

Wasatch Deanery
President's Report
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The women of the Wasatch Deanery look forward to a new year filled with many exciting activities and events. As we look forward to spring, we will be encouraging all women of our affiliates to attend the San Francisco Province Meeting in March and the DCCW Convention in April. This is a prelude to a most exciting event in August, the NCCW Convention in Salt Lake City. The Wasatch Deanery will be a vendor and have the world famous, Gabby Gauchay Saint Calendars for sale. We look forward to welcoming a new spiritual advisor, Sunday Espinoza. You can see from the reports that our Deanery is very vibrant and active in our parishes and communities.

San Andres Council of Catholic Women

The San Andres Women have been focusing on building relationships with our Hispanic community. We reported last fall on our first attempt which was a retreat focusing on building faith. In October we had a great turnout from our parish at Payson Park for the world rosary day. In November we had a second retreat for advent with another great turnout from both communities. We are starting to plan something for Lent although we are not sure what it will look like yet. We are finding, for now, these quarterly events are more successful for bridging those gaps than the monthly meetings have been.

St. Joseph the Worker Council of Catholic Women

St. Joseph the Worker Council of Catholic Women continues to meet monthly in Sister Fabian Hall. Each meeting has a theme, and the food follows the theme.

October – The Month of the Holy Rosary. We enjoyed a video presentation on the history of the holy rosary. CCW prayed a living rosary. Women were connected by Fall leaves which represented rosary beads. We wrote our name on our leaf. At the end, the leaves were mixed up and each woman took a leaf and prayed for that woman. “Holy” food was enjoyed!

November – We Give Thanks and We Remember. CCW members shared a memento/photo of loved one. We were drawn close to one another in sharing precious memories. We enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast as our food.

December – Happy Birthday, Jesus! We enjoyed our Christmas party. Santa Claus and his helpful Elf, read the “Nativity Story” and women had fun shifting their gift from right to left! We then “stole” a favored gift. Each gift was marked with a snowflake upon which each woman wrote her name. At end of the game, snowflakes were taken so that that woman would be prayed for. We enjoyed Christmas music, pictures with Santa, and tons of delicious food! Santa passed out candy canes and a medal of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Fr. Javier joined us and gave each of us a blessed medal of our Virgin of Guadalupe as well.

CCW participated in CCS Gift of the Drummer and collected close to 200 bags of needed clothing and supplies for our homeless adult brothers and sisters. The Parish really rose to the occasion!

The ladies sold Advent wreaths and Advent candles during Advent. Parish members were very happy to have Advent items available for purchase after each Mass. St. Joseph the Worker CCW looks forward to hosting the DCCW and Wasatch Deanery meetings in January.

Women of St. Francis of Assisi

September: We greatly enjoyed hearing from one of our members, Mary Pobanz, about her pilgrimage to Medjugorje at our September meeting.

October: We hosted a Roaring Twenties themed dinner and dance as a fundraiser for our parish. We enjoyed a great meal, a dance instructor and fun dj, and raised some money for our parish at the same time! At our monthly meeting, Miriam Cortez-Cooper led us through the Lectio Divina method of prayer. We were also able to donate to Coats for Kids through our local chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

November: We will be celebrating Friendsgiving at our monthly meeting. We also collected ten Thanksgiving meals (including turkeys!) to give to families in our parish and assisted our local Knights of Columbus in serving free meals to veterans and first responders in honor of Veterans Day this month.

December: We held our annual Christmas boutique the first week of December. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we made well over \$2,500 to support the programs our group is involved in. This year, those included an Advent study by Ascension Press - we bought and handed out 20 Advent study books to women in our group, and many of us met weekly on Zoom to discuss how God was using the study to lead us. We also hosted a reception for a beautiful Advent concert put on by our church choir as a fundraiser for a new church speaker system. Our monthly meeting in December was a Christmas party, complete with ornament exchange and an imaginative prayer exercise that allowed us to be present when the angel announced the good news of Christ's birth to the shepherds. We thank God for a lovely end to a very active year, and we're looking forward to seeing where He takes us in 2023!

Saints Peter and Paul. Our parish currently is not holding CCW meetings but is maintaining dues to NCCW and WCCW. I plan to attend the January 28 meeting.

Blessed Sacrament CCW -

November: CCW hosted First Friday Adoration in the church on November 4. The ladies met at Jim's Restaurant for breakfast after the 9:00 am Mass on Saturday the 5th. Our regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, November 16, beginning with a Rosary at 6:00, Social at 6:30, and meeting at 7:00. The ladies enjoyed a show-and-tell hobby display again, as well as helped make the raffle bags for the upcoming Boutique. Our Spiritual Committee had ordered Advent booklets for the ladies and distributed them to all present. The officers for 2023 were elected as follows: Cheryl Illario & Jan

VandeVeegaete - Co-presidents; Bonnie Williamson - Vice President; Secretary - Katherine Martin; and Treasurer - Libby Ketchum. They will be installed at the January 18 meeting. On November 19, our annual Holiday Blessings Boutique was held in the school gym with 40 crafters, food, and a raffle, and it was a great success.

December: CCW hosted First Friday Adoration in the church on December 2. Our regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, December 14, a week early due to the Christmas holiday. Rosary was at 6:00, Social at 6:30, and Meeting at 7:00. Our Community Service Committee collected items for the With Love, From Strangers program benefitting the Navajo Nation Street Medicine Project. Special Recognition was made of the Committee Chairs who served in 2022. After the meeting adjourned, the ladies enjoyed each other's company celebrating Christmas with a potluck party, including door prizes, an ornament exchange, and white elephant exchange.

January: So far this month, CCW hosted First Friday Adoration in the church on January 6. In preparation for the change in officers, an audit of the Treasurer's books was conducted January 4, followed by the yearly donation meeting, during which members decide to which charities/programs our earned funds will be donated. Our regular meeting will be January 18, and the new officers for 2023 will be installed with a potluck dinner.

St John the Baptist

We are starting a "NEW" Women's Group at St. John's the Baptist. Ruth Penderghast and Julie Carlin will rejuvenate the ladies. It will be simpler, more fun, more spiritual, more social, with service to the parish. We will plan events each month, not on a regular schedule. Depending on the event, it could be a Monday evening, Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon. Our first event was Monday, January 9th. 37 women showed up with food to share, and the food they brought was wonderful, enough to cover three tables. Everyone participated in an ice breaker by introducing themselves using one word to describe themselves and then we played Catholic Jeopardy. All the ladies had a great time, they were very thankful that we organized the event, and a few said they want to be more involved. February, we are planning an event for Lent with guest speakers to help us enrich our Lenten practice, and March may be a service project to gather hygiene products for the parish. We are looking to provide a place for our ladies of the parish to find sisterhood and appreciate the power of women in the church.

SAINT PETER COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMAN

Our December meeting was busy! We prepared gifts for our shut ins; these gifts were then personally delivered by our ladies during the Christmas season.

We were delighted to welcome Jeanne Audiss, our Province Director, to the meeting. She gave us an insight into her work in council. We were delighted to congratulate Jeanne on her recent NCCW award. Her visit also had a practical purpose! We had lots of items left over from our "Undie Sunday" outreach; items that could not be utilized by our other recipients. Consequently, Jeanne left with multiple boxes of socks and underwear for distribution by CCS.

On Sunday, January 8th we held our El Dia de Reyes party....complete with a Three Kings Cake! This social event was well attended and, aside from a few announcements, was a “no business” zone!

Our next meeting will be in February. We will be encouraging ladies to attend the Province Meeting and DCCW Convention!

St. Francis Xavier's CCW has managed to hang on throughout the pandemic. We had a nice Christmas party with gift exchange in December and for our first meeting of the year, we had a wonderful potluck, did chair yoga, and planned the rest of our meetings until May. We are excited to continue our group and will explore various charities we can contribute to.

St. Martin de Porres had a board meeting to prepare for the rest of the year. We want to create an environment where we are learning, creating and serving. In November we hosted the Hispanic Community that came and taught us the history and importance of Mañanitas and the Festival for Our Lady of Guadalupe. They brought their traditional snacks and had someone come to teach us the Mañanitas song. In December we had our Ornament Exchange Christmas Party and hosted our Filipino Community to teach us about the Simbang Gabi in preparation for the Mass being held at St Martin de Porres. Both events were truly beautiful. We are still working diligently to engage our community to support one another and have laid out the rest of the year to inspire them. We are still working with a full board; each woman brings so many talents and faith to table. We are blessed to add Kenndi as our Vice President and Guadalupe as Secretary. We are one family! Agape Love.

Ladies of Saint Thomas More

The Ladies of Saint Thomas More have been very busy. We continue with our in-person Meet and Mingle on the first Wednesday of each month. We are, for now, continuing with a Zoom Meet and Mingle on the third Wednesday of the month. Our Ladies Luncheon and Boutique in December were a huge success. We had 295 women to attend the Luncheon and over 60 vendors at our Boutique. In February we will be making Valentines for parishioners who are ill, who have lost loved ones, and who are lonely. Valentines are also shared with an assisted living home and the Diocesan seminarians. On February 8th we will be making reusable sanitary kits for girls in third world countries through Days for Girls. We will pray Mary's Way of the Cross during Lent as we have for the last several years. We all look forward to the selection of our Woman of the Year and attending the DCCW Convention as well as the NCCW Convention here in Utah.