



Altar Society, Parish of the Visitation

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February 2019 Newsletter

Scholarship Information – A reminder that our scholarship information can be found on our parish’s website. If you know of a high school senior who is a member of our parish, please encourage him/her to apply. Deadline is March 31, 2019.

Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention – will be held April 28-30 in Waco. We will carpool from the hall parking lot; please call an officer if you would like to attend and carpool.

† We will purchase an ad in the convention booklet.

† We are asked to contribute three homemade or handmade items for the silent auction.

† We will provide the number of volunteer hours our ladies have contributed locally – approximately 12,300. The diocese converts these hours into a dollar amount to show our impact within the Church.

Heritage House Birthday Party – will be held Thursday, February 14th. We’ll take cakes, ice cream and punch to the residents and help serve. This is a special treat that we’ve been doing for years, if you have a chance to help, it’s very rewarding.

Nominating Committee – We will elect officers in March. Please let one of the current officers know if you are interested in running for Secretary or Treasurer. It’s a two-year commitment – the Secretary will step up to be President and Treasurer becomes Vice-President the second year.

Deanery Meeting to be Held in Killeen – Our next quarterly deanery meeting will be held February 20th at St. Joseph in Killeen. We start with a short board meeting at 9:30 followed by the regular meeting, drawing of door prizes, and lunch. Please let one of the officers know if you would like to attend. Carpool will leave the hall at 8:30am and return after lunch.

Poinsettias – Thanks to Audra Palmer and Alicia Fikes for your continued and thoughtful attention to the flowers on our altars. The poinsettias are beautiful but require almost daily attention. Feel free to pick up a plant at any time, because in the near future they will be disposed of.

Church Cleaning Notes – 1) Don’t forget the choir loft – it needs dusting and vacuuming! 2) Change vacuum bags when they are full. 3) Collect all trash and take to dumpster.

February is Holy Family Month - Christ could have come to earth in any number of ways, yet God chose to send His Son as a Child born into a family. In so doing, He set the Holy Family as an example for us all and made the Christian family more than a natural institution. In this prayer, we ask God to keep the example of the Holy Family always before us, so that we will imitate them in our family life.

Prayer In Honor of the Holy Family

O God, Heavenly Father, it was part of Thine eternal decree that Thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, should form a holy family with Mary, His blessed mother, and His foster father, Saint Joseph. In Nazareth, home life was sanctified, and a perfect example was given to every Christian family. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may fully comprehend and faithfully imitate the virtues of the Holy Family so that we may be united with them one day in their heavenly glory. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Upcoming Events:

2/14/2019	Heritage House Birthday Party	4/28-30/2019	DCCW Convention, Waco
2/20/2019	Deanery Meeting, St. Joseph, Killeen	5/18/2019	Deacon Ordination, Round Rock
3/31/2019	Scholarship Applications Due	6/8/2019	Priest Ordination, Austin
4/25/2019	Our Lady of Good Counsel App Due		

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. – Melody Beattie