

St. Joseph Women's Society Committees

Fall 2023

The contact information for each Committee, and a description, is listed below. Participation in our Women's Society offers a wide variety of ways to be involved in the parish and beyond.

Church Care

Theresa Dionne, 803-360-0027

The Church Care Committee is responsible for cleaning the church once a week, generally Friday morning.

Church Altar Linen Care

Claire Wagner cwags1@att.net

Stephanie McCabe smm3936@hotmail.com

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 phmeisner@earthlink.net

Gwen Skipper-Birthright Tea Room. gwenskip@bellsouth.net

Smile Kits

Anne Hoppmann hoppmail@sc.rr.com

Notes to Friends...Women Society Members send notes to those in our membership who are unable to attend meetings.

Food for the Bereaved

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Maria Carrero mariadccarrero@hotmail.com

Julie Rotureau rotureau@att.net

This 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 after a funeral. Some, but not all, families wish this assistance during this time. Our committees rotate turns to prepare, set up, serve and clean up for the meal which usually occurs following the funeral Mass and interment. Committee chairpersons are members of the St. Joseph's Women's Society. The meal may be served at the church or in the home of a family member. Our Women's Society welcomes women of the parish, member or not, to participate in this ministry. The Parish Administration contacts our Women's Society President when a meal is requested, and things move forward to the committee to begin preparations.

Flowers/Decorating

Mindy McBurney mindy@stjosephcolumbia.org

Mary Sue Barnum marysuebarnum@att.net

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

Group 1-Irene Lightsey irenelightsey@gmail.com

Group 2-Regina Spell rspell909@gmail.com

Group 3-Shawn Giese skmkguese@aol.com

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, and each group will provide food for two meetings each year.

Legislative Committee

Gwen Skipper gwenskip@bellsouth.net

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

Membership Committee

Martha Becht kkmfb519@aol.com

Beverly Stricklin bev29206@yahoo.com

Mary Bettin marybettin@gmail.com

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 takes opportunities to raise parishioners' awareness with the work of the society.

Communications:

Julie Rotureau rotureau@att.net

- Membership Directory - Mary Sue Barnum marysuebarnum@att.net
Responsible for editing and printing the membership directory. The directory is published as soon as possible at the beginning of each year.
- Mary & Martha News – Nicole Christopher – nicolekchristopher@gmail.com
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. The Newsletter is distributed via Flocknote.
- Update St. Joseph Church website – Any information/updates to the Women's Society page of the St. Joseph website will be submitted to the SJWS President. The SJWS President will then furnish the information to the St. Joseph Church webmaster to approve and publish.
- Bulletin announcements – Jamie Vickrey – jamie@stjosephcolumbia.org
Assists in the preparation of bulletin announcements regarding Women's Society activities. Usually, submissions are sent to Jamie by way of the SJWS President.
- Brochure - Jamie Vickrey – jamie@stjosephcolumbia.org This brochure, which defines the Women's Society is used to share information with interested parishioners, and is sent to new parish members.

Programs (SJWS Vice President)

Martha Becht kkmfb519@aol.com

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

Other Special Events

As Needed

A Special Events Committee is formed when there is a need, and we are asked to assist by Monsignor or the Parish staff. Responsibilities include providing/preparing food, set up, serving, clean up.

Memorial Mass Reception

Stephanie McCabe smm3936@hotmail.com

Cece Zimmerman cecezim@aol.com

Early in November, the Society assists Monsignor Harris with his reception which follows the Mass of Remembrance. Always open to the Parish, all families who have experienced a death over the past year receive a written invitation.

History Committee

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Teresa Sowers, 803-626-5049 (text only)

The History Committee works to create a history of the activities of the St. Joseph Women's Society in a given year. This history is also submitted at the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women's Convention for other Council members to review for an exchange of ideas and information. The committee gathers pictures, articles, and documents about the activities our members are involved in. From our general meeting to Parish events, and outreach projects, artistic pages are created that span the calendar year. Those interested in photography, cutting out write-ups from newspapers or the church bulletin, scrapbooking, calligraphy, etc. might like helping with this yearly project.

Telephone Committee

Teresa Sowers, 803-626-5049 (text only)

**Committee members: Nicole Christopher, Cathy Rollings, Beverly Stricklin,
Ann Funderburk and Tinka Tiemann**

The Telephone Committee calls to remind members of 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

Martha Becht kkmfb519@aol.com

Teresa Sowers, 803-626-5049 (text only)

The Ways and Means Committee is responsible for fundraising for the Society. The primary fundraiser for the Women's Society is the annual food and craft sale – *From the Devine Kitchens*. Purchases can be made either in person or by online ordering. Pick up of items sold takes place the weekend before Thanksgiving.