

St. Joseph Women's Society  
*Mary & Martha News*

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Columbia, SC

### **Spiritual Growth**

#### Reflecting on a Gospel

Have you ever been convicted by a homily? The priest's or deacon's words give you perfect vision into your actions? I had this experience on a recent Sunday. The Sunday Gospel was Matthew 20, the story of the laborers and the vineyard.

The landowner goes out to the square several times throughout the day to hire laborers to work in his vineyard. Around five o'clock he goes out again. Finding men still standing there he asks, "Why do you stand idle all day?"

They answered, "Because no one hired us." The landowner invites them into his vineyard even though it was the eleventh hour.

The homilist pointed out that the workers that went to work at the eleventh hour were not chastised for not working. The landowner was not the only person coming to the square to hire workers throughout the day. For whatever reason these men had been overlooked, rejected, ignored.

My awakening was in recognizing the times I have rejected people because of how they looked or talked or acted. Maybe I did not choose them for my team because I felt they were too slow, couldn't keep up. It would take too much time to explain what to do.

Lord open the eyes of my heart to see as you see.

Gwen Skipper

### **Belk Charity Sale**

The Belk Charity Sale is a private, four-hour sale dedicated to supporting local non-profit organizations. Participating charities have the opportunity to raise money for their organization by selling tickets to the event. At the same time, customers receive 15% - 70% off Belk purchases storewide, including special savings on rarely-discounted brands.

The Fall Belk Charity Sales Event is set for Saturday, **November 4, 2017**, from 6 am until 10 am, in every Belk store, and once again SJWS is participating. .

Before then, Women's Society Members will be selling "tickets" for admission to the sale for \$5.00. This ticket allows the purchaser to gain entry to Belk's on that morning (Nov. 4). In addition, when you present the ticket for the first item you buy that day, the price will be reduced by \$5.00. So actually your ticket price is refunded to you!

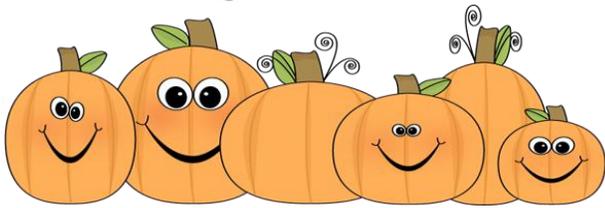
All of the money collected through sale of the tickets will be kept by us. So even if you do not attend the sale, a \$5.00 ticket purchase will be a donation to our Women's Society. The time for the sale is perfect for those who want to get a jump on Christmas shopping. Be sure to get your tickets and spread the word to others who might benefit from the sale.

Funds raised from this October effort will support our plans for the celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the St. Joseph Women's Society.

SJWS Ways and Means Committee

*The Saint Joseph Women's Society are friends in faith who share the Gospel; serve the parish, community, and world; and mold strong Catholic woman leaders.*

## Message from President



During the Month of September – I attended the NCCW (National Council of Catholic Women) Convention in Dallas, Texas and the Atlanta Archdiocese CCW Convention in Peachtree City, Ga. I cannot find the words to express how moving both these Conventions were. The speakers were inspirational. Topics covered Domestic Violence, Bringing Faith to men in Prison, and a mission trip to Sudan while representing Catholic Charities. For me an awesome event each day was seeing the procession of a Bishop and more than 40 priests coming to say Mass for the convention. If you get a chance – attend one of these conventions. You will not be disappointed – you will be inspired !

Please remember your Sisters in Christ and their families in your prayers. Pray especially for those who have died and those who have no one to pray for them. I thought the prayer below most appropriate especially after the shooting in Las Vegas.

*Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain and suffering, Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.*

*Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this Through Christ, our Lord. Amen*  
(From US Conference of Catholic Bishops)

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## Calendar

### October 15

Monthly meeting  
1:30PM, Ursuline Hall,  
Ministries and Administration Building (MAB)  
Light lunch will be served

### October 20 & 27

Cooking Classes (Make, Take, Donate)  
Gym Kitchen, preregistration required  
(See details on nextpage)

### October 21 & 22

Ministries Matter! Expo  
A table will feature St. Joseph Women's Society

### November 4

Belk Charity Sale (see article on Page 1)  
All Belk stores in Columbia Area

### November 7

6 PM All Soul's Memorial Mass  
Mass is in memory of parishioners who died in  
the past year.  
Reception following Mass  
Donor Hall, First Floor---MAB

### November 18-19

Food Sale-- After all Masses  
Parish Hall/Gym

### Don't forget to pay dues for 2017 (\$20)

Dues can be placed in Sunday Collection or  
dropped at the office in envelope addressed  
to SJWS. Please contact Julie Rotureau  
(782-2835) if you have any questions.

## **From the Devine Kitchens Festival of Food, Crafts and Gifts**

Our Women's Society's Primary Fund Raiser for the year will be held on November 18 and 19. There are many ways that you can be involved. If you don't find your spot, maybe you have an idea that you would like to propose; let us hear from you. Here is what is in the works.

1. **Make, Take, Donate Cooking Classes:** Come and learn the secrets from women with years of experience of cooking in the home and for parish events. During the session you will prepare two of the same casserole. One you will take home to enjoy or freeze for later. The second you will donate for use at the food sale. Participation in a session costs \$15 (limited to six participants). All classes will be held in the Gym kitchen.

October 20, 5PM – Harvest casserole. A combination of sweet potatoes, apples and cranberries. Perfect for your Thanksgiving table.

October 20, 6:30PM – Cheesy macaroni bake. A mixture of ham, macaroni and broccoli with a cheesy sauce. Great comfort food.

October 27, 5PM- Chicken and broccoli casserole. Delightful way to get your vegetables and protein in one dish covered with a creamy sauce.

October 27, 6:30:PM- Lasagna- Old world favorite layered pasta dish with beef, tomato sauce and cheeses.

(We have a suggestion that we make cookie dough in a group. Let us know if anyone interested in this idea. We will set up a class.)

2. **Craft items:** A good many craft items were saved from last year's sale. These will be spruced up if need be. Let us know if you have a new idea in this line.
3. **Silent auction-** We are looking for nicer items that can be auctioned. We hope to have a maximum of six items. Give us your ideas.
4. We have a supply of "From the Devine Kitchen" cookbooks, and Keepsake ornaments(Altar, church, fountain and School).
5. New this year will be Note cards with a water color picture of the church. Sets of 10(card/envelope) will be sold for \$10.
6. Last but certainly not least, we are hoping that everyone is checking out their best recipes and are planning to prepare one or two or more for the sale. In past years casseroles have been very popular. But people also seem to enjoy soups, breads, cakes, brownies, cookies, jams and jellies. If you make it I am sure that someone will enjoy it. Give Gwen a call or email to let her know what you will make.

Help will be needed the weekend of the sale beginning Friday afternoon, Nov. 17 and continue through Sunday afternoon Nov. 19 cleanup. Let us hear from you.

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