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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)



JUNE 2022

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

In JUNE the Church celebrates Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary and Saints Peter &

## Vicariate President's Message

Are you excited to attend the MDCCW Convention on June 7 in Berlin? This annual event celebrates all CCWs in our vicariate. The day will be filled with information from our groups, a Silent Auction, a presentation on the shrine of St. Philomena, continental breakfast and noon lunch. We are honored to have mass with Bishop Hying officiating. New officers will be installed, with our own Linda Ripp as President! Hope to see you there. Friday, May 27, gave the Diocese of Madison a new priest, Fr. Matthew Pearson. The ceremony was held at St. Maria Goretti Parish, followed by a reception served by our MDCCW. Several women and men offered their time to make this event a success and we thank them for it. Father Matthew Pearson celebrated his first mass the next day at St. Peter's in Ashton.

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please remember to devote some time to this special intention as you enjoy the first month of summer.

May we always pray the NCCW Prayer to Our Lady: *'Intercede for us, that we may be Wise, Courageous and Loving Leaders of the Church.'*

**Sue Barker**

Sue Barker, President West Dane CCW Vicariate

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

**"May the Holy Spirit fill us with reverence for God's creation and compassion for all God's children."**

A partial Quote from the  
Prayer to Our Lady of  
Good Council,  
Patroness of the Council  
of Catholic Women!



## 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 November 2-5, 2022 NCCW CONVENTION

Registration Opens July 1st !

DAILY LITURGIES  
WORKSHOPS  
EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS  
MEDITATION OPPORTUNITY  
SILENT AUCTION

WIDE open HEARTS  
Abiding in Faith, Hope and Love  
2022 CONVENTION  
NCCW

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**ELIZABETH (Liz) KELLY**  
Spiritual Director, Author of  
*Love Like a Saint* and *Jesus Approaches*, and Monthly  
Catholic Columnist

Log onto [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org) for the full  
schedule and details!

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.

Held at the **Marriott Minneapolis City Center**  
In the **Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis**

### CATCH THE BUS!

Columbia North Vicariate Council is chartering a  
bus to Convention! Save a seat for you?  
Contact : Mona Matijevich at [1inamelon@maqs.net](mailto:1inamelon@maqs.net)

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

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

## May- September

Individual parish CCW Bake Sales! Host yours this month!

## June 7, 2022

MDCCW Convention - Berlin, Wisconsin

## Autumn 2022

West Dane Vicariate Gathering at St. Martin of Tours.

Stay tuned! Date T.B.D.

## November 2-5, 2022

NCCW Convention - Minneapolis, MN

## SERVICE

## LEARN the SIGN LANGUAGE

## Of Human Trafficking

NCCW is pro-active in updating resources for domestic violence and human trafficking. Acting against such violence often requires extensive knowledge to recognize signs, but resources are available through NCCW's partnership with Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. A universal, HAND GESTURE is used to ask for help as a signal by victims.

**LEARN and TEACH this signal to all you know!**

[www.sistersagainsttrafficking.org](http://www.sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

AROUND OUR  
(WEST DANE) VICARIATE

## St. Mary of Pine Bluff Parish, Pine Bluff

The women of St. Mary of Pine Bluff serve the parish in so many ways and are uniquely shepherded by the West Dane Vicariate's Vicar Forane - Very Rev. Richard M. Heilman, VF. Highlighted feature this month at St. Mary of Pine Bluff is the **"First Fridays Faith Force"**. These powerful faith-filled evenings for both men and women, offer an opportunity to strengthen your faith and to witness answered prayers and miracles! Prayer teams are available throughout the evenings. Please join us!

Typical Schedule includes:

6:00pm - Adoration, Confession and the recitation of the Rosary.

6:45pm - Inspiring Talk

7:00pm - Benediction

7:15pm - Fellowship and Food on the church grounds (or in the school gym)

Mark your calendars for First Fridays at St. Mary of Pine Bluff, 3673 County Road P, Cross Plains (Pine Bluff), Wisconsin. All are welcome!

**June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 2 and Oct. 7th.**



## SPIRITUALITY

## Miracle of Life Rosary Garden

## At St. Mary of Pine Bluff

Plan to visit the **Miracle of Life Rosary Garden** this summer located just behind the parish school. This garden is designed to be an actual rosary with each flower bed representing one decade of the rosary. The rosary is laid before our Blessed Mother, who stands atop a mound and serene waterfall. The most essentially beautiful and engaging part of the Rosary Garden, however, is the grassy bower in the center – this is the space set aside especially for the burial of babies that have died before birth. As an extension of the St. Mary of Pine Bluff Cemetery, their presence is a testament that all human life, from conception to natural death, is a miracle and is therefore sacred.

We hold the hope that all babies who lose their lives before birth are immediately welcomed into our Father's Heavenly Kingdom.

We also believe that our prayers can make these babies become powerful intercessors for both their immediate families and their larger family. This beautiful setting is the perfect location to pray the rosary and honor these pre-born saints of our time.

For more information regarding burial space for babies who die before birth, please contact Father Rick Heilman at St. Mary of Pine Bluff at 608-798-4644 or email at [rheilman@yahoo.com](mailto:rheilman@yahoo.com). You may also visit the

**Miracle of Life Rosary Garden** website

at <http://www.rosarygarden.org>

PLANTING SEEDS  
in fertile soil

Raising children in the Catholic faith allows the child to learn easily at the youngest age; long before formal faith formation. Our mothers, grandmothers and countless others contribute to the depth of our love for Jesus and the church. NCCW already reaches out to middle school and high school age children with a special program, but now there is one for elementary school children called "Children of Mary". Closely following NCCW focuses, children are guided in prayer, do service projects and enjoy being Catholic children!

## Start a CHILDREN OF MARY group at your Parish!

Find more information on this and other programs, log into [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org)

Do You Know what  
NCCW's SERVICE  
COMMISSION does?

The Service Commission engages the members of NCCW, and all people, in working to address the needs and concerns of their individual communities; and supports and enhances family life within the Church and society.

In God's vineyard, NCCW is a sower of HOPE.

NCCW is the eyes and ears in our communities.

We are the Voice of Catholic Women.

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## NCCW MEMBERSHIP

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

**VIRTUAL AFFILIATIONS are available!** Monthly ZOOM gatherings begin for individual members to stay connected and benefit from a small group format!

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

**NCCW ([www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org))**

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