

# Confraternity of Christian Women and Mothers

“It only takes **one smile** to offer welcome ...  
and blessed be the person who will share it.  
It only takes **one moment** to be helpful ...  
and blessed be the person who will spare it.  
It only takes **one joy** to lift a spirit ...  
and blessed be the person who will give it.  
It only takes **one life** to make a difference ...  
and blessed be the person who will live it. Amanda Bradley

The Confraternity of Christian Women and Mothers, generally referred to as “The Christian Mothers,” is a group of **women** of all ages, who come together to support each other and serve the parish family. Our main goal is to support the Christian education of all children and contribute to greater spiritual growth for ourselves and for all parishioners.

Even though we are often called Christian *Mothers*, our organization includes **all** women. You don't need to be a 'mother' to be part of our group—any woman who would like to enjoy the friendship and support of other women and benefit spiritually by serving others is very much welcome.

Meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.  
At 10 a.m. (November – March) and  
at 6:00 p.m. (April – October)  
in Room 101 Bauer Hall.

Please know that meetings are not mandatory and we understand and fully support our members who are working outside of the home, raising children, caring for spouses, parents, or facing health challenges of their own—support for each other in all phases of our lives is what makes this group so special!

*Here's a little more information about what we do!*

We support each other spiritual and help support the children and other ministries of our parish through:

- Daily prayer for our children, families, and all children in our parish and the world. Each member is given a Red Prayer Book which contains traditional, yet relevant prayers.
- Monthly meetings where we pray as a group for children and families, plan upcoming events, and foster fellowship and support for one another.

Some of the things the Christian Women & Mothers undertake or donate in full or partially are:

- First Communion gifts
- Items to support the Good Shepherd program
- Confirmation gifts and have purchased bibles for middle-school (EDGE) youth
- Vacation Bible School financial support or supplies
- Marriage Gift (Wedding Cups) for those couples being married at St. Joseph
- Baptismal garment for our newest members (used during Baptism service)
- Contributions to the March for Life buses.
- Provide "My First Missal" booklet in church pews for children to use during Mass.
- Provide resources for baking bread during First Communicants 'Jesus Day.'

Our charitable giving is done through fundraisers such as:

- Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale
- Monthly Card Parties, which are a source of revenue, but more so a social service and outreach to others in the community
- RADA Cutlery sales at the pancake breakfasts
- Yearly Tea Party

Some of the spiritual and social works that we do are:

- Send cards to members who are home-bound or in assisted care or nursing homes
- Request Masses for our deceased members or their immediate families
- Recite the rosary at our members/immediate families funeral Masses and offer support
- Help host funeral luncheons for the families of all deceased parishioners who may request our help and the help of the parish in general
- Help support the Golden Agers by preparing for them when requested – 1-2x year
- Help wherever and whenever we can to fully support our St. Joseph "family."

If you would like more information about joining this wonderful group of women, feel free to attend any meeting or contact the Parish Office at 724.352.2149 for more information.