

Northern Deanery January 2025 Report

Saint Mary Catholic Church

- Hosted annual Advent Dinner on December 3rd, 30 ladies in attendance.
- Sold Poinsettias to decorate the church for the Christmas season.
- Hosted a nine day Novena. (Simbang Gabi). This is a Filipino Catholic tradition to honor the blessed Virgin Mary by attending a series of nine evening masses in the days leading up to Christmas.
- Held a fundraiser Christmas Bingo night on December 14th.
- Donated gifts for the newly formed ministry youth program.
- Provided holiday cards for the Sick and Homebound members of the parish.
- Collected warm clothing and distributed to the homeless in Ogden.
- Donated and distributed food for Ogden homeless.
- Participated in the first Friday Nocturnal Adoration.
- Participated in the 4th Tuesday Adoration and Rosary.
- Will host the annual Infant Jesus Baby Shower on January 21st. All baby gifts are donated to Catholic Community Services "Saint Martha's Baby Project".

Holy Family Catholic Church

- Nelda Troyer, who is over the OCIA Program at Holy Family, talked to us about the procedure of becoming a Catholic. She also invited a few members to talk about their religious journey on becoming a Catholic.
- We had a successful bake sale in November before and after masses on the weekend before Thanksgiving.
- Our ladies tied 50 fleece blankets for our Adopted Grandparent Program and for other charitable organizations such as the Boys' Youth Group.
- We had 24 ladies attend our Annual Christmas party in December. We all enjoyed the delicious ham and wonderful side dishes that were provided for us. The ladies had fun playing a gift exchange game. It was a night to relax and enjoy each other's company

- At our January meeting we had a guest speaker, Sherri Hansen, who spoke on her experience at the Eucharistic Congress that she had attended this past Summer. She shared with us videos of a few speakers, gave us links on more, pictures, etc. Her presentation was awesome.

St. Rose of Lima

We have our first meeting of the year in September, we celebrated some of our members passing, planned our year events and socialize with our friends in faith.

The Council of Catholic Women Ministry had the opportunity to talk about our ministry after all masses last

October. How we work in our spirituality, leadership, service and honored the women of St. Rose of Lima for the years of service to our parish and many other way to serve and remind people about how they can support our local council, the Deanery and Diocesan ministry.

One of the phrases from one of our members, **“As a member of the Council of Catholic Women I found a wonderful avenue to network with my sisters in Christ that strengthened my faith and broadens my service to Jesus Christ and His Church. As a group we affirm the vital role of women in the Church”** I couldn’t say any

better.

Our tortilla sale raised funds to support the Youth Rally at Holy Family. We are purchasing an AED machine for our parish. We had a raffle basket and bake sale in December, as always, we received great support from parishioners and CCW members donations for both events.

We hosted an Advent preparation retreat, Led by Fr. Gustavo Vidal. We had 53 participants. One of the topics of the retreat was Fr. Vidal view about St. Teresa of Avila, and talk about his recent visit to the city of Ávila is located in the Castile and Leon region of Spain.

Our December social instead of gift exchange, we collected items for the Fish and Loaves food pantry. We had a great Christmas concert with musicians from Weber State University and St. James Parish.

Our Council of Catholic Women Ministry is part of the Walking with Mom’s in need program from the Diocese of Salt Lake. In January we are hosting the Davis County Health Department with a presentation about postpartum Services and collecting hygiene items for newborn babies and mothers for the Journey Clinic.



We at St Rose have hosted some of the meetings of the new Bl. Rosaline Rendu Conference as part of the National Council of the United States, Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Vincentians strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to neighbors in need. To receive more information and participate please email the Society ssvdprosalierendu@gmail.com

We would like to welcome to our St. Rose Family Deacon Kenneth Parsad, his Priest ordination is schedule for June 2025 at the cathedral of the Magdeline. His Welcome reception at St. Rose is schedule for January 11 & 12 after all the masses.



Saint James The Just

October

ALL THINGS SPAGHETTI - St. James CCW provided a Free Community Spaghetti Dinner to St. James Parishioners, as a Thank You for supporting our initiatives throughout the year.

FALL WREATHS - There was so much fun at the October monthly meeting as we shared a potluck dinner, and made Fall Wreaths - cutting, and gluing leaves and fingers to each wreath.

November

CHRISTMAS FAIR PREP - We prepared for our Christmas Fair held in December, and worked on collecting items for silent auction baskets, wrapping, baking, and laughing - it took a lot of energy, but we made it through!

GIVING TREE - New this year. A large Christmas tree was donated by the Knights of Columbus and placed in our vestibule through the end of December. We hung hundreds of tags asking for socks, hats, and gloves to donate to the Ogden Rescue Mission. Our generous parish community helped us. We were able to donate 600 pairs of socks, 131 hats, and 173 Pairs of Gloves!

December

CHRISTMAS FAIR - The Christmas Fair was held Dec. 14th and 15th in the St.James Gym. Mrs. Claus, also a CCW member, handed out candy-canes, and helped Santa with the naughty/nice list. With over 55 silent auction baskets, food, vendors, music, and fun - we are pleased to say it was an awesome community event.