

SOUTHWESTERN DEANERY REPORT

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Mary Skomal, President

The Southwestern Deanery is pleased to serve as the host deanery for the 2024 DCCW Convention. We are excited about the new convention venue – Little America Hotel, and we are confident that we will conquer any challenges that go along with settling into a new location. Our ladies have worked hard to assure that everyone has a meaningful convention experience.

DEANERY NEWS: The SW Deanery's Annual Meeting was held on February 17th. Officers were elected for the 2024-2026 term: President, Mary Skomal (St. George Parish); Vice President/President Elect, Jennifer Street (Christ the King); Treasurer, Marguerite Smith (Christ the King); Secretary, Kathy Fazio (Christ the King). Nadia Neumeier (St. George), Jenni Fazio (Christ the King) and Dawn Haberkorn (Christ the King) were appointed to serve as representatives to the DCCW Board.

ST. GEORGE PARISH: In February, the CCW organized a parish-wide Ministry Fair, entitled "Your Family Away from Home," to unite parishioners and make them familiar with different groups and ministries within the parish. There were 29 different booths and displays. The CCW provided an interactive booth, FORMED, which brings beautiful and faithful Catholic content to parishes and individuals. Those proficient in FORMED helped parishioners download the app and explained how to navigate it. Our Palm Sunday bake sale was a success, providing funds that will be donated to various Catholic causes. Our Sunshine Committee continues to visit assisted living facilities, veteran's homes and the homebound, and to give prayer shawls to the sick and bereaved. Mass intentions will be arranged for present and past CCW members who are ill or have passed away. An elegant invitation and welcome card was designed that shows the activities of the CCW in an engaging and appealing way and provides contact information. These cards were distributed at the Ministry Fair, bake sale and at other events.

CHRIST THE KING: In February, Donna Rish announced that she was stepping down as President to allow time to recover from the death of her son. Vice President Jenni Fazio assumed the Presidency for the remainder of the 2023-2025 term; and Donna Rodriguez was appointed as the new Vice President/President Elect. This transition did not slow down our activities, which included appointing new Church Commission and Communications chairs, CWC members presenting Stations of the Cross one Friday during Lent, sponsoring a sweatshirts/sweatpants drive for our local Care & Share, collecting "Lenten Tree" donations for Canyon Creek Services and the Family Support Center, participating in the Cedar Area Interfaith Alliance's collection of items to make birthday cake kits for families in need, providing our SUU Newman Club students with "survival kit" snack bags for finals week, assembling 300 hygiene kits for local charities, supplying meals for a parishioner recovering from surgery, hosting a monthly dinner for Newman Club students, updating our Bylaws, and continuing to pray the Rosary before our monthly meetings. We hope to begin a prayer shawl ministry in the near future, and look forward to hosting a baby shower for a parishioner who needs some support.

SEE YOU AT THE CONVENTION!