

EASTERN DEANERY

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As I reflect on this past couple of months and see what has been accomplished by each of our affiliates during this time, they have reached out and helped so many people and children with their generous acts of kindness. As we look to this New Year, I ask that we continue to look around us for those who may need a helping hand, not just during the holiday season. We look forward to hearing all the new plans for the Call to Convention, and I have urged each one to start making plans to attend.

St. Anthony of Padua's CCW had a great time ending out the 2023 year. They started out November volunteering in multiple roles throughout their annual church carnival. Serving dinners, working booths, baking sweet treats, etc. They also donated to the local food bank. The ladies celebrated Christmas with their annual dinner at the Carbon Country Club. They made and donated stockings to the local Children's Justice Center. They are excited to see what 2024 has in store.

St. Helen CCW: In November, decorated and donated a Christmas tree representing St. Helen and the Roosevelt Interfaith Council for the local Enchanted Forest fundraiser. A local business purchased the tree along with five businesses making donations to St. Helen's CCW. They also donated cookies for the Enchanted Forest community Nativity play. They hosted an Interfaith Council activity making and delivering Thanksgiving food boxes to several families. In December they hosted the Annual Christmas Bazaar. Bake Sale and Taco Soup Lunch. Harvest Fellowship Church and Thompson House of Hope also participated selling craft items. Their St. Nick's Helpers program provided Christmas gift cards and food cards for families. This year 14 families and two adults received food cards along with gift cards for 28

children. They ended the year by hosting the Parish Christmas potluck dinner with a homemade piñata and visit from Santa.

St. James CCW: In November they had their annual Bingo night, which was very successful and well attended by the whole community. The CCW worked the event and donated a wooden rocking chair filled with a blanket, books, hot chocolate and goodies, honey and other items you might want while sitting in your rocking chair.

- Box of Joy gift boxes - 22 boxes were put together by the youth group and CCW paid the postage.
- December Craft and Bake Sale -All women donated three craft items and three baked goods.
- During November and December they gathered items for children and adults in the Juvenile Justice and Youth Services Center. Many different food/snack items, games, coloring books, puzzles. Also donated 20 sound machines to help children sleep or block out noise.
- Decorated the church for the Advent season. Many ladies gathered together and made the church look beautiful.
- Christmas Giving Tree. We helped a family in need with presents for the children and food for their holiday meal.
- Several ladies split up in twos and visited elderly folks in the community. This is an ongoing project...the people visited arc so grateful and can't wait for another visit.
- CCW ladies arc furnishing meal for people attending the Knights of Columbus Bingo night. They play bingo every Friday night for six weeks. CCW and St James Youth Group trade off every Friday providing refreshments and serving.