

Sadly, we will be starting our fall without our beloved Spiritual Advisor, Father James Blaine. Words cannot express how much he will be missed. He had a great send off to heaven with a wonderful funeral celebration. May he rest in peace.

The women of the Wasatch Deanery did a great job as the 2022 Convention Hosts. Thanks to everyone who helped with convention bags, registration, hostess duties, the raffle and everything else that makes a convention great for the attendees. Great job!!! Most WDCCW took the summer "off", but most stayed busy and are now back to business.

Blessed Sacrament CCW

On the evening of June 18, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a catered party in the Parish Center!

July: We did not hold a formal meeting in the month of July, but it still was busy. Our CCW continues to host First Friday Adoration in the church. In addition, we hosted a Zoom rosary. At last month's meeting, the ladies collected items for snack bags for the Fisher House. From these items, 121 snack bags were presented to the Fisher House this month, along with bottled water and fresh fruit. After a Saturday morning Mass, a group of our ladies carpooled to the Pregnancy Resource Center for a tour of the facility and then met for lunch afterward. At the end of the month, we had to say farewell to our pastor, Fr. Sam Dinsdale, who was reassigned to St. Vincent's parish. The CCW and Knights of Columbus organized a farewell potluck BBQ after the Saturday evening Mass on the 30th.

August: We met in-person this month, and our activity for the meeting was playing several games of Bingo with fun prizes. We continued to draw names for a Prayer Buddy for the month. Once again, CCW hosted First Friday Adoration and a Zoom rosary. We welcomed our new pastor, Fr. Rodelio Ignacio, to our parish! The CCW and Knights of Columbus organized a luncheon reception after the 11:00 am Mass on the 28th.

St. Joseph the Worker, Women of the Worker, aka the "Wow's" Council of Catholic Women

Hello! St. Joseph the Worker has had a busy summer! A dynamic upcoming year is underway. Officers are:

President – Loretta Lazar

Vice-president – Teresa Smith

Treasurer – Jamie Beert

Secretary, historian – Jan Meigs

St. Joseph the Worker is honored to have two of our very own CCW who will be involved in "higher" leadership positions. Roslyn Gunderson will serve as Treasurer for the DCCW. Jeanne Audiss will be installed this fall as our Province Director. We are very proud of them and know that God will lead them to lead us well!

June – Baby items were collected for Catholic Community Services, St. Martha's Baby Project. The parish was so generous with donations of all types of items needed by infants.

July-- St. Joseph the Worker celebrated our newly ordained priest, Father Tristan Dillon who spent a year at St. Joseph the Worker during his formation. Father Tristan celebrated each Mass on the July 23-24 weekend. He gave a very moving homily. We honored Father Tristan after each Mass with a reception. It was a very joyful celebration even though he did not eat cake

August – Back to school supplies are being collected for use by Catholic Community Services. The Women of the Worker are supporting the Carmelite Nuns Festival with donations. The Women of the Worker are providing a raffle basket for the Give Me a Chance gala.

September – The Parish picnic is planned on Sept. 11. The Women of the Worker will provide desserts. A ministry table will include information about St. Joseph the Worker CCW. Prayer cards with Our Lady of Good Counsel will be available along with flyer showing dates of the upcoming meetings.

October – New officers will be installed during Council Sunday, weekend Oct. 8-9.

Officers met to plan the calendar for 2022-2023. A busy, fun, prayerful year is underway!

St Martin de Porres CCW

St. Martin de Porres took the summer off, but before that happened the board met in June to discuss the remaining year meetings. In July St Martin de Porres was honored to host the DCCW meeting. September will start off our next meeting. We will be doing a meet and greet to invite more people to attend. October at church we have the teaching of the Genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda on **October 15th at 6pm**, and we have our crafts fair at the end of October.

The little vacation from meeting were nice, but we all can feel our church parish ramp up. We have church Projects and continue to engage our community in activities to share and learn from one another. We are one family! Agape Love.

St. Francis of Assisi CCW

June: In keeping with the resolutions made by the DCCW this year, we had two of our members speak at our June meeting about Laudato Si and their own efforts to be good stewards of our planet.

July: We were fortunate enough to have several guest speakers at our July meeting - a St. Francis of Assisi parishioner, Gail King, spoke about her recently published book on an early Chinese Christian woman, Candida Xu. Ralph and Cathie Morgan also spoke to us about the Ignatian Spirituality Retreat in Daily Life. Outside of our monthly

meeting, we worked with the Knights of Columbus Escalante Council to host a farewell party for Father Anil, who moved to a new parish.

August: We kicked off the month by hosting a parish picnic for all members of our parish. We also helped our local Knights of Columbus Council host a Back to School Shop - our ladies donated supplies, stuffed backpacks, and helped pass them out to children in need of school supplies. Our August meeting fell on the Feast of the Assumption, so we prayed a Scriptural rosary together and, as a group, offered one rose to the Blessed Virgin Mary for each prayer of the rosary. We were delighted to be joined by some of the women from St. Peter's for this prayer experience!

Saint Peter Council of Catholic Women

SPCCW will hold their first informal meeting of the council year on Tuesday, September 13. We start each year with "Summer Spirituality" – an evening of prayer and socializing.

We have a bake sale slated for the end of September and plans for a community outreach in the next few months.

Saint Andres Council of Catholic Women

The women of the San Andres Parish in Payson recently gathered together for a bilingual retreat focusing on the recent "Eucharistic Revival" announcement by Pope Francis. Forty women were in attendance for the three-hour event entitled "Food For My Soul" that included lunch and various discussions centered on the Eucharist. Jan Balota, a new parishioner who recently moved from Florida, led much of the discussion which included a brief history of the eucharist and group conversations to initiate deeper thought about each person's individual relationship with the Eucharist. Margaret Engle prepared the group by leading with Lectio Divina. Everyone left the meeting with a commitment to increase their personal understanding of the Eucharist and a heightened sense of camaraderie that has been missing since prior to the pandemic. We would like to thank Jan Balota, Margaret Engle, Mary Klug, Alma Uribe and Monica Villar for the planning and preparation in bringing everyone together.

Saint Thomas More-The Ladies of St. Thomas More are looking forward to having their Christmas Luncheon for the first time since 2019 and their Holiday Boutique the second week of December. Plans are also in the works to make Valentines for assisted living residents, make sanitary packs for Days for Girls, and do a collection of bras for homeless women. We will pray a rosary on October 16 to celebrate Council Sunday.

Two of our Affiliates, **Saint John the Baptist** and **St. Francis Xavier**, are using the fall to re-energize their CCW groups by looking other affiliate successes and how they can be used to revitalize their CCWs.

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