

Wasatch Deanery Report

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Affiliate Reports

St. Francis of Assisi – Orem, UT

October: Member meeting. Started planning for Christmas Boutique.

November: Hosted Deanery quarterly meeting. Member meeting – Had a crafting activity to make stocking stuffers and other small crafts for the Christmas Boutique.

December: Held Christmas Boutique on December 7 and 8. Had three outside vendors including St. Peter's Parish Youth Group, Scentsy and a local religious art training school called The Religious Academy. We had another successful boutique and hope to build on this success next year.

St. Peter – American Fork, UT

On November 12th, we had a prayer service for our departed SPCCW members. In November, we also donated several boxes of children's underwear to Primary Children's Surgical center and a large box to Catholic Community Services.

In December, we gathered to make beautiful Christmas Cards to take with us that month when we visited the elderly and Assisted Living people in our Parish. We also took a plant or other gift with us as well as small Angel calendars.

On January 5th, we gathered at the home of Chris Manry to Celebrate Epiphany/3 Kings day!!

We are also praying the Rosary together every first Saturday of the month with treats and fellowship afterwards.

St. Thomas More – Cottonwood Heights, UT

A lively time was had by all who attended and volunteered at our 38th annual Christmas Luncheon. We had over 300 attendees and the theme was, Let the Bells Ring Christ is Born. We hosted over 50 vendors the same weekend in December in coordination with the luncheon. Our guests were thrilled to dine and shop. We also met each month this past year at our social event called Meet and Mingle. The sole purpose is to allow the women to gather and relax for a short time, to catch up with friends, and make new friends. Our ministry continues to grow and we look forward to the new year.

Blessed Sacrament – Sandy, UT

November the CCW ladies set up for Holidays Boutique which drew a nice crowd.

We had several funeral luncheon that we set up and supported the family.

We gave out several prayer shawl to those of the parish that needed comfort of the shawl.

Our Prayers Warriors are wonderful at sending prayers to heaven.

December the CCW ladies set for the Adult Christmas party. We had a potluck dinner, live music and raffle. The hall was beautifully decorated.

Our new board had been chosen and a CCW Christmas party, with game to win a gift card and potluck dinner. We also announced our women of the year Libby Ketchem. Congratulations.

January we'll have our Installation of officer.

St. Martin de Porres - Taylorsville, UT

St. Martin de Porres had an amazing couple of months. November we welcomed a presentation of Noah's pudding and invited our Hispanic Community to teach and inspire us on the novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Posadas. We took a rest for Christmas and our first meeting will be a New Years celebration with games and a gift exchange in January. In February we will be preparing for a presentation from our Respect Life Committee and a donation drive to collect and make layettes that will be donated to back to Respect Life and the PRC.

St. Joseph the Worker - West Jordan, UT

Sts. Peter and Paul - West Valley, UT

The CCW has been meeting on the First Saturday of the month following our 7 AM Rosary and 8 AM mass. This is a Spanish-speaking CCW group.

In November, CCW sponsored a parish wide Catholic Community Services donation drive for the Refugee Center which was very successful. In December, members of the CCW participated in the Guadalupe novena, December 12 celebration, and the weeks' long parish Posada leading up to Christmas.

In February, CCW will discuss the SEEK conference and kick off our St. Martha's Project donation drive.

Ladies continue to participate in the Food Bank drive, CCD classes as well as the parish Bible Study on Wednesday evenings.

St. John the Baptist - Draper, UT

St. Francis Xavier - Kearns, UT

Commission Reports

Spirituality - Ranae Lupus

Leadership - Jamie Beert

Happy New Year ! With this being a new year, thought I would share upcoming events for NCCW and our DCCW.

NCCW

Election time for the next President -Elect, Secretary, and nominating committee. The candidates will be on the DCCW website in March as well as the March Catholic Women magazine. Voting will take place April 1, 2025 through May 1, 2025. If you are not an individual member of NCCW, sign up now to be able to vote. Also, Parish Presidents, make sure your Affiliate information is correct and you have your account information to vote as an affiliate. The winners will be installed at the 2025 Convention in Orlando.

Speaking of the NCCW Convention – it will be held August 19-24, 2025 in Orlando at the Hilton Orlando Buena Vista. I will share information about registration once it is available.

Campaign for Mary's Garden is accepting donations through May 31st. You can call 703-224-0990 or use this link to make a donation:

<https://nccw.app.neoncrm.com/forms/marys-garden?campaignId=151>. The new statue and garden will be re-dedicated with a Mass, blessing and reception at the Basilica of the national Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC on June 7th.

Monthly Member & Rosary Calls – If you cannot make the member call, video recordings are available on the member only page of the NCCW Website. (Another reason to get your individual membership!)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Award Nominations – Nominate the most outstanding NCCW member with a commitment to spirituality, leadership, and service. This woman will use the NCCW programs and resources to initiate activities and projects, acts on NCCW resolutions, welcomes everyone, mentors new members, and shares generously. Nominations will be accepted March 17 – April 28. Nominee cannot be currently serving on the National Board of Directors.

DCCW

Respect for Life Events:

January 24: Mass for the unborn, 6:00PM at the Cathedral

January 25: March for Life Utah

January 26: Bilingual Rosary for Life, 2:00Pm Mount Calvary Cemetery

Bylaws / Standing Rules Committee – Jamie Beert

These will be reviewed and updated as needed this year, once the committee is determined. If anyone has or finds corrections / additions / deletions to the Standing Rules or Bylaws please let me know.

Historian -

Service - Christine Corley

I hope you all had a beautiful Christmas and a Happy New Year! Now that the holidays are over, many charitable organizations are facing their most difficult time of year. It is common for them to get large numbers of donations at the end of year, but the first few months following that outpouring are often very dry in terms of both monetary and in-kind donations, requiring them to fall back on money or items they have been able to save up. That makes this the perfect time of year to plan a donation drive!

Donation Drive Do's and Don'ts

DO choose a focus that resonates with you and your group and choose a charitable organization accordingly. I would recommend praying about this! If you want to focus on a particular kind of item (your group loves making handmade cards and would like to donate some), make sure that you're planning to donate them to a group that can use them, rather than assuming that any charity you donate them to will know what to do with them (check out Cards for Kindness at <https://www.creativekindness.org/cfk-instructions> if that specific idea really resonates with you). Conversely, if you feel led to donate to a specific group, check with them in advance to see what they actually need and use their needs list to guide your giving.

DO advertise your donation drive! Check with the organization you are gathering donations for to see if they have marketing materials you can use. If not, you can easily create your own using a free tool – I like Canva (<https://www.canva.com/> , also available as an app in the App Store or Play Store). Consider creating a flyer that includes information such as a brief description of the organization's mission, what kinds of items you're collecting, where items can be dropped off, and a QR code or website for people who prefer to donate money. And don't be afraid to go big! Call up your local newspaper or radio station to cover the event, post it on your group's social media pages, get it in your parish bulletin – whatever it takes to get the word out!

DON'T pass along just anything. If you get items donated that the organization you're collecting for can't use, either because the items are used and at the end of their functional life or because they don't fit with the normal operations of the organization, have a plan to get rid of them another way (recycling them, donating them to another organization that can use them, or in as a last resort, throwing them out).

DON'T try to do it all on your own. Form a team to help with planning, advertising, and collecting and delivering donations. Your team might include members of your council, others in your parish, family members, or even volunteers or staff at the organization you are collecting donations for. Many hands make light work!

In addition to being a real boon for the receiving institutions, donation drives are a great way to build community, because vividly demonstrate how working together can create a huge positive impact in the world. Please let me know if you decide to organize a drive of your own, so that we can participate as well!

*Submitted by Gabby Gauchay
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