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# Women of St. Joseph

March 2011



## President's Message

It is hard to believe we are already in March. Lent will start this month. This is a time for us to reflect on ourselves. This month will be the start of day light savings. It will be nice to enjoy the lovely surrounding of nature and the extra sun light each day.

This month, we will have Deacon Lance as our guest speaker. We are opening up this meeting to not only the WOSJ but their husbands, significant others and friends.

As we move along in spring, we will have a couple of events happening. We will be sponsoring a table or two for the Sister Gonzaga's Tea. This will depend on the attendance. We will send an email regarding the Tea and the pricing per seat. There is also the retreat coming up. Please watch for more information.

Have a wonderful month.

Many Blessings,  
**Debi Murata**

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!**



**Mar 15** **Board Meeting** 6:30pm Church Hall  
**General Meeting** 7:30pm Church Hall  
Speaker: Deacon Lance

**Apr 19** **Board Meeting** 6:30pm  
**General Meeting** 7:30pm  
Meet at the Museum of Local History  
Tour by: Regina Dennie

## **Membership Notes**

I received several membership dues in the mail last month. Thank you so much. We still have some ladies that haven't paid. The membership dues are \$20.00 for the 2010-2011 membership year. Please don't hesitate to call me if you are not sure. 408-258-7442. Please send a check made out to **WOSJ** and mail to:

Diana Skokan  
1355 Jacklin Rd.  
Milpitas, CA 95035

*Please Note:* We would like to take photos of our members. Look for a friendly photographer, one of the Board members, to snap your picture at one of our upcoming meetings.

## **Helping Hands**

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If anyone would like to attend our monthly meeting but needs transportation, please call so that a ride can be arranged for you.

Madelyn Rudy 683-3816

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

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Thanks to a generous donation, there are now many shawls and lap blankets available for the prayer shawl ministry. Please let me know if you know of someone who would like one of these. Remember, the prayer shawl or lap blanket is not always for someone who is ill. It can also be for someone who is achieving a great accomplishment or has something exciting happening in their life. Thanks, Sherry Dunn

## **A Note from one of our WOSJ Members**

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Thank you Adrienne Stephens for sharing the following information. Please share with those women who may be in need.

### **'Cleaning For A Reason'**

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning – once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women.

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>

## **We Need Your Help! WOSJ volunteers**

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### **#1 Easter Vigil**

The WOSJ have been asked to help with the Easter Vigil this year. They are looking to have the WOSJ donate food/desserts for a light reception. If you have been to the Easter Vigil in the past, it will be the same. If you are able to make and/or donate something, please let Debi Murata know as soon as possible.

### **#2 Jubilee Celebration**

This year our community will be celebrating Monsignor Manny's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration. The celebration will take place on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. All the ministries will be participating in the celebration.

It has been asked that the WOSJ take part and run the kitchen. What will this include? We will need volunteers to help in the kitchen, keep the flow smooth and keep the kitchen clean. Other ministries will be responsible for bringing food, setting up their station and putting their food out.

We are expecting a lot of people. We would appreciate any and all the help we can get. If you are available, please let Debi Murata know that you are able to help. If you have any questions, please contact Debi.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of our parish.



## **March Meeting**

**March 15<sup>th</sup> 2011**

We will be honored to have our own Deacon Lance speak at our March meeting. He will discuss his own journey in becoming a deacon and the impact on his family. Please invite your spouse and friends.

## April Meeting

We will be off-site once again. This time we will have the pleasure of visiting the Museum of Local History. The museum & its volunteers are dedicated to researching and preserving the diverse history of Washington Township (Today the cities of Fremont, Union City and Newark). Our own Regina Dennie will be our tour guide.

## WOSJ Lenten retreat

**Sunday, April 8, 2011**

We will be attending an all-day retreat at San Damiano entitled '**Lenten Day of Renewal**' on **Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM**. The cost is \$25 per person and runs from 9am to 4pm. Anyone interested is requested to contact Sherry Dunn at [solodmom@aol.com](mailto:solodmom@aol.com) . We will coordinate transportation the week before the event.

## Sister Gonzaga's Tea

**Saturday, April 9, 2011**

The tea is on Saturday, April 9th. The WOSJ are thinking of sponsoring tables for the tea again. Would you be interested in attending? Please let us know if you would be interested by sending an email to Sherry Dunn and Debi Murata. We need to know how many of you are interested to see if we are going to sponsor one or two tables.

## Wine Tasting Trip

**Sunday, May 1, 2011**

"Save the date" for our upcoming wine tasting event! The WOSJ are planning another wine tasting event in Livermore, to be held on the first Sunday of May. Our event last year was a huge success; all spent an enjoyable day in our own backyard wine country of Livermore. We are in the process of planning this one day event.



## February Meeting

We were a small group, but a happy & creative one. Those of us who attended our gathering at Color Me Mine painted a ceramic piece that was later fired for us. We shared fellowship while playing with our ceramics and paints! We all had a great time.



## **Happy Birthday to those born in March**

Charlene Calkins	3/8	Pat Samuels	3/19
Ellen Culver	3/11	Gerry Fulks	3/19
Alba Olivares	3/13	Chris Kandefer	3/19
Michele Young	3/18	Mary Rebello	3/23

# Spiritual Corner

"Spring Cleaning" for your spirit

While you're cleaning out closets and sweeping under the furniture, think about this: Spring cleaning, while worth the effort, will only last for a season, but spiritual cleansing could have an eternal influence. So don't just dust behind those book shelves, dust off that favorite Bible and get ready for a spiritual spring cleaning.

Cleanse Your Heart - Get Spiritually Healthy:

The Bible encourages us to draw close to God and allow our hearts and bodies to be cleansed. This is the first step in our spring cleaning project. We can't clean ourselves. Instead we must draw near to God and ask Him to do the cleansing.

Spiritual cleansing requires deep cleaning -- it is housekeeping that goes beyond what others see and hear. It's a cleansing from within -- inside and out. As your heart gets clean, your language should follow. This is not just talking about bad language, but also negative talk and pessimistic thoughts that contradict the Word of God and faith. This includes the challenge to stop complaining.

What God wants most from you is relationship - friendship. He wants to be involved in the big and small moments of your life. Open your life, let the light of God's presence shine into every part, and you'll have no need for a yearly spiritual cleaning. Instead experience daily, moment to moment refreshing of your spirit.

- Lisa Maya



Use this to REGISTER A FRIEND or UPDATE OUR RECORD

Mail this slip with a check for \$20 payable to "Women of St. Joseph" to:

**Diana Skokan 1355 Jacklin Rd. Milpitas, CA 95035** or bring to the next meeting

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (month & day) \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's Name \_\_\_\_\_