

St Francis Xavier Altar Rosary Society

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For over 100 years the ladies of St. Francis Xavier Parish have been serving the church through the Altar Rosary Society. The Altar Rosary Society was formed for the advancement of the spiritual, intellectual, charitable and social interests of the women of the parish. It provides for the needs of the altar and assists in the upkeep of the church.

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, (paid or unpaid). Membership is also open to the women of St. Mary's Parish. There is an envelope in the September packet to pay the yearly dues. These dues, donations from serving funeral dinners, bake sales, Austin's receipts, the Christmas and Easter "Trees", and the annual "Soup and Bread Supper" are the society's main sources of funding.

The following is a list of some of our activities:

1. Provide altar candles throughout the year.
2. Buy seasonal altar decorations (wreaths, trees, lights, altar cloths, etc.)
3. Pay for dry cleaning services (priest's vestments, over-sized altar cloths, etc.)
4. Pay for the tuning and repair of the church's piano and organ.
5. Sponsor First Friday Masses for deceased ARS members.
6. Offer motivational and interesting speakers at the ARS meetings, as well as "Game Day" and our annual day trip.
7. Host a "Fall Breakfast" and "Lenten Luncheon" at Legends of De Pere.
8. Sell ornaments for the "Love Light Tree" and "New Life Tree" which raises funds for specific needs in the organization, parish or community.
9. Set up for/Host/Serve funeral dinners. To volunteer for this activity, call Kathy Schadrie at 336-9405
10. Reach out to the parish and local community by: a) distributing Christmas flowers and Mass intentions to shut-ins, b) presenting Christmas gifts to parish staff, c) donating money to the De Pere Christian Outreach Food Pantry d) sponsoring a child thru UnBound, an international Catholic organization helping the needy and marginalized and e) supporting our "adopted" Seminarians by cards and gifts at Christmas, birthdays and ordinations.

If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please contact one of the following members:

Connie O'Brien, President 336-1422
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