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# NEWSLETTER WEST DANE VICARIATE Council of Catholic Women!

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

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

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

The church season of Lent includes these special days:  
Ash Wednesday, St. Katharine Drexel, St. Perpetua & Felicity,  
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Patrick, Annunciation of the Lord.



### Vicariate President's Message

Lenten Greetings!

This time of 40 days of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving prepares us for the greatest event in Christian history - the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This year, Lent begins on March 2, Ash Wednesday.

**"Are you ready for this Lenten Season?"**

Have you thought about how this might prepare you to celebrate Easter? Our church gives us many ways to be part of the Lenten Season. Prayers might include an extra mass during the week or time in adoration. Fasting may be giving up that special something you really enjoy eating, or time on your TV, computer or phone. Almsgiving may be an extra donation to your parish, be it time or money. Consider how your sacrifice during Lent will prepare you for Easter Sunday and the following weeks. Pray to Our Lady of Good Counsel to help guide you in your decision making. Have a Blessed Lenten Season!



"...Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left, ..."

Partial Quote from the  
Lorica of St. Patrick

**Sue Barker**

Sue Barker, President West Dane CCW Vicariate

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

## 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

### WEST DANE VICARIATE MEETING !

**May 12, 2022 at St. John the Baptist, Waunakee**

Enjoy Liturgy, Lunch and Learn about your Council!

**Registration will start at 4:30pm, Program to follow**

Hosted by the ladies of St. John the Baptist Parish, Waunakee, Wisconsin

### MDCCW 2022 CONVENTION

**June 21, 2022 in Berlin, Wisconsin**

Hosted by Columbia North Vicariate, Berlin, Wisconsin

### NCCW CONVENTION, Minneapolis, St. Paul

**November 2-5, 2022**

Events at your parish in the West Dane Vicariate?

Send information to joanpregler@gmail.com by the 25th of the month prior to the event.

To Do:  
MARK  
CALENDAR  
NOW!



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

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

## May 12, 2022

West Dane Vicariate Spring Meeting - St. John, Waunakee  
Liturgy, Elections, Lunch, Network with Catholic women!  
Program will follow the 4:30pm Registration

## May- September

Individual parish CCW Bake Sales! Come to the West Dane  
Vicariate Spring Meeting to find out!

## June 21, 2022

MDCCW Convention - Berlin, Wisconsin

## SPIRITUALITY

## Stations of the Cross

## Alongside Mary, Mother of God

Images or icons of the 14 Stations of the Cross are found in nearly all Catholic Churches and often highlight Mary walking alongside Jesus. Lent offers a special time for a mini pilgrimage of this 14-step Catholic devotion commemorating Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. Each station focuses on specific events of this day where you can meditate and pray. Doing this devotion as a woman, as a mother who watched her son suffer and die for the salvation of souls, helps deepen our understanding of Christ's sacrifice and lead us closer to our Lord.

AROUND OUR  
(WEST DANE) VICARIATESt. Peter Parish  
Ashton (Middleton)

The Council of Catholic Women at St. Peter Parish continue its tradition of collecting items for charities including a permanent collection barrel for the Middleton Outreach Ministry Food Pantry and the Lenten Diaper Drive to benefit Pregnancy Helpline. Its signature fundraiser is a raffle for a custom made quilt. This year, our raffle drawing is August 20th and tickets are being sold at Ashton's Fish Fries on March 11 & 25, April 8 AND will be available at the Spring Meeting of the West Dane Vicariate on May 12th at St. John the Baptist Parish!



Besides the CCW, many women are intensely involved in volunteering at St. Peter Catholic School, prayer groups and prayer chains.

## SERVICE

## Walking with Moms In Need

Bishop Hying has endorsed  
Walking With Moms In  
Need Program!



The Diocese of Madison has committed to creating a link on its own webpages to resources and services available throughout the Diocese. Geographical and categorical in nature, this new website positions all Catholic parishes to be seen as a place where a pregnant or parenting women could turn for help.

A survey of these services is happening now at the parish level by a representative who has attended a training program. If your parish isn't on board yet, please volunteer to get one started!

For more information on WWMIN  
or to sign up for our next training,  
Email [wwminmadison@gmail.com](mailto:wwminmadison@gmail.com)

## 40 Days for Life

**40 Days for Life** campaign runs Mondays through Saturdays (no Sundays), 7AM-7PM, from Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022) through Palm Sunday (April 10, 2022) at the Orin Road location. Sign-up for your vigil hour at [www.vigilforlife.org](http://www.vigilforlife.org) or Contact Campaign Leader Gwen Finnegan at [info@vigilforlife.org](mailto:info@vigilforlife.org) or 608-393-8545.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
CATHOLIC WOMENDid You Know NCCW  
has Commissions that  
align with Your  
Council?

NCCW's Commissions focus on issues and topics that affect families, women and children today and these Commissions are established at the regional and parish level too! The Council of Catholic Women sets its grass-roots efforts deep in the teachings of the Catholic Church, as inspired and conforming to the call of US Catholic Bishops.

These are:

**LEADERSHIP COMMISSION**  
**SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION**  
**SERVICE COMMISSION**

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## NCCW MEMBERSHIP

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

**NCCW ([www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org))**  
10335 -A Democracy Ln.  
Fairfax, VA 22030

**Individual Members** Catholic women in parishes without an organized Council (CCW) can become Individual Members of both NCCW and MDCCW!

## LEADERSHIP

## Challenge for all Parish Women!

Refresh your Catholic Community! The pandemic has left us isolated from society, distanced from each other, putting us all into a survival mode of sorts. If you are feeling disconnected, now is your chance to begin afresh!

- ☒ Share this Newsletter with women in your parish
- ☒ Discuss one of the topics current with the Diocese
- ☒ Explore the NCCW Website for its riches... become a member!
- ☒ Gather with women in your parish to discuss your commonalities
- ☒ Plan for service projects that are near and dear to all!

Access all these at [www.mdccw.com](http://www.mdccw.com) and [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org)