

## EASTERN DEANERY REPORT JANUARY 2025

Our Eastern Deanery has been busy since our last DCCW Board meeting and I will touch on highlights from each parish affiliate. We are small, but mighty, with only three active affiliates currently. We continue to try to encourage the women from Notre Dame Parish in Price to once again be a part of our Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, but as to date, are not affiliated.

They are, however, a very active group in their own parish and do many great things. Good Shepherd Parish in East Carbon City do not have enough women to affiliate, but we never give up hope than our Deanery will get back to five affiliates as in the past.

### **St. Anthony's CCW, Helper**

During the month of November, St. Anthony's CCW helped serve the turkey dinner at the annual carnival and worked in many of the booths.

The council hosted their Christmas banquet at the Country Club with bingo after dinner. Monetary and physical donations were gathered for our food pantry in Helper called Marsha's Kitchen.

At the January meeting the women voted to send money to the County Food Bank; to the All Access Park that is in being constructed; and to pay for an ad in the weekly church bulletin for one year.

The Knights of Columbus and St. Anthony's CCW will work together to sponsor a blood drive in the next month or two, as well as CPR/First Aid training for members of each group through our local hospital.

Father Rowland celebrated his birthday with a lovely dinner after mass on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Many parishioners attended the party and wished him well. He will be leaving soon to visit his home in Nigeria for one month.

The CCW Bylaws were updated and approved at the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The CCW will begin the nomination and voting process for our Woman of the Year from St. Anthony's parish. We will be hosting the Eastern Deanery meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> and preparing lunch for those in attendance. The DCCW convention in April will be a topic of discussion at the deanery meeting.

### **St. Helen's CCW, Roosevelt**

This affiliate was very, very busy November to January 15. They welcomed a new priest to their parish, Father Joven. He is excited to be in Roosevelt and very happy to join the CCW meetings and become involved.

The women held a diaper and baby wipes drive in November to deliver to the "Finding Hope and Pregnancy Resource Center". They began to make tied blankets for members of their

congregation who are ill. They say the rosary while they cut and tie the fabric and then they deliver the finished blanket as a group to the ill parishioner.

The women helped a family fleeing from domestic violence with donations of furniture, clothing, kitchen items, and non-perishable food items.

The women joined forces with a Uintah Basin Interfaith Council by donating cookies and lending their nativity for a live presentation of Jesus' birth.

A pizza party was enjoyed after setting up for their annual Christmas bazaar; a shared Christmas dinner party with a gift exchange with St. James CCW in Vernal; a parish potluck after mass on December 15<sup>th</sup> with St. Nick, pictures, and candy. Their St. Nick's program helped 12 children and families enjoy Christmas.

They decorated the church for Christmas, visited residents and the nursing home, helped with a funeral dinner, and started gathering donations for fresh flowers at the church altar.

Well done, ladies!

### **St. James the Greater, Vernal**

In November, the CCW membership of St. James partnered with the Youth Group and paid the cost for mailing 23 Boxes of Joy to children in need. They assembled and delivered baskets of food to four families at Thanksgiving. In December the ladies invited the members of St. Helen's CCW in Roosevelt to join them for a dinner, gift exchange, and fun evening socializing to get to know each other. The parish Christmas party took place on December 19<sup>th</sup> and the CCW provided street tacos for the potluck gathering. The ingredients for the tacos were donated by CCW members.

The members gathered to decorate the church for the Christmas season and also to remove the decorations until next year.

At their first meeting in January, they planned a soup fund raiser for February 1 after mass.

They are looking for a speaker to travel to Vernal during the Lenten Season to speak to the council members. They plan to purchase a bunny suit to be used for pictures after mass on Easter Sunday. During Lent they will be collecting baby items to donate to moms in need. They have a strong desire to create a plan to visit the elderly as a group.

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***Eastern Deanery won the Throw Down Challenge for the free package B registration for convention and will be working on awarding that to one lucky lady in the Deanery.***

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Respectfully submitted by  
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