

SOUTHWESTERN DEANERY REPORT

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Mary Skomal, President

The SW Deanery is excited to be hosting the 2024 DCCW Convention next April. We had our first organizational meeting on Oct. 10, and we've already sprung into action! Our two affiliated parishes remain active with lots of activities and service projects.

CHRIST THE KING (Cedar City): Sadly, Philip Rish, son of Christ the King's CWC president, Donna Rish, passed away recently. His death at age 49 was unexpected. The CWC board and commission chairs have stepped in to assure that the work of the CWC continues during this difficult time. A recap of recent activities:

- In August, the CWC held a brainstorming session to determine our pathway forward. Many ideas were offered. The board and commission chairs then met to prioritize the suggestions.
- Our Sept. meeting featured our pastor, Fr. Adrian Komar, as guest speaker. His topic was "Words," and how words can have different meanings for each person. He stressed that we need to look out for hearsay and verify sources and information before we pass anything along. We have power in our words as members of the CWC and need to be cognizant of that. Check, witness, be sure – then spread the word.
- CWC provided side dishes for the annual Parish picnic on Sept. 9.
- Generous donations from parishioners allowed us to assemble 73 backpacks that were given to the Family Support Center.
- During October, the CWC helped lead the Rosary after all Masses.
- CWC had an information table at the parish's Ministry Fair on the weekend of Oct. 28/29 to introduce women to what our CWC is all about.
- Our favorite activity of the year - hosting a Halloween trunk or treat in the church parking lot - was a huge success.
- CWC continues to take our turn hosting the monthly coffee and donuts after Mass, and providing a home-cooked meal once a month for our SUU Newman Club students.

ST. GEORGE PARISH: After a summer break, the ladies of St. George Parish have jumped right in with these activities:

- The women helped with St. George's first ever Samoan Mass, which was a great experience.
- Our women's group will coordinate the 2024 DCCW Convention bags, and Convention Bags Chair Nadia Neumeier has lots of great ideas already lined up.
- A diaper drive for HOPE Pregnancy Center will be held soon.
- A fundraising bake sale is being planned for the near future.
- A SW Deanery Spring Retreat will be hosted by St. George Women's Group on March 2, 2024. If you plan to spend time in the St. George area, why not make it that weekend?
- Mary Skomal has arranged for the parish to have the Eucharistic Miracles panel on display the weekend of March 2 & 3rd.

