

# ICWG Newsletter



## An Open Invitation

Pat Ryan and the members of The I.C. Ladies Group would like to extend an invitation to the ladies of the parish to become more active in this worthwhile organization. Every woman in our parish is already a member, whether active or not. Besides hosting festivities here at IC, the ICWG also provides opportunities for us to nourish our spirituality as we assist the priest in community interaction. Each one of us can find the time to do just a few minutes of work for the parish. It isn't necessary to participate in every function. If you think you might be interested in participating in any of the upcoming activities this winter or spring, please contact Pat Ryan. Even if you are just interested in just hearing more about our group, you can reach her at 687-0050, or send an e-mail address to her at [mrspatryan@yahoo.com](mailto:mrspatryan@yahoo.com).

## Lenten Luncheon – Wednesday, February 27th

During Lent, the downtown churches each host a luncheon following a short Lenten service. We will be hostess for the event on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. We need help preparing, serving and cleaning up afterwards. If you can help, please contact Pat Wade at 539-5314.

## Stations of the Cross – Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

As in previous years, various groups have been asked to serve a light supper before the Stations of the Cross during Lent. The ICWG will host the supper on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping out, we would love to have you. Please call Rosilyn at 579-3314.

## LET'S GET READY TO WRAP THINGS UP!



As a Lenten project, the I.C. Women's Group will collect fleece throws to be distributed to Meals on Wheels program. Last year we were able to give over 50 throws. We would like to double that number this year. Lent starts February 6, so we are anticipating a need to "Wrap Things Up" to stay warm. Handmade quilts, knitted and crocheted lap rugs and fleece throws are just what we need. Plan now to participate in this worthwhile project. We will collect the throws starting the first Sunday of Lent. Questions? Call Pat at 687-0050.

**The Catholic Women's Deanery Convention** will be held at the Park Plaza Hotel in Gatlinburg, Tennessee on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year will be "Catholic Women – Moving Mountains through Faith and Love". For more information, contact Mary Catherine Willard 524-3297.

## SPRING PLANT SALE - April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>:

We will have our annual plant sale after Masses on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. As usual, Therese Hurley and her crew will have a variety of plants to choose from, something for everyone. So come prepared to spruce up your patio and yard. And don't forget – Mother's Day is just around the corner!



## Annual Banquet for Mothers and Daughters – Wednesday, May 7th

All of the women of Immaculate Conception are invited and encouraged to join us in celebrating this special bond shared by all mothers and daughters. All of us, if we are not mothers, are daughters! The mother-daughter bond can be something that is handed down, like a fine, fragile

heirloom, from one generation to another. Take this opportunity to spend an enjoyable evening with each other and your Immaculate Conception family! Plan to be here and dine at 6:00 p.m., then enjoy fellowship and Bingo!

If any of you would like to help with preparing and serving, please give Pat Ryan a call at 687-0054.

## **Baby Shower**

### **Coming June 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> to the Parish Hall**

Once again we will host a baby shower here in the Parish Hall. The items collected will be given to the Ladies of Charity to be distributed to new mothers in need. We have had a lot of fun with this event in the past, and everyone enjoys the “shower”. Please continue to support this effort. There is always a strong need for disposable diapers. The Ladies of Charity will advise of other items that are needed, so stay tuned for that information. Questions? Contact Connie Healy at 579-1955.

## **Previous Activities:**

### **WATER FOR LIFE**

This was the first year that we sponsored a *Water for Life* campaign, an event that has been held in many parishes across the nation before. We were very pleased with our results, as we collected a total of \$1344.37, which will benefit families in Africa and South America. Many women in these areas have to walk miles to get water, as there are no local resources in the communities. The efforts of the *Water for Life* campaign will help to pay for wells to relieve them of this burden. Thanks to everyone for their generous donations to this worthy cause!

### **FALL FESTIVAL AND CRAFT FAIR**

The Fall Festival and Craft Fair in November was a huge success, thanks to the efforts and generosity of the people of the parish. The Theme Baskets were a hit, and we hope to repeat them again next year. We sold out of our Blessed Bean Soup Mix, and the baked goods went ‘like hot cakes’. Many thanks to all who participated, both the gifted and talented crafters who had tables and the generous people who supported their efforts. We collected a total of \$2970.