Jesus Christ and His disciples stopped at the house of Martha in Bethany, about two miles from Jerusalem. Her sister Mary lived there, along with their brother Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to His words. Martha, meanwhile, was distracted with preparing and serving the meal for the group. Frustrated, Martha scolded Jesus, asking Him whether He cared that her sister had left her to fix the meal alone. She told Jesus to order Mary to help her with the preparations, "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed - or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:41-42)



## Who are The Marthas and Marys?

Marthas and Marys are the women of the Church of St. Anne that work to provide prayers and service to our parish.

If you are a woman of St Anne's parish you are a member of the Marthas and Marys, so please, consider attending meetings and becoming an active member.

## Why are they called The Marthas and Marys?

This organization was formerly known as the <u>Council of Catholic Women</u>. In January 2014 the <u>CCW</u> was dissolved. Under the guidance of our Pastor, this organization has been revised, a new name was decided and new by-laws were approved by the members. Regular meetings are held on the third Wednesday of January, March, May, September and November. The weekly bulletin will give notice of date and time.

## What are the Objectives of The Marthas and Marys?

- 1) To enrich the spiritual life of parish members.
- 2) To assist in parish functions.
- 3) To promote good will in the parish by sponsoring social events.
- 4) To lend financial aid to the parish.

## What do The Marthas and Marys do?

- Encourage and promote Eucharistic Adorations
- Host talks on spiritual topics for parish
- Encourage members to pray for parish, parishioners and special weekly intentions
- Coordinate and serve all funeral receptions
- Hold annual Fall Fair and Christmas Bake Sale
- Deliver Christmas cookies to the homebound
- Host annual birthday party at the Missouri Slope Nursing Home
- Assist with receptions for Confirmation and First Communions
- Sew Baptismal Gift Bears for newly baptized babies in our parish
- Donation of funds for various parish needs including: sacred vessels, vestments, building fund
- Purchase parish kitchen and dining room supplies
- Grant scholarships to youth group for spiritual retreats

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