the meetings and other special events. Each person is usually responsible for calling approximately 10 people. *Members or non-members who wish to be notified of volunteer activities or events may request to be put on the calling list by contacting the committee chair.*

Ways and Means Committee (Gwen Skipper and Teresa Sowers)

The ways and means committee is responsible for fundraising for the Society. The Women's Society primary fundraiser is the annual food and craft sale – From the Devine Kitchen – the weekend before Thanksgiving.