



## ***Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Women's Club***

The **SsJFX Women's Club** welcomes women of all ages. Members focus on social and fundraising events, as well as spiritual development and charity based services. Join the Women's Club and be a part of our parish family.

Two kinds of memberships comprise the Women's Club, namely *Guild* Members and *Associate* Members. All members receive a copy of the membership directory (printed every 2 years), a monthly e-mail newsletter and invitations to all events hosted by the Women's Club.

**Guild Members** are affiliated with a specific guild and are encouraged to attend guild meetings held during the year. Members may join more than one guild. Guild meetings provide an opportunity for members to meet new people, renew friendships and participate in the vibrant life of our parish. Guild numbers have no significant meaning. Guild 5 is a newly formed guild.

### **Brief descriptions of the five guilds follow:**

#### **Guild 3**

- Members meet monthly.
- Meetings are held at a member's home or a local establishment.
- Members have preK-8 school aged or younger children (babies and toddlers), or are young women with no children.
- Charity services/fundraising include wreath sale, Valentines Tea children's raffle, school supply and book collections for local charities, as well as Meal Train for parish families in need.
- Social activities include Ravinia Picnic, Christmas in July and White Elephant party.

#### **Guild 4**

- Members meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday evening of every month.
- Meetings are held in St. Joseph Church Community Room or at a member's home.
- Members include women with older children, adult children or no children.
- Social activities include a potluck dinner, game night and ad hoc book club.
- Charitable activities include visiting nuns, making "prayer blankets" and baking for parish events.
- Service activities include organizing the annual Christmas Dinner for the Women's Club.

### **Guild 5**

- Meetings are held quarterly at a member's home or at a social event.
- Members include women with high school and/or college children or no children.
- Social activities include drop in coffee after mass and wine & cheese events at member homes.
- Charitable activities include Catholic Charities, Misericordia and feeding the poor.
- Fundraising includes the Valentines Tea and Pizza & Bingo Night for families.

### **Guild 10**

- Members meet 4-5 times a year.
- Meeting times are flexible and aim to suit members' schedules.
- Members include women with a special interest in spiritual life and other faith-based activities.
- Events include an Evening of Reflection and faith based discussion groups.
- Members participate in all social events of the Women's Club.

### **Guild 11**

- Members meet 4-5 times a year.
- Meeting venue and times are flexible and decided by the group.
- Members include women with adult children, grandchildren or no children.
- Activities include participating in parish events and social activities suited to the members.

**Associate Members** are not a part of any guild, but membership provides opportunities for women to attend our three General Meetings, namely Fall Membership, Christmas, and Board Installation dinners. In addition, these members can participate in any of the Women's Club events and activities listed on our Membership Form (attached).

**Annual registration and \$25 dues are required for both current and new members:**

#### **Register online**

- Complete the online membership form at <https://www.stjosephwilmette.org/womens-club>
- Pay the \$25 annual dues using this link: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/416/event/12014>
- If you are a current member and have no changes to your contact information and no specific activity interests, you may opt to only use the Give Central link to pay your dues online.

**OR**

#### **Register by mail**

- Print and complete the attached Membership Form and Emergency Response Form (optional).
- Mail form and \$25 check for annual dues to the St Joseph Church Rectory Office at 1747 Lake Ave, Wilmette.
- Make check payable to St. Joseph Women's Club (our bank account name).

**If you would like to be listed in the printed directory, please pay your dues by September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

***We look forward to another year of spiritual sharing, social activities and charitable services for our parish and community.***