

Men's Club



In February 1977, a group of men from St. Mary of the Pines met in Vandegaer Hall. They felt a need for the men of the new Parish to have an opportunity gather, socialize, and pray, as well as assist their Parish with its physical needs. Thus, the Men's Club was born.

The Men's Club established a threefold purpose for themselves:

- The Spiritual growth of the members;
- Parish service; and
- Fraternity.

All men, Catholic or not, are welcomed into the Men's Club, as long as they have a family connection to the parish – a wife or children who are members of St. Mary's. There are no membership dues; presence at the meetings establishes membership.

The Men's Club gathers at "Ed's Place", the garage-like structure at the rear of the property behind the classrooms.

Meetings are from 7:00 PM until..., usually no later than 8:00 PM, on the first and third Mondays of each month, (June, July and August excepted).

Throughout the years, the Men's Club has made many contributions to St. Mary of the Pines Parish. They installed the sod in the courtyard, donated one of the stained glass windows in the church, provided an illuminated sign board in

front of church, constructed the pavillion and storage buildings at the rear of the property, purchased and installed the statue of the Risen Christ behind the baptismal font, improved the steps in front of church, added the outside railings and updated the drainage systems on the property. They also provided and installed the sprinkler system and landscaping around the rectory and picnic grounds. The pavillion and picnic area are for the use of all parishioners.

In recent years, the Men's Club has provided a fish fry on each of the Fridays of Lent as means of raising funds for continuing parish upkeep, repairs, and beautification.

Each year the Men's Club holds a chicken charbroil for the people of the parish. Working in conjunction with the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, Ladies' Guild, the Knights of Columbus Council 3779, and the Kaycee Auxiliary, they sponsor the Annual Parish Christmas Party and other social events as well as parish opportunities for spiritual growth.

The Parish School of Religion (PSR) receives their assistance through the purchase and/or repair of equipment and materials. The Men's Club assists the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society through donations of food and funding for the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets and gifts for the children.

The Men's Club invites each man of the Parish to come and join us at a meeting. This is an opportunity to become involved in the activities of the parish and to do something to help with the parish needs.