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

December 2022

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

In December, We Celebrate Saints and Feast Days!

The church season of Advent, St. Nicholas, St. Ambrose, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Lucy, St. John of the Cross, Nativity of the Lord, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Holy Innocents.

"Seek Mary's motherly help in this life and so enjoy her blessed presence in the life to come"

Part of the National Council of Catholic Women's prayer.



Vicariate President's Message

In November, 11 members of our MDCCW attended the NCCW Convention in Minneapolis: "Wide Open Hearts: Abiding in Faith, Hope and Love". In addition to great training sessions, we toured the city and visited the Basilica in St. Paul. Other events included our Province Dinner, Purse Auction, Silent Auction and Closing Banquet. Old friendships were renewed and new friendships were made, and a great time was had by all. Join us in Salt Lake City next year!

December 25 is Christmas Day, our Savior's Birthday. This is a day to spend with family and friends, celebrating the greatest gift given to mankind. Before Christmas we have the season of Advent, four weeks of preparation for the blessed event. Ready your hearts with an Advent Wreath and by lighting the candles each night with prayers associated with that week, or with your special family traditions!

As December draws to a close, we anticipate the beginning of the "Into the Deep" program in the diocese of Madison. We look forward to the future and what it may bring. A Blessed Christmas Season to all of you.

Sue Barker, President West Dane Vicariate Council of Catholic Women

"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, 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

Rev. Msgr. James Gunn, Pastor



INTO THE DEEP
Update

IMAGINE A GATHERING

Opportunities for the Council of Catholic Women!

The Diocese of Madison has published its Proposed INTO THE DEEP initiative which changes the structure and organization of our parishes. It also will change how our Vicariates are organized. Many parishes do not have an active Council but will soon be connected to those that do. As we begin new friendships and connections, look to the abundant resources on the NCCW website and to the West Dane Vicariate Board to assist you in getting a council reinvigorated or started! The opportunity to accomplish great things always begins small. Gather your little group and grow! Look for more information in 2023 as the proposed plan becomes finalized.

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.

West Dane Vicariate BOARD of DIRECTORS

President: Sue Barker

(St. Andrew Church, Verona)

President Elect: Vacant..

Is this calling you?

Secretary: Joan Pregler

(St. Peter Parish, Ashton)

Treasurer: Kelly Huntington

(St. Peter Parish, Ashton)

Join Our Growing Council!

No Parish CCW?

Connect with Catholic Women around the area!
Contact Rosa Ropers at

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

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2023 - A 3-day Congress

Madison Eucharistic Congress at St. John the Baptist, Waunakee. Visit blessbrokenandgiven.com to pre-register.

SPIRITUALITY

Consecrated Life for Women

Pope Francis describes Religious Life as those persons who give special witness to Christ's own poverty, chastity and obedience:

This calling for women varies in ways in which to serve God: Contemplatives, Teachers, Missionaries, Preachers in word and action and Charitable Works. Distinguished between kinds of work, spiritual practices, daily routines and history, the communities of religious orders are unique, but share the same mission of the Church.



Image from the Religious Life/Vocations link on the Diocese of Madison website:
www.madisonvocations.org

NCCW endorses the Vocations Purse Club, to provide funds for women entering into religious life. Learn more at www.nccw.org.

The Diocese of Madison assists in exploring religious life through its Vocations Director, Rev. Jared Holzhueter. Find out more:(608) 821-3095 or www.madisonvocations.org.

AROUND OUR

(WEST DANE) VICARIATE

New Pastorates are forming

Our Diocese guides the faithful in Sacraments, Liturgy, Prayer, Music, Catechesis, Catholic Schools, Stewardship, Evangelization and so much more! The West Dane Vicariate shares in these blessings along with 8 other vicariate foranes, giving each region improved sensitivity to its individual community of faithful.

Now, under the INTO THE DEEP initiative, the boundaries of the Vicariates will change. New parishes will be added, some will be connected to a different Vicariate. Stay tuned for news on where your parish will assigned.

SERVICE

BOX of JOY

A BIG Success!

Cross Catholic Outreach's BOX of JOY project held its final Diocesan-wide collection at St. Peter, Ashton in November. 763 Boxes were shipped to children in developing countries. Thank you to all the participants and the numerous donations from our parish CCW's!



A Wider Safety Net For the Vulnerable

Bishop Hying's proposed INTO THE DEEP initiative to realign multiple parishes into larger pastorates can create a significant impact on our personal contributions to serving the poor and needy in our communities.

Under this new plan, more helping hands will be available for service projects, starting or maintaining new services and most of all, connecting us to a larger network of opportunities to assist in our communities.

This wider safety net for the vulnerable enables more to be served and hopefully, more service options too.

Jump right in when your parish merges with neighboring parishes to consolidate your efforts and dream big!

LEADERSHIP

Look to The Holy Family

As women of the laity in the Catholic Church, we find our faithful calling of our Catholic woman's role often at odds with the roles demanded of us in the secular world. Sorting through these differences draws us deep into the mystery of the Blessed Virgin Mary's role as Mother of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to follow and serve her Son, Jesus Christ. Trust that she will be your guide and counselor as a Catholic woman!

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Patroness of the Council of Catholic Women!



MEMBERSHIP

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

Contacting NCCW

NCCW
10335 -A Democracy Ln.
Fairfax, VA 22030

Individual Members Catholic Women in parishes that do not have an organized Council (CCW) but would enjoy becoming active and support the work of MDCCW, can become Individual members! Dues are only \$10.00/year.



Did You Know NCCW publishes a Magazine? Catholic Women

Your membership in NCCW either as an individual or as a parish gives you access to the Catholic Women magazine! Filled with news every Catholic woman can use, it connects us to a larger mission in the Catholic Church!

www.nccw.org

