

SOUTHWESTERN DEANERY REPORT
January 27, 2024 – Mary Skomal, SW Deanery President

We may be a small deanery of two affiliates, but we sure keep busy!

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC WOMEN'S COUNCIL • Our favorite activity of the year was a great success. The CWC hosted a Halloween trunk or treat in the church parking lot, with 16 decorated cars, with over 200 costumed children. • For the month of November, the CWC provided a table in our Gathering Space with the names of parishioners who passed away during the previous year. • The CWC recently hosted two funeral receptions. The first was for Phillip Rish, son of our CWC President, Donna Rish. The second was to honor long-time parishioner, Cheryl Heyborne, who passed away on January 7th. Although she was blind from birth, Cheryl was an active member of our parish, our CWC, and the Cedar City community. Her passing left us with broken hearts, but we are comforted knowing that she now rests in the arms of Jesus. • Our CWC ladies baked dozens & dozens of cookies for the annual Christmas pageant presented by the children in our Faith Formation program. • A great time was had by the 90 parishioners who attended the CWC-sponsored Christmas party at Rusty's Ranch House. What a fun way to celebrate together as a parish family. • This year, we have continued to pray the Rosary before each of our monthly CWC meeting. The Rosary is well attended and appreciated by our members. • CWC continues to take our turn hosting the monthly coffee and donuts after Mass, and providing a home-cooked meal once a month for our SUU Newman Club students. • The CWC is excited about the opportunity to work alongside our Southwestern Deanery sisters as we host the 2024 DCCW Convention. Our plans are coming along nicely.

SAINT GEORGE WOMEN'S GROUP: We've had a busy last quarter of 2023. October Diaper Drive for the benefit of the Well Pregnancy Resource Center (formerly known as the Hope Pregnancy Care Center) raised \$2,617 in monetary donations; 7405 diapers and 1,320 baby wipes were donated, together with multiple bags of clothing. The Resource Center reported that the donated diapers represent about 50% of what they use for the entire year. Our December Bake Sale generated \$2,450 in funds that all will be donated to different charity causes. So far, \$120 was given to Cub Scout Pack 4802 for their Pinewood Derby and \$500 was sent to Andre Sicard, a newly ordained Priest who is studying Canon Law. St. George Catholic Women's Group is excited to do our part toward hosting the upcoming DCCW Convention in Salt Lake City. \$1,187 was donated by the group to purchase contents of the Convention swag bags. Also, we combined forces with Christ the King Women's Group to work on a massive, three-day project to handcraft very special items for Convention swag bags. We are confident that the fruits of our labor will be a big hit at the DCCW Convention! Our group's annual Christmas Giving Tree was, as usual, a big success. Thanks to the tireless fundraising efforts of Mary Skomal, current President of the SW Deanery and past President of St. George Women's Group, every child registered for the Christmas Giving Tree program received a \$20 gift card to a local store, so they could select their own present. Our Council has started a tradition of doing Mass intentions for the sick current and former members of the group. The Group's Sunshine Committee continues to give Prayer Shawls to the sick and bereaved parishioners and to Catholic residents of local assisted living facilities. The Women's Group is gearing up for the Ministry Fair spearheaded by our Vice-president Suzanne DeMaio, which is coming up mid-February. We will have a fun and interactive booth with printed information about the Group's activities, prize drawings and tasty treats.

As you can see, both parishes have been very busy. On the first weekend in March, the SW Deanery is having the Eucharistic Miracles Display in Kuzy Hall, St. George Catholic Church. It will be in the afternoon on Sat., until after the 7:00 Spanish Mass and Sunday from 10:00 until after the 2:00 Spanish. Fr. Vidal will be bringing the relic and a couple of posters on Feb. 24th from 9:00 to about 2:30. This will be a nice introduction to the display. And, we are preparing for the convention. Everything is coming along just fine. God bless you all.