

Message from President

Gwen Skipper

This is the last article I will write with the by-line of president. I am not going far--from the table at the front of the room to a table in the back of the room--I will still be among you.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president for these last four years and the special honor of being the 2017 St. Joseph's Catholic Woman of the Year. Especially thank you for all of the effort you have provided in support of the many ministries that have been part of our mission and outreach in recent years.

I would like to share the following with you for your reflection.

.Statement from Jedediah Morse, 1799- reprinted from the Patriotic Rosary

To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoys. In proportion as the genuine effects of Christianity are diminished in any nation, either through unbelief, or the corruption of its doctrines, or the neglect of its institutions; in the same proportion will the people of that nation recede from the blessings of genuine freedom, and approximate the miseries of complete despotism

All efforts to destroy the foundations of our holy religion, ultimately tend to the subversion also of our political freedom and happiness."

"Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government, and all of the blessings which flow from them, must fall with them.

Our November Sale

The November 2016 sale, "From the Devine Kitchens...A Festival of Foods, Baskets and Gifts for the Entire Family" took place in the Parish Hall/Gym. Casseroles and baked goods were, as always, a great attraction to the sale. In addition, ornaments, cookbooks, and crafts items were also sold.

This year the craft section was divided into "corners"; From the Backyard, Second Chances, Sew 'N Stitch, The Children's Christmas Shoppe, Christmas Wonderland, and The Kitchen Nook. SJWS Members served as chairs for each corner. Pictures from the event on page 4 of the newsletter show some of our members "in action" at the Festival.

We want to thank everyone who put so much time and effort into the sale. Both Women's Society members and other women of the parish generously contributed to make this year's sale very successful. A very special thank you to the men who made signs, painted them, helped with setup and with packing up after the sale. This truly was a "team effort".

The total amount raised through this year's sale was \$5,771.45. Funds raised during this annual event each year are used by the Women's Society to purchase special items for the parish, and to support Women's Society events and special outreach projects.

We wish each of you and your families all of God's blessings throughout the New Year.

Maria Carrero and Julie Rotureau

2017 Dues Reminder

Membership Dues for our organization (\$20) are collected at the beginning of each calendar year. Please make checks payable to **Saint Joseph Women's Society** and include a message telling your e-mail address or if you prefer that information be sent to you by US Mail. A form on page 5 of this newsletter can be used for registration as a member. You can drop your dues in the Sunday Collection or at the church office in an envelope labeled "Women's Society."

From the Devine Kitchens...A Festival of Foods, Baskets and Gifts



2017 Membership Registration Form
Saint Joseph Catholic Church-Women's Society

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email Address : _____

_____ **Check if you do not use e-mail and want M& M to be mailed to you.**

Dues \$20.00 for year _____

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If you prefer you can mail it to the Church Office

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