

St. WENCESLAUS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY BYLAWS

June 2017

NAME:

This organization shall be known as the St.Wenceslaus Altar Rosary Society

OBJECTIVE:

The objectives of this society shall give honor and glory to God by:

- 1. Providing all material needs for the Holy Mass and for the Holy Altar**
- 2. Serve funeral dinners to the bereaved families of our parish**
- 3. Serving as an instrument to spiritually nurture members through hosting speakers that inform, inspire, and educate members about their faith**

MEMBERSHIP:

Any woman who is a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church over the age of of eighteen years of age may join The Altar Rosary Society. Only due paying members are eligible to vote and to hold office.

DUES:

Annual dues are \$5.00. Dues are payable in the month of February.

MEMBERS:

Members of the Altar Rosary Society have a devout love for Our Blessed Mother Mary and members pray the Holy Rosary daily or at least a decade of the Holy Rosary daily.

Members are encouraged to attend scheduled meetings. Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of the months of February, June, and October. The meetings are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. except for the month of June. The annual luncheon that includes a brief meeting is held in June and is scheduled at 12:00 p.m. All meetings are held in the St. Wenceslaus Church basement. The date and time of the meetings are posted in the church bulletin for two consecutive weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

At the death of a member, the Altar Rosary Society honors the deceased member by recitation of the Holy Rosary as a group.

The Altar Rosary Society Honor Guard is present at the funeral of a deceased member. The members of the Honor Guard wear blue ribbons with a medal of The Blessed Virgin Mary on their lapel. The following prayer is inscribed on the medal: O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Two members place a large wooden rosary over the top of the casket that lies in place during the funeral. The Altar Rosary Society has a Mass offered for the repose of the member's soul.

BENEFITS TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

There are social advantages of membership. Members have the opportunity to meet, work, and pray with other members of the parish. The spiritual benefits are many. An annual Mass is offered for living and deceased members of the Altar Rosary Society in the month of October, the month of The Feast of The Holy Rosary.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES:

The officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

The Pastor of the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church shall be the the Spiritual Director.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS:

The duties of the President are to enforce the observance of the ByLaws , all functions of the Altar Rosary Society, to decide questions of order, and to work zealously and prudently to promote the spiritual and material interests of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, always respecting the wishes of the Spiritual Director. She shall preside at all meetings of the Altar Rosary Society.

The Vice-President shall assist and cooperate with the President in carrying on the work of the Altar Rosary Society. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

The Treasurer shall keep an updated membership list and receive all dues and other monies of the Altar Rosary Society. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures. She shall pay all bills for ordinary expenses as received. At each meeting the Treasurer makes available to all members the balance of all accounts, the last expenses and income from the previous meeting .

The duties of the Secretary are to read all communications at the meetings of the Altar Rosary Society, to answer all correspondence, and record the minutes at the meetings. The Secretary makes available to the members present the minutes of the prior meeting and the President asks for corrections and then approval. The Secretary posts upcoming meetings in the church bulletin for two consecutive weeks and schedules speakers and hostesses for meetings.

Approval of Expenditures

Routine Items

Expenditures that are normal, routine and within budget do not need prior approval from members.

Unexpected Expenditures

Unforeseen expenditures that are non-routine and within budget should be discussed at a regular scheduled meeting and may be voted on. If time does not permit the officers may approve the expenditure.

Gifts and Contributions

Gifts and contributions should be discussed at a regularly scheduled meeting and may be voted on. If a meeting is not scheduled and the gift or contribution is within budget the officers may approve the gift or contribution.

Typical meeting agenda include:

The President calls the meeting to order

The President voices prayer intention and the Officers lead members in prayer

President's Report

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Old and New Business

Motion To Close

Program Or Guest Speaker

Hostesses Serve Refreshments