

Summer is here and the long stretch of Ordinary Time has begun. Let us embrace this time as anything but ordinary as we look back on our DCCW Convention and remember the wonderful prayers, speakers, adoration, rosary, and the joy of sharing all of this with our Sisters in Christ. The Wasatch Deanery was well represented at the Convention with all affiliates participating. We celebrated our Women of the Year with gusto. We look forward to supporting and participating in the Eucharistic Revival Rally July 9<sup>th</sup> and the NCCW Convention in August. There are volunteer opportunities for everyone. The Wasatch Deanery Sainly Doodles Calendar designed by our own Gabby Gauchay is coming along. The artwork is complete, and the full file is ready for the printer. The calendar should be ready in about a month. We are looking for volunteers to help sell these lovely calendars at the convention. As I read the reports from our affiliates I am always amazed. The creativity and thoughtfulness of their activities and prayers are an inspiration.

**St. Joseph the Worker Council of Catholic Women**-The Women of the Worker continue to meet monthly. Prayer encouraged at each meeting via the prayer table and through individual names chosen. This is a list of our meeting activities:

**April** – theme was “It’s Springtime!” A Master Gardener discussed gardening techniques for our unique area. Ladies were given packets of flower and vegetable seeds to get started on our gardening. Convention plans were finalized.

**May** – theme was “Mama Mia!” We brought Mom’s favorite food/recipe and enjoyed sharing stories about the moms in our lives. We shared and showed the members our Affiliate of the Year, 2<sup>nd</sup> place award! One of our members donated beautiful cross necklaces which were provided to mothers of the Parish on Mother’s Day.

**June** – theme “We Love Fathers! Deacon and lay person shared perspective on religious ‘fatherhood’ and layman fatherhood viewpoints. Menu was barbecue. Officers were presented for the next year. Women were encouraged to participate in the Eucharistic Rally and the NCCW Convention opportunities.

St. Joseph the Worker CCW will take the summer off and begin again in September.

**St. Martin de Porres** had a busy couple of months. We have been blessed with many new members and new opportunities to serve. God is good.

**April** -We had a Restoration of the Jail Ministry presented by Deacon Joaquin Mixco, which opened the opportunity to announce the Mother Day cards with stamps drive to give to the prisoners to send to their mothers. Inspired by the book Holy Moments, we also made Mother’s Day cards for the homebound and ladies at the Rescue Mission Center. We also announced our yearly Veterans Day donation drive that will happen throughout May.

**May** -We had the Crowning of Mary. We supported the Confirmation and First Communion celebrations with reception after each event. The weekend before Mother's Day we went to the Rescue Mission Center for the Women and gave them a Mother's

Day luncheon and a gift of the Holy Moments book. We listened to their testimony and shared ours. We pray to do more with them and for them. We presented Deacon Joaquin with over 300 Mother's Day cards for the prisoners. We decided to end our meetings before our summer break, with a celebration dinner hosted by the CCW board of St. Martin de Porres and a little entertainment. This was for all the ladies of the parish and all the support they have given us to be able to do as much as we do. We had so much fun. Lastly for May we had the Rwanda Mass May 28th, with Bishop Solis. To say the Holy Spirit was there an understatement. The spirit engulfed the Parish. You could feel the love on Pentecost Sunday through Bishop Solis and Father Dominic's words, the Peace Be With You and the Rwanda music. They are so appreciative of our love and support that they want to know more about the CCW and how to serve. We also hosted the reception afterwards. We so blessed that God has brought so many willing, loving, caring, and serving women to our group and pray God's hand is on all we do and on all we serve. We are one family! Agape Love.

### **Blessed Sacrament**

**April** - Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was held April 1, in between two snowstorms! The week before, the ladies stuffed 3,100 plastic eggs with candy. Over 150 children participated in the hunt and went home happy with their stuffed animal prizes. Our monthly meeting was held on April 19, and began with a Rosary at 6:00, Social at 6:30, and Meeting at 7:00 pm. This month we held a plant exchange. Fifteen ladies brought their favorite plant and participated in a "left/right" story exchange. They went home with "new life" to brighten their homes.

**May** - On May 2, the ladies provided a reception after Confirmation Mass for the students and their families. CCW hosted First Friday Adoration in the church on May 5. Our monthly meeting was held on May 17 with Rosary at 6:00, Social at 6:30, and Meeting at 7:00 pm. This month we had a guest speaker, Phil Hofstetter, who spoke on "How to Get Closer to the Virgin Mary." We have been finalizing plans for our Annual Garage Sale to be held June 9 & 10 from 8 am to 4 pm.

### **Saint Peter Council of Catholic Woman**

Julie Boerio-Goates was a guest at our April meeting. She talked to the ladies about volunteer opportunities for the upcoming Eucharistic Rally.

A small group of ladies attended the DCCW convention, including two first timers!

We had to postpone our annual Tea Party, slated for May as we had so many ladies sick, out of town or unable to attend.

We are hoping to get together to socialize over the summer months.

## **St. Francis of Assisi**

**April** -We prepared for (and went to) the DCCW convention.

**May**-We had a guest speaker from our parish to talk about Marian apparitions.

**June**- We'll be talking about the Eucharist in preparation for the Eucharistic Revival Rally, and we'll be making a pilgrimage to the St. Cabrini shrine in Colorado. We're also beginning to plan our annual parish picnic, which this year will double as a welcoming party for the two new priests joining our parish!

- We continue to support the knights in their monthly Bingo Night by serving food.
- The Hallow app was shared to a selection of women to participate in the Catechism in a Year, or other spiritual growth assistance features it offers.
- There is a new book group meeting weekly via Zoom which is highlighting our patron saint for this year (St Catherine of Sienna)

**Saint John the Baptist** will be taking the summer off resuming in September with a social gathering, maybe bingo or line dancing. They have had good feedback on their revamped CCW. In May we welcomed a speaker who talked to the women about financial planning and its importance. In June we are hosting a wine tasting.

**Saint Thomas More**-The Ladies of St. Thomas More had their last regular business meeting in May but will continue with their popular in person Meet and Mingle once a month thru the summer.

**April**-Due to the success of our Ladies Luncheon, we were able to present our Parish with a check for \$15,000 to help with operating expenses. We also purchased refreshments and served after the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We had a wonderful time at the DCCW Convention and were happy to have a couple of new attendees. We donated \$200 for the purchase of Easter flowers.

**May**- We purchased and distributed roses to all women of the parish on Mother's Day. Roses were also taken to all parishioners who receive Communion in their homes, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities. We had our last regular meeting and concluded with a potluck dinner. Along with the Rosary Group and the Respect for Life Committee, we led the Rosary in the grotto.

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