

Northern Deanery Report  
April 2024

The Northern Deanery held our last meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family. Very small attendance this time with only 7 ladies in attendance. We are small, but we are mighty.

As a Deanery, we have put together a committee to plan a retreat for the Northern Deanery, to be held at Give me a Chance in September.

Eash parish has been busy serving their communities. Please see individual parish reports below.

### **Holy Family**

- We are continuing to collect hygiene items for CCS.
- We had a guest speaker, Vicky Mager, from Catholic Community Service come talk to us.
- We had our annual Spaghetti Dinner on February 3<sup>rd</sup> in our Social Hall. We had 7 raffle baskets made by our ladies as well as doing a 50/50. Our guests were entertained by a wonderful accordion player. Our confirmation youth group volunteered their time in serving ice cream and gathering up dishes from the tables, etc.
- Our CCW nominated three very deserving women for our Women of the Year. Ballots were put out and all ladies of the parish voted before/after mass on the weekend of February 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>. Judy Mellott was chosen for Holy Family's WOY.
- We had our Lenten Retreat on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We sold 40 tickets and we had 38 ladies brave the crazy weather to attend. The theme was Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World. The ladies enjoyed a continental breakfast first thing. Our welcome and a short introduction to our theme was by Judy who also led us with 9 other ladies saying the 10 Virtues of Mary. Judy with the help of Heather made chaplets for the ladies. The crosses and medals were blessed by Father Joseph before construction of them. Father Joseph spoke on our theme which is in reference to Mary and Martha in the New Testament. Marjie continued with the theme and then led us in a scripture scrapbooking activity. The ladies then attended mass and after had lunch. Our last speaker was Christine Jacobson-Ware who talked about keeping our mind/body healthy and also referred to our theme. The ladies were each given a bag of M & M's for Mary and Martha to snack on. We had lots of compliments on how they enjoyed the retreat.
- For our March meeting we invited all parishioners to join us at the church. Karen Fawbush spearheaded our Mary's Way of the Cross. Our beautiful statue of Mary was placed in front of the alter surrounded by dozens of lighted candles. Afterwards, everyone was invited for tea and cookies. Many ladies shared their reflections of the readings.

- Upcoming events are elections/installations of new officers, Baby Shower, St. Martha's Baby Project, and Confirmation/First Communion receptions.

### **St. James the Just**

- Our second annual CCW Christmas Fair was held on December 8, 2024. Parish and CCW members donated home baked goods as well as gift baskets for silent auction. We added the opportunity for parish members to engage in the fundraising by implementing sign-ups in the prior weeks before the event. We had great response with 40 donated gift baskets and baked goods ranging from artesian breads to baklava and bizcochitos. The Fair was held after all masses that weekend so mass attendees could attend directly after all masses. We did not do any external advertising. We also had Santa and Mrs. Claus in attendance so the kids would want to come over and their parents came too. We sold out of all baked goods and all gift baskets were auctioned off. Our net revenue was approx. \$3,000.
- Also in December the St. James CCW donated \$1,000 to our parish's DDD efforts to help meet our DDD obligation. Our donation helped the parish to meet our DDD Goal.
- January: St. James CCW donated funds to cover the cost of the RCIA books for the year.
- In February our CCW member supported Father David's "Dancing with Father" activity in the Social Hall. This is an annual event at St. James. Women come together with Father for Western Line Dancing, food and fun.
- In March, our CCW planned a spiritual activity for Adoration. Our beloved Deacon Tom presided over the ceremony and explained each part of the ceremony. After Adoration we convened in the Social Hall for a potluck dinner and continued discussion with Deacon Tom and Father David.
- Upcoming Events:

- May 4: CCW Appreciation Dinner for entire parish as a thank you for supporting us in our fundraising efforts. Spaghetti Dinner will be served.
- June 7 & 8: St. James Annual Yard Sale.
- Summer Date TBD: Spiritual Retreat to include a CCW Membership Drive

### **Saint Mary Catholic Church**

- We started the year with our Annual Baby Shower for Jesus. Collected and donated 4k+ worth of baby items and monetary contribution to CCS' Martha's Project.
- Elected new board members for 2024-2026
- Attended a church's Lenten retreat presented by the missionaries of Father Kolbe
- Sold Easter Lilies to Decorate the church at Easter.
- Host for Soup and a movie after the Stations of the Cross.

### **St Rose of Lima**

- In January we had our annual Baby Jesus Celebration. We had a speaker from the organization, Journey, give a presentation on how they help pregnant women. We had many items that were donated and given as a contribution to Journey.
- In February we sold homemade tortillas. The sale was very successful, so we plan on selling them again.
- We had our parish nominate Woman of the Year. Forms were given out at Mass and parishioners filled in their nominations. We had many nominations from our Spanish community, which was nice. Eva Mendoza was selected as St. Rose of Limas 2024 Woman of the year.
- In March we are having our first clothing exchange day. We have asked for nice clothes to be donated. People will be able to come in and get what they need free of charge.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Convention!

Peace & Blessings,

Jessica Jurkowski