

Our Catholic Voice

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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 WUCWO (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

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Saint Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Editor's note: The first 12 Pages of this newsletter are the DCCW annual reports

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August 30, 2022

Dear Diocesan Council of Catholic Women:

I continue to be grateful for the important ministry you provide for the Diocese of Saint Cloud. I am especially pleased that the theme of your retreat is focusing on the Eucharist, the source and summit of who we are as Church.

I hope, as you gather today, you will be mindful of the words of Pope Francis, **"Let us pray that participation in the Eucharist may always be an incentive: to follow the Lord every day, to be instruments of communion and to share what we are with him and with our neighbour. Our life will then be truly fruitful."**

I can never thank you enough for the on-going commitment you have to building up the Church in central Minnesota. Please know that you continue to have my unconditional support and prayers for the good work you are engaged in for our diocese.

May God continue to bless your work as you strive to have all the women of our diocese become active members of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Donald J. Kettler

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Bishop, Diocese of Saint Cloud

EUCCHARIST, GOD'S GREATEST GIFT

What is the greatest gift we received from God?

In John 3:16, we read about a most precious gift: "For God so loved the world, that He gave **His only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jesus came to earth as a baby born in Bethlehem. His life is an example for us

WHAT IS THE EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL?



Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: his Real Presence in the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a **movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States.**

Gods greatest gift to us was his son. What is the best gift we can give?

"Time is your most precious gift **because you only have a set amount of it.** You can make more money, but you can't make more time. When you give someone your time, you are giving them a portion of your life that you'll never get back. Your time is your life.

Our mission statement states that we are to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. We do this by giving you, our time. The programs that we have offered throughout the year are meant to help you. The leadership training program, Lenten Retreat and Fun, Food and Fund Day and Annual Fall Conference. Each of these have had speakers who help to excite us and give us inspiration.

I truly hope that each of you have gained insight in how you can help others by just giving your time. To you it may seem like a small thing, to give time. But as you age you realize how precious our time is. How sharing our time brings new meaning and joy to us and to the people we share our time with.

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Linda Borgerding. President

**ST CLOUD DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
ANNUAL TREASURER REPORT
JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**

Checkbook Balance 7/01/2021			\$12,738.30
INCOME	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	
SILENT AUCTION	\$2,142.00		
DCCW PARISH DUES	\$4,520.00		
SPRING RETREAT	\$1,910.00		
FUN FOOD FUND DAY	\$3,170.00		
ANNUAL CONFERENCE	\$825.00		
MASS COLLECTIONS	\$946.00		
INTERNATIONAL FUNDS	\$630.00		
MISC-LEADERSHIP TRAINING & SCHOLARSHIP DONATION	\$110.00		
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME			\$14,253.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
EXEC BOARD & COMMISSIONERS SUPPLIES, POSTAGE & MISC		\$576.72	
EXEC BOARD LUNCHES		\$142.00	
LEADERSHIP TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT		\$303.13	
DEANERY RESTRUCTURING		\$451.16	
ZOOM, GOOGLE ACCT, WEBSITE AND DOMAIN		\$210.90	
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS & POSTAGE		\$1,170.11	
BI-ANNUAL DIRECTORY		\$312.00	
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ADVERTISING		\$130.00	
ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPEAKERS		\$132.00	
ANNUAL CONFERENCE PRINTING		\$181.20	
ANNUAL CONFERENCE MISC		\$117.97	
SPRING RETREAT ADVERTISING		\$0.00	
SPRING RETREAT SPEAKERS		\$300.00	
SPRING RETREAT MEAL & MISC		\$400.00	
FUN, FOOD & FUND DAY ADVERTISING		\$130.00	
FUN, FOOD & FUND DAY ENTERTAINMENT/SPEAKER		\$275.00	
FUN, FOOD & FUND DAY MEAL & MISC		\$1,320.00	
FUN, FOOD & FUND DAY SILENT AUCTION STARTING CHANGE		\$200.00	
NCCW 2021 CONVENTION REGISTRATION & MEALS		\$1,425.00	
NCCW 2021 CONVENTION HOTEL		\$613.53	
NCCW 2021 CONVENTION TRANSPORTATION		\$877.20	
PROVINCE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION		\$150.00	
PROVINCE BOARD MEETINGS & CONFERENCE HOTEL		\$634.23	
PROVINCE BOARD MEETINGS TRANSPORTATION		\$756.00	
MEN'S CONFERENCE ADVERTISING		\$100.00	
ANNUAL NCCW DUES		\$275.00	
ANNUAL PROVINCE DUES		\$1,000.00	
GIFTS-PAST PRESIDENT		\$90.56	
INTERNATIONAL FUNDS (2020-21)		\$509.00	
MASS COLLECTIONS		\$946.00	
Mass for Past President Odila Myott, died July, 2021		\$10.00	
COMPUTER, SOFTWARE, TECH SUPPORT, WEBCAM & TRIPOD, DVD & SD CARD RE		\$1,215.52	
DONATION TO CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS		\$200.00	
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION-SCHOLARSHIP FUND from Maurine Herbst		\$100.00	
PROVINCE OF ST PAUL/MPLS for misc. expenses for hosting NCCW Convention		\$1,000.00	
TOTAL ANNUAL DISBURSEMENTS			-\$16,254.23
CHECKBOOK BALANCE 6/30/2022			\$10,737.07
SAVINGS			
DEPOSIT & LOAN FUND OF THE DIOCESE OF ST CLOUD			\$3,299.00
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION - General Fund			\$10,595.07
BREMER SAVINGS Acct - SCHOLARSHIP FUND			\$1,957.91
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION - SCHOLARSHIP FUND			\$6,668.47
SAVINGS ACCT HELD for Alexandria Deanery			\$1,280.97
TOTAL IN SAVINGS			\$23,801.42
TOTAL ASSETS 6/30/2022			\$34,538.49
AUDITED ON-8/15/2022			
BY: <i>Patricia Kosella</i>	<i>Mary C. Gygis</i>		
SUBMITTED BY: Lora Knafka, Treasurer			

Audit Committee Report, August 15, 2022

The Audit Committee met at the home of Treasurer, Lora Knafla, on Monday, August 15, 2022. Quarterly balance sheets were verified against the bank statements; bills paid against the minutes; and spot checks were done. All was in order and the annual audit approved.

Committee: Mary Griffith and Pat Kasella

**MESSAGE FROM YOUR DCCW TREASURER
ANNUAL REPORT**

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/women's group has not sent in your dues, I hope you will do so soon. If you did not receive the letter, please let me know by either calling me 320-393-2701 or e-mail loraknafla@hotmail.com. The dues are used to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. Included in this newsletter is the audited financial statement for the year ended June 30, 2022. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Just a little reminder on how the DCCW came about. In 1953 Bishop Peter W. Bartholomew established our St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, and in doing so 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's groups are members of DCCW. Wow, that was sixty-nine years ago.

I got involved with CCW when I was in my late thirties and was the upcoming president of my parish Christian Mothers. The president signed me up to attend the Province Conference being held at the College of St. Benedict and told me she signed me up for the Organization workshop. I thought "oh, great". Boy was that an eye-opener in more than one way.

I've been attending and involved with the DCCW and also continue to attend Province conferences, and I can say I think it is a great organization which made me aware of things I didn't know were going on out there in the world and also ways I can improve my life and the lives of others both spiritually and giving of.

God bless you for all you do in your parish, the diocese and for the world. myself.

Having served two terms as your treasurer, I was voted in at the Women's Conference held in Alexandria in September to serve another two years as your treasurer. I have met so many wonderful women throughout these thirty plus years and I hope to meet many more at future DCCW events like the Women's Lenten Retreat; Food, Fun, and Fund Day and the Annual Fall Conference

Lora Knafla, DCCW Treasurer

COMMUNITY CONCERNS ANNUAL REPORT

It has been a year since Linda Borgerding asked me if I had some time to spare to be a committee chair on the board of the deanery. This happened soon after my morning prayer asking God to show me the way to fill my days as summer was over, my husband had passed the previous November and the days seem a little empty.

God really listens to our prayers. I needed to learn about the deanery and what Christian Women were doing to live the word of God in their community, churches, families, etc.

The first deanery meeting I attended was last fall in Butler MN at Holy Cross Catholic Church. What a gem hidden by trees on a small corner in rural MN. The story is of how a group of families kept the church going after a fire destroyed the original church even after the bishop sent 2 Priests to visit and close the parish. They belong to the Northern Cross ACC and have a weekly Mass at 7pm on Saturday night and Wednesday evening at 5:15. The visiting priest has a room & kitchenette if he needs to stay. The church has a beautiful stained-glass window from a church that was being demolished and the community room with kitchen is perfect for all gatherings. There are classrooms too for Religious Education. This community shows how God is always with us and will guide us through distraught times.

I didn't have to look far to see all of the good works in our community. The Corporal Works & Spiritual Works of Mercy in action: Meals on Wheels, Food Shelf, Funeral luncheons, Volunteer Firemen & Rescue Squad, Bloodmobile, Meal Trains for families burdened with unexpected sicknesses. On top of local actions, the whole diocese is aided with programs from Catholic Charities. (Counseling, Mental Health, Affordable & Transitional Housing, Elevate, Social Concerns, etc.)

As this new year begins in the Deanery my goal is to discover what the National Council of Catholic Women brings to our deanery. Their mission is to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. This is a very large order but their various committees are formed to spread down to the smallest parishes in rural communities.

I attended the Fall Conference in Alexandria and was impressed by the gathering of women to listen to remarkable speakers, Mass with the Bishop, Confessions, the Rosary. It was a fulfilling experience and I was grateful to see younger women there who enriched their faith too. Isn't that one of the main goals to empower women in their spirituality?

May God bless our communities this fall with strong religious education programs and churches full of worshipers.

Thank you, Lord, for all that you do,

Community Concerns Chair
Polly Rabideau

INTERNATIONAL REPORT ANNUAL REPORT

DCCW has been faithful partners with CRS (Catholic Relief Services) to these international programs.

- **The Madonna Plan** - The DCCW Madonna Plan was established in 1958 to empower women by improving the well-being of mothers and expectant mothers through projects in health, education, and financial security. The Madonna Plan funds pro-life maternal and child health projects that teach women about the importance of breast feeding, and good nutrition, as well as projects that empower women through vocational training.
- **Water for Life Program** which uses a combination of appropriate water technologies, water health education and basic research so that communities can identify and solve their water problems. Our mission is not to simply provide safe water to those in need, but to train individuals and communities to create and maintain their own local water resources.

For the fiscal year of 7/1/2021-6/30/2022 the following was received from:

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| • St. Joseph's Christian Women, Grey Eagle | Madonna Plan | \$130 |
| • St. Monica's Christian Women, Sartell | Water for Life | \$500 |

Anyone wishing to donate to one of these projects, please make the check out to St. Cloud Diocesan CCW with a note in the memo area which project the funds are for and mail to Lora Knafla, 11719 16th AVE NW, Rice, MN 56367.

An Example of where these funds may be used.

Pakistan: According to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) - Since the rain and flooding began in July, 2020 more than 1,100 people have been killed and nearly 950,000 homes have been damaged or destroyed in Pakistan.... CRS and partner Community Development Foundation found 72% of water systems are damaged or destroyed and 79% of people have no food left. CRS' immediate support includes cash for thousands of families to help cover their most urgent needs, with future plans to provide shelter, restore livelihoods and access to clean water.... Where the water has receded, families are clearing debris and mud from their homes and protecting livestock from mosquitoes, which were a main killer of large animals in the 2011 flooding. Critical infrastructure like roads and bridges have been washed away, making access to and from impacted areas challenging. Nearly 1800 miles of roads have been damaged as well as 129 bridges and shops.

Joyce Simones, Chair

LITTLE FALLS DEANERY ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022

Balance on Hand August 1, 2021 \$3,776.52

Due to the restructuring of the deaneries in the St. Cloud Diocese, there has not been any activity

Balance on Hand July 31, 2022 \$3,776.52

Lora Knafla, Treasurer

NW DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
ANNUAL TREASURES REPORT

2/07/2022 to 06/30/2022

Beginning Balance \$1,056.93

Income:

Spring Retreat + \$215.00

\$1,271.93

Expenses:

Supplies \$ 98.01

General Meeting Expense 165.00

Speaker for Retreat 50.00

Total Expenses -\$313.01

Checkbook Balance 6/30/2022 \$ 958.92

Gloria Roelike, Treasurer
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PUBLICITY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Publicity is more than jotting down a brief note to the local newspaper or parish bulletin. Eye catching posters are also helpful. These require thought, prayer and time. Checking deadlines for your various publications is also essential.

This past year, the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women sponsored and/or promoted the Women's Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 12, at Holy Family Parish in Belle Prairie; Fun, Food & Fund Day on Thursday, June 16, at St. Mary's Parish in Melrose; the Eucharistic Pilgrimage on Thursday, August 4, to Foreston, Isanti and Elk River in the southeastern area of our diocese; and culminating with the Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, September 17, at St. Mary's Parish in Alexandria.

Minneapolis, Minnesota is host to the 2022 National Council of Catholic Women Convention November 2 – 5. It is an amazing experience to attend one of these national conventions and see women from throughout the United States sharing their faith and telling their stories. Go to www.nccw.org for more information as to the schedule, registration and accommodations.

While we aren't able to monitor whether every notice gets published in your local newspaper or bulletin, we encourage all of you to help us spread the word by getting the notice to your ACC secretary, as well as making copies to place in your local library, grocery store, post office, etc.

We look forward to seeing you at a future event.

Pat Kasella, Chair

Women's Lenten Retreat: *"Be Still and Know I am God"* Psalm 46:10

"Save the Date"

Women's Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 18, 2023

St. Paul's Parish 1125 11th Ave. N. St. Cloud, MN

*9:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker -
Dana Webskowski*

1:00 p.m. Musical Adoration Dana Webskowski



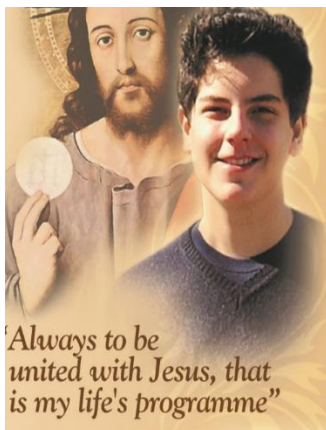
**EASTERN DEANERY
ANNUAL REPORT**

“*Drink Deep*” was the message of our Spiritual Advisor, Deacon Craig Korver, for the Homily of the Mass on October 8th at St. Michael’s in Buckman, Minnesota. This message touched many hearts and personally, I find it will help me most in future Adoration. In concluding that our time with God can be quiet time, just sitting with the Lord, it reminded me of my time spent with my mother during my last visit with her. Conversation didn’t really matter, but my *presence* and holding her hand *was* important. Just showing up is all that God asks of us, as well. In our relationship as children of God, our Father asks that we show up, to develop that deeper relationship. In our earthly lives it is simple for people to say “Sorry, I am too busy” or “Sorry, I am not good enough.” The message was on point for everyone, as we go about our busy lives.

A strong path to one’s spiritual well-being is through *discipleship*. We pray “Jesus, I Trust in You to meet our earthly needs and to protect us in all ways, as we do your work. *We are The Body of Christ.*”

May Joy fill your homes during the Holidays and your 2023 resolutions include your Spirituality.

Nita Hayes, President



Blessed Carlo Acutis, 1991-2006

We learned much about this young person at the National Convention this year. He was mostly a regular kid, but he had a great devotion to the Eucharist. In this age of the internet, he spent much of his life documenting the Eucharistic Miracles. He accomplished so much in his 15 years.

An exhibition of the Miracles was presented at the NCCW Convention this year. The lists of miracles can be found here:

<http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/liste/list.html>.

We were able to spend some time to venerate his relic that evening. Prayers to him are on this website: <https://carloacutis-en.org/>.



**NORTHWESTERN DEANERY
ANNUAL REPORT**

To get our momentum going, I attended the National Council of Catholic Women Leadership, Training & Development Program with speakers on zoom, who provided us with lots of information in a short period of time.

As a new Deanery, we all were very excited to get started, so on February 24 we had our first board meeting in Henning at St. Edwards, with a total of twelve members present, and one on zoom, plus our Spiritual Advisor Deacon Mick Froslee was present. A soup and sack lunch were provided by the interim president. Deacon Mick provided us with spiritual inspiration and sang and played his guitar. Our treasury is in place, along with our Budget Committee. The nominating committee was formed to present candidates for the election to the board in October,

We were blessed with a meeting/workshop entitled “How Does Your Garden Grow”. This event was held at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Butler, on April 30 with an attendance of 25 women. Lunch was served by the Holy Cross Church. To defray the cost of the hall and the seedlings given out to each attendee, a donation jar was placed for a chance to win one of Sheri Streasick’s 5 beautiful garden signs or 10 trivets made by my husband Dave and me. Christina Kickhafer from the Red Barn Greenhouse provided us with information on how to care for your earthly gardens and Sheri and I added information on how to nurture your Spiritual gardens. Tending a spiritual garden requires a lot of work. As believers walking toward Christ, no matter how small the steps, we are all called to scatter the seeds of the Gospel as best we can. God is the true gardener and we are his instrument; let us help one another) cultivate our Spiritual gardens and watch the shoots of new life appear within God’s Love.

Our Mission activity is underway with Boxes of Joy this year. Boxes are ordered and will be distributed amongst our 36. Fr Peter at Our Lady of Seven Dolors (Millerville) has given us permission to use the community hall as our drop off location. What a blessing to put our faith into action by helping those who are in need, and blessing their lives this Christmas with a touch of God’s Love.

We will continue to look at all the information received from our Young Women’s Advisory team to better involve them in our group. These Young Women are the heart-beat of our Deanery and we pray they will all feel welcome and anxious to join us in our vision of spreading the peace of God with one another.

Our next meeting was scheduled, Saturday, October 29 in Millerville at Seven Dolors Church Hall. Help me pray for a great turn out in our Deanery. Remember you are Welcome and Needed to make this Northwestern Deanery great.

God’s Peace

Bonnie Jennen, President

**SOUTH WESTERN DEANERY
ANNUAL REPORT**

The South Western Deanery is in the stage of reorganization. Two gatherings have been held; April 2,2022, in Morris and June 25,2022, in Kensington. Thank you to those parishes for hosting and providing delicious food! We hope to keep moving our meetings to different parishes to include more women. Information regarding the Deanery Council of Catholic Women, its structure, and purpose were discussed. Maps of the new restructuring of deaneries were distributed to representatives of each parish. Questions about funding and volunteer activities were answered. An example of bylaws was presented and will be discussed at our next meeting.

Our dean is Fr. Joe Korf who resides in Elrosa. We do not have a spiritual advisor, at this time. There are openings for officers in leadership position of president and secretary. Nancy Jennen has volunteered to be our info tech person who will organize the data base for our deanery. Cindy Riedner has volunteered to be our treasurer who will handle financial matters.

The Diocesan women's conference was held September 17 in Alexandria is in the South Western Deanery. All women from the area have been encouraged to attend as an opportunity for fellowship with women in our region. Women were also encouraged to attend the National Convention November 1-5 in St. Paul as an opportunity to hear excellent Catholic speakers. Plans are for our next meeting in October.

Cheryl Weller and Lois Wesbur

Representatives from DCCW



**WEST CENTRAL DEANERY
ANNUAL REPORT**

Minutes from the Deanery meeting of June 28, 2022

It was a small meeting; so not much could be accomplished as far as officer elections were concerned.

We discussed the Roe vs Wade court decision; it changed the Federal law and puts the decision on the states. It was suggested we pray the Prayer to Saint Michael as this is very important to fight Satan's influence.

We discussed the history of Council of Catholic Women. It was founded in 1920 by the USCCB at the same time the Council of Catholic Men. They have since disbanded.

The idea that got this going was to unify all Catholic women's groups. We all have a specific goal as groups: CCW, Christian Mothers, Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Daughters of Isabela, mission groups, altar societies etc.

But sometimes what we try to accomplish is also the same as another group. So, we can look to the Council as a major resource. The CCW is divided into 3 major commissions; Spirituality, Service and Leadership. Under these three there are several committees that produce programs, literature and brochures to help accomplish our goals.

The council has different levels starting with individual women, parish women, moving up to Deanery, Diocese, Province, National and World Union, always with God in our center.

This is the Mission Statement. Notice it mentions "affiliate organizations".

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Moving forward, we should schedule a fall deanery meeting. Since we only have a treasurer and no other officers at this time, it would help if we could establish a working committee at this time. It would take the burden off of one person.

With that as an idea, please volunteer! Meet with your parish group and/or ACC. Could you find someone to be a part of the committee? There are 7 ACCs in the West Central Deanery, so one volunteer from each would make an ideal committee.

Any questions or comments, please contact:

Diocesan committee member to West Central Deanery,

Arleen Roelike; aroelike8@gmail.com or stcloudccw@gmail.com phone 320-282-9941.

Diocesan President, Linda Borgerding, lborg77@gmail.com phone 320-293-1839.

*Arleen Roelike.
Representative from DCCW*

CHURCH COMMISSION

Fall is here, October is knocking on our door, the sight, sounds, and feel (brr) is definitely here. Our pontoon, dock, and Marina all are being taken out today, which means “summer has ended”.

Fortunately, we are “hopeful” people, because of our faith we look forward to what the next season holds for us, no matter what the weather is!

The Pilgrimage to our eastern part of the diocese was truly a blessing from God! We had a full bus of 56 Pilgrims and an additional 20-30 came by car to attend the “Source and Summit

Tour” for the Eucharistic revival. The parishes of Saint Louis Church, Foreston, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Isanti, and Saint Andrews in Elk River were toured. The hospitality was outstanding, the speakers were excellent and prayer was filled with the Holy Spirit. Topping it off, the weather was beautiful!

October is a busy month. It is the month of the Rosary. There are many liturgical feasts of Saints, 40 days for life starts again and this year we are hearing all the political ads leading up to the midterm elections on 11-8. We will need all the Saints to intercede for us so that the truth will prevail, and for conversion of heart so our country will be a country for LIFE! Prayer is so vital in this spiritual warfare we are experiencing, but we also need to act, so get out to vote! I pray every day for the conversion of hearts of all our political leaders.

I found a Rosary with meditations for Eucharistic Revival. There are so many reflections on the rosary, but this is new to me and appropriate for our revival. I will enclose the Mysteries following my report.

Here is a part of a poem from Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, who’s feast day was October “My Desires Near Jesus Hidden in His Prison of Love”

“Little Key, oh, I envy you!
For each day you can open
The prison of the Eucharist
Where the God of Love resides.
But, O what a sweet miracle!
By just an effort of my faith
I can also open the tabernacle
To hide near the Divine King...”

Imagine yourself, are you the key? Or has your Faith brought you to the tabernacle.... How fortunate we are!

Psalm 42:1 is one of my favorite psalms, as this is something that we never outgrow, or

‘should’ never outgrow: “As a deer longs for flowing streams, So, my soul longs for You, O God.”

If we ponder on this psalm, we can visualize the deer looking and wandering for water, through beautiful woods or meadows, and wild flowers, (or maybe not so beautiful) we can also visualize how our soul, our inner being is searching and wanting to know God as he is truly the one who gives us peace and joy.

As we search and pray, may our faith be strengthened, our witness be confident, and our love, joy, and peace be echoes of Jesus himself.

Sincerely in Christ,
Jean Zwilling, Chair

EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY MEDITATIONS

Introductory prayer: (at the beginning of each decade)

Sign of the Cross.

All powerful and every living Lord, we thank you for the mysteries of your Son given for our salvation in the Holy Eucharist. As we pray this rosary for a Eucharistic revival, grant, we beseech you, the grace to be faithful to these same mysteries in union with his Blessed Mother, the Queen of the Rosary. Amen.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

1. The Annunciation

Heavenly Father, your angel waited on the Blessed Virgin Mary to give her consent, and with that consent your Holy Spirit overshadowed her, and your Word was made flesh in her. Grant, we pray that we imitate our Lady and always give the consent of Amen to the mystery of the Body of Christ.

2. The Visitation

The Blessed Virgin Mary was a living tabernacle of your Son, father most holy, when she greeted her cousin Elizabeth. Nourished by his Body, may we go in the peace of Christ and proclaim your greatness by word and deed to our neighbors who are in need.

3. The Birth of the Lord

After your Son's birth of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem, merciful God, he was placed in a manger. In our Eucharistic Revival, may we come more deeply to know that Christ is our Bread of Life to nourish us in this life on earth and prepare us to enter the glory of life with you in heaven.

4. The Presentation of the Lord

Oh God highly to be praised, the Blessed Virgin and Saint Joseph presented your Son, the Lord, to you in the Temple. Grant to us the grace, we pray, to join our lives to his as we offer to you that same Christ the Lord in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

5. The Finding of the Lord in the Temple

Your Son was found by Saint Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary in your house, heavenly father. Give to lost sinners the grace to find joy in reconciliation and in Christ's presence in the Church's Eucharist.

Concluding prayers: (at the end of each decade)

Hail Holy Queen...

R/ Pray for us, O Queen of the most holy Rosary

V/ that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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Let us pray: O God, Whose only begotten Son by his life, death, and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech you, thereby meditating on the mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

R/ May the divine assistance remain with us always.

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

1. The Baptism of the Lord.

Your Son's baptism purified the waters for our baptism, most loving Father. Renew in us the grace of your Holy Spirit so that we may know in this Eucharistic revival how we are made beloved in your beloved son.

2. The Miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana.

At his mother's bidding, your Son turned water into wine at a wedding feast, revealing his glory and causing his disciples to believe in him, all powerful God. Grant, we pray, and increase in living faith that we may fittingly share in the wedding feast of the Lamb.

3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom and Call to Conversion.

work in our souls, may we be released from the bonds of sin and know the feast that you prepare for those converted to you.

4. The Transfiguration of the Lord.

Heavenly father, you have directed us to listen to your Son, on whom your favor rest. May our ears and hearts be open to his Gospel proclaimed in the Church.

5. The institution of the Holy Eucharist.

On the night before his death, your Son gave us himself in the sacred mysteries of the new covenant, Instituted the ordained priesthood, and set for us his abiding example of a greatest charity. Revive in our hearts, O Father, A fervent desire to receive the love that he gave until the end.

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1. The Agony in the Garden,

Your Son prayed and accepted your will, Heavenly Father, in his suffering for our salvation. Grant, we pray, the grace always to accept your will in conformity with him, a great high priest

2. The scourging at the Pillar

Father most merciful, your Son suffered out of an unwavering love the cruel torture of being scourged. Revive in us a spirit of compassion so that we may always give due honor it to the Body of Christ.

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3. The Crowning with Thorns

Jesus Christ your Son is King of the Universe. May we recognize him as worthy of all praise in the most holy Eucharist.

4. The Carrying of the Cross.

Lord of heaven and earth, we give thanks that your Son carried his cross for salvation. Conform us to Jesus so that we may accept our cross and know what his yoke is easy and his Burden Light.

5. The Crucifixion of the Lord.

Lord God, the Sacrifice of your Son fills heaven and earth with the wonder of your love. Give us we beseech you, the grace to stand at the foot of his cross with Mary his mother.

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES:

1. The Resurrection of the Lord.

The Resurrection of your Son fills the earth with joy and gladness. May every land, every people praise you for the victorious Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

2. The Ascension of the Lord.

Christ your son promised to remain with us before he ascended to your right hand. Pour fourth, O God, his Spirit upon us so that we may be more devoted to Christ's real presence in the Sacrament of the altar.

3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit.

Your Holy Spirit came like tongues of fire upon those in the Upper Room at Pentecost, heavenly Father. May we be united with our Lady and the apostles in receiving that same Spirit and so proclaim to the nations that Jesus Christ is Lord.

4. The Assumption of our Lady.

At the end of her life on earth, merciful God, you took the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul, into heaven. May the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus, your son and hers, strengthen us to persevere in our own journey on earth and so make us worthy to be welcomed into your heavenly court.

5. The Coronation of our Lady.

The Virgin Mother of God was crowned Queen of heaven and earth, all holy Father. Grant us, we pray, the gift to praise your mercy in the communion of angels and saints at your altar forever in the delight of heaven.

LEGISLATION CONCERNS COMMISSION

Mid-term elections are just a few short weeks away. The Catholic bishops of Minnesota have posted a 3-page election statement on the Minnesota Catholic Conference website. If it was not published in your bulletin, you can find it at the following location:

https://www.mncatholic.org/2022_election_statement_from_the_catholic_bishops_of_minnesot

a Below are a few summary notes from their statement:

- The task of politics is to foster justice and the common good. Despite our many differences, pursuing justice is a cornerstone political value shared by almost all Americans.
- Justice requires that all parties embrace certain responsibilities toward each other. Paraphrasing Pope St. Paul VI, if we want peace, we must work for justice.
- The statement talks about the different types of justice and what each means.
- This year we as Catholics must also consider how a candidate will work for prenatal justice.
- Prenatal justice is not simply being anti-abortion, but means establishing right relationships between the mother and unborn child in her womb, between society and the unborn child, and between society and the mother and father of the unborn child
- We should consider how candidates will work for the various types of justice across a spectrum of issues, including education, public safety, tax policy, migrations, creations stewardship, and healthcare.
- A representative democracy such as ours requires that the citizenry elect good people into office and continue to inform their elected representatives of their view on important issues.

2022 Legislature

The legislature is adjourned until January 3, 2023. The following is a short list of bills that were passed during 2022, and became law effective August 1.

Guardianship court procedure created for at-risk juveniles HF2671/SF2736

- A new procedure will be created in juvenile court for youth ages 18 to 21 to have a guardian appointed to meet their needs or to protect the youth from trafficking or abuse.
- The law, effective Aug. 1, 2022, provides that the court must issue an order for a juvenile guardianship when the juvenile and guardian both agree to the guardianship, it is in the juvenile's best interest, and reunification with a parent is not viable due to abandonment, abuse, or neglect.
- A guardianship will automatically terminate when the at-risk juvenile reaches age 21 or the juvenile requests it end.

Administrative, clarifying changes to the Safe at Home program HF3249*/SF3087

- People who fear for their safety, such as those attempting to escape domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment, or stalking, often establish new addresses to prevent their assailants or probable assailants from finding them.
- The Safe at Home program is a statewide address confidentiality program for these people. The program assigns participants a P.O. Box to use as their legal address and also spells out how state and local agencies must respond to data requests on people in the program without disclosing their location.
- A new law makes various administrative and clarifying changes to the program, administered by the

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Office of the Secretary of State, and to the Government Data Practices Act, which classifies as private most identity and location data about participants in the program.

The following is a list of other bills we were keeping an eye on along with their current status

HF7 Earned sick and safe time authorization and appropriation. Passed House and moved to Senate

HF39 Rehire and retention protections provided for laid-off workers during a declared emergency. Passed House and moved to Senate

HF778 Sports betting provided for and authorized, licenses established, local restrictions prohibited, sports betting taxation provided, civil and criminal penalties provided, amateur sports grants provided, reports required, and money appropriated. Passed House and moved to Senate

Mary Griffith, Chair

ORGANIZATION

Does God Know how many leaves are falling off of the tree?

There once was a television show, "Kids Say the Darndest Things". When kids hear that God knows all things, they start to notice things around them and their curiosity is so inspiring. The innocence of their thinking lets them see the world as it should be. If kids could just keep their rose-colored glasses. And in wonder want to know how all things came to be. As we draw near to Thanksgiving, we are reminded that we have much to be thankful for. Kids make the best lists of what they are thankful for. I have learned a lot about how I should be grateful, from the many kids I have had the pleasure of calling my client/friend.

They are witty without trying. They are wise beyond years about feeling happy or sad. They can get excited by the outstretched arms of a Grandparent, parent, aunt, uncle, sibling or friends. They respond to a sincere "I love you". They can get excited about the amazing thought of a new baby coming into the family.

I am amazed at all of the colors in the trees and gardens at this time of the year. There is so much that I can put on my Thanksgiving list. As our lawn fills with leaves the beauty that God shares with us continues to excite me. Adults often need to listen to a child and then like a child, take a look around.

When you feel complacent about the beauty around you, simply watch a child play or listen to them pray. "Thank you, God, for the big pile of leaves so we can have fun jumping in them."

Lois Wesbur, Chair



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Mary Jane Hay, Family Concerns Chair

RURAL LIFE COMMISSION

It is Fall, harvest time for farmers. A time to reap the rewards of their labor. The weather has been beautiful the past month, which makes the work go more smoothly. We did receive a little bit of rain today, which was very welcomed. "The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Psalm 85:12

In our area, harvest is in full force. Most farmers are finishing up combining soybeans at this time. The last crop of hay should be done. Corn silage has been put up already.

Corn silage is the whole plant - the stalks, leaves, and kernels, being chopped up for feed for dairy or beef cows. The machine that is used for this is a chopper, which is also called a forage harvester. Corn silage is stored in either a silo or in a bunker. It can also be stored on a pile or in a bag. The bunker or pile is covered with black plastic to keep it from spoiling. The plastic is usually recycled after it's been used. Silage needs to be chopped at the right moisture to make quality feed for the livestock. It ferments while it is stored, kind of like sauerkraut. Another way to harvest corn is to make earlage, sometimes called snaplage, because the ear of corn is snapped off of the corn plant. Also using the chopper, but using a different chopper head.

A combine is used to harvest only the kernels of the corn plant. It is so satisfying to see the corn run out of the combine auger while it is filling the grain cart or truck. It looks like gold. If the corn is not dry enough coming out of the field, it needs to be dried in a grain dryer. Dry corn is a convenient way to haul corn to the elevator in town to sell. It can also be loaded on rail cars to ship overseas. Corn is used to feed chickens, turkeys, pigs, and cows, which in turn feeds people. All of you have probably eaten some sort of food made from corn; cornflakes, corn starch, corn meal, just to name a few.

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. October is also Fire Prevention Month. I would like to take this time to commend, and thank all the dedicated men and women who are fire fighters. In our rural areas, we depend on volunteers that make up the fire department. Most of the small towns in our area have volunteer fire departments. The members are people who live in town and

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on farms. These hard-working men and women are not only fire fighters, but are first responders. These volunteers spend many hours going to meetings and training seminars. They also hold safety days at the local schools or the fire hall. Most of them have full time jobs, besides being a member of the fire department. Thanks also go out to their employers, who allow their employees, who are part of a fire and rescue team, to drop what they are doing when they get a call to help their neighbors in need. A way to support the rural fire departments is to attend the fundraisers they hold. The profits they receive from a chicken feed, steak fry, or other event is used to buy equipment that they need.

As you pray the rosary during this and every month, would you please pray for the rural volunteer fire fighters/first responders. Also please pray for the farmers so they have a safe harvest season.

*Thank you,
Toni Borgerding, Chair*

NORTHWEST DEANERY

Greetings!

Here in the Northwestern Deanery Council of Catholic Women, we are sponsoring The Box of Joy annual Christmas gift ministry. Which is organized by Catholic parishes and groups across the United States and facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach and is a Vatican-endorsed relief ministry.

We all have been busy putting together a collection of at least 10 Boxes of Joy in ALL of our 36 parishes. It is looking like it will be a huge success and we will be able to bless many children that are suffering from extreme poverty in developing countries. This may be the only Christmas gift that these children receive! It is one way that we can bless these Children by sharing the Joy of Christmas and planting seeds of Faith, Hope and Love.

Love and God's Peace
Bonnie Jennen, President



PRAYER FOR RURAL LIFE

God of creation
thank you for the gift of rural life that is lived on farms,
in small towns, and in rural homes.
By placing us so close to the rhythms of nature,
we are given a nearness to your creation
and to your very heart.

Keep us ever mindful of this gift
and help us be faithful stewards who care for the land
as you care for us.

Help us find your joy in the smell of a fresh spring rain
or newly cut hay.
Remind us each time we hear the laughter of the wind
or songs of birds
that we are hearing your whisper of love to all the earth.
And in long winter nights
remind us of your constant nearness and care.

Keep us mindful too, O God,
that we are part of a world-wide human family.
Move us beyond self-interest
to a sincere and loving compassion for all.

We pray that with you we will walk humbly,
engage with others gently,
and work for justice that is enjoyed by all.

St Isidore and Maria, pray for us. Amen.

*This prayer was prayed at the Rural Life Celebration Mass
Contributed by Catholic Charities*

*Toni Borgerding,
Rural Life, Chair*

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CALENDAR

2023

March 18: Women's Lenten Retreat – **“Be still and Know I am God”** Saint Paul's Parish, Saint Cloud MN

April 26: Duluth DCCW Spring Conference - TBD

April 28: ACCW Spring Conference – Saint Peter's, Mendota MN

April 29: New Ulm DCCW Convention - Saint Mary's, New Ulm MN

June 15: Fun Food and Fund Day – Location and Theme TBD

August 24-26: NCCW 103rd Convention – Hyatt Regency, Salt Lake City UT

September 16: Annual Fall Conference – Saint Ann’s Parish, Wadena MN

October 7: Winona Rochester - TBD

