

Report from South West Deanery Council of Catholic Women
JANUARY 2017

The South West Deanery Board will be providing a retreat for all women on Saturday, March 25th. A mother-daughter day, it is being graciously hosted by the St. George Women's Council. It will be held in Kuzy Hall, from 9-3. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Tentatively, the theme is "Finding Joy; Building Self Worth and Community Through Humility."

All of our parish councils have been very active providing opportunity to build and serve their communities. We have tremendous women at the helm of these councils doing awesome jobs. Their level of commitment is admirable. we are looking forward to connecting with the women of the San Pablo Mission, in Beryl.

Keep up the good work ladies!

Christ the King's Catholic Women's Council had a very busy fall. They assembled hygiene kits for Iron County Care & Share to distribute to the homeless, held a "baby shower" and raffled a quilt to benefit St. Martha's Baby Basket Project, set up an All Souls Day display in the gathering space to remember all our parishioners who died this past year, hosted the annual parish Christmas Party, and hosted a reception following the Religious Education Department's Christmas program. Five of their members attended a Leadership Workshop at St. George Parish in October. For fundraisers, they hosted a Wine Tasting and conducted a two-day craft sale. The CWC continues to provide a meal each month for the SUU Newman Club students, hold a monthly Women's Bible Study, and conduct monthly CWC meetings. Recent guest speakers included the Director of Iron County Care & Share, and the Director of the local Lion's Club.

Saint George Catholic Church Women's Council held a Christmas drive to collect warm hats, mittens and gloves and stuffed animals for the children of the Beryl Junction San Pablo Mission, which was very successful and very much appreciated. Currently, they are planning a reception/celebration for Carlos Mendez, who is being ordained a Deacon on Jan. 28th, to be held after the Spanish Mass on Sun. approximately 2:00 pm. on Jan. 29th in Suzy Hall.

They also have tentative plans to provide several retreats during the year along with their annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. This fall, they are planning to have another "Diaper Drive" for the HOPE Pregnancy Care Center.

For a change of pace, their November meeting was held at Harmon's Grocery in St. George. Besides a behind-the-scenes tour and a guest speaker, they were treated to a "high" tea, provided by Harmon's.

Newly elected Officers were installed Jan, 3. Mary Skomal is the new president (435-673-7511 or rwskomal@msn.com)

Hurricane's Council of Catholic Women had a very active year. September included a Women's retreat about Service. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. October they hosted a church picnic and a Halloween party. November HCCW prepared a Thanksgiving dinner for the Dove shelter for abused women/families and December the group decorated/donated a tree for the Hurricane Festival of Trees that raises funds for the Shop-with-a-Cop program locally. A Christmas party for the CCD children/families and the community in general was followed by a New Year's Eve party for the Saint Paul Community and friends. They are looking forward to a February Valentines Party/Diner-Dance.

Kanab's Women's Council is holding its own. They have had several events, including a "Granny Mani" for elderly women of the parish and potlucks. They are dealing with remodel of their church.