

Our Catholic Voice

May 2024

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

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.

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Saint Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

ON YOUR CALENDAR

2024

June 10, Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Congress, Civic Center, Mankato
June 20, Fun Food Fund Day, Saint Paul Parish, Sauk Centre, MN
June 25, Province Conference, Sleepy Eye, MN
June 28-29, Northwestern Brat Sale Coborn's, Little Falls
July 13, Winona-Rochester Quarterly Meeting
July 17-21, National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN
August 1, St Cloud Diocesan Source and Summit Tour (TBD)
August 13-17, NCCW Convention Oklahoma City
September 21, Saint Anthony Parish, Saint Cloud
October 12, Winona/Rochester DCCW Convention
November, TBD Christmas themed event, St. Louis Bertrand's Catholic Church, Foreston, MN.

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

Letters from Lois

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On April 19th Past President, Linda Borgerding and I went to Burnsville, MN to Mary Mother of the Church parish for the ACCW Convention. We attended Mass in the morning celebrated by Fr. Daniel Hougan (ACCW Spiritual Advisor).

ACCW honored four lay women that day for their exceptional service. The awards recognize the women's involvement in their CCW groups, parishes and communities.

Miss Minnesota, Angelina Amerigo was a guest speaker. She attributes her success to persistence and the graces from God. Her platform, One Bottle, One Straw brings awareness to the problem with disposable, single use plastic products. She is a strong supporter of the performing arts. She was a very good speaker as she spoke of her faith as she had to try several times to run for the title of Miss Minnesota.

The second speaker, **Jessica Bartholomew, a former police officer and founder of A.C.T. United (Anti Child Trafficking)** was awesome as she spoke of her role in identifying the vulnerable young people who get caught up in the sex trafficking. She has gone undercover to help authorities identify and prosecute those who prey on children.

We were able to enjoy the variety of vendors. Informational displays by Elevate Life, Mary's Meals, Catholic Cemeteries, CRS, and Friends of San Lucus in support of communities in Guatemala. There were Kitchen crafts made by women of Kitui. There were displays of homemade candles, Stampin' Up, and jewelry arts. There were also many other crafts displayed.

It was a very good Convention.

On April 24, we attended the CCW Convention at St John the Evangelist Parish in Duluth. After Mass with Bishop Felton, we had a light breakfast. Then Bishop Felton gave an inspiring talk. After lunch, the speakers were the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus. They told of their mission as Diocesan sisters. They rely on donations. They also sang at the opening of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage Mass held near Itasca State Park on May 19th. See their webpage for more information. <https://handmaidsoftheheartofjesus.org/>

Lois Wesbur, President

CHURCH COMMISSION

I want to start with a message from Pope Benedict the 16th: “And only where God is seen does life truly begin. Only when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is. We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution.

Each of us is the result of the thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary. There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know him and to speak to others of our friendship with him.” Pope Benedict XVI

This message is one for all ages. The whole message enlightens me, some statements hits the heart more, like “Each of us is the result of a thought of God.” And “There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel.” What an insight, to be surprised by the Gospel! It makes you want to read it, to dig deeper. It’s exciting! Just as receiving Jesus in the Eucharist should bring us such joy and humility at the same time. It really helps me if I imagine all the Angels and Saints in the sanctuary Praising God, even my relatives and friends who have passed are there. It also helps remembering Jesus on the cross, giving his life for us, the drops of His blood dripping, right into the chalice, POWERFUL, then when I’m back in my pew, I envision my Guardian Angel and other angels fluttering like butterflies around my heart, wanting to be so close to Jesus, knowing that they can never consume Jesus like we do. What a gift!

Yes, we are living in a very crazy world which is bringing us to our knees in prayer constantly, so much to pray for. Thank you, God for Prayer, thank you for our Catholic Faith and thank you for the Hope we have in Jesus.

At this time, we have a few different novena’s happening, one started on March 25 by the USCCB Bishops, asking everyone to pray a novena to Saint Joseph through June when the Supreme Court will decide on FDA’s promoting availability of chemical abortion pills, while ignoring risks to women and violating federal law. FDA has enabled a nationwide mail order abortion industry and turned neighborhood pharmacies into chemical abortion providers. The supreme court case is not about ending chemical abortion, but it can restore limitations that the FDA has overridden.

The second novena started March 12 and is a nine-month novena to Our Lady ending on December 12. Cardinal Burke is leading this novena to our Lady of Guadalupe to pray for our nation.

The third novena, which is also a powerful one is the Chaplet of the Holy Face of Jesus. This chaplet is in reparation for all the sacrilegious happenings in the United States. You’ll be hearing more of this in the coming months. The other two novenas are listed later in this newsletter.

I ran across an excerpt from General Romulo. He was born January 14, 1899 and died December 15, 1985. Excerpt, July 1967:
Carlos P. Romulo, soldier, statesman, and Philippine patriot, who served with General MacArthur in World War II, played a leading role in creating the United Nations, presided over the UN

General Assembly, and was ambassador to the United States for many years. This was his memorable message as he prepared to return to his homeland: "I am going home, America-farewell. For seventeen years I have enjoyed your hospitality, visited every one of your 50 states. I can say I know you well. I admire and love America.

It is my second home. What I have to say now in parting is both a tribute and a warning: never forget, Americans, that yours is a spiritual country. Yes, I know that you are a practical people. Like others, I have marveled at your factories, your skyscrapers, your arsenals. But underlying everything else is the fact that America began as a God-loving, God-fearing, God-worshipping people, know that there is a spark of the Divine in each one of us. It is this respect for the dignity of the human spirit which makes America invincible. May it always endure. And so, I say again in parting, thank you, America, and farewell. May God keep you always; may you always love God."

Wow almost sounds like the old Baltimore Catechism! What happened in the past 57 years?



I must end on a light note! Remember we are



the Garden of God's Heart - we

need to tend to it daily!

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING:



First, come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses...



PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference,
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness



PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another



NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:



1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN - WE MUST HAVE THYME:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends



WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE.
THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW!

May God Bless You,

Until we meet in person, may we meet each day in prayer.

Novena Prayer March 25,2024 through June 2024.

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
—especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.

COMMUNITY COMMISSION

March is the month of Women in History. I thought it would be appropriate to see how the nuns who taught and served this diocese could be honored.

The most obvious order of nuns that served here in Stearns County are the Benedictine Nuns. I believe that the German farmers not only grew crops and raised cattle but grew vocations too. Many of these early immigrants had large families and were taught the German Catholic Faith. Most families had a priest or nun that went to the Monasteries in St Joseph and Collegetown. The Order of St Benedict began in Bavaria in 1035 and emigrated to St Mary's PA. in 1857. Four nuns and 2 candidates and an orphan girl established a convent in St. Cloud, MN. Their mission of educating children through schools and religion classes in parishes, opening homes caring for the sick and elderly was spread throughout the diocese. In 1863 they moved to St Joseph, MN and by 1913 they had established the College of St Benedict, several homes for the elderly and 6 hospitals including the St Cloud Hospital. I enjoyed hearing the stories from all of you about your nuns.

Some communities had Catholic Schools and others had 4 or 5 nuns that lived in one house in the community. They would teach religion, care for the church altar linens, vestments and keep the parish Masses and celebrations running smoothly. Many of you recalled the First Communion processions they organized and how special it was to wear that beautiful white dress the first time.

In Little Falls there are the Franciscan nuns who have served the community since 1891. They became a congregation after they lost touch with their founder in Rome who became ill. The Bishop granted them permission under his jurisdiction. They were granted land on the south side of Little Falls. The sisters with the help of generous benefactors constructed a building that served as an orphanage, a hospital, a home for the aged and a convent for the sisters.

Our diocese also has the Poor Clares Monastery in Sauk Rapids. They are a cloistered, contemplative order, seeking union with God through a life of prayer and sacrifice, in the spirit of St. Clare, to whom St. Francis was mentor and guide. Many people ask for prayers from these nuns.

There is one more Order and that is the Order of Preachers, a Dominican Order. This nun serves on the Diocesan Staff in charge of Worship. How wonderful that she can lead us to worship and serve God.

I found it interesting how these women left their homes in Europe, came to the United States to spread the Gospel, and have grown to be an important part of our Church's history.

Can you remember who helped you as a child to learn about God?

God be with you as spring slowly comes into our beautiful land,

Polly Rabideau, Chair



INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION

I would like to share with you about the talents of the women of Guatemala.

When we go to our gatherings, we have the opportunity to purchase items from the CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Fair Trade. Though our purchase we are sharing in their dream one thread at a time. These tapestries are made by talented Guatemalan artisan women who create each unique item using traditional Mayan techniques, passed down through generations. In making their weaving the artisans use their traditional blackstrap loom, and the unique baskets are made using pine needles. With our purchases we can help provide fair wages, employment opportunities and support to their community development projects and pray that this will help to create a fruitful tomorrow for their people.

I was really impressed with all the beautiful baskets, weaving, scarfs, jewelry, and many other items made by these women. The talent that was given to them from their ancestors is truly remarkable. Looking at the baskets and weaving make you wonder about the amount of time and patience it takes to create each item for sale. The next time you see a display of these amazing tapestries stop and take another look and think is their someone in your life you could treat with this special gift, plus adding to “Sharing the Dream”.

As someone who loves to create, I know about the time and energy that goes into a project. It is a lot more than you may think but if it’s enjoyed, it becomes a gift of love for someone else. God gives each of us talents to use and share and we are so fortunate to enjoy the gifts of love made by these amazing ladies from Guatemala, who patiently and skillfully make each item for us. May God bless their hands and bring them happiness and hope for a better tomorrow.

God’s Peace,

Bonnie Jennen, Chair

Editor’s note:



In our area, Shelby Vaske, a Fair-Trade Ambassador, has a large selection of fair-trade items: find her on Facebook, Shelby K Vaske. You can contact her at 17102 Heatherwood Drive, Paynesville, MN, 56362, 320-243-4599 shelby.vaske@gmail.com. Many of you saw her display at the Annual Lenten Retreat in Saint Martin in March.

LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS

As American citizens and Christians, it is essential to have a clear understanding of the laws and policies that govern our land. At the present time there are several critical issues that state legislatures across the United States are addressing. These regulations impact various aspects of our lives.

Imagine a world where your cherished beliefs are criminalized worldwide! Shockingly this could be our reality. The UN is considering a treaty that equates traditional values with some of the gravest crimes known to humanity! Yes, your stance on life, family, and gender could be labeled by the UN as a Crime against Humanity!! This unprecedented move seeks to erase the biological definition of male-female from Rome Statute, potentially criminalizing the millions of people who uphold these truths.

Why is this happening? Because radical globalists and non-governmental organizations are pushing to outlaw any dissent against extreme LGBT ideologies and abortion. They know that their agenda is unpopular and they can't convince you to change your deeply held beliefs, so they are instead trying to put you in prison.

Imagine being on trial for the simple act of protecting your children and grandchildren from premature sexualization and ideological indoctrination in schools. Faithful Pastors and Priests are facing the threat of persecution for delivering God's message.

The frontline defenders of our values ---Christian politicians, journalists, lawyers, teachers, doctors---are all at risk of severe personal and professional attacks merely for holding fast to their convictions! If you dare to question their gender ideology dogmas, be prepared - you could become a target of a system designed to silence you.

Unfortunately, this reality is not far off unless we stand up now!

Now the ERA bill. Minnesota Legislators in 2024 are proposing a so-called "Equal Right Amendment" to the State Constitution that Minnesotans could vote for in November of 2024 or 2026. The proponents are adding abortion and other language to the amendment that would guarantee a right to abort any baby, for any reason, anytime right up to birth.

Coming up short at the Capitol for the last decade, backers of the MN. ERA view 2024 as their moment. They are tweaking a proposed addition to the MN. Constitution that explicitly spells out rights to pregnancy outcomes. Advocates say it is critical in this political moment while opponents say it's a "Trojan horse" with unintended consequences.

Advocates for this amendment say it's important to seal in these rights at a higher level, in the event that a future Legislature or court takes a different view. Any time you pass a law there is always the chance that when the balance of power shifts, that there could be a rollback. With an amendment they can guarantee that it will never change.

The USCCB Committee on Migration endorsed a bill with other Catholic organizations during a previous Congress, stating that legislation is critical to eradicate human trafficking and assist survivors. More recently, in a press release reaffirming the USCCB's support for the bill, Bishop Mark Seitz, chairman of the Committee on Migration, emphasized that it is incumbent upon all of us to unite in promoting efforts that prevent the evil of human traffic.

Mary Reuter, Chair

RURAL-ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

- The Minnesota Dairy Ambassador Program is a leadership opportunity for students interested in promoting dairy. Dairy Ambassadors have the opportunity to connect with consumers and share dairy's story while networking with their peers and industry professionals.

Up to 10 Dairy Ambassadors will be selected representing Minnesota dairy farmers for this one-year program. Ambassadors receive a stipend for each day they are participating in events and are eligible to receive a \$1000 scholarship at the end. Applicants must be enrolled in a Minnesota post-secondary school and must be able to communicate effectively. There are coaches and staff to assist throughout the year for those who have a passion for the dairy industry. Most counties also have Dairy Ambassador Programs to promote Dairy on the county and local level. Please encourage friends and families to apply.

- Spring Farm Season is a time to be aware of Child Safety on the Farm. For the farm families with children and grandchildren – it is a good plan to take a yearly farm safety check. Walk around the farm and look for potential hazards. Have a well-stocked first aid kit. Children need a safe place to play. Consider fences to block off dangerous areas. Lock up chemicals and guns. Teach children about both the positive and negative aspects of livestock and farm machinery. Teach about out-of-bounds areas for them – silos, grain loading areas, farm machinery, and animal pens. Children are inquisitive and naturally want to follow and imitate their parents and older siblings. Be aware of farm equipment on the road for Spring Planting.
- Spring Gardening is the time of year that brings renewed energy for Minnesotans. What a pleasant relief to walk through the snow to find the first garden catalog in the mailbox! When developing a plan for which plants to grow and how to care for them – consider native plants that grow in Minnesota. Butterflies and birds will look for native plants for food and pollination. Consider environmentally safe products for insect and weed control. There are many environmental resources to search before buying products and plants. Ask your local county agent. Ask your local nursery owner.
- \$5.3 million in Funding is available to support Recycling Development Projects across Minnesota. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is seeking applicants for this grant funding to “increase recycling feedstock value, increase end market capacity, divert recyclable materials from disposal and create jobs in Minnesota.” The maximum grant is \$850,000 for larger projects and \$190,000 for smaller projects. (mpca@public.govdelivery.com)

Joyce Simones, Chair

EASTERN DEANERY

Over this Easter Season, our Area Catholic Community provided books from Dynamic Catholic.com to parishioners, which are titled *Beautiful Eucharist*. In Chapter 12, by Matt Warner, I'll paraphrase his message, which was my favorite part of this book.

"I once thought that my imagination was for seeing things that aren't real. In truth, it is for seeing things that are the most real – because the most important parts of life are invisible. Important things like thoughts, values, angels, sacrifices, miracles, graces and Love all require a well-formed imagination. Not to invent them, but to put into your mind what is really out there and include them as a part of your life's story."

Now, for updates of what has been happening in our Deanery:

On April 6th, 2024 the Women's Deanery sponsored an event hosted by St. John's Christian Women, in Foley, with a presentation on the *Fruits of the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary*. It was delightful that so many attended because they were "Rosary" people. Each attendee received a copy of the book by Patricia Fagnant-MacArthur. It was special to have five DCCW Board members present and we were gifted with good weather, good food, good attendance, Word communion and the program closed with praying *The Chaplet of the Sacred Heart*. One topic of discussion was information about *The Chaplet of the Holy Face* that is deemed one of the top four Chaplets to be recited, and is for the reparation of sins. The thirty-three small beads represent the years that Jesus was here on earth. In these years of war and people turning away from the Church, this Chaplet is a very powerful prayer.

Parishes were asked to participate in the ***Boxes of Joy*** mission program, which takes place in the fall (October), each year. The website is www.crosscatholic.org for information on these donations to children in third world countries, at Christmas time. You also can contact Sara Stumpf at (320) 493-7062 for information about coordinating boxes to be picked up or dropped off in the Eastern Deanery.

In late November, 2024, we will embrace a Christmas themed event, with Christmas music for our entertainment, at St. Louis Bertrand's Catholic Church, in Foreston, MN. The Eastern deanery Bulletins will have information on pre-registration.

Have Mercy, Jesus!

Nita Hayes, President

NORTHWESTERN DEANERY

WOW!!!

That is all I can say, when getting to church on Good Friday 25 minutes before services, I had to park on the playground and I found the church quite full.

And then again on Easter Sunday, the same thing happened. Hope this continues: wouldn't it be wonderful to see our Mass full every Sunday.

Like most ACC's, we had to go down to 2 Priests therefore, the numbers of Masses have been cut. Five of the churches have only 1 Mass on the weekend and 1 has afternoon Mass on Saturday and 1 on Sunday AM

. But we are lucky in Haven of Mercy Area Catholic Community, that we do have several retired Priests residing in the area that help out. So, one can attend Mass daily either at one of the churches or nursing home or assisted living. We also have the St Francis Convent that has Mass four days a week.

The Northwestern Deanery held their spring gathering on April 27 at Seven Dolors Church in Millerville. Theme being "The Saints in Our Lives."

Our fund raiser will again be the Brat Sale at Coborn's in Little Falls on Friday and Saturday, June 28 & 29.

President, Linda Scepurek



SOUTH WEST DEANERY

The Spring meeting for the South West Deanery was held on April 16, 2024. Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Morris was the host parish. Ten women representing four parishes were present.

Discussion was planning the Fun, Food, and Fund Day for the St. Cloud DCCW. The host site is St. Paul's in Sauk Centre with the theme 'Lord of the Dance'. The goal is for every parish to be involved. Each parish is asked to donate an item/ basket of \$20 or greater value for the silent auction.

Happenings from parishes in the SW Deanery were shared.

- Morris parish hosted a speaker, Leo Van Beck who spoke on making rosaries out of deer antlers.
- On March 16, Glenwood parish hosted a Lenten reflection with group prayers, a speaker with his conversion story, and lunch.
- Sauk Centre hosted a Lenten Retreat for the 6 parish ACC on March 9. The topic was the Eucharist: Our Source and Summit.
- Chokio parish had Confirmation on March 3 with Bishop Patrick Neary.
- A summary of the Diocesan Lenten Retreat in St. Martin on March 9, 2024, was given by President Lois Wesbur.

Closing Prayer was said, host parish was thanked for the tasty bars and beverages, and door prizes were given.

Cheryl Weller, SW Deanery Secretary

LORD OF THE DANCE



WEST CENTRAL DEANERY

The West Central Deanery has just finished hosting the Spring Lenten Retreat on March 9th at St. Martin Church in St. Martin, MN. We are very thankful for the wonderful St. Martin CCW officers who really were quite efficient in handling all the tasks that were asked of them. There were 160 women who attended and the comments received at the end of the retreat were mostly favorable. The theme for the Retreat was

“Journey of a Woman’s Life: Using the Sacraments to Grow in Our Faith” with Deb Rudolph the Retreat Leader. Her program consisted of describing each of the 7 sacraments and how the signs and symbols used help us to realize the effect they have on us.

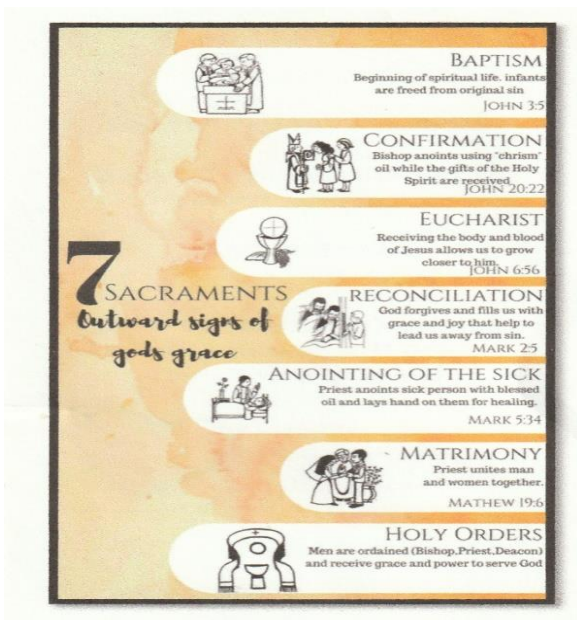
Our attempt, as officers, was to involve as many women from all 30 parishes in the 7 ACC’s we have in our deanery by asking them to help by working for the various committees in order to handle all the duties of hosting this event. We were pleased at the great response we received – 44 women from 23 parishes volunteered to work or provide desserts or made donations. We were extremely pleased with how well they all pitched in and got the jobs done.

As stated in my last report, we are still looking for officers for our council. We still need a vice president and we would like to fill the Commission Chair offices. Now that our deanery has been organized for about

1 ½ years with some organization and routine in place, it should be easier for someone to step in and continue on.

Our Spring Deanery General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th @ St. Mary Church in Upsala, MN, being hosted by the All Saints – Holdingford CCW. The evening is planned to start at 6:00 pm with Mass, light supper and meeting to follow. On the agenda is setting up a committee to prepare the schedule for the upcoming deanery meetings, along with a few other issues.

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



Jean Hopfer, President

PUBLICITY

It was wonderful to see so many women at our Annual Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at St. Martin's Parish in St. Martin. Deb Rudolph's presentation: "*Journey of a Woman's Life – Using the Sacraments to Grow in Our Faith*" was excellent and received raving reviews. I hope this retreat, as well as all your Lenten devotions, helped make your spiritual journey one to remember. For those that missed this year's retreat, make a note to watch for next year's event.

As we wind up the Lenten Season and move on through Easter, our prayers and minds turn to summer; and summer means . . . FUN, FOOD and FUND Day! This will be held Thursday, June 20, 2024, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Sauk Centre. "*Lord of the Dance*" is the theme this year. Mark your calendar to have FUN, eat FOOD, and bid at the silent auction, which is our Fundraiser.

Watch for more information elsewhere in this newsletter or at stcloudccw.org.

Pat Kasella, PR Chair

INFORMATION TECHNICIAN

Time is flying by so quickly and there is much to accomplish.

To focus on my part, I am asking parishes to share the date of your events, especially those sponsored by Catholic Women.

Please check the websites: srcloudccw.org, NCCW.org and provinceofsaintpaul-minneapolis.weebly.org

Please refer to the mission statement on the covers of the newsletter and help us to support, empower and educate.

Contact us by emailing: president.dccw@gmail.com, secretary.DCCW@gmail.com, treasurer.DCCW@gmail.com, stcloudccw@gmail.com

Please prayerfully think about becoming an officer or committee chair either for the Diocesan Council, your Deanery or parish.

Arleen Roelike, Editor, Webmaster

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the office of Vice-President of the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. We need your gifts, your talents, and your leadership skills to step up and serve. Our vision for the future is bright.

Our God given gifts are to be shared with others, not hidden. Prayerfully consider becoming a Vice-President or referring someone you know who would serve in this capacity. May the Holy Spirit be your guide.

Toni Borgerding, Jean Zwilling & Pat Kasella

DCCW Nominating Committee



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

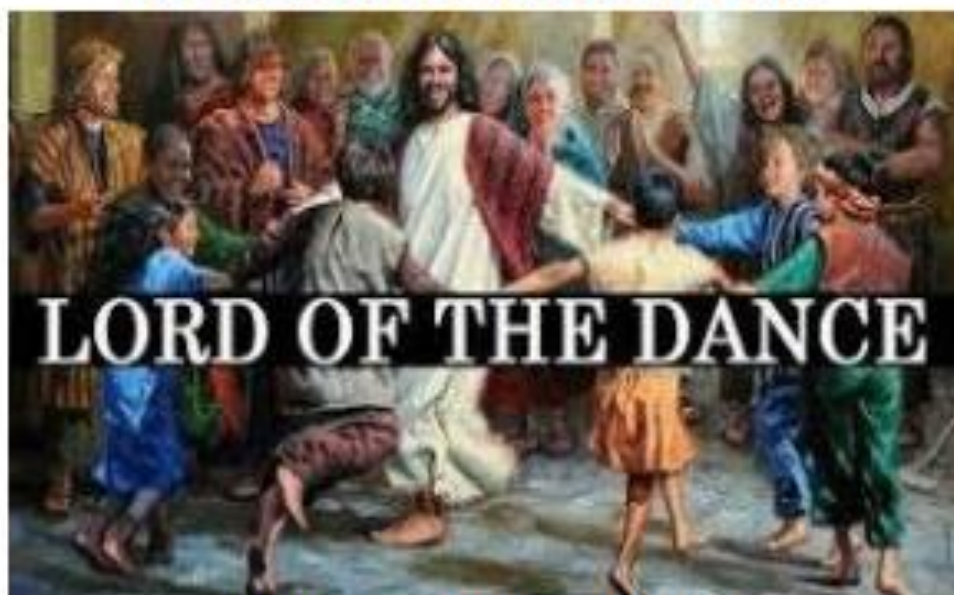
The St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the office Vice-President for the 2024-25 term.

A nominee should have previously served in some capacity on the deanery level, unless approved by the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor. Deadline for applications is July 1, 2024.

Voting will take place at the Fall Conference on September 21, 2024. There shall be no nominations from the floor.

Please forward name and bio to Toni Borgerding at toniborg@outlook.com or contact Toni at (320) 290-3677 with questions.

Join Us for the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of
Catholic Women's Annual
FUN, FOOD & FUND DAY



Thursday, June 20, 2024

St. Paul's Catholic Church

304 Sinclair Lewis Avenue

Sauk Centre, MN

(handicap accessible)

Schedule at a Glance

- 8:30 Registration (west entrance)
and refreshments (basement)
- 9:00 Welcome, Opening Prayer
- 9:30 Silent Auction opens
- 9:45 Music entertainment
- 10:30 MASS (Worship area, upper level)
- 11:30 Lunch (basement)
- 12:45 Music entertainment (upper level),
Silent Auction closed
- 1:20 Announcements, Closing Prayer,
Door prizes

Registration - \$20 by 6/10; \$25 at the door

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