



Altar Society, Parish of the Visitation

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December Newsletter

Deanery Meeting Update

- A record 97 people attended! We had many compliments on the decorations and meal. Thanks to Pauline Hoelscher and her crew for the delicious lunch and to Janet and Mary Jane for the beautiful decorations!
- A check for \$100 will be given to Janet Wilde for decorations.
- Next deanery meeting will be February 21, 2018 at Christ the King in Belton.

Quilt Show Update

- Still waiting for some receipts so all expenses can be calculated. If you have expenses to be reimbursed, please email the receipt to Susan Neumann so we can print an income statement for the quilt show.
- We sold out of casseroles and food in the kitchen.
- Suggestions for next year's show were noted and will be implemented so that we have enough workers and quilts to display.
- Thanks to all who came and worked and supported our vendors!!

Baptismal Bibs – Sample baptismal bibs were ordered and shown to members present. We will order some bibs for Fr. Edwin to have on hand when he baptizes infants; these will be given to the family afterwards.

Diocesan News

- Do you know of a Council sister who demonstrates our NCCW mission statement to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service? We would like to nominate a person from our parish and the award will be presented at the Pittsburgh convention in 2018. Let any of the officers know if you have someone in mind and we can help get the submission completed. Nominations are due to the NCCW office 4/23/2018.
- The 2018 diocesan convention is scheduled for 4/22-24/2018 in Austin. Mark your calendar.

Deanery News

- A Leadership Training Program will be held 1/20/2018 in Corn Hill. At least six ladies from each deanery are encouraged to attend. Please let any of the officers know if you are interested.
- The deanery has begun a new project – **Helping Hand Purse Project** – which will help young women who are entering the convent to pay off their college debt. If you are interested in contributing, please see Cecilia.

Poinsettias for Christmas – Poinsettias (60 arrangements) are being ordered for Christmas. They will be delivered Saturday, 12/23/2017. Everyone is encouraged to contribute a plant in memory or in honor of a family member or friend to help defray expenses. An envelope is included in the box of envelopes for weekly contributions to the church.

Christmas Gifts – Monetary gifts will be given to Fr. Edwin, Seth Lorenz and the deacons.

Red and White Flowers – We are in the process of obtaining red and white floral arrangements for the altars to be used at special occasions throughout the year.

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November Newsletter, continued

Clerical Endowment Fund

- We are all very appreciative that Kitty Reid has stepped up and will take care of the CEF as Georgia did in the past. Thank you, Kitty! These make nice Christmas presents.
- Members decided to give a \$25 perpetual enrollment in memory of Georgia Ketterman.
- General Information about the CEF
 - The Clerical Endowment Fund has been in existence since the beginning of the Austin DCCW. The money from the fund comes from Mass card enrollments, bequests from estates, special donations, and an annual drive in each parish. The purpose of the Clerical Endowment Fund is twofold: to aid in the education of seminarians for the Austin Diocese and to provide loans to parishes in the diocese for building programs.
 - Clerical Endowment enrollments are available all year and make great gifts for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, Get Well, Thank You, Christmas, for the loss of a loved one, etc. Personalized cards or certificates are available.

For One Year

\$2.00 Small Card
\$5.00 Large Card

Perpetual

\$25.00 Certificate - for Individual
\$50.00 Certificate - for Couple
\$100.00 Certificate - for Families

- The spiritual benefits for donors and those enrolled are:
 - ◇ Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered monthly by the Bishop of Austin
 - ◇ Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered monthly by the CEF Director
 - ◇ Daily remembrance by diocesan seminarians in their mass/special intentions.
 - ◇ Daily remembrance by the Nuns of Monastery of St. Clare in Brenham.

Please contact Kitty Reid at 254.938.7302 to order cards. You'll need to provide enrollee's name and donor's contact information.

Dates to Remember:

12/6/2017	St. Nicholas Day
12/8/2017	Feast of Immaculate Conception
1/20/2018	Leadership Training Program, Corn Hill
2/21/2018	Deanery Meeting, Christ the King in Belton
4/22-24/2018	Diocesan Convention, Austin
4/23/2018	Nominations Due for Our Lady of Good Counsel Award