



*“Queen of the Most Holy Rosary,
pray for us.”*

*Holy Rosary Catholic Church
ROSARY SOCIETY*

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BYLAWS
of the
ROSARY SOCIETY

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
CEDAR, MICHIGAN

- a. Vice President
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Treasurer
15. Their duties shall include:
- a. The President shall preside at all meetings, maintain and keep records of Band Leaders (with the assistance of the Secretary), assign decades to new band members to recite each day, ensure Band Leaders are kept informed of all key decisions and meeting topics, work with other groups at Holy Rosary Parish (such as Catholic Women’s Club, Men’s Club) and perform such other duties as her office may require.
 - b. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President, assist the President in the above-mentioned duties, write the monthly Rosary Society Newsletter/Bulletin, and perform such other duties as her office may require.
 - c. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings, register contact information of all members, maintain and assemble the Society’s Information Packet to provide to the President for distribution, and perform such other duties her office requires.
 - d. The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Society, keep a written statement of such, inform members of their dues standing, give a report at each meeting, deposit all monies and ensure all Society’s bills are paid, and perform such other duties as her office requires.
16. The four Officers of the Society and the Chairman of any standing committees shall form a committee to take care of any emergency that may arise, when time does not permit a special meeting to be called.
17. Auxiliary membership to the Society shall also be available to the women of Holy Rosary Parish, and will maintain the following attributes:
- a. Pray a decade of the Rosary daily; will not pay annual dues; will not receive a pin; will not be expected to attend monthly meetings and therefore will not have an official “vote” on matters; may sit at the front of the church with the full members on first Sundays; will be encouraged to help with fundraiser events for the Society; may be 12 years of age and older; upon her death will have a Rosary said for her by the ladies of the Society in place of the Honor Guard at her funeral.
 - b. An Auxiliary Liaison will be appointed to lead the auxiliary members every two years and her duties will include: tracking the auxiliary members; assigning decades of the Rosary to the members to complete a living Rosary; and communicating necessary information between the full members and auxiliary members.
- 1. The Purpose of this Society is to pay Honor to Our Lady through daily meditation of the Mysteries of the Rosary; to gain Her help and protection for every need; to pray without ceasing that the love of Jesus and Mary be revived in the hearts of the parishioners of Holy Rosary Church and all those of the Holy Roman Catholic Church.
 - 2. To achieve this purpose, each member obligates herself to pray one decade of the Rosary daily: One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, One Glory Be, and the Fatima Prayer.
 - 3. The Society shall strive to educate ourselves in the Faith and to seek opportunities in drawing into a deeper relationship with Jesus through Mary, His Mother through activities such as attending retreats, securing speakers, reading Church approved books, etc.
 - 4. The members will be divided up equally into “bands”, which will be led by a Band Leader. Band Leaders are voluntary positions and require the following duties:
 - a. Praying her assigned prayers of the Rosary,
 - b. contacting members regarding Rosary Society updates and information, including meeting times and/or cancellations,
 - c. answering questions of band members and new members of the Society’s rules and practices,
 - d. communicating specific needs of band members to other members of the Society, for example, illness, birth of a child, etc. and,
 - e. collecting yearly dues and gives them to the Treasurer once a year.
 - 5. The Band Leader will pray one decade of an assigned Mystery and will ensure four other ladies will pray the remaining decades of the Mystery.
 - a. In the four Mysteries of the Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, Luminous), each Mystery has five decades. “A Rosary” is five decades of a specific Mystery.
 - b. The Band Leader will pray the Apostle’s Creed, the Our Father, Three Hail Marys, and a Glory Be at the start of the Rosary.
 - c. With each set of four Bands, a “Whole Rosary” of twenty decades will be recited by the members each day of the month.
 - d. The Rosary Society members will, when necessary, aid the leaders of each band in the recruiting of new members. The Band Leader will distribute the Mysteries of the Rosary printed on cards or leaflets to her Band Members, one decade per person. (The Band Leader may acquire packets for new members from the President.)

- e. In case of sickness or death of a band member, the Band Leader assumes that member's decade of the Rosary, until a new member is designated
 - f. In case of resignation or death of a Band Leader, members meet and choose a new Band Leader.
6. Attendance of members at meetings is encouraged. It is expected that the Band Leaders will inform their band members of pertinent information discussed at the meetings, if they are not able to attend.
 7. Full members of this Society shall be: all single and married women of Holy Rosary Parish, 18 years and older, who are practicing Catholics in full communion with the Holy Roman Catholic Church. At her entrance she pays an entrance fee of five dollars (\$5.00), which entitles her to a packet of information to describe the functions of the Society, allows for her first year's dues, and on annual Enrollment Sunday, receipt of a membership pin.
 8. The yearly dues for all members are five dollars (\$5.00) and are due in January for budgeting purposes. The Band Leader collects the dues and gives them to the Treasurer once a year. Dues are not prorated if new members join after January. Members who have not paid their yearly dues will be notified by the Treasurer.
 9. Upon the death of a full member, Society members are encouraged to attend the wake service and pray the Holy Rosary or offer five decades of the Holy Rosary for the soul of the beloved member. All Rosary Society full members are encouraged to attend the funeral Mass and participate in the funeral procession.
 - a. The full members of the Society should precede the casket and lead the funeral procession, candle in hand.
 - b. The Society will donate ten dollars (\$10.00) from the Rosary Society's treasury for the Holy Mass to be offered on behalf of the deceased member. The Treasurer will be responsible for ensuring that the donation is made.
 10. All members are encouraged to attend Holy Mass together on the first Sunday of every month and on important Feast Days of the Blessed Mother:
 - a. January 1 The Feast of the Mother of God
It is the Octave of Christmas: We remember Mary's divine Motherhood. It is a day of prayer for world peace: Mary is the Mother of the Prince of Peace. It is the first day of a new year: Mary continues to bring new life to Her children—who are also God's children.
 - b. March 25 The Feast of the Annunciation
(only movable Feast)

Mary exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God.

- c. May 31 The Feast of the Visitation
As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth's (the Church's) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God's words.
 - d. August 15 The Feast of the Assumption
On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of Her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to Heavenly Glory."
 - e. October 7 The Feast of the Holy Rosary
The purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—His birth, life, death and resurrection.
 - f. December 8 The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of Her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."
11. On the first Sunday of every month, the Glorious Mysteries are to be recited before the first Mass (Lent included). Members present at those Holy Masses will take their turn by bands at reciting a decade of the Rosary.
 12. A majority vote of the average attendance shall be required to decide all questions of spending any Society funds.
 - a. Monies collected and raised will always be used for the enrichment of our parish community and the Rosary Society (see #3).
 - b. Any purchases by the Society over fifty dollars (\$50.00) need to be approved by the Pastor.
 - c. Any subject requiring a vote must be put on the agenda for the following month's meeting.
 13. Election of officers will take place in November of every two years. No member shall hold the same office more than two consecutive terms (one term is two years). The Vice-President is expected to succeed the President (if she is willing).
 14. The Officers of the Society shall be:
 - a. President