



The Blue Letter

Newsletter of the Catholic Women's League

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A warm welcome and greetings to the parishioners of Holy Redeemer! We are so excited to be gathering once again and reconnecting with the women of our wonderful parish. We have missed you all and look forward to seeing you soon!

To introduce ourselves, the Holy Redeemer Catholic Women's League (CWL) is the parish women's organization that provides support and connection to our church and community through social activities, service opportunities and fundraising events. All women of the Holy Redeemer parish are members of the CWL and there are no membership requirements.

Now is a great time to become involved with the CWL! Women of all ages are welcome to attend and volunteer at CWL events. Mix and mingle with old friends and new acquaintances as you connect with the amazing women that make Holy Redeemer such a special place. We'd love for you to join us.

Throughout the year the CWL hosts many events that serve as fundraisers for the church and our community. These events help financially support charities such as Our Lady's Inn and St. Peter & Paul, as well as scholarships awarded to parish 8th graders in recognition of their outstanding service and studies.

Listed here is a glimpse of the exciting events that the CWL will be hosting throughout the year. Mark calendar, grab a friend and come join us! There are so many great opportunities to get involved and we invite you to read more about them here.

As with all things, many hands lighten the load. We wouldn't be able to host our events without our dedicated volunteers so we invite you to join us for any event that you may be interested in volunteering. No experience needed. An (*) indicates that we are looking for someone to oversee this position or committee. We invite you to consider joining us!

If you have any questions, ideas or suggestions, we want to hear from you! Please reach out to me or any of the Executive Board members whose contact information is listed here. Find us on Facebook at Holy Redeemer CWL to receive updates on our upcoming news and events. We look forward to welcoming all the women of the parish in connection and community as we gather again!

In sisterhood, service and spirit,

Susanne Doran
CWL President



CWL UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

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Fall Bash *COMING UP*: Thursday, September 29, 6:00-10:00 PM

A night not to be missed! This fun evening of cocktails and catching up is the perfect opportunity to mix and mingle with friends and learn more about the CWL Drinks, appetizers, and desserts will be served. Kindly RSVP to holyredeemercwl@gmail.com. Last minute attendance is also welcome because we know life happens. CWL (optional!) dues of \$20 may be paid at the door or via PayPal (HRCWL). If you are unable to attend the Fall Bash, we hope you will join us at any other upcoming events. **A special thanks to Carrie Dino for hosting this event!**

Advent by Candlelight: Early December, Date Coming Soon

As we prepare for the Advent season, you're invited to take a break from the hustle and bustle to listen to an inspirational reflection from a guest speaker in preparation of the birth of Christ.

Progressive Dinner: Saturday, January 28, 2023

An unforgettable night awaits with the 50th (!) Annual HR Progressive Dinner. Your three-stop evening begins with cocktails and canapés, followed by a sumptuous dinner and concludes with decadent dessert and drinks. **Reservations are required.** The cost is \$50/person. Our wonderful night would not be possible without our cocktails and dinner hosts opening their homes. Please consider hosting or co-hosting at your home. Additional details to follow.

Lenten Morning of Reflection: March 7, 2023

An annual event during which the women of the parish celebrate our faith during the Lenten season. This year's guest speaker is Holy Redeemer's own Jane Furey.

Holy Redeemer Fish Fry: March 31, 2023

Fish, fun, family, friends, fundraising, and A BEER CART! Need we say more? This popular community event co-hosted by the CWL and the HR Men's Club is always a good time.

Church Spring Cleaning: April 5, 2023

Help Holy Redeemer shine by assisting with the spring cleaning of the church. We are also looking for a year If you would like to volunteer for this event or for Altar Care year-round, please contact Susanne Doran.

Plant Auction: April 27, 2023

Spring into fun at the long-awaited return of the CWL Plant Auction! Join us at the home of Jenny Fagan as she shares her expertise in festive flora, and bring home your very own plant to adorn your home. More information to come in the spring.

Eighth Grade Mother's Luncheon: May 2023

This festive lunch honors the mothers of eighth grade graduates of the Holy Redeemer day school and PSR communities.

Funeral Assistance for Holy Redeemer Parish Women

Assisting in the funerals of the deceased women of Holy Redeemer is one of the most deeply spiritual ways we honor our departed sisters.

- **Honor Guard** pays special tribute to the deceased by lining the church altar during the opening procession of their funeral by holding candles 'lighting her way home'.
- **The Marthas & Marys** coordinate post-funeral luncheon receptions by providing setup, food and post-event cleanup. This committee has been successfully managed for many years by Kate Nawrocki and the CWL is deeply grateful to Kate for her service. We are currently looking for a new chair so please contact Susanne Doran if you are interested in overseeing this role.

St. Patrick's Center Casserole Program for the Homeless

St. Patrick's Center is the leading homeless service organization in the region with St. Louis Archdiocesan parishioners providing over 100,000 meals per year to the homeless. Volunteers at Holy Redeemer provide a simple spaghetti and meat sauce casserole once a month. Three volunteer 'teams' commit to making one casserole per quarter. This is a very simple way to make a significant impact in our community. Please consider joining one of HR's St. Patrick's Center casserole teams.
