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NOVEMBER 2022

Connecting Catholic Women in the West Dane Vicariate of the Diocese of Madison
NOVEMBER brings us All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Memorials of St. Martin of Tours,
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, and St. Cecelia, the Feast of St. Andrew and celebrates Our
Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and the First Sunday of Advent!

First Sunday Of Advent



November 27, 2022

*'Already?' we
exclaim... 'Advent
arrived so soon?'
'I'm not ready yet...'*

St. Paul urges us to
get ready:

*'You know the
time;
it is the hour
now for you to
awake from sleep.
For our salvation
is nearer now
than when we
first believed,
the night is
advanced, the day
is at hand.'*

Romans 13:11

Vicariate President's Message

November is here along with many events for our CCW groups and parishes! November 1, the feast of All Saints and a holy day of obligation, celebrates those who have gone before us, sharing eternity with our heavenly Father. We honor them, asking for their intercession in our prayer requests. November 2 is All Souls Day, honoring those who have gone before us, but may not have attained their heavenly reward and are in need of our prayers. Do you pray for the poor souls in Purgatory? Our Blessed Mother told the children at Fatima "Many souls are lost because they have no one to pray for them." A good practice to start.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 9. Prayerfully consider who will be the best candidates, voting according to Church beliefs and rules, as you fill in the box.

Boxes of Joy should be completed in the next two weeks and shipped out after November 13. If your group has not been a part of this great project, please consider it for next fall. It could be a CCW project, parish project or done with another group in the church, possibly the Knights of Columbus? Another great project is Walking with Moms in Need. We hope each parish will participate in some way. Our diocese has begun the "Into the Deep" project. This consists of consolidating parishes into clusters and uniting us all. Will it bring changes for us? More than likely things will change to some degree. Will our parish lose our identity? We certainly hope not, and in that regard, keep your CCW strong and active, setting an example for others! None of us know exactly what will happen, but changes will come. Pray for Bishop Hying and everyone making those decisions, that they will follow God's direction for the future and the formation of vibrant parish communities.

You can find more information on these subjects on the second page of this month's newsletter, so please read and share with others in your parish. We will report on the NCCW Convention in December.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving and give thanks for all God has given us in this beautiful country we call the United States.

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

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President Elect: VACANT

Join us for an exciting year ahead!

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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

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

November 2-5, 2022

NCCW Convention - Minneapolis, MN



SPIRITUALITY Patriotic Rosary

For the Consecration of Our Nation

American History as seen through the eyes of the faithful, will find the presence of God at work in the birth of our nation and its founding members. It may be more difficult to see God' work in today's culture but with prayer, reflection, and trust, clarity is possible.

Caritas of Birmingham has resources available including a Patriotic Rosary Guide to pray for all leaders, 50 states (each a bead!), the healing of our land and branches of the government. Also available are several books of the Blessed Mother's hand in our nation.

Caritas of Birmingham
100 Our Lady Queen of Peace Drive
Sterrett AL 35147-9987

AROUND OUR VICARIATE

Newly Identified 'Pastorates'

Into the Deep is an initiative by the Diocese of Madison to study the current reality of our Diocese in terms of demographics, parish & schools, financial, sacramental, historical and pastoral data sets.

An initial outline has prompted a reimagining of a new diocesan-wide model of how our parishes are organized and operate. The result is a preliminary list of approximately 30 'pastorates' or grouping of parishes - each under the leadership of one Pastor and other priest(s) collaborating with him.

November/December is the time frame for public feedback on how the pastorates will be identified so that in January/February, a refined version may be set in place.

Watch for more news from Diocesan publications and on the website as this may change the boundaries of the Vicariate structure as we know it.

SERVICE

Box of Joy

**DROP OFF DUE on or
before Nov. 13th**

Boxes are due from your parish this November.



Providing delightful gifts to children at Christmas, Cross Catholic Outreach serves the poorest of the poor! Endorsed by NCCW and organized by the Madison Diocese CCW, be sure to get your boxes delivered on time!

Contact your parish leadership team or www.mdccw.com. The DROP OFF spot is St. Peter's in Ashton the week of November 5-13.

Walk With Moms In Need

Our parishes are about to change under the Bishop's Into The Deep initiative.

All that is familiar to you in your home parish may suddenly gain new faces, new spaces, new opportunities to make a difference for moms in need.

Jump start the welcoming nature of your parish by gathering a few women (and men!) to reimagine how you can be the haven for a troubled teen, a desperate mother-to-be, a struggling family or simply someone who needs a helping hand to get them through tough times.



www.walkingwithmoms.com

Or email: wwminmadison@gmail.com



CCW - Who Are We?

We are the Voice of...

Catholic Women

*Champions
of Community Concerns
Local, National & International*

*Women of Prayer, Action
& Education*

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

Based on St. Francis of Assisi's Prayer for Civility

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace...

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where uncivil words prevail, show me how to model love.

Help me remember the God-given dignity of all and invite others to do the same.

Show me how to build bridges and not walls

and see first what unites us rather than how we diverge.

Let me seek to understand before asking to be understood.

Give me a listening heart filled with empathy and compassion.

May I be clear in sharing my own position
and respectful and civil in describing those of others.

Let me never tolerate hateful ideas.

May I invite all to charity and love.

Lord, help me to imitate your compassion and mercy.

Make me an instrument of your peace.

Amen.

Prayer from the USCCB: www.usccb.org