

St. Monica's Guild

The St. Monica's Guild assists with a variety of projects at St. Patrick's. We are in charge of the "Purificators," which are the linens used during communion. We are also in charge of the St. Patrick's Irish Bash, and we help with the annual Stewardship Fair. During the Christmas holiday we have served needy families by organizing donations. Also, each year during Valentine's Day we give a special gift to a deserving Servant of the Lord. Throughout the year we assist St. Patrick's Parish in organizing other social and charitable events, as the need arises.

St. Brigid's Guild

The St. Brigid's Guild meets monthly at St. Patrick's or at Silver Ridge Assisted Living. We enjoy prayer and fellowship, presentations by featured speakers, planning sessions for future parish projects, and refreshments. We have served St. Patrick's Parish as Mass Greeters, assisted at the New Parishioner Breakfasts, hosted the annual Graduating Seniors' Breakfast and the Women's Lenten Day of Reflection. Every spring we make May baskets for residents of Silver Ridge and The Gretna Community Living Center. We welcome new members at any time throughout the year.

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible study meets every Friday in the Fr. Hitch room at St. Patrick Church. We meet from 6:30 to 7:25 am, giving you time to attend daily Mass if you so choose and have time. We read this coming Sunday's reading, then discuss what it means to us. It really makes the Sunday reading much more meaningful. We also read the Sunday's Bible reflection from Dr. Scott Hahn, a former militant anti-Catholic who has become one of our Church's greatest advocates. If you can, please attend. We read from the Missal, so you don't need to bring anything (except maybe coffee, water, an occasional doughnut...).

St. Theresa of the Little Flower Guild

St. Theresa of the Little Flower Guild is a guild of around 20 women of all different ages. We try to meet or do some kind of an activity every month or every other month. We are a social guild with service as our focus. We try to meet in member homes and enjoy fellowship with one another. We have been involved in many different service projects over the years. Every year we adopt a family in need during the Christmas season and try to provide a nice Christmas for them. We make blankets for Project Linus. Each month we host a Knitters and Knotter's group that makes hats for those in need. We also help with many different events throughout the year such as the Father's Day breakfast, the Arts Festival, and the Welcome Breakfast.



Guilds & Groups

St. Patrick's Catholic Church



A great way to get involved in the St. Patrick's community is to join one of the groups listed below. It is an opportunity to share your time and talents with other parishioners and build community. For additional information and how to get involved, visit the Guilds and Groups page at www.stpatsgretna.org.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Rosary Makers Guild

The Blessed Mother of Teresa of Calcutta Rosemary Makers Guild is unique when it comes to guilds. We are, as described, rosary makers who make wire, chain and bead rosaries for St. Patrick's Parishioners. Our members are men, women and children who enjoy working with their hands to construct rosaries. Another special aspect of our meeting time is that we pray the rosary as we work to begin constructing a rosary. After working and praying for an hour, we take the rosaries we have begun home to complete it that month. We meet once a month during the school year months in the church REC room in the basement. We prayerfully make these rosaries for new members moving into the Parish, for babies being baptized, for men and women coming into the Catholic Faith through RCIA, and for other special needs identified by the Parish. We provide the instruction and supplies needed to make each rosary. We welcome anyone interested in rosary making at any time during the year.

St. Luke Guild

Saint Luke's Guild is a married couples group that meets socially to share faith and fun. We also provide service to the church and community, and host the annual Parish Hooley, an Irish social event for adults in the parish community.

Thomas Merton Discussion Group

The Thomas Merton Discussion Group meets on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 2:30 pm, September through May. We read and discuss the writings of Thomas Merton, a Cistercian Monk, who has greatly influenced modern Christian spirituality and prayer.

Friday Faith Sharing

Friday Faith Sharing is a group of women who meet every Friday after morning Mass to discuss the Readings for the upcoming Sunday. We use a book entitled *Living Liturgy*. Occasionally we read and discuss other spiritual books. We combine discussion, prayer, hospitality, sharing and fun each Friday throughout the year.

Fresh Hope

Fresh Hope is a parish support group for those who have been diagnosed with a mental health disorder and/or for their families. Our group is grounded in Christian spiritual values. We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month, September through May, at 7:00 pm in the Father Hitch conference room. All information and discussion is confidential. Throughout the year we invite speakers who share information in the mental health field. Our purpose is to share experience, information, trust, faith, hope, prayer, understanding and friendship.

St. Rose of Lima Flower Guild

St. Rose of Lima is the patron saint of florists and gardeners. As such, our guild's mission is: to Praise God, to decorate the inside of the church with flowers as liturgically appropriate, and to socialize. While Easter and Christmas are our biggest projects each year, we have year-long ongoing responsibilities. We welcome parishioners of all skill levels—no experience is required! If you are interested in learning more or would like to attend a meeting to see what we are all about, please contact our chairperson or any member of the St. Rose Guild.

Outreach Ministry

Our mission is to offer assistance during special times of spiritual, physical or emotional need, through personal contact, referral and prayer provided by volunteers of St. Patrick's Church.

Faith On Fire

Faith on Fire is a group of dedicated men and women who stand committed to evangelization and faith formation at St. Patrick's Parish. With Pope Francis as our model in spreading the faith, we were called forth by Fr. Grewe and the Pastoral Council to pray and discern ways for our Parish Family to grow and express their commitment to Jesus Christ. We are called to promote discipleship so that a greater portion of this parish will proclaim a deeper commitment to Jesus and courageously share their faith. We welcome guests to our monthly meetings to learn with us as we all seek to dedicate our lives to the mission of Jesus.

St. Gerard "Grow" Guild

St. Gerard "Grow" Guild is a group of mothers that meets the first Tuesday of each month, September through May, from 8:45 to 11 am. Meetings are held in St. Patrick's Parish Center. A typical meeting starts with breakfast food, followed by a craft or speaker and discussion with other moms. We assist with the St. Patrick Preschool fundraiser, "Taste of the Arts" and other events/needs around the parish. If you are looking to meet other moms, feel inspired in your faith, your family, or your home, join us! Babysitting is available in the adjoining room for kids one year and older; infants stay in the meeting with mom. Donations are accepted, not required, to pay for babysitting, crafts, and speakers. We look forward to meeting you!

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic men's organization. We invite all men of St. Patrick's Parish age 18 or older to join our network of men in the Gretna community dedicated to doing good in the service of God and dedicated to four principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to connect and form friendships with other members, support your parish, give back to your community, and grow in your faith.