



Altar Society, Church of the Visitation

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December 2019 Newsletter

Quilt and Craft Show - A special **Thank You** to everyone for making the Annual Quilt & Craft Show a success this year. We sold all the casseroles and chicken dressing early. Everyone brought beautiful quilts to display. All the quilt stands and tables were full. Suggestions were made to make additional casseroles and chicken dressing and also there was a lack of baked goods for the Altar Society booth. Thanks again for all your hard work.

Poinsettias for Christmas – Last month it was mentioned that we would not purchase poinsettias this year due to the lack of space and lighting in the hall. After speaking with Father, he would like about 20 live poinsettias to adorn our altar for Christmas. Anyone wishing to donate \$10 toward the purchase of poinsettias in memory of a loved one is encouraged to use the Christmas Flower envelope to enclose your donation and write the name of who is making the donation and in memory of whom. All donations received for flowers in memory of loved ones will be used to purchase the poinsettias and future flowers to decorate our altar for Mass. Donations will be taken the weekends of Dec. 7-8 and 14-15.

Jane Meyer will coordinate in making the St. Nichols Bags for the Religious Education Children and the goodie bags for the Heritage House.

Penitential services for advent will be held on December 20th at 7 pm in the Religious Education Building. We will provide a meat and fruit tray for the visiting priests.

Monetary Gifts will be sent to the Sisters of Divine Providence and Dominican Sisters. We are also giving gifts to Father Darrell, the deacons, and seminarian.

CEF Christmas Cards are available for \$2 each. Please contact Mary Jane Hubik if you would like to enroll a family member or friend. The proceeds from the Clerical Endowment Fund (CEF) aid in the education of seminarians for the Austin Diocese and 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 and many more events.

Reminder – Please check the bulletin for your time to clean the church/hall area.

Upcoming Events:

December 6th – St. Nicholas Bags to Students
December 9th – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
December ?? – Gift bags to Heritage House
December 20 – Advent Penitential Services
December 25th – The Nativity of the Lord
January 1st – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Month of the Immaculate Conception

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Chosen before time to be the Mother of God incarnate, Jesus Christ, God created Mary perfect and full of grace, preserving her from the stain of Original Sin. Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son, thereby making her the perfect model of holiness of all Christians.