

Our Catholic Voice

July 2019

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.

Contact us: stclouddiocesanccw@gmail.com

Website: stclouddccw.org



Saint Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

President's Message

Cheryl Weller

This summer our Fun, Food and Fund Day was held at St. Augustine's Catholic Church in St. Cloud. There was registration, breakfast, 'mixer', and silent auction in the morning followed by Mass and noon lunch. In the afternoon were musical entertainment, door prizes, and closing of the silent auction. Thank you to the women from the Foley/ Princeton Deanery for their time to organize the event and for their energy to work so we could have a fun time! Thank you to St. Augustine's for the spacious dining /social area and beautiful worship area for our event. Thank you to the nearly 200 women who attended! The funds raised go to our speakers for Women's Lenten Retreat, Annual Fall Conference, and other expenses for our Diocesan CCW.

On a recent trip to California to visit family for birth of a new granddaughter, I was able to tour Mission San Juan Capistrano. Fr. Saint Juniper Serra established nine missions, this being number seven. The "Legend of the Cliff Swallows" was explained and I learned about Fr. St. John O'Sullivan, pastor of the mission. As the little birds wing their way back to the Mission, the town of San Juan Capistrano welcomes visitors every March to witness the return of the swallows.

This reminds me of family members who may have left our Catholic faith. They may have felt unwanted, unneeded, or disappointed. We pray the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of our loved ones so they return to the one, true church. Let's reach out to family and friends who have questions as part of our evangelization. Let's include them in our prayers and may these family members and friends feel welcome on their return.

You asked for it, you will get it: Our Annual Fall Conference will be September 21, 2019 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Cold Spring. Bishop Kettler and area priests will celebrate Mass. Our new president and secretary will be installed as my term comes to an end. There will be speakers both morning and afternoon with time to socialize with other women from around the diocese during the noon meal. Join us as we learn the St. Michael Chaplet. Don't forget to check out the displays and handouts. The Cold Spring Deanery is getting it all ready with our theme "Servants of God, Guiding our Youth".

*Cheryl Weller, President
St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women*

PROVINCE DIRECTOR REPORT

As my time as Province Director comes to an end, I just want to thank all of you for the privilege of serving in this position.

Connie Andrews from the Duluth Diocese will be installed as the new PD at the NCCW Convention in Atlanta later this month and I know she will do a fantastic job.

My last duty as PD is to organize the Province Conference for next summer. The date will be Friday and Saturday, June 19th & 20th, 2020, in St. Augusta at Mary Help of Christians Church in Saint Augusta, MN.

With 2020 being the 100th Anniversary of the NCCW, we have chosen the Theme "Honoring Our Past-Living Our Present-Hopeful for Our Future". The agenda so far is "Women of the Bible" by Jeanette Fortier, "Gertrude Gavin Hill" by Joan McGrath, a video tape of Past NCCW Presidents from Minnesota, Mass, banquet and a fun evening. Saturday will include Mass with the Bishop and additional speakers, including Jean Kelly the President of the NCCW.

I hope you mark your calendars and plan on attending this event.

Irene Schmidt, Province Director, 2017-2019

Ring Macaroni Salad Recipe

2 - 8 oz pkgs ring macaroni
2 c. chopped cucumbers
2 c. chopped carrots
1 c. chopped celery
1/2 c. chopped onions

Dressing:

1-1/2 c. Sugar
1-1/2 c. Miracle whip
1/4 c. Vinegar
Dash salt, pepper, nutmeg

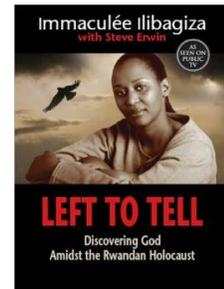
We all loved this at the Province Board meeting: June 6, 2019. It was prepared by the ladies of the Church of Japanese Martyrs in Sleepy Eye, MN.



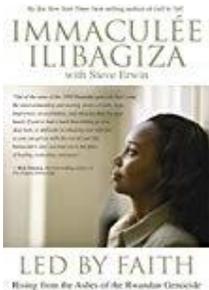
IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA
Saint Paul Church, Sauk Centre, MN
OCTOBER 18-19, 2019.

Immaculée Ilibagiza (born 1972) is a [Rwandan](#) American author and motivational speaker. Her first book, *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* (2006), is an autobiographical work detailing how she survived during the [Rwandan genocide](#).

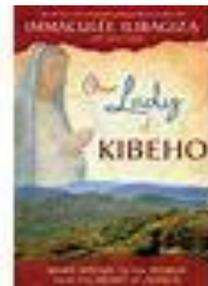
In *Left to Tell*, Immaculée Ilibagiza shares of her experience during the 1994 Rwandan genocide. She survived hidden for 91 days with seven other women in a small bathroom, no larger than 3 feet by 4 feet (an area of 12 square feet). The bathroom was concealed in a room behind a wardrobe in the home of a [Hutu](#) pastor. During the genocide, most of Ilibagiza's family (her mother, her father, and her two brothers Damascene and Vianney) was killed by Hutu [Interahamwe](#) soldiers. Besides herself, the only other survivor in her family was her brother Aimable, who was studying out of the country in [Senegal](#) and did not know of the genocide. Ilibagiza shares how her Catholic faith guided her through her ordeal and describes her eventual forgiveness and compassion toward her family's killers.



Immaculée Ilibagiza's second book, *Led by Faith: Rising from the Ashes of the Rwandan Holocaust* (2008), picks up where she left off in *Left to Tell*. She tells her story of survival immediately following the genocide she had lived through. It describes how her faith in God kept her going as she struggled to find her place in the world again, and it also shows how she sought out and encouraged many of the orphans who were equally lost. She finally finds a safe refuge in the United States where she is able to look back at everything she had been through. It is in this safe place where she has the potential to reflect on why she lived through the experience at all.



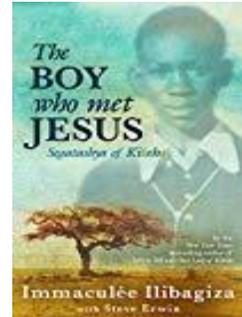
Our Lady of Kibeho, If Only We Had Listened, Visit from Heaven. Thirteen years before the bloody 1994 genocide that swept across Rwanda and left more than a million people dead, the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ appeared to eight young people in the remote village of Kibeho. Through these visionaries, Mary and Jesus warned of the looming holocaust, which could be averted if Rwandans opened their hearts to God and embraced His love. Mary also sent messages to government and church leaders to instruct them how to end the ethnic hatred simmering in their country. She warned them that Rwanda would become "a river of blood"—a land of unspeakable carnage—if the hatred of the people was not quickly quelled by love. Some leaders listened, but very few believed. Much like what happened at similar sites such as Fátima and Lourdes, the messengers of Kibeho were at first mocked and disbelieved. But as miracle after miracle occurred in the tiny village, tens of thousands of Rwandans journeyed to Kibeho to behold the apparitions. After the genocide, and two decades of rigorous investigation, Our Lady of Kibeho became the first and only Vatican-



Our Catholic Voice

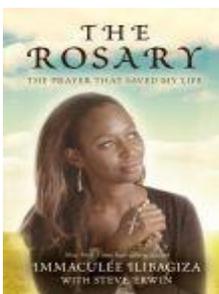
approved Marian site in all of Africa. But the story still remained largely unknown. Now, however, Immaculée has made many pilgrimages to Kibeho, both before and after the holocaust, has personally witnessed true miracles, and has spoken with a number of the visionaries themselves. What she has discovered will deeply touch your heart!

The Boy Who Met Jesus, It's the greatest story never told: that of a boy who met Jesus and dared to ask Him all the questions that have consumed mankind since the dawn of time. His name was Segatashya. He was a shepherd born into a penniless and illiterate pagan family in the most remote region of Rwanda. He never attended school, never saw a bible, and never set foot in a church. Then one summer day in 1982 while the 15-year-old was resting beneath a shade tree, Jesus Christ paid him a visit. Jesus asked the startled young man if he'd be willing to go on a mission to remind mankind how to live a life that leads to heaven. He accepted the assignment on one condition: that Jesus answer all his questions.



Soon, this teenage boy who had never learned to read or write was discussing theology with leading biblical scholars and advising pastors and priests of all denominations. He became so famous in Rwanda that the Catholic Church investigated his story. The doctors and psychiatrists all agreed that they were witnessing a miracle. His words and simple truths converted thousands of hearts and souls wherever he went. Before his death during the 1994 Rwandan genocide, Segatashya continued his travels and conversations with Jesus for eight years, written with grace, passion, and loving humor by Immaculée Ilibagiza, Segatashya's close friend, words will bring you comfort and joy, and prepare your heart for this life . . . and for life everlasting.

The Rosary, The Prayer That Saved My Life, Immaculee Ilibagiza believes that praying the



rosary spared her from being slaughtered during the horrific 1994 Rwanda genocide, in which her family and more than a million other innocent men, women, and children were brutally murdered. Nearly two decades later, Immaculee continues to pray the rosary every day and marvels at how she is constantly renewed and richly rewarded by rejoicing in this glorious prayer. She received so many blessings from the rosary, in fact, that she decided to study its history and origins. She soon discovered that it was not just meant for Catholics, but that the Virgin

Mary promised a life filled with blessings to everyone from any religion who faithfully recited the rosary daily. . . and this was such wonderful news that she vowed to share it with as many people as she could. how the rosary's many blessings can be reaped by each and every one of us. and shows all of us how to enrich our own lives by exploring and embracing the mysteries, secrets, and promises of the prayer that became her "lifeline to heaven."

Ilibagiza speaks all over the world and is the recipient of the 2007 [Mahatma Gandhi](#) Reconciliation and Peace Award.

**IMMACULÉE WILL BE PRESENTING HER STORY
AT SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH IN SAUK CENTRE THIS FALL;
OCTOBER 18-19, 2019.**

Please Join Us!

COMMUNITY COMMISSION

Community comes under SERVICE COMMISSION on the National level. Today I would like to talk about "WOMEN". It is often said that the women are the backbone of parishes. Why? They provide many services such as serving at funeral luncheons, bake for and work at "BAKE SALES", help at rummage sales, help with yearly church cleaning etc. Spiritually they are also busy teaching religious education, are choir singers, leading the Rosary before Mass. They volunteer as Eucharistic Ministers, lectors etc. Many women help at the Catholic Charity food centers or other food shelves or help deliver meals, visit the shut-ins or the sick and elderly.

All of this comes under the Service Commission. Many parishes have decided to disband their Council of Catholic Women or Christian Mothers groups. WHY? Look above and see what comes under the three commissions of National Council of Catholic Women which are - - - SPIRITUALITY, SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP. Why not get involved again in CCW who do so much on the parish, diocesan and national level. There are groups on these levels working against Human Trafficking, physical and mental abuse, Abortion, Euthanasia etc. You say, "I can't do all that". Nobody is asking you to do everything.

Everyone has a special gift or talent given them by God. Start small. If 6 women say okay, let's change our world to be a better place to live again. Another 6 say let's help our spiritually. That is, set a good example for our young women. Get them involved. Another 6 are on the work force, helping where volunteer workers are needed for events being put on.

Okay, now we have 18 women in an organization that is helping America get great again and helping get God back into our families, church, schools and communities. Yes, we also need a leader, secretary, and treasurer and keep expanding with more members as others see what CCW is doing for the parish and community. Suggestions for getting officers follows. There are always women who like to take charge of social events, parties, family get togethers, why not something for our church. How many secretaries are members? How many work in businesses where they are in charge of money? How many women just like to have someone lead and will then follow helping with events and programs. You say, no time for that. I am too busy with family, school events or sports. Does one meeting a month and working at one event CCW is in charge of, sound like too much, REALLY?

Spiritually we need to expand our time at Mass, retreats, holy hours, and teaching our young people how they need God in their lives to help them on the road to heaven. All of this leads to being a good catholic woman.

Let's get our parishes involved in CCW. We feel the need to help others.

In the Bible in Matthew Chapter 20, Verse 28, it says, "Even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." We will be doing this service through CCW.

Margaret Schluender, Chair

FAMILY COMMISSION REPORT

Passing Our Faith to the Next Generation(s)

*“Young people need the light of watchful guides to lead them on the path of salvation.”
(St. John Baptist de la Salle)*

I’m sure most of you have noticed the fact that young people today, both young men and young women, are no longer practicing their faith – in fact, many don’t even belong to any faith or church. Some believe they don’t need to practice their faith by attending Mass (or any service in another Christian faith). And for the first time, young women are leaving at the same rate as young men. And our role as women is to pass on the faith to the next generations.

*“It occurs to me: why is it mainly women, who pass on the faith? Simply because the one who brought us Jesus is a woman. It is the path chosen by Jesus. He wanted to have a mother: the gift of faith comes to us through women, as Jesus came to us through Mary.”
(Pope Francis, Jan 26, 2015 Vatican Radio)*

How do we begin to pass on our beautiful faith to the next generation – our children, our grandchildren? We begin with prayer, with being witnesses to our faith, with testimony, and with action.

If you are a member of the National Council of Catholic Women and have access to their web site (WWW.NCCW.ORG), there is a new resource for members entitled: “Calling All Catholics! Passing our Faith to the Next Generation.” This little booklet of 37 pages gives wonderful information about prayer, witness, testimony and action. It provides ways to teach about praying and prayers to say; it talks about what being a witness means – how you walk the talk by your daily choices/actions; it provides information about how to share your stories and personal experiences of how God has worked in your life; and it provides suggestions about how to demonstrate your faith through actions. *(The whole booklet is a wonderful basis for a retreat workshop. So, I’m developing a workshop – would love to have some partners to do this and make it available to our diocese and deaneries – with deadline of January 1, 2020.)*

One section I particularly like is the section on “Focus on Gratitude.” It starts by pointing out that the most popular course at Yale is a course on true happiness. (And it is now available free online!) “Psychology and the Good Life” focuses on both positive psychology and behavior change. Our world certainly needs more happiness. And one of the ways towards true happiness (and greater faith) is to be grateful. One very simple activity to use with children (of any age) is to ask them to state three things they are grateful for that occurred that day (in evening meal prayers, or bedtime prayers, etc.). For yourself, make three prayers of gratitude for specific things you are grateful for that occurred that day.

Our Catholic Voice

Another section is on “Car Prayers.” I never thought about having my car blessed, but I’m going to do it now. Or if you give a gift of a car seat to new parents, have it blessed. Say a prayer when you start your car (out loud with kids in the car), and when you arrive. Offer a Hail Mary when you pass by a hospital or see an ambulance or accident. Etc.

The booklet also includes prayer suggestions. I like this one because I have relatives who I pray for daily:

Lord Jesus,
I lift up (name)my (relationship), who is no longer attending Mass and practicing the faith. My heart aches for her (him) to reconnect with You! I am afraid for her (him), facing the challenges of life without the sure knowledge of Your love and grace. When she (he) makes mistakes and poor choices, how will she (he) get through it without your mercy and forgiveness? Hold her (him) and all those who have wandered away close, Lord. Do not lose one of them! Amen.

God Bless You and Your Families!

Sheri Streasick, Chair

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Catholic Relief Services often goes where others don’t. They carry out a wide array of health-related activities tailored to the needs of the countries and communities they serve. Their international health aid programs are designed to address inequities, support universal access to services and produce long lasting results. Their approach strengthens local partners, develops local solutions and works in remote areas often neglected by existing health and social service systems. CRS key health programming areas include:

[Malaria](#) - In 2016, there were approximately 216 million cases of malaria worldwide. Approximately 445,000 people died, including close to one child every two minutes. To achieve the ambitious goals of the World Health Organization’s Global Technical Strategy for malaria 2016-2030. In US currency, \$8.7 billion is needed for a 90% reduction in malaria incidence and mortality rates by 2030.

[Nutrition](#) - Proper nutrition in the first 1,000 days (from conception to age 2 years) of a child’s life are critical for growth and development. Inadequate feeding practices and exposure to illnesses can leave children stunted, which is associated in adulthood with poverty, lower cognitive skills, and for women, higher risk of maternal death. Their nutrition programming crosses many sectors, including water, health, peacebuilding, agriculture and education.

[HIV and Tuberculosis](#) - CRS has supported international HIV programs for more than 25 years, almost since the beginning of the pandemic. HIV programs address all areas of programming, including home-based care, antiretroviral therapy, treatment support, stigma reduction, prevention, and holistic services for vulnerable children. Globally, 37 projects in 22 countries include a focus on HIV, supporting more than 7 million people living with or affected by HIV.

Our Catholic Voice

Tuberculosis (TB) is a preventable and curable disease that kills 1.5 million people each year. It is highly contagious, and early detection and treatment is critical to prevent spread of the disease. CRS programs focus on training community volunteers to screen for and treat TB, particularly where people often don't have access to health services such as in remote, rural areas or in prisons. Outreach teams target vulnerable groups such as prisoners, miners, and migrants.

[Integrated Early Childhood Development](#) - Early childhood is the period of life that begins prenatally and extends to eight years of age. The period from pregnancy to three years of age is when the most rapid and critical brain developmental processes occur; when children have a poor start, the effects are profound and lasting.

Poor health, nutrition, inadequate learning, and exposure to conflict and displacement impair children's optimal development. Not only do these conditions deprive children of their right to thrive, but lack of investments in ECD has significant repercussions on a country's economic growth, peace, and prosperity. Adults who experienced suboptimal care during their early childhood years will earn 26% less than the average adult income in their country. This lost income traps families in poverty and lowers GDP and tax revenues so countries have less to spend on health and education. The vicious cycle continues.

[Vulnerable Children's Wellbeing](#) - With support from public donors and private foundations, CRS supports 22 projects targeting children living with or affected by HIV. In 2017, these projects benefitted 1.4 million children and their caregivers in 16 countries.

[Health Systems Strengthening](#) - Many resource-poor areas lack the systems to deliver health interventions reliably, consistently, at reasonable cost, and at a scale that is required to serve those most in need. In partnership with the Catholic Church, civil society organizations, government institutions and community networks, CRS implements health systems strengthening programs in developing countries.

(Taken from: <https://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/program-areas/health>)

Joyce Simones, Chair

LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS COMMISSION

This is a report on the ending status of some of the bills for consideration in the MN State Legislature's 2019 session, which I described in my report of April 2019.

The first one was - the "Commercial Surrogacy" bill that would have created a marketplace for renting women's wombs and selling children. The bill did not make it out of the committee process. However, an alternative bill - the "Surrogacy Abuse Prevention Act" - was introduced to make people aware of the situation and hopefully garner support for it in the future.

The second was the "First 1,000 Days of Life" bill. Not all of the sub-set-bills made it to passage.

What was passed is:

- a. A community grant program being expanded to include access to prenatal care to mothers and their unborn children.
- b. Pregnant and parenting students will now be able to access transportation to/and from school programs that provide academic instruction, parenting training, or high-quality child-care as part of the K-12 education bill.
- c. Parents of young children will also have more access to optional high-quality home-visiting programs to assist them and their child in getting off to a good start during the critical early years of development and learning.

Other bills that made it are:

Our Catholic Voice

1. Minnesota Family Investment Program - this program assists working families struggling to get out of poverty. It received its first increase in 33 years. Families will now receive an additional \$100.00 per month to help meet basic living needs.
2. Opioids - Raises the fees for at least 5 years on prescription drug manufacturers and distributors to fund a statewide response to the opioid epidemic. The highest fees will drop if the state has raised \$250 million for the fund, either through a settlement or the fees.
3. Sexual Assault - A new task force to recommend reforms to the handling of sexual assault cases by MN Law enforcement personnel.

Failed Issues:

- Physician Assisted Suicide - a bill that would have legalized physician assisted suicide - it did not get a hearing
- Ban on most abortions after 20 weeks
- Expanding access to free birth control and requiring comprehensive sexual education curricula as early as elementary school
- Opportunity Scholarships
- Conversion therapy
- Legalizing Marijuana
- Paid Family Leave - up to 12 weeks of paid leave to care for new-borns, relatives, or themselves
- Tax credits for private school donations
- Driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants
- More state tuition grants to students in the U.S. illegally

There were numerous other bills considered, passed or rejected. As stated before - for more information regarding bills - go the MN State Legislature/Bills/Summaries.

Please keep in mind, as the 2020 election campaigning goes on, how the candidates would vote on issues such as: Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act - who would have ever thought we'd need a law to save a baby born alive after an abortion - isn't killing that baby murder/infanticide??? (We all already know that abortion is murder!!). Also, another issue is "Religious Liberty for Catholic Adoption Agencies" - many are being defunded because they refuse to place children with same-sex couples.

So, the most important things we can do is stay informed and pray.
Here's a prayer for Cultural Rethinking:

PRAYER FOR CULTURAL RETHINKING

Pray that millions of unchurched people might see right and wrong as real and objective.
Pray that realization points them toward the Moral Law-Giver who alone offers salvation.

Abortion is seen as morally complex, but it's not.

The protection of the preborn is key.

Pray that voters, friends, and family members are not distracted by side issues that miss the point entirely.

Pray that abortion not only becomes illegal, but becomes unthinkable.

See verses Psalm 139:13-16, Mark 3:25, Matthew 22:37-39

Eugenia Hopper, Chair

ORGANIZATION REPORT

For the past month, I have been getting my board ready for this fall. I want to thank all the people that remained on the board and also the ones that step up to take on a commission. Working together, we can have a great working organization. I will be seeking the advice of all the wonderful leaders that were before me. It has been a challenge to get the board together, with all the demands put on us with life in general. I look forward to working with all of you and to increase our work for the Lord.

Linda Scepurek, Chair

RURAL COMMISSION

The lazy days of summer, whoever came up with that phrase must not have been a dairy farmer! As I write this, Joe is baling hay for our neighbor. Our sons and employees are chopping hay for our cows. All around the neighborhood farmers are doing the same, trying to get the hay up before it rains. I am praying the rain holds off until the hay is in the bag.

It seems like in all of my reports, the weather has been mentioned. Most people talk about the weather, but farmers *really* talk about the weather. But it's not just that the rain might put a damper on their vacation or their golf game might get cancelled. A big part of a farmer's livelihood depends on the weather. We do need rain for the crops and pasture, but not too much, and not when we are making hay. Farmers are hard to please, right?

There is a lot of talk in the news about global warming or climate change. Most scientists agree that CO₂, or carbon dioxide, from fossil fuel use is causing our climate change. There are ways that farmers can fight climate change. Plants cannot grow without CO₂. When farmers grow grass in their pastures, the grass takes the CO₂ from the air. Animals such as cows or sheep graze on the pasture. Roots of the grass they've eaten die and deposit carbon in the soil. Depositing carbon in the soil helps offset greenhouse gas emissions. People cannot eat grass. It is not a food item. But livestock can eat grass and convert it to food for people to consume.

Another way a farmer can help to recover from global warming is to plant cover crops after corn or soybeans are harvested. Clover and rye are examples of cover crops. As they are growing, they are collecting harmful CO₂ from the air, the same as grass in the pastures. Bare soil does not collect any CO₂. Cover crops are good for the environment. They reduce the erosion, improve the soil, help control pests, and more. According to a professor at North Hennepin Community College, if all the farmers in the world would plant cover crops, we could totally reverse the effects of global warming.

Emily Wilmes, U of M Extension, was quoted in an article in the St. Cloud Times about how farmers are fighting climate change, "Farmers, generally speaking, are concerned about being good stewards of their environment." "How do we make the best of what we have and maintain what we have?"

Our Catholic Voice

In the spring, farmers have the opportunity to buy crop insurance. There is an option to get "prevented planting" on your policy. This means if you cannot get your crops planted by a certain date, because of natural causes, you will receive a payment. There are large numbers of "prevented planting" corn and soybean acres in the Midwest because of the excessive amount of rain we received. Many livestock producers will not have enough feed because of the late planting and poor growing conditions. The U.S. Dept of Ag (USDA) is allowing farmers to plant cover crops on these acres and to harvest them after September 1st. The USDA is allowing this to help the farmers harvest quality feed for their livestock.

A prayer of thanksgiving, "Thank you God for Sundays, a day of rest. We really appreciate and enjoy this day once a week." After Mass, Sundays can be pretty lazy, in the summer or anytime of the year.

Toni Borgerding, Chair

Have you visited any of these churches?

ALEXANDRIA MORRIS DEANERY



207 E Third Street, Morris MN 56267

(320) 589-3003

assumptionofmorris.org

Summer Office Hours
Tuesday-Thursday: 8:00am-12pm |
12:30pm-3:00pm
Friday: 8:00am-12:00pm |
12:30pm-2:00pm

Fr. Todd Schneider
assumpfather.todd@info-link.net
Home: (320) 589-1114

Parish Administrative Assistant
Guadalupe Salguero
assump@info-link.net

Parish Bookkeeper
Teresa Gahm
teresa@morristaxpros.com

St. Mary's School Principal
Joseph Ferriero



FERGUS FALLS WADENA DEANERY

Saint Ann
WADENA



Saint John
BLUFFTON



FOLEY-PRINCETON DEANERY

Our Deanery, for this event, Fun Food and Fund Day was planned by e-mail, letter and phone calls. Meetings were not a viable option. Fortunately, there were a number of people able to step up to fill many positions. Some did double duty plus. Many, many thanks to Mary Alice Tomporowski and some other helpers from Saint Augustine Parish, the day was able to move along much more smoothly.

It was refreshing to have a couple of other ladies that day step in to help out - just because they noticed something needing attention.

I haven't as yet seen the evaluations, but what an awesome bunch of women show up for these events!

If you didn't notice the donated specialty bread table (it was a free will offering for a loaf), when you first came in, you probably missed out! They were all gone before Mass started. No afternoon browsing there! Total bread donations were \$112.00. There were 215 prepaid attendees and 29 walk-ins, with 195 checked in. A couple of parishes have indicated they will send a donation in the near future. I've included a few notes from the day in the work binder for future reference.

Thank you so much to Father Larn Virnig for providing for us by celebrating Mass that day, for your ever-thoughtful guidance, prayer petitions and humor. We are always blessed to have you present, looking out for us spiritually.

Mary Jo Fitzpatrick, President

CHICKEN SALAD

Fun Food and Fund Day 2019
from Carol Brunn 320-248-5976

- 4 chicken breasts
Cook chicken, let cool and tear or slice apart into small pieces.
Pour dressing (below) over chicken and marinate overnight.

Dressing:

- 4 Tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp Accent (I do not use unless I have it on hand)
- 1 & 3/4 Tsp. pepper
- 4 Tbsp Apple Cider vinegar
- 1/3 cup Oil

Mix dressing ingredients (except oil) in blender, gradually add oil

- 3/4 cup slivered almonds
Roast almonds in oven until brown.
- 1 ½ HEADS OF LETTUCE
(I use iceberg & romaine stems)
- 4 green onions
- 1/2 cup Craisens

Tear lettuce in small pieces and toss with chopped green onions,
Just before serving add almonds, Craisens and chicken.
Serve and enjoy!

NOTE: I fix everything the day before and ½ hour before serving put it all together.

LITTLE FALLS DEANERY

Summer has finally arrived with colorful flowers blooming in yards and gardens while the birds sing and flutter around and eat at feeders.

Two ladies from North Prairie attended the Fun, Food and Fund Day in St. Cloud. It was the first time one of the ladies attended the event. She said she had a great experience with lots of fun!

For 2 weeks in June, my husband and I were in Germany visiting his cousin. We visited several beautiful churches that were bombed in World War II and rebuilt. They have different classical styles of architecture.

The most rewarding experience we participated in was a Corpus Christi celebration held by a lake. The different organizations held banners all during mass. People were dressed in their traditional Bavarian outfits. The first communicants were also dressed in their white dresses and they walked behind the priests during the procession.

An experience I will never forget.

In faith,
Darlene Nix, President

MELROSE/SAUK CENTRE DEANERY

The summer is just flying by. It seems that everyone is super busy this year. But I do hope that each of you takes some time to just be by yourself. I find that when life gets out of control it is time to sit and be still in a quiet place. Take time for prayer.

It's hard to believe that Fun, Food and Fund Day is already over. It was a very nice day with friends.

Please remember on August 2nd Melrose/Sauk Centre Deanery is having a Pilgrimage to Millerville to see the large statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Melrose/Sauk Centre Deanery Annual Meeting will be in Grey Eagle on October 3rd. We are still looking for a Vice President and a Secretary. Please consider these positions. The fall Board meeting will be on Sept 10th in Greenwald.

This June I went on a pilgrimage to Steubenville, Ohio at the Franciscan University; it was called Power and Purpose. This was such a positive experience. I had never been to a retreat or TEC weekend or any kind of religious based convention of this type. I was so impressed with the music and all the speakers you could feel the power of the Holy Spirit at work. I can never thank Jesus enough for putting me in that place at that time. They say Jesus wanted each of us there for a reason. I went on a bus from Belgrade with 40 women, Father David, and Deacon Pete. Being with this group and sharing our experiences together was awesome. I have never felt that comfortable sharing my beliefs or unbelief before. I left a lot of anger there and came home a much happier person. If you ever, have the opportunity to attend it is well worth the time and money.

Put down your phones and enjoy the people around you.

In Faith,

Linda Borgerding, President

Saint Cloud DCCW History

The first organizational meeting of the St. Cloud Council of Catholic Women was on the Feast of Christ the King, Oct. 25, 1953. The first meeting was a joint meeting of both the Council of Catholic Women and the Council of Catholic men. A diocesan-wide rally was held at St. Mary's Cathedral and delegates from every parish and deanery were in attendance. Bishop Peter W. Bartholome celebrated a Pontifical High Mass. Father Harold Kost was appointed moderator for the newly formed council.

The primary work of DCCW is to train women in all aspects of life, family, church, community, missions, and leadership. (See the Mission Statement on the first page) The council always follows the precepts of the church and is loyal to the guidance of the Bishops (our own Bishop Kettler, the USCCB) and Pope Francis.

Seven committees were set up following the example of the National Committees. Mrs. Patrick (Verena) Meagher of St. Cloud was the first president.

The annual conventions grew from a comparatively small meeting in Sauk Centre on October 24, 1954 to the largest convention which was held on October 8, 1967 at St. Mary's in Melrose, when 850 women attended.

Our Catholic Voice

In 1957 an Open House was held at the Franciscan Convent in Little Falls and at St. Benedict's Convent in St. Joseph under the sponsorship of DCCW in the hopes of encouraging vocations among young girls.

In 1962, a workshop for presidents was added. At these workshops ideas that have worked successfully in individual parishes was presented by the deanery committee chairs

Guilds were set up in eight deaneries patterned after the Guild in St. Cloud. This project was a part of the Catholic Charities Program. The donations to the Bishop's Thanksgiving clothing drive, and donations to the office of the Propagation of the Faith (Mission Office) were reported with the Foreign Relief Committee reports. The Madonna Plan alone, received more than \$1,000 in 1964.

Bishop Bartholome made good use of DCCW organization by having each deanery set up informational meetings concerning the New Horizons Campaign.

Nearly 10,000 delegates and guests gathered in Detroit for the thirty-first NCCW Biennial Convention in November of 1962. The delegates represented over 14,000 organizations affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women.

At the Saint Cloud tenth annual convention in 1963, Father Harold Kost was given special recognition as the Diocesan Moderator since its beginning. Father Kost was thanked for his great support and help in the 19 years of growth of the Council of Catholic Women.

In 1996 the committee system ended for the National Council of Catholic Women and in 1967 the Commission system began. In 1972, Bishop George Speltz suggested goals for the family life commission. "Our foremost consideration would be to create homes where love respect and self-discipline are learned and practiced."

In April of 1975, The DCCW was asked to join in the diocesan planning of the Bicentennial Celebration. On Sept 12, 1976, a day-long celebration was held with over 20,000 people attending, filling the Sauk Centre fairgrounds.

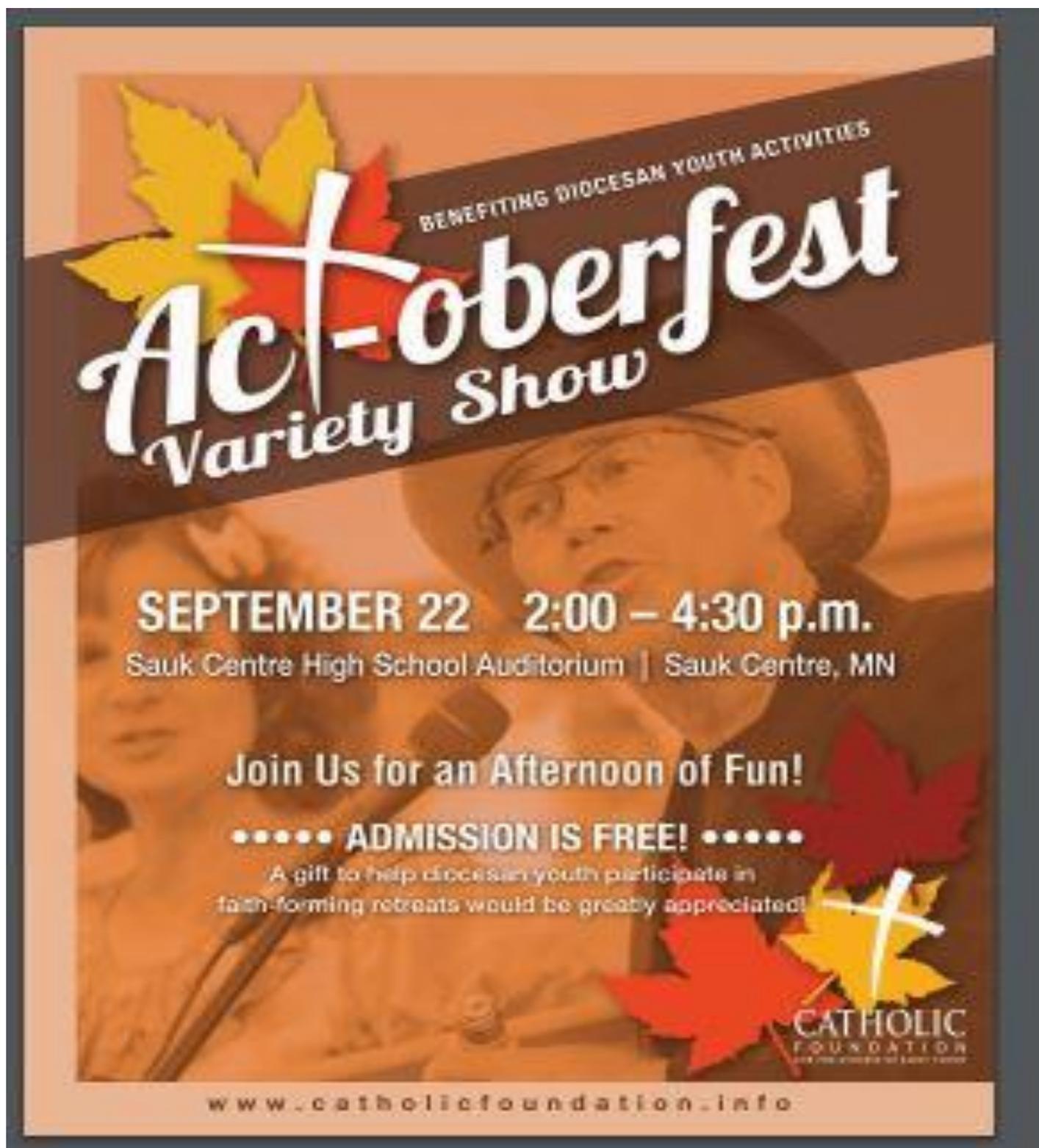
The first Province Conference was held in the Crookston Diocese in June of 1980.

The first Fun, Food and Fund day was held June 12, 1991. It included music, a turkey dinner, and auction along with a humorous style show with door prizes.

Things are much the same with a few exceptions, the workshops were replaced by Women's Annual Lenten Retreat, the fall event is now called Annual Fall Conference. The Moderators are now designated as Spiritual Advisors.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 18, 2019	Rural Life Sunday	Hartung Farm, Freeport, MN
August 20-24, 2019	NCCW Convention	Atlanta, GA
September 21, 2019	Annual Fall Conference	Saint Boniface Parish, Cold Spring, MN
September 22, 2019	Act-ober Fest	SCHS Theater, Sauk Centre, MN
September 30, 2019	Diocesan Ministry Day	St John's University, Collegeville, MN
October 3, 2019	Melrose/Sauk Centre Deanery Mtg,	St Joseph Parish, Grey Eagle, MN
October 18-19, 2019	Immacule Ilibagiza	Saint Paul Parish, Sauk Centre
March 14, 2020	Annual Women's Retreat	Saint Francis Parish, Sartell
June 19-20, 2020	Province Conference	Mary Help of Christians Parish, Saint Augusta, MN
August 26-29, 2020	NCCW Convention 100th Birthday	Arlington, VA

A promotional poster for the Act-Oberfest Variety Show. The background features a photograph of a man in a cowboy hat speaking into a microphone, with a woman partially visible to the left. The text is overlaid on a dark diagonal banner at the top and in white text below. There are decorative autumn leaves and a cross symbol integrated into the design.

BENEFITING DIOCESAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Act-Oberfest

Variety Show

SEPTEMBER 22 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Sauk Centre High School Auditorium | Sauk Centre, MN

Join Us for an Afternoon of Fun!

••••• **ADMISSION IS FREE!** •••••

A gift to help diocesan youth participate in faith-forming retreats would be greatly appreciated!

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAUK CENTRE

www.catholicfoundation.info



DIOCESAN MINISTRY DAY MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY



A representative of Anna Marie's Alliance will be at the Annual Fall Conference on September 21, 2019 At Saint Boniface Parish in Cold Spring, MN We could surprise her with some needed items!

Back to School items for our kids:

- Expo dry erase markers – both fine and wide
- Back Sharpie markers – thick and thin
- Headphones or ear buds
- Clorox disinfecting wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Reams of white copy paper
- Gallon and quart-sized storage bags
- Highlighters
- Pencil boxes
- Colored pencils
- Crayons in 24-pack or 8-10 pack
- Crayola markers – 10 pack
- Top-loading sheet protectors
- Zipper Trapper Keepers
- 3-ring binders ½", 1", 1½", or 2"

If you have questions, please contact: Kim Salitros at 320-251-7203 extension 210 or email at KimS@annamarie.org



**“SERVANTS OF GOD,
GUIDING OUR YOUTH”**

**66TH ANNUAL
FALL CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

**SAINT BONIFACE PARISH
501 MAIN STREET
COLD SPRING, MN**

Preregistration: \$15.
After September 10, 2019: \$20.



Sponsored by the
Saint Cloud Diocesan Council
of Catholic Women.
Hosted by the
Cold Spring Deanery

**8:30 am Registration,
Continental Breakfast**

**MASS-Bishop Kettler
Installation of Officers**

Speakers

Dr. JEFF KASTER
St John's School of Theology
& Seminary
KATRINA PHIFER
Anna Maria Alliance

**Lunch, let us know
before the day of Special
dietary needs**

**Handicapped
Accessible**

SEND REGISTRATIONS TO:

Marlene Statz
27586 County Rd 9
Richmond, MN 56368
Phone 320-293-2772
Info on website: stcloudccw.org
or Contact us at
stcloud@diocesanccw.com

**"SERVANTS OF GOD,
GUIDING OUR YOUTH"**

Saint Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

66th Annual Fall Conference

Saint Boniface Parish

501 Main street

Cold Spring, MN

REGISTRATION FORM

Deanery _____ Parish _____ City _____

NAME OF ATTENDEES FOR ID BADGES

- 1.** _____
- 2.** _____
- 3.** _____
- 4.** _____
- 5.** _____
- 6.** _____
- 7.** _____
- 8.** _____
- 9.** _____
- 10.** _____

Prepaid registration \$15.00 before September 10, 2019

(includes Mass, speakers, handouts and luncheon)

NONREFUNDABLE

Registration postmarked after September 10, 2019 or at the door \$20.00

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: # of attendees _____ x \$15 OR \$20 = \$ _____

Please mail checks to:

Marlene Statz
27586 County Rd 9
Richmond, MN 56368
Or Phone 320-293-2772