

HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE



Hail Mary Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

MEMORARE

Remember, O most compassionate Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother; to thee we come; before thee we stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your clemency hear and answer them. Amen.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pray for us.



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ST. ANTHONY ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

“WE ARE THE HANDS OF
MARY”



ALL ABOUT ST. ANTHONY ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

THE BEGINNING

The women's organization started as The Ladies Aid Society, organized in 1910 as a social and charitable group.

In 1926, the St. Anthony Altar Society was organized in order to buy, sew, repair and finance the laundering of all altar linens. It also contributed to parish drives and furnished flowers for the altar on special occasions.

On December 1, 1930, the Rosary Society was established by the late Msgr. Cornelius Lalley. The objectives of the Rosary Society were 1) to cultivate and promote a greater devotion to our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar through our Lady as Queen of the Most Holy Rosary; 2) to secure the adornment of the Sanctuary of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady's Shrine; 3) to promote other activities of the parish; and 4) to cooperate with the activities of the Des Moines Deanery Council of Catholic women.

In 1958 the Altar and Rosary Society joined together as one organization for women of the parish and continues as the oldest St. Anthony organization.

THE OBJECTIVES

The objectives are: 1) to cultivate and promote greater devotion to Our Blessed Lord through the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary; 2) to furnish the adornment of the Altar and Sanctuary; 3) to promote activities in the parish; and 4) to cooperate with the Diocesan Deanery Council of the Catholic Women. The Deanery represents all Catholic women in the Diocese pertaining to religion, politics, education and charities of interest to all Catholic women.

In order to deepen their own spiritual life as well as to be of service to others, members are asked to recite the fifteen decades of the Rosary, either alone or with others, to spend some time with the Bible and to perform special acts of mercy.

Mass is offered for all living and deceased members of the Altar and Rosary Society on the first Sunday of each month at the 8:30 AM Mass. We begin praying the Rosary at 8:00 AM. Meetings and praying the Rosary are on the first Thursday of the month with the exception of January, June, July and August. Upon the death of a member, at the request of the family, the Rosary is prayed for the deceased at the funeral home attended by all available membership. Also at the request of the family, the Altar and Rosary Society will provide beverages and will help serve the funeral luncheon.

WHAT WE DO...

Dues are \$5.00 a year, The dues of the Society are used to pay for the expenses of two Dowling High School Scholarships; the annual Bishop Drumm and Genesis Nursing Home birthday parties and for an annual contribution to St. John's Orphanage in Mallukunta, India.

We also use the dues to provide and care for the linens for the four altars on the church campus. Dues buy cleaning supplies, linens, and other needs for the Sanctuary. We also provide and care for the cassocks and surplices worn by the altar servers. We clean the Sanctuary once a month.

We organize a parish wide bake sale at the annual Fall Festival with proceeds going to the church. We bake and decorate cookies for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas boxes. We are among several groups that provide homemade desserts for the K of C Lenten fish fries.

We send get well cards to parishioners at Mercy Hospital downtown.



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