

Wasatch Deanery
President's Report
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The Wasatch Deanery Affiliates are off to a great start for the fall and upcoming holiday seasons: Council Sunday, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and New Year's. All of our affiliates are working very hard to encourage "new" women to join us. We continue to pray for our Rose Stehno, our secretary and Donna Murphy, our Legislative Commission Chair, as they recover from their surgeries.

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 also able made a donation 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.

St. Joseph the Worker, The Women of the Worker:

Officers were installed on Oct. 9, our chosen Council Sunday. Following each Mass, each woman was greeted by CCW Officers, encouraged to attend the CCW meetings and given a schedule.

Our Bylaws and Standing Rules were completed!

St. Joseph the worker CCW assisted with the September Parish picnic. It was a great success.

October – theme focused on the month of the Holy Rosary. We watched a presentation on the history of the Holy Rosary and recited a Living Rosary. Each woman then took a rosary 'bead', a fall leaf with one of the women's names, and kept that woman in her prayers during the month of October. The CCW had our first bake sale since Covid which was a great success!

November – theme focused on Thanksgiving and remembrance. We enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast together and then took turns sharing a story, memento, or photograph of a loved one. This was very inspirational and moving.

CCW is collecting items for CCS Gift of the Drummer for adults. We will be selling Advent wreaths and Advent candles prior to beginning of Advent, after Masses.

December –Our theme focuses on the birth of Jesus! We will have a Christmas potluck, a ‘special’ visitor, a gift exchange/game and lots of joy!

SAINT PETER COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMAN

Our Summer Spirituality meeting was well attended, and we had some new women join the group.

The Harvest Bake Sale raised much needed funds for our organization.

The October meeting featured guest speaker, Mary Pobanz. Mary, a former parishioner at Saint Peter’s, gave an excellent presentation on her pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

Our “Undie Sunday” outreach provided underwear, socks, and sleepwear for young people at the OR department at Primary Children’s Hospital and for seniors in local care homes.

The November meeting included a memorial service for deceased SPCCW members. Short presentations were given on Our lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady in Mexico and feedback from the NCCW national convention.

Plans were made for outreach to our seniors during the Christmas season.

We will enjoy a El Dia de Reyes party on January 8th complete with a Three Kings Cake and Mexican Bingo!

Blessed Sacrament CCW

Due to a drop in attendance at our monthly Zoom rosary events, it was decided we would discontinue them. Instead, we will now hold an in-person rosary right before our monthly meetings: Rosary at 6:00 pm, Social at 6:30 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm with an activity to follow.

September: CCW hosted First Friday Adoration in the church on September 2. On September 17, we arranged a reception for the Pastoral Congress held at Blessed Sacrament’s Parish Center. On September 18, many of our CCW ladies were present to volunteer at the annual Carmelite Fair. Our first funeral luncheon since COVID restrictions were loosened was provided for the sister of two of our members on October 20. Arrangements had been made for Deacon Greg Werking to lead us in the Holy Rosary for our September 21 meeting activity. However, he could not be present as he was attending to his father in the hospital. Blessed Sacrament CCW provided a Charcuterie Board basket for the September 10 Give Me A Chance fundraiser.

October: On October 1, Blessed Sacrament CCW was host to the October meeting of the Wasatch Deanery. On October 2, the annual Catholics Can Mass was celebrated at Blessed Sacrament, and CCW provided a reception after that Mass in the Parish Center. On October 6, the ladies once again provided and cooked a meal for the Fisher

House, which houses families of veterans receiving medical care at the VA Hospital. CCW hosted First Friday Adoration in the church on October 7. Our October meeting was held on the 19th, and nominations were taken for officers for the 2023 year. This month we held a "Show and Tell", inviting the ladies to bring in their finished projects to show off their talents. We had many beautiful items, including paintings, quilts, crocheted and knitted pieces. Once the meeting concluded, the ladies enjoyed the Wine and Cheese Pairing activity, tasting cheeses and sipping wines. Blessed Sacrament CCW has participated for numerous years in the Unbound project, sponsoring a child in a poverty-stricken country. Our current child has aged out of the program, and we voted to continue with a new child, an 8 year old girl from Ecuador. This is our second year of participating in the Box of Joy project, providing a shoebox of toys, school supplies, clothing, and hygiene items to children of underdeveloped countries. We collected 31 boxes this year. On October 30, in honor of Council Recognition Month, Fr. Rodel recognized all the CCW ladies at the 11:00 Mass.

November: CCW hosted First Friday Adoration in the church on November 4. Before everyone became busy with holiday preparations, we wanted to get together for a mini-social. So on November 5, several ladies attended the Saturday morning Mass and then met at Jim's Restaurant for breakfast. Our next regular meeting will be November 16, and we are currently preparing for our Annual Holiday Blessings Boutique to be held on November 19.

Saint Thomas More-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. In October, the Bishop's letter of support for the Diocese CCW was read after all the masses. The Ladies served donuts after the masses, and we had several women express interest. We celebrated Council Sunday by praying the Rosary in the Grotto. It was well attended. Saint Thomas More has started Bingo on the first Friday of the month. The Ladies help with food prep, serving, and clean up. We also had a parish breakfast on November 13th and helped everything involved. We are full planning mode for our Ladies Luncheon and Boutique. Boutique is December 9 from 5-8 p.m. and December 11 from 10-4 p.m. The Luncheon is December 10th. We will have our ever popular and growing activity of making Valentines for an assisted living home and our parish shut-ins and elderly in January.

Saint Martin de Porres CCW

The CCW of St. Martin de Porres has been busy these last few months. In September we hosted a meet and greet after our time off. In October we assisted in helping our Rwanda Community host an awareness of the Genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda held at our Parish. At our October meeting we honored Mother Mary with a living Rosary and chair yoga. We ended October with a Fall Festival that brought many vendors and raffles to share with our community. We just had our November meeting hosted by our Hispanic Community that helped educate and prepare our parish for December's devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, singing Mañanitas, the story of Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe, facts and why we pray the Novena. Our hope is to continue to unite our parish as one family under God.

As we share, we are one family learning with and from one another.

Saint John the Baptist

The CCW of St. John Baptist are renew their efforts to revitalize their group. Please keep them in your prayers.