



Our Catholic Voice

February 2024

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We are the Voice of Catholic Women everywhere: from the Women in the Pews of the local parishes to the Deanery Councils, Diocesan Council, the Province of Saint Paul/Minneapolis, the National Council (nccw.org) and World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (wucwo.org) our international parent organization. This is one of the ways we share information up and down the lines of communication.

MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women acts through its affiliate organizations to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. DCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.



Saint Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women



Letters from Lois

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The month has passed by very quickly. The churches have been decorated and made ready for Christmas. We have made ourselves ready with the Sacrament of Penance. The feelings of Christmas can be felt everywhere. Many of our Parish CCWs contribute to the preparations by having parish Christmas parties.

Having my Grandkids for the Christmas time has been a real joy. They went along to the Mass for Christmas Eve. They added a new perspective to the Christmas celebration. They sang along to the hymns at church and had a renewed presence and observation of the congregation as people came forward to receive the Eucharist. The Christmas morning was announced as my granddaughter with outstretched arms Yells out "The best thing about Christmas is that it is Jesus' birthday".

We have been very grateful as our families continue to be in good health. The gifts of the season that we really appreciate are good health, family, joy of the surroundings, and the warmth of being loved and of loving others..

I wish for all the gifts of Christmas that make you happy. Share with one person a gift as we start a new year.

Wishing you a Blessed and Happy NEW YEAR!
Lois Wesbur, President, Saint Cloud

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR MESSAGE

Loving one another.

We live in a world that has the upmost ability to communicate with each other. How come we can't express our love for one another? We need to communicate with Love, Reverence, and Respect for one another. Show gratitude. Be satisfied and appreciate what we have and share it with others. Remember to say "Thank You Lord for the blessings I have". Love one another as Jesus has loved us. *Father Laurn Virnig*

CHURCH COMMISSION

We just had our last child get married January 5, our daughter, Becky, and now husband, Jason. Both are in their 40's and only found each other a few years ago. It is very different having adult children get married, they are established in many areas of life, maturity level is different from 20 or 30-year-olds. Both of them received the sacrament of reconciliation after rehearsal, as both wanted to soak up the Sacrament, they would be receiving the next day.

When I ponder on the Sacrament of marriage, I'm awestruck. We have again the graces that flow from a sacrament, you can't visibly see it, can't touch the grace, but you can feel it inside you, the grace given to you when communicating with your spouse... if you ask for the graces you need in those particular moments. It's very hard to imagine getting married without receiving the sacrament of matrimony as so many are doing today. I feel bad that they don't understand. We walk by faith, and not by sight could be a way to explain the graces received in a sacrament. When the Holy Spirit comes upon you in your heart, and in your soul, you can feel the graces, the outpouring of love in all forms helping you. I want to give you the analogies/points on marriage, that Fr. Greg Paffel, gave to the couple and us at their wedding homily:

- 1). We go back to the beginning, the marriage with Adam and Eve when they were told to be fruitful and multiply. Humanity begins with the original gift of marriage.
- 2). Then we go to the Wedding Feast of the Lamb, which we hope to be at in eternity someday. Eternity is like holding a rope. The end you're holding has 3 inches of electrical tape on it that represents life here on earth, the rest of the rope, which goes for thousands and thousands and thousands of miles is eternity. Life begins and ends with marriage.
- 3). Jesus regards marriage so important that he worked his first miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana.
- 4). He then went on to say that it's not too often he celebrates a wedding during the Christmas season and wanted to make these analogies: God loved marriage so much that it is a gift to Mary and Joseph, and Jesus begins his humanity in marriage!

Then comes the story of salvation:

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, which means house of bread. He was laid in a manger where cattle ate from. Manger, French meaning to "eat me". After he died and rose, the altar became the new crib so we can have communion with him, the bread and wine. Communion or consummate means to eat each other up, just as a marriage becomes consummated in the act of love. We consume Jesus, when receiving communion. Covenant is the exchange of our very self, you hold nothing back from each other. You give everything you have. Jesus did this not only in the crib but the cross.

Marriage in Christ leads to salvation when blessed in church, we have a covenant relationship with Jesus, not holding anything back when blessed in church it moves us out of the order of creation, (Adam and Eve) to the order of redemption, to the order of Christ.

5). Having marriage blessed is so important when it's in the light of Christian faith and united with Christ.

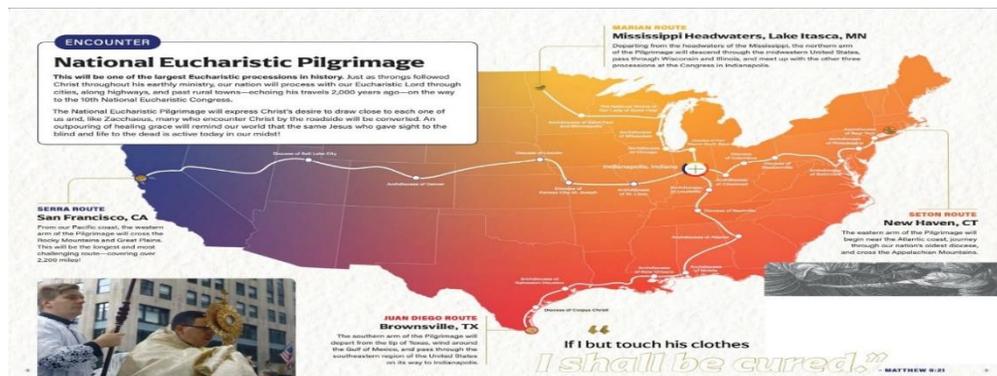
6). We would do well to remember matrimony of Jesus Christ with us, his church, and dive deeply into it, go deeper, saying, I want more of you, help me to see you, know you, not only me, but my family.

I hope this makes sense to you as it's hard to write down everything. But as I ponder on this, especially his last statement, this is why we're having the Eucharistic Revival to dive deeper, to come to know Jesus more, not only for ourselves, but we all desire this for our families. Let us pray for all marriages happening in the year of 2024. More importantly, all hearts to be touched by Jesus through the Eucharistic revival. God Bless You!

Jean Zwilling, Chair
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P.S. The SCDCCW Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be Thursday August 1, 2024. More details following in the next few months

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage: Will be held on July 17-21st at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana. A bus will be leaving from Alexandria and has room. Cost is \$1,125, which includes transportation, hotel, and admission. Contact Jean for details.



COMMUNITY

January has been a mild month so far but winter will reach us one of these days. January 22nd was the March for Life which was held at the State Capitol in St. Paul. There were buses bringing supporters from throughout the diocese to attend the Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of St. Paul and the MCCL March for Life at the Capital at 12:00.

There were 12,000 abortions last year in Minnesota; a 20% increase. The pro-life message-grounded in scientific fact, committed to human rights for all, and drenched in love for mother and child is true and compelling. There were Vespers for Life in St Cloud MN on the 21st at the Church of St Anthony of Padua with the Rosary at 3:30 and Vespers at 4:00. Bishop Patrick M. Neary C.S.C. presided.

I have reflected on the Christmas Masses and would like to share with you the services I attended. The Dec 24 Mass was the Fourth Sunday of Advent and there was only one Mass at 9:30. I attended with my neighbor as usual and sat in our regular pew. A father came with his son and daughter and sat in front of us. The boy was about 10 or 12 but within a few minutes I realized he was autistic when he became upset that there was a fly near them. The fly left and the father calmed him down. I thought this would be an interesting Mass but I was the one surprised as the Mass started and the boy and his sister participated 100% with their voices praising God. They have obviously attended Mass regularly as they prayed along joyfully throughout the whole Mass. The sister and the father rubbed the boy's back to calm him if he was agitated. I prayed for that Father who knew that it was his duty to raise them as children of God. It was a joyful experience.

The Christmas Eve Mass was at 5: I attended with my family who had gathered for our Christmas celebration. I felt so blessed when they joined me at church and what could be better than singing Silent Night with dimmed lights and candles held by everyone.

The Christmas Day Mass was beautiful and right before Mass a mother & father came with their 5 children all dressed in their Christmas best. They couldn't sit together but spread out on the ends of 3 pews.

I prayed for these parents who had all their children looking so nice and so well-behaved during Mass. I told the mother after church how nice they looked and said you must have gotten up early to have them here by 9:30. She said the kids were all up at 6 to open their gifts. How nice that after all the hoopla of presents that they were able to come and praise God on his birthday.

Celebrating the Mass and the Eucharist on Christmas Day is the perfect example of community. May the spirit of the holiday season of Jesus's birth remain with us every week as we celebrate the Eucharist.

Polly Rabideau, Chair

FAMILY COMMISSION

New! Nova! Nuevo! Nuovo! Yes, new.

New Year, new habits, new puppy, new friend or perhaps a new family member? We can look for some new weather each day. And the activity of checking the calendar for new days. There will be a new day in 2024 not seen for four years: Leap Day. And what will be new for some of us could be the 'same old thing'.

How about checking for a new recipe? Or reading a new column? A safe approach is generally being in the same environment, surrounded by the same individuals we knew before.

It is difficult to reach out and upend the old habits in an attempt to create new experiences. Who can we trust? Who will be watching to see that we are in an uncomfortable arena and want to interrupt our day with not so friendly intent?

There are invitations to join retreats and conferences, study groups or to join an audience to a speaker's appearance. Immersed in a gathering of unfamiliar people. How about a ride on the bus, taking a train trip or being seated on a plane for hours? Oh! Yes! New, new and more "New".

Ok – I have scaled this writing to offer a challenge to myself. A good new outcome to this New Year will be to accept and offer hospitality to people and listen to their ideas. Perhaps we will even bond with new friends! Or we could make up with family members who have created unsavory feelings in us?

However, it is up to us. Please make an effort. Accept the challenge.

"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling". 1 Peter 4:9



No Matter What
No matter what's happened or
what's going on;
No matter your past or
the struggles right now,
your life has meaning and
value to this world.
God never leaves you;
He never forsakes you.
You are His—His child, His creation.
He loves you simply for being;
He loves who you are.
I may not know what you're going
through now,
But God does, and
He's right there with you.
He's loving you, holding your hand,
bearing your pain.
He will help you through it all,
no matter what!

Mary Jane Hay, Chair

(This card [front and back shown] is available from NCCW. It can be obtained through an individual member.)

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION

Water for Life, helping to provide access to safe water is a vital first step in breaking the cycle of poverty. How many times do you go into a convenience store, grab a bottle of water, not even thinking about the cost? When I was growing up you would not have been able to purchase a bottle of water, much less think about buying one. The privileges we have today we so take for granted without even thinking twice.

This year for Lent would you consider opening your heart and use your Rice Bowl or another container every time you purchase water for yourself and remember someone less fortunate. If we come together sharing our faith and resources, we can make a difference and a better world for our brothers and sisters.

Please pray that all of our hearts will be open, and God's Love and Kindness will shine through, with water to drink, and from the Living Water of Life, the saving words of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bonnie Jennen, Chair



Recycle responsibly!

When the bottle is empty, cut a slit in it, set it by the sink. Every time you drink water, put in a coin. Bring the money to a CCW meeting and it can be sent to NCCW for CRS.

LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS

1. In 2023 the MN. Legislature enacted laws enshrining abortion up to birth, repealing programs supporting women, and taking away the right of newborn babies to lifesaving care.
2. 12,175 abortions took place in MN. In 2022 that is a sharp 20% increase over the previous years!
3. Minnesota Legislature passed about 95 different bills in 2023. Ten of which were related to healthcare.
4. First bill passed by the 2023 Legislature on Jan.31, 2023 was the Protect Reproductive Options Act.

5. That bill cancelled the Positive Alternative Grant that was passed in 2005, giving funds to Pregnancy Care Centers.
6. Now in 2024 the Governor and some of the House & Senate members will be working to pass a Minnesota Constitutional Amendment that would guarantee abortion is legal in all the nine months of pregnancy!

Other topics of concern from the MN Legislature:

7. In March of 2023 they restored "Right to Vote" to individuals convicted of a felony upon completion of any term of incarceration imposed and executed by a court for the offense, and money appropriated.
8. Effective August 1st of 2023: Indigenous Peoples Day will replace Columbus Day on the list of holidays that public schools may conduct school, with at least one hour of that day to be devoted to observance of the day.
9. In a law that will let the Agriculture Department to charge a 5% surcharge with a minimum \$ 5.00 fee per transaction on all licenses and permit transactions for which it charges a fee.
10. I spent a good amount of time researching what all took place in the 2023 legislature and it would take several pages to update you on all that was voted into law or cancelled.

Mary Reuter, Chair



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MINNESOTA
A TLC PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER



Please note: We do not refer for or provide abortions at our medical center, <https://optionsforwomen.us/>.
Sauk Centre MN has a facility... Just remember: You aren't alone!

RURAL/ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

COPA28 (The 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference) was held November 30th to December 13th in Dubai. This has been an annual event since 1992 (except during COVID). The goal of the conference is for governments to come together to problem solve and develop policies to address climate change and protect the earth's environment. Reduction of fossil fuels was a major concern. Also, a concern is the impact that planned reduction of fossil fuels will have on those of the lowest income who are reliant on fossil fuel production for their livelihood. Some countries like the US continue to demand a large percentage of resources. Prior to the event, Pope Francis issued a document called *Laudate Deum* calling for nations to embrace actions towards confronting climate change and requesting people to not deny that there is an actual problem. He had planned to attend, but due to poor health – stayed home. President Joe Biden also did not attend. (Wikipedia 12-27-23)

Many Minnesota farmers are welcoming the warm start to winter. The cattle are healthier and heating costs are lower. There is less time needed to haul off snow from the cattle yard and the building sites before doing chores each day. There is less concern with water lines freezing up or equipment seizing due to the freezing temperatures. The alfalfa hay and grass crops though, would benefit from a layer of snow. Farmers are always reliant on the weather. Daily prayers are prayed by farmers for daily blessings and challenges.

According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on their online edition December 2023:

1. Frequent and intense storms are now occurring more than any time on record, and the trend is projected to continue. Record-breaking floods damage streets, wastewater facilities, businesses, homes, farms, and natural resources, costing local governments, business owners, and residents millions of dollars in cleanup and repairs.
2. Minnesota is getting warmer, especially winter nights in the northern parts of the state. Daily average minimum temperatures during winter (Dec-Feb) have increased 7.3 degrees from 1895-2021 in northern Minnesota, 6 degrees in central Minnesota and 4.9 degrees in southern Minnesota. Minnesota lakes have lost an average of 10 to 14 days of ice cover in the past 50 years, affecting lake and fish health, outdoor recreation opportunities, local governments, and business owners.

Joyce Simones, Chair

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Plans are being finalized for our Annual Lenten Retreat to be held Saturday, March 9, 2024 at St. Martin's Parish in St. Martin. "Journey of a Woman's Life – Using the Sacraments to Grow in Our Faith" is the theme and you won't want to miss hearing all about this. Take time this Lent for yourself and attend this day of enrichment. We hope to see many of you there.

Watch for more information coming soon or at the website, stcloudccw.org.

Pat Kasella, PR Chair

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

I want to thank all the parishes who have already sent in their dues since I mailed the dues notice out in August. If your parish or women's group hasn't sent in your dues, I hope you will do it soon. If you did not receive the letter, please let me know by either calling me 320-393-2701 or e-mail lorakna1@hotmail.com.

Just a little reminder on how the SCDCCW came about. In 1953 Bishop Peter W. Bartholomew when establishing our St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, decreed that all women registered in a St. Cloud Diocesan Parish who are 19 years of age and older are members of this organization. All women are members of the SCDCCW. What a great history we have.

Hope to see you at the Lenten Retreat on March 9th in St. Martin and/or the Food, Fun, and Fund Day on June 20th at Church of St. Paul, Sauk Centre, the Pilgrimage on August 1st, Fall Conference September 21st. Details for these later events will come out in future newsletters.

God bless you for all the work you do in your parish and the world.

Lora Knafla, Diocesan CCW Treasurer

Note: Want to know a little more about the History? See the website: stcloudccw.org

EASTERN DEANERY

Reading about our Catholic faith can offer such inspiration, just as prayer does in bringing us closer to God. Often, we find that others' insights and recommendations can help us to better navigate life.

To quote Patrice Fagnant-MacArthur from her book *The Fruits of the Mysteries of the Rosary*, (a handout from the Fall DCCW Conference), as follows: "Even more than voluntary sacrifices, involuntary suffering offers us the opportunity to unite our suffering with Christ's suffering. Bearing our crosses is a requirement for the Christian life. As Jesus instructed us, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24).

It is true that even after asking for help, we may find no remedy. In those times, we need to pick up that cross, and carry it willingly. In doing so, we can find a new perspective and some lightness to our cross. Knowing that Jesus is right there with us is comforting and we sense that we need not suffer alone. When Jesus carried his cross, he had help from Simon. It is alright to seek support and to ask for help when we do struggle.

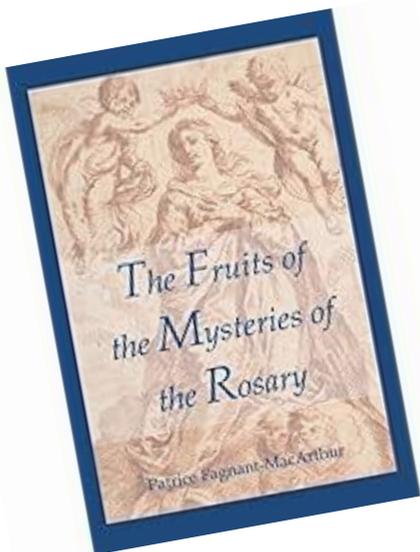
The next Eastern Deanery event on Saturday, April 6th, will focus on the "*Fruits of the Mysteries*," as presented in Patrice's book. St. John's Catholic Church, in Foley, will sponsor the event from 9 a.m. until 12p.m., with lunch to follow. Check the area Bulletin announcements for registration details in March.

God's Love and Many Blessings,

Nita Hayes, Deanery President

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

This is the book, check Catholic Mom website or Amazon. It is also available at Barnes and Noble for \$2.99.



NORTHWESTERN DEANERY

I became President of the Northwestern Deanery at the October 28th meeting. I'm sorry that I will not be at the January board meeting due to a trip to Florida.

Our deanery has finished the "Boxes of Joy" project, sending out over 900 boxes to Cross Catholic outreach. A big thank you to all who help to make this happen.

Northwestern Deanery will be holding their spring gathering on April 27th. The theme will be "The Saints in Your Life". It got me thinking about who my saint is that I pray to each day, beside the Blessed Mary.

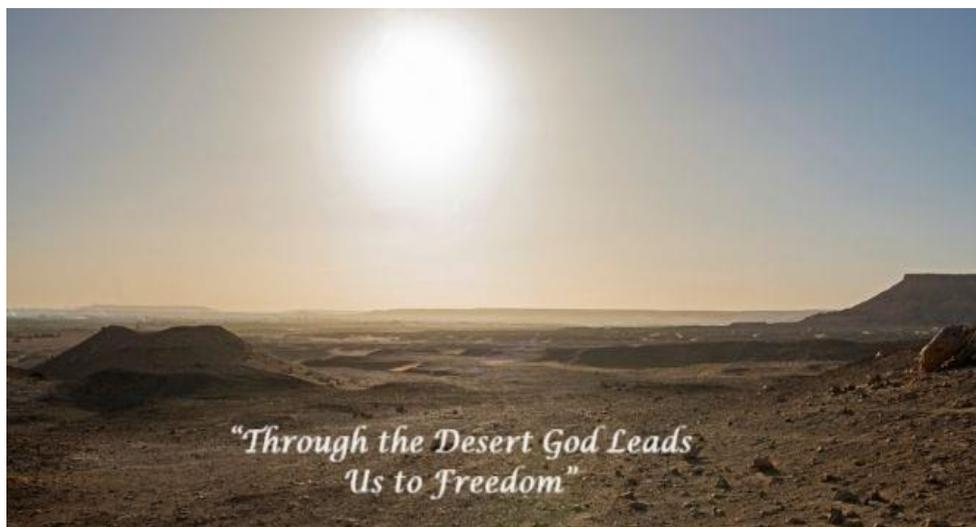
Christmas season has coming to a close; looking ahead Lent will be with us in a month. How the time flies.

On December 28, 2023, Pope Francis released the theme for this Lent that will start on February 14th. The theme is "Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom."

It came from Exodus 20:1 "I am the Lord Your God: I brought you out of the Land of bondage." Lent is a time to help us be free from old and new idols and things that we have let bind us. It is to give us hope to search for a personal journey to conversion. So, as Lent approaches let us think about the things that are idols to us) and offer them up to the Lord. Also, add new ways to do God works.

Linda Scepurek, President

Editor's note. To read the entire letter, go to: <https://press.vatican.va/content/>



SOUTH WEST DEANERY

1. November 7th deanery meeting was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glenwood. Women in attendance were asked to volunteer and sign up for the Spiritual Bouquet for Fr. Miguel Gonzalez on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his priestly ordination: 1 Mass, 5 hrs. Eucharistic Adoration, 6 rosary decades, 11 divine mercy chaplets, 5 litanies/novenas; still need to fill acts of charity.
2. Fr. Greg Paffel pastor of Parishes on the Prairie ACC has suggested St. Paul's Catholic Church for the Fun, Food, and Fund Day. The third Thursday, June 20th is open for our event. The building is: 1. handicap accessible with elevator at NW corner. 2. Large seating area in basement for 250 people for morning refreshments and noon meal. 3. Space for silent auction in hallway and west addition. 4. Recently remodeled kitchen available for serving food. 5. Committee had requested use of gym at Holy Family Elem School. Due to resurfacing floors in gym, remodeling in kitchen to meet state standards, and installation of new security system all due to begin in June, the gym is not a good option for the FFF event.)
3. Next meeting for SW deanery will be to set up committees for roles so parishes are all involved and to pick theme and entertainment.

Cheryl Weller, Secretary

Fun Food and Fund Day update

'Save the Date' for the summer Fun, Food, and Fund Day for the St. Cloud Diocese! It will be held June 20, 2024, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Sauk Centre. The church is handicap accessible with elevator in the new addition of the west side. The kitchen was recently remodeled and will be used for morning refreshments and a noon lunch. Location of registration and the silent auction will be decided. Organizational meetings will be held to pick the theme and divide duties for parishes in the South West Deanery. How wonderful when each parish sends a representative to future meetings so all will be involved and included in planning the events and entertainment of that day.

The women of the South West Deanery will be planning the day to ensure that we all have a fun time. Look for registration information coming in the next newsletter or in your local church bulletin. If you have questions or want more information contact Lois Wesbur, president of the St Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women or Cheryl Weller.

Cheryl Weller, Secretary

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WEST CENTRAL DEANERY

Our Spring Board meeting is being scheduled earlier than usual this year because we are hosting the SCDCCW Spring Retreat on March 9th at St. Martin Church in St. Martin. Our meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 25th, @ 7:00 pm, at the church of Assumption in Eden Valley, one of the parishes in Christ Our Hope ACC, on the eastern edge of our deanery. We have been working on the Retreat hosting for several months and are hoping to get all of the committee assignments filled and get everything in place. We are thankful to have a wonderful place to have the event and are looking forward to working with the officers of their parish and hoping for a spiritually fulfilling Retreat.

At our 2023 Fall General Meeting we approved the updated bylaws, presented information about the SCDCCW Spiritual Bouquet program for Fr. Miguel Gonzalez and presented information about the CCW Commission System. There were lots of beautiful Silent Auction items brought in and we were pleased with the amount of funds raised. The process of getting a "Meeting Site Rotation Schedule" was not accomplished and will be revisited at the upcoming meeting.

As stated in my latest report, our deanery still has not been able to fill the office of President-elect, but we now have a secretary – Arleen Roelike has graciously consented to fill that position. We also, really would like to fill the Commission positions. I have held several of those positions in the past and found them to be very educational and enlightening. So, we are still looking to contact other women in the deanery to see if God has moved them spiritually to consent to filling any of those positions.

Our Spring General Meeting has not yet been scheduled, but tentatively planned for the end of April, at a site to be determined.

Praying and trusting in the Lord that He will guide us in finding the right women to come forward to accept the positions if asked.

Respectfully submitted;

Jean Hopfer, President

INFORMATION TECHNICIAN

In 1920, the Council of Catholic Bishops founded CCW with the intention to bring all the Catholic Women's groups together. Our missions are similar, and using CCW as a resource can bring programs to our attention and use them in our groups and in our lives. In 1957, Bishop Peter W Bartholome declared that all Catholic Baptized women over the age of 19 are members of CCW.

As Information Technician, I wear many hats; newsletter editor, webmaster, edit a directory of all parish officers and finder of persons who have way more knowledge than I.

As Editor of the newsletter, most of the articles come from the board of directors of the SCDCCW. Some are shared from the Province of St Paul-Minneapolis. We also shared from other Provinces and National (NCCW). I hope you find them interesting. Sometimes our articles are shared by others too. We also use articles from Provinces and National. Please feel free to suggest a topic you'd like to see in the future. On the newsletter team, there is Jean, who proofreads and Irene who mails them. If you'd like to receive a copy, send a message to stcloudccw@gmail.com or aroelike8@gmail.com. Use the articles to share with others at your meetings, it might be easier than writing your own.

As webmaster, I like to keep it as current as possible and include on the calendar as many current events as I can. So please, if your parish or deanery group is sponsoring an event, send me some dates and information. Have you checked the website (stcloudccw.org) lately? We've added information to answer, "What is a Deanery" and "What can a parish do"? Find posters, registration forms, prayers, information links, and newsletters. Included is a page listing the Board of Directors. Did you know, if you contact anyone of them, they will speak at your meetings?

I compile a directory which is only shared with the Board of Directors. It is a list of all parishes, pastors and other clergy, and officers of all women's groups of the parishes. Because of all the personal information, the Directory has limited access. Many of us do not want our addresses, phone numbers and emails put out there for the general public.

Arleen Roelike, Info Tech

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Note: as always, we are in need of volunteers. Please prayerfully consider becoming an officer where ever you can best serve others. You will not be left alone if you do! There are handbooks, Rules of Procedure and mentors to help. Please read the Mission Statement on the cover. See website for contacts

ON YOUR CALENDAR

2024

March 9, Lenten Retreat, St. Martin Parish, Saint Martin, MN

May 17-18, Star of the North Eucharistic Congress Bemidji

April 6, "Fruits of the Mysteries" Saint John's Parish, Foley MN

April, TBD, West Central Deanery

April 27, Northwest Deanery, "The Saints in Your Life"

June 10, Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Congress, Civic Center, Mankato

June 20, Fun Food Fund Day, Saint Paul Parish, Sauk Centre, MN

July 17-21, National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN

August 1, St Cloud Diocesan Source and Summit Tour (TBD)

August 15-17, NCCW Convention Oklahoma City

September 21, Saint Anthony Parish, Saint Cloud

STAR OF THE NORTH EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Bishop Andrew Cozzens of the Diocese of Crookston, and **Bishop Daniel J. Felton** of the Diocese of Duluth welcome you to the **Star of the North Eucharistic Congress**, May 17 and 18 at the Sanford Center in Bemidji, MN. The Congress is a collaboration between the Diocese of Crookston and the Diocese of Duluth, preceding the May 19 commencement of the [Marian Route](#) of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the headwaters of the great Mississippi River in Itasca State Park. Join Bishops and pilgrims from across Minnesota, the Dakotas and Wisconsin, as we gather to celebrate and glorify Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

The Star of the North Eucharistic Congress will inspire pilgrims to increase their devotion in the Eucharist while learning ways to share the many graces of this great Sacrament through powerful talks and witness testimonies, panels, fellowship, praise and worship, Mass, adoration, confession, and a Eucharistic Procession. The Star of the North Eucharistic Congress is for the entire family. All are welcome! [Register Today!](#)

For More information: <https://www.crookstoneucharist.org/son-eucharistic-congress> .

See map on page 6.

Carol Shukle, St Paul-Minneapolis Province Director

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Saturday March 9, 2020

St. Martin Parish
119 Main Street, Saint Martin, MN

REGISTRATION

NAME OF ATTENDEES FOR NAME BADGE

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Deanery _____

Parish _____

MAKE checks payable to:

St Cloud DCCW

Mail to: Lora Knafla, 11719 16th Avenue NW,
Rice MN, 56367

Prepaid registration fee is \$20.00 postmarked by March 1st
(Includes: speakers, handouts, and luncheon)

NON-REFUNDABLE

Registration postmarked after March 1 or at the door \$25.00

Amount enclosed:

attending _____ x \$20 or \$25 = \$ _____

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Hosted by West Central Deanery

Women's Lenten Retreat

"Journey of a Woman's Life:

Using the Sacraments to Grow in Our Faith"

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

Saint Martin Parish
119 Main Street
Saint Martin, MN



8:30 a.m. Registration &
Refreshments

9:00 a.m. Retreat Leader: Deb Rudolph

11:00 a.m. MASS

Noon Lunch

1:00 p.m. Resume Retreat

Registration: \$20 before March 1, after March 1, \$25 at the door

Payable: Saint Cloud DCCW

Mail to: St. Cloud DCCW c/o Lora Knafla, 11719 16th Ave. NW, Rice, MN 56367

Questions: Contact Lora @ (320) 393-2701 or DCCW.treasurer@gmail.com

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