

Saint John the Baptist Women's Guild Newsletter

Women's Guild 2025-2026

Dear Ladies of the Guild,

We hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer, and that you are revitalized and ready for another great year of supporting our parish community.

Our 2024-2025 year was very successful, and we hope to continue that trend with many meaningful and fun activities. We encourage you to get involved with any or all of the events listed on the calendar -- we need your help! Our first event of the year is the Membership Coffee on Wednesday, October 8th, at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall.

This September, the Guild is asking for your help in support of the Seminarian Initiative, which began two years ago. There is an urgent need to support the seminarians of our Archdiocese. They are the future of our church! See page 2 for further details.

Our membership form is included in this newsletter. Kindly complete the form and bring it with you to the Membership Coffee on October 8th along with your dues payment of \$35. You may also drop off the form and dues at the rectory office, or enclose them in an envelope marked "Women's Guild" and place the envelope in the collection basket at Mass. Checks should be made out to "St. John the Baptist Women's Guild."

Blessings to you and your families,

Mary Joe, Susan, Patty, Jovanna, Mary and Chris

★ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ★

Bonnie Barnes	Susan Jordan
Liliana Fernandez-Davila	Linda Mastriana
Jan Genovese	Anne McDonagh
Bettia Gosselin	Colette Wolfe
Jackie Haroun	

2025-2026 WOMEN'S GUILD BOARD

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Altar Guild	Mary McLaughlin
Homebound Ministry	Jody Williams
Nominating	TBA
Religious Counter	Shelly Rey, Janalyn Reeder
Sunshine & Sympathy	Mary Cooney

ANNUAL REPORT F/Y 2024-2025

BALANCE 6/1/2024	\$51,529.94
Distribution of FY 2023-2024	
Donations	-\$43,700.00
INCOME:	
Dues	\$4,380.00
Religious Counter	\$712.10
Wreath Sales	\$788.69
Luncheon	\$28,408.89
Bazaar	\$11,701.24
TOTAL	\$53,820.86
EXPENSES:	
Administrative	-\$2,303.14
(Membership meeting food/paper goods, Mass intentions, bank fees, printing/postage)	
EVENTS	
Christ Child Tea	-\$1,013.80
Day of Recollection	-\$493.98
Anointing of the Sick	-\$1,165.00
Installation Breakfast	-\$935.84
Distribution of FY 2024-2025	
Donations	-\$45,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	-\$50,911.76
BALANCE 5/31/2025	\$2,909.10

LADIES,
START
CLEANING OUT
YOUR CLOSETS!



Our Holiday Bazaar Team will be collecting your donated items at our membership coffee event on
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH.

The Bazaar needs your gently used items:
home goods, accessories, wine and liquor.

We do not accept, clothes, books or shoes. Thank You!

Seminarian Initiative

The Women's Guild will be launching our 3rd Annual Seminarian Initiative this September. The Seminarian Initiative helps our seminarians with their basic living expenses. Without this charity their situation is dire. The Archdiocese has an endowment for education, room and board only; no stipends for living expenses are provided. Therefore, seminarians need money for clothes, vestments, sheets and towels, medical co-payments, transportation, personal hygiene items, and much more. The money collected in our initiative goes directly to the seminarians at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach.

A collection basket will be available at the Membership Coffee. There will also be blue collection boxes located at the entrances of the Church.

St. John the Baptist Women's Guild 2025 - 2026 Calendar of Events

Visit: www.stjohnncc.org Email: womensguild@stjohnncc.org

Annual Seminarian Initiative

Month of September 2025
Chair – Carol McMahon



General Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
9:30 am – Parish Hall
Speaker – Tara David, Esq. Estate Law

Fr. Alberto's Installation Mass & Reception

Sunday, September 28, 2025
9:00 am Church & Parish Hall



Membership Coffee

Wednesday, October 8, 2025
9:30 am – Parish Hall
Chairs: Shelly Rey, Cristina Vazquez
& Fran Murphy

General Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 2025
9:30 am – Parish Hall
Presentation – Yoga by Bill Rodowsky
from Back to Health



Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 22, 2025 4-7 pm &
Sunday, November 23, 2025 8 am-2 pm
Parish Hall
Chairs: Debora Kolb, Bertha Martos & Daria Pecic



Toy Drive

Saturday, December 6, 2025
Sunday, December 7, 2025
Sponsored by the Men's Club



Christ Child Tea

Wednesday, December 10, 2025
9:30 am
Anthony's Clam House & Grill
Chair – Janalyn Reeder

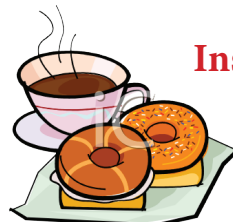


Annual Fish Fry

Friday, March 27, 2026
6:00 pm
Sponsored by the Men's Club

General Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2026
9:30 am – Parish Hall
TBA



Installation Mass & Breakfast

Wednesday, May 13, 2026
8:45 am Mass
9:30 am Breakfast
Coral Ridge Country Club



Anointing of the Sick

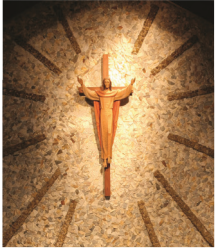
Saturday, March 7, 2026
11:00 am - Mass
12:00 pm Luncheon – Parish Hall
Chairs: Kathy Reynolds, Jane Czubay & Pat Raite



Day of Recollection

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
9:30 am – Parish Hall
Presenter-Fr. Kaz of the
Marians of the Immaculate Conception
Chairs: Paulette Kardos & Gloria Whitaker

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Women's Guild
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“Many Hands Make Light Work”

The Homebound Ministry is a vital part of ministering to everyone in the St. John the Baptist Parish community. If you know of anyone who would like a visit from a Eucharistic Minister or if you would like to become one, contact the rectory at 954-771-8950.

Respect Life Ministries is seeking donations of diapers, wipes, and baby items. Please contact our parish liaison, Carol Ricks, at 417-343-2124, and she will pick up your donations and deliver them to the Respect Life Office.

If you would like to help with any of our monthly events, please contact:
Susan Jordan, Vice President of Programs: smjordan@gmail.com or 954-224-8295

The St. John the Baptist Men's Club is seeking new members!
The Men's Club is a social and service club open to all men of the parish.
Please contact Steven Newman sgmrocky@gmail.com

For details, visit www.stjohnncc.org