

St. Thomas of Villanova Women's Club Fall Blitz Weekend - September 2016

Please consider joining us

Purpose of St. Thomas Women's Club: To further the Spiritual, Service and Social interests of the members; to assist the members in participating more fully in the life of the Church through Christian service; to further the development of parish and community interest through mutual help and united effort.

Guild 1 – Mary's Merry Workers: We are all ages and all have gifts to share. We have a common objective: To live our faith by helping in our parish and community, near and far, and by supporting each other with love and friendship. We crochet, knit and sew baby blankets and hats for the Renew Through Sharing program at Northwest Community Hospital, Alexian Brothers and St. Alexius Medical Centers and families in need. Our hand made little sachet hearts are delivered to the families who have suffered the loss of a baby at Alexian Brother Medical Center and we make lap robes annually for our veterans at Hines Hospital. We have a commitment to mental health issues and make and collect many craft and other needed items for Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health clients at holiday time. We also make special key chains for them to remind these clients that they are not alone. We sew pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles an organization that distributes them to area hospitals for children who are seriously ill or who have cancer. We participate in the St. Thomas Prayer Shawl Ministry which has given comfort to many. During the year we bake for our Club's bake sales, have our own Labor of Love auction, adopt a needy family at Christmas, help with Parish events, and support all Women's Club activities. To accomplish these many service projects, we also get together once a month for fellowship and lots of fun times while accomplishing much for others. All are welcome to be a part of Guild #1.

Regular meetings Guild #1 – First Thursday of the month.

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Guild 4 – Guardian of Angels: Active, involved, dedicated, friendly and motivated – that describes the commitment of the busy women in Guild 4. We are all in different stages of life. We have small children, teens or grandchildren. We work full time, part time or at home. We all share a common faith and a strong desire to do God's work. We contribute our own unique gifts and talents to the tasks at hand. We accomplish a lot and form strong bonds of friendship at the same time. Our guild makes baptismal stoles for all St. Thomas babies and blankets for adult cancer patients in two local hospitals. At Christmas we participate in the Adopt a Family program and then get together to wrap the gifts and have an ornament exchange while feasting on homemade treats. We support all Club activities. Each fall and spring, our guild cooks and serves dinner to homeless guests at the PADS shelter at Christ Lutheran Church in Palatine and collects much needed personal items like socks and undergarments. We enjoy socializing at our meeting, the first Tuesday evening of the month, in one of the meeting rooms at the Parish Center. At our June end of the season meeting, we celebrate with a special dinner out. We would love to have you join us.

Regular meetings Guild #4 – First Tuesday of the month.

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Guild 5 – St. Gerard: We are truly a spiritual guild focusing on spiritual and corporal works of mercy. We set aside a portion of our meetings as a time for reflection, petitions and prayers. By sharing we have become close members. We believe in the power of prayer and are always ready to petition on behalf of a sister. Our meetings are quite lively and a lot of fun. We are all ages and in different stages of our lives. We look forward to our guild meeting and to the times we get together for our service projects. We support all Women's Club functions. We give food baskets to the STV Ministry of Care at both Easter and Thanksgiving. We participate in the Gift of Love Program by adopting a needy family at Christmas. In June, at the end of the season meetings, we enjoy dinner out. We are involved in the coordination of making rosaries for foreign missions, servicemen and women here and abroad, hospital patients, our own Parish, and for people in prisons throughout the US, along with coordinating two Living Rosaries at STV. We meet on the 3rd Tues. each month to work on our main service projects. Project Linus Blanketeers crochet blankets for children and adults in our local hospitals, orphanages and nursing homes while also doing special projects for the American Heart Assoc. and the USO. We support PHD by making blankets and hats, and we make hats for newborns at Alexian Bros. Hospital. Our Blanketeers meet monthly on the third Tuesday. We contribute to these projects wholeheartedly and receive much joy for our accomplishments. We make donations to PADS and to the STV food pantry. We do all these things in the name of the Lord. "Whenever two or more of you are gathered in MY name".....Come join us.

Regular meetings Guild #5 – First Thursday of the month. Service Project – Third Tuesday of the month.

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Events for 2016-2017

Fall Bake Sale:	9/10-9/11/2016
Mum Sale:	9/24-9/25/2016
Winter Bake Sale:	2/11-2/12/2016
Baby Shower for PHD:	TBD
Plant Sale:	5/6/2016