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

AUGUST 2022

Connecting Catholic Women in the West Dane Vicariate of the Diocese of Madison
AUGUST celebrates the Transfiguration of the Lord, St. Clare, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Monica, and the Passion of St. John the Baptist.

Vicariate President's Message

It's August and now is the time to prepare for a return to school and CCW activities! At our West Dane Vicariate meeting in Waunakee and our MDCCW Convention in Berlin, we shared many new ideas and saw enthusiastic members happy to share their successes. Plan now to attend the fall West Dane Vicariate meeting at St. Martin of Tours Parish in Martinsville (date T.B.D.) to catch up!

Include *Boxes of Joy* in your CCW's service and open it up to your parish as it is a major project with MDCCW. The program for *Walking with Moms in Need* aims for every parish to become part of the solution for moms and their babies who are in need of any type of support. If you intend to host a Fall Bazaar or Bake Sale, it's not too early to start planning; consider donating some of the profits toward sending someone to our NCCW Convention in November!

Heads up...Fall Vicariate meetings are also coming soon too!

Register now for national convention by going to www.NCCW.org where you will find the forms and costs for each event, and will be directed to the Marriott Hotel website. We will be staying there and attending all meetings, programs and banquets. A bus is also available - see below. We look forward to a busy fall season for our CCWs!

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?"

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

Matthew 5: 6

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

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West Dane Vicariate BOARD of DIRECTORS

President: Sue Barker

St. Andrew Church, Verona

President Elect: VACANT

Join us for an exciting year ahead!

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 is Now OPEN!

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

DAILY LITURGIES
WORKSHOPS
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MEDITATION OPPORTUNITY
SILENT AUCTION

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

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

CATCH THE BUS!

A charter bus is available to Convention! Save your seat now by contacting Julianna Brindle at (715) 456-6351, leaving Plover on Nov. 1st, returning Nov. 6th. This saves a lot on parking in the Twin Cities!

Log onto www.nccw.org for the full schedule and details!

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.

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!

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

SPIRITUALITY

Saint Philomena

Patroness of the Children of Mary

Devotion to this little known saint only began upon discovery of her remains in the Catacomb of St. Pricilla in Rome in 1802. Believed to be a Greek princess in the years 291-304, her parents offered their 13 year old daughter to Emperor Diocletian as a symbol of peace. Refusing his advances and proposal of marriage and honoring her vow of consecrated virginity, Diocletian tortured and killed her.

Upon her relics becoming enshrined, miracles began to happen and since then, she has become another reliable patron of hopeless and impossible cases, with powerful intercessions! Although removed from the Catholic Saint Calendar, Saint Philomena's principle feast day is August 11th.

St. Philomena, powerful with God, pray for us!

Saint Philomena holds a dedicated outdoor shrine built in 1949 in Briggsville, Wisconsin. Pilgrimage information is available on line

The National Shrine of Saint Philomena

State Road 23, Briggsville, WI

www.saintphilomenashrine.org

Original Shrine is in Italy www.philomena.it

AROUND OUR (WEST DANE) VICARIATE

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Cross Plains, WI

Balancing a vibrant Catholic School of grades 4K through 8th grade and a robust parish life, St. Francis Xavier offers many opportunities of engagement. Here one can find a Care Team, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Women's Group, Men's Group, Youth activities, Community Concerns Group, Choir, Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre, Movie nights and more. Currently, the women do not have an official Council of Catholic Women, but are always gracious to host Vicariate functions!

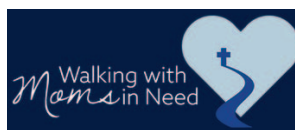


SERVICE

Back to School

Food Drives

With most school supply drives now complete, the focus is on FOOD! Food pantries are opening their doors to in-house shopping and the list for needed food has grown! Inflation is taking a toll on working families, who still need to feed their children with ever-increasing food costs. Find a Food Pantry near you and please be generous!



What is your Parish's Response? to Walking With Moms In Need

CareNet recently hosted an ecumenical gathering to open the communication between all faiths with the challenge to QUICKLY find solutions to assist mothers and mothers-to-be. The big take-away was.... Are we truly waiting for a pastoral direction, or is the mission set before us clearly on the shoulders of laity? It is the women and men in the pews most connected with our society, its needs and its potential solutions.

The outline is set: 'Walking With Moms in Need'.

We are the answer to fill in the rest.

The time is NOW!

www.walkingwithmoms.com

Or email: wwminmadison@gmail.com



Do You Know How NCCW Accomplishes so Much?

Engaging women from all around the country, NCCW fills the ranks of its leadership positions with women who love to focus on specific topics. They then bring their energies to you in resources and advice.

A few of these Committees are
Education
Hospitality
Legislative Advocacy

Put them to work for you and your council!

We are the Voice of Catholic Women.

NCCW (www.nccw.org)

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)
10335 -A Democracy Ln.
Fairfax, VA 22030

LEADERSHIP

Build Your Parish to Parish Connections

Why is it important for women to connect with neighboring parishes?

- * Building a neighborhood community of faithful brings fresh ideas to your council; more ideas build workability into your plans.
- * Larger projects require more people, perhaps your own parish cannot fill the needs to jump start or maintain a project.
- * More shoulders to help carry the weight of challenging endeavors. You can accomplish more when you have this network of support.
- * Keep on the pulse of Diocesan happenings, even if it is not happening at your own parish. This connects you locally, regionally and nationally.
- * Feel at home in any of your neighboring parishes, finding a familiar face in the pews!