

ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL SODALITY GUILD

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Officers of Sodality (2015-2016)

Co-Presidents: Ellen Larsen and Liz Strand

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Patty Bubar

- The St. Jane de Chantal Sodality Guild is an organization of women of the parish who have embraced the Blessed Mother as their spiritual mentor and seek to emulate her example in their daily lives. The Sodality currently consists of six active units of adult women, as well as a Junior Sodality Unit, composed of girls of the parish in grades six through eight, and a large group of Sodality Associates, composed of women who are not affiliated with particular units but are involved in the Sodality's general functions and contribute financially through the Sodality to the needs of the parish.
- Adult Sodality units meet individually on a bi-monthly or tri-monthly basis to pray and socialize, plan and carry out service projects of interest to the unit's members, and assist with Sodality-wide religious and charitable programs and fundraising projects that underwrite the Sodality's charitable works. Unit members also attend general Sodality meetings (held four times per year), attend the monthly Sodality Mass, offer their assistance to large, parish-wide functions, and represent the St. Jane de Chantal Sodality at meetings of the Archdiocesan Sodality Union.
- Each year, the Sodality makes a financial contribution to the parish for a particular need identified by the pastor. In recent years, the Sodality's contributions have assisted the Organ Fund and have paid for such major purchases as the Rose Window for the church, new chairs and tables for Caulfield Hall, window shades for the church, and the Stations of the Cross. Besides providing financial assistance to the parish, the Sodality undertakes projects to enrich the prayer life of the parishioners, such as the creation of the Mary Garden on the grounds of the rectory as a site for prayer and reflection. The Sodality also conducts an essay contest each year for qualifying eighth grade members of the Junior Sodality and awards a scholarship to the winner for use at a Catholic high school.

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General Sodality Events

1. **Monthly Sodality Mass** - 10:00 a.m. Mass on first Sunday of the month (October through May).
2. **General Meetings** - held in October, December, March, and May (in the evening, except in March) in church meeting space.
3. **Communion Breakfast** - held annually after the November Sodality Mass and investiture of new members. All parishioners are invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast and hear a speaker discuss a religious topic of general interest.
4. **Parish Giving Tree Project** - coordinated annually by the Sodality to provide Christmas gifts to retired religious and to a wide variety of local social service organizations for distribution to the poor in our area. Every year, parishioners of St. Jane de Chantal Parish provide gifts for approximately 1,000 people through this program.
5. **Weekend Retreat** - support Sodalists attending retreats offered by Sodality Union or other Diocesan entities.
6. **Anniversary Brunch** - presented each Spring by the Sodality to honor couples in the parish who have been married for 25, 40, and 50 (or more) years.
7. **Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon** - an annual social event and major fundraiser for the Sodality's programs, the Fashion Show is open to all women of the parish and their guests.
8. **Morning of Recollection** - held annually on a Saturday morning for the women of the parish as an opportunity to attend Mass, pray and reflect, hear an inspirational speaker, and discuss topics of religious interest.
9. **Plant Sale** - conducted over a weekend in early May as a major fundraising project for the Sodality's programs.
10. **May Procession and May Crowning** - conducted at the May Sodality Mass by the Junior Sodality to honor Mary in her special month.
11. **Junior Sodality Essay Contest** - held each Spring on a question of religious interest to award a high school scholarship to a qualifying member of the Junior Sodality.
12. **Prayer Services** - organized and conducted by members of the Sodality for individual unit needs or general parish needs.