

Immaculate Conception Church Altar Society Minutes

May 2, 2021

9 ladies were present and the meeting opened with a prayer.

Treasurer's Report: \$4,814.89

-**First Communicants** received their gifts of a rosary, a cross, and 2 cookies, along with a card from us.

-**Scholarship winners'** names will be announced soon, following their graduation ceremony.

-**Holy Cards** for the men were purchased, although the style we picked was not available, we got another traditional one which makes it 160 total. These will be available after each Mass the weekend of June 19th and 20th. One hundred Holy Cards for the new families have been ordered and we should get them in the next few weeks.

-**The Ice Cream Social** will be on August 15th after the 10:30 Mass. Price Chopper will need to have the order in by July. It was voted to order Blue Bunny ice cream cups, one case of vanilla and one case of chocolate. (There are 72 cups in each case) We'll also order sugar cookies that will be wrapped individually.

-**The Afghans** will be raffled starting the weekend of July 4th and ending on August 15th. The quilts will be displayed either inside or outside of the Church while tickets are being offered and donations accepted. The winner(s) will be announced at the ice cream social.

-**The raffle of statues** will be in the Fall. A starting date for it will depend on other events that will possibly be scheduled in September and October. Some of the suggestions for a statue were: A Celtic Cross, St. Joseph, Mary, St. Francis, Sacred Heart of Jesus, and angels.

-**A suggestion** was made by Becky G. to see if we would like to be open to help at individual private events representing the Altar Society in the future. The vote was unanimous in favor of doing that. (We would need permission from Father if it is an event outside of our Church.)

-**Greeting Cards** for Vintage Park and the nursing home were discussed. It was voted to make this a regular activity at the end of some of our meetings to fill out cards with encouraging words and Bible verses. Sherry Stefan said we could consider ordering cards with a picture of our Church on it. Cindy Apple said we could also discuss later doing 'shoe box gifts.' (Christmas maybe?)

-**Prayer List** was updated. Please continue to pray for the ones that have been on our list.

-**The meeting closed** with a poem that Becky G. shared that was written by her cousin, Frank Feste.

A special 'thanks' to Jeanette Smotherman who filled in for Laura Bird who was busy doing some special work for the diocese.

Our next meeting will be on June 6th!