

St. Martha council of Catholic Women Committee/Activity Summaries

Funeral Brunches

Contact Coordinator: JoEllen Kazmierski

This group provides a luncheon for families and friends after the funerals of St. Martha Parishioners. Volunteers are needed to bring a salad or dessert, help set up, serve, or clean up at the luncheons. This is a lovely and important service that the CCW provides for our parish families.

Food Bank

Volunteers pick up food weekly from St. Martha drop boxes and take it to the Haslett Community Church.

Martha Meals Chairperson: Laura Elias, LRElias@att.net

To sign-up the website: TakeThemAMeal.com

This website helps us to facilitate the scheduling of meals for parishioners that are ill. This site will allow you to sign up on-line for the day you will provide a meal. If you are willing to help, please contact Laura and she will send you an email notification when a parishioner is in need, along with a link to the website and password for login. When you sign up to provide a meal, you'll enter your email address, which will prompt and automatic email reminder the day before you are scheduled to provide your meal.

Martha Maids

This group of ladies clean the church weekly after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Fridays. Light cleaning and special seasonal projects are a part of this service.

Craft Show usually the Saturday before Thanksgiving, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This is our main fund raiser! Help is needed the Friday night before for set-up, the day of for the kitchen (food prep, waiting on customers, clean-up) and clean up following the afternoon show.

Giving Tree November/December

The giving tree committee works to coordinate the donation of gifts for our community members in need for Christmas. Tags are made at the November CCW meeting. The CCW activities include the setup of 2 Christmas Giving Trees at the front of the church and hanging of the gift tags. Volunteers help the organization leaders sort, load, and deliver the parish's gifts. The parishioners respond very generously to this appeal. This is an amazing way for our parish to celebrate the Birth of Christ each year.

Food Baskets

This committee organizes the collection, sorting, and delivery of food baskets for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter seasons. Names of persons needing assistance are obtained confidentially from Meridian Township Human Services. The chairperson purchases perishable items for baskets and helps coordinate the sorting, packing & delivery of the baskets. Eighth grade confirmation candidates help with the effort.

Volunteers handle delivery of baskets to families in the Meridian Township area. This is an especially important ministry to struggling families in our area.

Father/Child Dinner

This is a Knights of Columbus event inviting all fathers and their children in our parish to participate. The chairperson purchases food and coordinates activity. Volunteers make cookies (2 doz. each), and set up, serve, and clean up at the dinner. Time commitment varies – 1 to 3 hours. This is always very well received by the men and children in our lives.

Fish Fry Dinners Fridays during Lent

Help is needed as follows: Thursday & Friday afternoon for food preparation; Friday afternoon for set up; Friday evening kitchen duty, serving, or clean up. You and your family are encouraged to help with this parish event. St. Martha is well known for having the best Fish Fry dinners in the area.

Lenten Baby Drive during Lent

This committee organizes the collection of baby products (new & slightly used) donated during Lent. Volunteers are needed to make a weekly delivery to a local agency, such as Shared Pregnancy Women's Center. This ministry offers an extremely important testament to helping young mothers and promoting life for all babies.

RCIA Reception after the Saturday Easter Vigil Mass

This reception is for the RCIA candidates and their families. Volunteers are asked from the RCIA candidates and their families of the prior year. They provide an assortment of cookies and/or help at the reception to set up, serve, or clean up. The reception is immediately following the Easter Vigil Mass (approximately 8:30 p.m.) This is a beautiful way to invite new Catholics into our parish.

Confirmation Reception Spring

This reception is for the newly confirmed students and their families. Calls are made by the CCW to get volunteers for set up or clean up. The reception is immediately following the Confirmation Mass (approximately 8 – 10 p.m.). This service shows the newly confirmed how proud and supportive the parish is of them

Spring Brunch

This brunch is our final "get together" for the year. Our guests and children are invited. The brunch is served by the K of C in formal attire. Our volunteers help with ticket sales, acquiring a speaker, securing donations of prizes, table set-up and decorations on Saturday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, and for clean up after the Brunch.

Kitchen Clean Up Summer

Volunteers work with the Knights of Columbus to thoroughly clean out the Parish Hall Kitchen. Volunteers are needed for 2-4 hours for this task on a Saturday. Many hands make light work. Come for as long as you can. Pizza served for lunch for volunteers.

St. Martha Gardens Spring/Summer

Volunteers are needed during the warm weather starting in the spring to help in the care of the grounds around the church. In the spring we clean out the dead brush and vegetation from the winter, trim the dead branches off the trees, and place new mulch. Volunteer are then needed to help throughout the growing season for flower planting and maintaining the beauty of our flower bed areas. If you have even a slightly green thumb, we need you!