

## WASATCH DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

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When you read our article in the Winter AWARE, you will see that our Affiliate Councils finished 2019 with a flurry of activities including Christmas parties and luncheons, holiday boutiques, and Advent Service Projects. Many have already held their first meeting of the new year and have filled their calendars with activities through May.

**Blessed Sacrament:** We held our 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blessings Boutique on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. In December, our CCW assisted the Knights of Columbus in hosting the Parish Adult Advent Social Gathering as well as an Advent Party for the children of the parish. We also hosted Coffee and Donuts every Sunday during the month of December. At our final meeting and social gathering of 2019, we set out a donation jar (in lieu of a gift exchange) and collected a sizable monetary gift for the Carmelite Sisters in Holladay. Our first meeting of the new year is scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will have dinner and install our new CCW officers. Becky Hicks and Chris Edwards will be our new Co-Presidents for 2020.

**St. Francis of Assisi:** In November, we had a guest speaker from The Make A Wish Foundation. We also planned for our annual Holiday Boutique which was held the weekend of December 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. In December, we also had a Christmas party and ornament exchange. We served a light dinner and raffled off some beautiful candles. In January, we are having a Masquerade party where everyone will wear decorated masks. We have a guest coming to speak to us about her service calls in Haiti. A light dinner will be served, and we will be donating to a sister in need at our parish. We will be starting a Divine Mercy Workshop in February that will run until April.

**St. Francis Xavier:** The Ladies of St. Francis Xavier had a lot of fun at the close of 2019. At our November meeting, we did Country Line Dancing and enjoyed turkey sandwiches with yummy sides. In December, we had a Christmas party with a cookie and gift exchange. Our February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature a talk about The Earth along with a vegetarian potluck. On March 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have a taco bar and Book Club (Where the Crawdads Sings).

**St. John the Baptist :** In November, we had our Roaring 20's Charity Luncheon and were treated to 1920's songs, dance lessons, and several visits from the infamous Temperance Society! We raised a pretty penny for the parish and had a blast doing it! In December, we had our annual Christmas party and Advent Social Justice project. Our party had a "Whoville" theme and we collected clothing and gift cards for the Gift of the Drummer. We met with Father Tilley and our parish accountant the first week in January to discern the best way we can grow and benefit the parish. We also invited all past SJBLA presidents. The mantra for the evening was "Think Outside the Box," and we had many wonderful ideas emerge! Our January meeting focused on Mind, Body, and Spirit. Juan Diego music teacher, Cameron Brownell, taught us about Gregorian Chants. Nicole Epindola showed us how to stretch out our kinks, and Jessica Florez-Bower bathed us in sound as we aligned our chakras. We are planning to gather pillows and sew pillowcases for our Social Justice project in Lent.

**St. Martin de Porres:** On December 8<sup>th</sup> our CCW and parish members participated in the “Keep Christ in Christmas Rosary Rally” promoted by America Needs Fatima TFP. We displayed posters and recited the rosary at the corner of 5400 S. 500 W. We heard lots of car horns honking, and many people gave us the thumbs-up as they passed by. We were spiritually lifted by such a response. Our CCW is now officially affiliated with the NCCW.

**St Thomas More:** The Ladies of St. Thomas More hosted the DCCW meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>. We had an evening “Meet & Mingle” on November 13<sup>th</sup> and another one on December 1<sup>st</sup> as we washed and counted dishes for our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon that was held on December 7<sup>th</sup>. We partnered with our Community Outreach Ministry for a “Reverse Advent Calendar” service project and collected loads of food and other items to help Catholic Community Services replenish their supplies after the holidays. We held our first Meet & Mingle of the new year on January 15<sup>th</sup> with treats from Whole Foods. On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will make Valentine cards for Wentworth Assisted Living and our seminarians. A dietician from Harmon’s is scheduled to speak to us at the end of February about healthy snacks. In March, a presenter from the “Days for Girls” program is coming. We hope to involve the Youth Group in this service project as well.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** St. Vincent’s CCW hosted a guest speaker from Big Brothers/Big Sisters in November. We had a Pot Luck Dinner and played a fun ornament exchange game for our Christmas party in December. Even though the date was changed from December 16<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, this did not deter our members. They came out in force and it was one of our most well attended meetings! In January, we are having a guest speaker from the Youth Resource Center. On February 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be preparing a “Pay It Forward” dinner at the Ronald McDonald House Family Room to thank them for all they did when CCW President Sophe Derrick’s grandson was in the hospital. We also collected several “Reverse Advent” food boxes and will be distributing them to four different places in need.