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# NEWSLETTER WEST DANE VICARIATE Council of Catholic Women!

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Diocese of Madison Council of Catholic Women (MDCCW)  
& National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW)

FEBRUARY 2022

Connecting Catholic Women in the West Dane Vicariate of the Diocese of Madison

## In FEBRUARY, We Celebrate Feasts, Memorials and Solemnities!

The church season of Ordinary Time includes these special days:

Presentation of the Lord, St. Blaise, St. Agatha, St. Scholastica, Our Lady of Lourdes,  
St. Valentine's Day, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle.

## Vicariate President's Message

Greetings for February, our last full month of Ordinary Time before the beginning of Lent!

Our Lady of Good Counsel is the gathering prayer to our blessed Mother, recited at the beginning of each Council of Catholic Women meeting or function. According to Webster's New World Dictionary, the word *counsel* means "a mutual exchange of ideas, opinions, etc.; anyone whose advice is sought, consultant; intention or resolution; wisdom or judgement." The first part of this prayer is:

**"God of heavenly wisdom, you have given us Mary, Mother of Jesus,  
to be our guide and counselor",**

which sums up a definition of *counsel*, but here in the beginning of our prayer, we ask our Mother Mary to help us in making good choices!

Thousands of women everywhere and in every parish, work for the betterment of our church and world. Our voice as Catholic women is respected and consulted by many. Mary is our mother in heaven; on earth she spends time doing good for others, spending time in prayer and caring for her family just as we do. We pray that we may gain wisdom from Mary to guide us in our efforts with our focus on Jesus!

Have a blessed St. Valentine's Day!

**Sue Barker**

Sue Barker, President West Dane CCW Vicariate

**"If Not Me, Who? If Not Now, When?"**

... and what does  
the Lord require of  
you but to do  
justice, and to love  
kindness, and to  
walk humbly with  
your God?

Micah 6:8

## PARISHES

### In the West Dane Vicariate

#### Ashton - St. Peter Parish

Rev. Christopher Gernetzke, Pastor

#### Cross Plains - St. Francis Xavier

Rev. Scott Jablonski, Pastor

#### Martinsville - St. Martin of Tours

Rev. Christopher Gernetzke, Pastor

#### Mt. Horeb - St. Ignatius

(St. Michael the Archangel Parish)

Rev. Chahm Gahng, Pastor

#### Paoli - St. William

(St. Christopher Parish)

Rev. Robert Butz, Pastor

#### Perry - Holy Redeemer

(St. Michael the Archangel Parish)

Rev. Chahm Gahng, Pastor

#### Pine Bluff - St. Mary of Pine Bluff

Very Rev. Richard M. Heilman, VF, Pastor

#### Verona - St. Andrew

(St. Christopher Parish)

Rev. Robert Butz, Pastor

#### Waunakee - St. John the Baptist

Rev. Msgr. James Gunn, Pastor

#### Westport - St. Mary of the Lake Church

Rev. Msgr. James Gunn, Pastor

## West Dane Vicariate BOARD of DIRECTORS

### President: Sue Barker

St. Andrew Church, Verona

### President Elect: Angie Sailing

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

### Secretary: Joan Pregler

St. Peter Parish, Ashton

### Treasurer: Kelly Huntington

St. Peter Parish, Ashton

**Join Our Growing Council!**

## No Active Parish CCW?

Connect with Catholic  
Women around the area!

Contact Rosa Ropers at  
rosa.m.ropers@gmail.com

## GATHER

### MDCCW CONVENTION

June 21, 2022

It is here that the PULSE of Diocesan Women's projects/programs are celebrated and shared!

HEAR Presentations on Spirituality, LEARN about our collective Service Projects,  
and HONE your Leadership skills. Mark your calendars now to attend!

Hosted by Columbia North Vicariate, Berlin, Wisconsin

## NCCW CONVENTION, Minneapolis, St. Paul

November 2-5, 2022

The Good News of Catholic Women from around the country is coming to the twin cities, MN!

## GATHER TOGETHER VIRTUALLY TOO!

**Your Answer to Getting Connected Without a Parish Local CCW!**

ZOOM meetings with NCCW are held every first Monday of the month (8-9am EST). Women from  
around the USA share reflections, prayer and parish leadership!

Contact Andrea Cecilli (Executive Director NCCW) at [acecilli@nccw.org](mailto:acecilli@nccw.org) to learn more!

Events at your parish in the West Dane Vicariate? Send information to [joanpregler@gmail.com](mailto:joanpregler@gmail.com) by the 25th of the month prior to the event.

Why go  
To Convention?

"Because!  
You will be  
INSPIRED!"

## Connecting Catholic Women in the West Dane Vicariate of the Diocese of Madison

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

January 30 - February 5, 2022

Catholic Schools Week

SPRING 2022

West Dane Vicariate Spring Meeting - St. John, Waunakee  
Liturgy, Elections, Lunch, Network with Catholic women!

June 21, 2022

MDCCW Convention - Berlin, Wisconsin

## SPIRITUALITY

## Planting Seeds in FERTILE SOIL

Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Sisters....

These are your role models for life!

These inspiring women helped plant the seeds of  
Your Catholic faith, Your level of dedication to  
service, Your sense of spirituality.*How are you sharing this rich history  
with those around you?**What 'Harvest' have you visualized for  
the Soil you till today?*

## LOVE THY NEIGHBOR...

A Trio of Ways!

## 1. Clothe the Naked.

Donate warm clothing to charity.

## 2. Shelter the Homeless.

Volunteer at organizations that support pro-  
tecting our vulnerable homeless.

## 3. Visit the Sick.

Write cheerful cards or call the homebound.

AROUND OUR  
(WEST DANE) VICARIATE  
St. Christopher ParishPRODUCTIVE is the one word that can be applied  
to all the activities of the CCW at St. Christopher  
Parish, which is the merged parishes of St. An-  
drew, Verona and St. William, Paoli.Gathering on the 2nd Tuesday of the month for  
normal CCW meetings, the ladies also gather on  
other Tuesdays to create crafts for their huge  
Christmas Bazaar held on the 2nd Saturday of  
November. This is a major fundraiser!The CCW holds spring and fall craft/bake sales  
and generously participates in the Box of Joy pro-  
ject organized by MDCCW. A Baby Jesus Shower  
is being planned for this springtime.Parish members often immerse themselves in the  
Vicariate council by holding Officer positions - like  
this year's WDV President, Sue Barker!

## SERVICE

## Two Focus Efforts of the NCCW

NCCW's service project resources and education  
will focus on two primary issues facing women  
and children today:Human Trafficking / Domestic ViolenceWalking with Mothers In Need.Members can expect a wealth of information,  
resources, and clever ideas on how to help edu-  
cate ourselves, parishes and communities of the  
need to be active in service!Visit [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org) and follow the Service Commission links!**5-stones**  
established to raise  
awareness about the  
magnitude of sex trafficking  
in Wisconsin.**A non-profit  
organization****established to raise  
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in Wisconsin.**

Sex Trafficking is defined as:

*"the use of tricks, manipulation or physical force to  
make a person provide sex in exchange for shelter,  
protection, money, food, basic needs, love, adven-  
ture, gifts and love of family".*Sex Trafficking is on the rise right here in Wis-  
consin, and horrifyingly, our state has become a  
trafficking 'Corridor'.5-Stones provides educational training, aware-  
ness and prevention handouts, presentations  
and tangible answers as to what to do for  
adults and children. They even have billboards  
along the heavily trafficked highways! Their  
website offers videos and art geared toward  
teens that help them see the dangers lurking  
right in their back yards.Learn more at: [www.5-stones.org](http://www.5-stones.org) or Contact them  
at 5-Stones Fox Valley, P.O. Box 2163, Appleton, WI 54912NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
CATHOLIC WOMENDid You Know NCCW  
has a new President?With gratitude for NCCW's  
outgoing president and  
Wisconsin's own Jean Kelly,  
the NCCW welcomes its new  
President Patricia Voorhes.

Her THEME this year is

**"WIDE OPEN HEARTS ABIDING  
IN FAITH, HOPE and LOVE";**Based on Fratelli Tutti, the  
Encyclical Letter of our Holy  
Father, Pope Francis, on  
Fraternity and Social Friendship  
and the USCCB pastoral letter  
Open Wide Our Hearts: The  
Enduring Call to Love - A  
Pastoral Letter Against Racism,  
NCCW has dedicated this year  
to renewing its dedication to  
bring faith, hope and love to  
ALL our brothers and sisters  
and reduce racism.

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## MEMBERSHIP

**AFFILIATIONS** If your parish  
CCW pays dues to NCCW, then  
ALL parish women are already  
members!

## NCCW

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Fairfax, VA 22030**Individual Members** Catholic  
women in parishes without an  
organized Council (CCW) can  
become Individual Members of  
both NCCW and MDCCW! Reap  
the benefits of being connected!

## LEADERSHIP

## Inspiring Action for Justice

NCCW takes to heart the call of Pope Francis, which is ultimately the call of  
Jesus to be neighbor to all. Focusing on helping Catholics bridge polarization  
and division in our Church and nation, NCCW has offered resources from the  
Legislative Advocacy Committee! Sharing the partnership program of USCCB  
and JustFaith Ministries, NCCW listed recent program series offerings to build  
respect and creativity in solving the challenges we face together via Catholic  
Social Teachings:

Faith and Poverty - A Biblical Response

Faith and Poverty - A Solidarity Response

Faith and Poverty - A Justice Response

Access all the series resources and YouTube video opportunities at <https://justfaith.org>  
Or follow the links at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

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