

**Wasatch Deanery Council of Catholic Women  
Affiliate/Commission Reports  
November 4, 2023**

September and October flew by in a flash and November is here. October was filled with Council Sunday Celebrations, adoration attendance, and many rosaries prayed. Almost all our affiliates are in full swing preparing for fundraisers, retreats, and lots of service projects. I, along with Barb Kerouac and Jeanne Audiss attended the Wasatch Deanery Priests meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup>. There was a small attendance due to scheduling conflicts but were able to speak to them about the importance of the CCWs in their parishes and how important being affiliated with the NCCW/DCCW/WDCW Councils were. We also asked for their support of their councils. Plans are in the works to reach out to our affiliated and non-affiliated parishes to offer encouragement and resources to enrich their CCWs and in some cases, hopefully to start a CCW. We still have a lot of our Wasatch Deanery Sainly Doodle Calendars available for Christmas gifts. Thanks to the Wasatch Deanery Affiliate Presidents and Commission Chairs for their wonderful reports.

**Affiliate Reports**

**St. Martin de Porres CCW, Robin Marvive**

We are blessed to continue to be able to serve and grow in our community. In October we were blessed to celebrate Our Mother Mary and the rosary. At our October meeting we started off with the living rosary and continued with learning how to make rosaries. We also had our Fall Boutique/Festival this last weekend which brought many vendors and guests to our parish hall. We are preparing for B.A.C.A - Bikers Against Child Abuse to come our November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will be collecting fleece blankets and/or making blankets for the children. It's the hug they need in their struggles. We invite everyone to come join us. We are honored to help where we can and support all our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are still working on starting the junior CCW program within our church and hope to have a format in the beginning of the year.

**Saint Peter Council of Catholic Women-Chris Manry**

Our September meeting involved a discussion about the National Conference that was very enlightening for the ladies that were unable to attend. We also discussed the election of a new president for our Council. Chris Manry was the only willing candidate, so she won. We also discussed ideas for future meetings and events along with fund raising ideas.

In October, every Saturday morning at 10:00, the ladies gathered to pray the Rosary in honor of the Blessed Virgen Mary, our mother. We had cookies and coffee, tea, or water afterwards enjoying each other's company. The ladies, at the final meeting, expressed their desire to continue to do this on perhaps one Saturday a month.

Our next meeting will be on November 14<sup>th</sup> where we will enjoy Thanksgiving related snacks. We will also discuss the Shut-ins in our Parish and what we will give them for in December for Christmas. Poinsettias or a nice plant had been discussed earlier.

### **Ladies of Saint Thomas More-Missy Corcoran**

We held our October Meet and Mingle outside and enjoyed the beautiful fall view of the mountains. We met in October and continued to plan for our Ladies Luncheon, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and our popular boutique December 1st-2nd. Our Council Sunday celebration was well attended and held outside while we prayed the rosary. It was a joy to hear the rosary prayed in English, Spanish, Hungarian, French, and Persian. Our attendance at First Saturday Adoration was also well attended. We look forward to keeping this going and possibly adding to this wonderful experience. Lastly, back by popular demand, we will be playing Bunco in December at Meet and Mingle.

### **St Joseph the Worker Parish-Teresa Smith**

In October, we discussed the upcoming Gift of the Little Drummer Kick-off and brought flyers to hand out because at this time there is urgent need for many items, especially for homeless men. Our president did a presentation of Saints of the Month slide show of St. Theresa the Little Flower and Saint Pope John Paul II. We had a Spooky food themed potluck, and the food was great!

We talked about the upcoming CCW Officers blessing and making angels for the tree we plan to place in Gathering space of the church for Gift of Little Drummer. There was raffle held and it is always fun to see what was in the prize bags.

### **Blessed Sacrament-Cheryl Illario**

In my haste to complete the last report, I overlooked a few things. For Father's Day, our CCW honored the fathers of the parish with a gift of a pen inscribed with a spiritual saying. Two of our members were representatives for the Mass during the Eucharistic Revival in July. And in August, we had several members attend and volunteer for the NCCW Convention held in Salt Lake City.

**September** - CCW hosted First Friday Adoration in the church on September 1. Our monthly meeting was held on September 20 with a rosary at 6:00, social at 6:30, and meeting at 7:00 pm. This month our Community Service chair organized a baby shower benefiting St. Martha's Baby Project. There was a collection of various baby items, and the ladies tied quilts. The ladies also brought in their own baby photo, and we had a guessing game to see who was who. We also continued with our book exchange. On September 30, we hosted the Wasatch Deanery meeting in our parish center.

**October** - CCW hosted First Friday Adoration on October 6. Our monthly meeting was held on October 18 with a rosary at 6:00, social at 6:30, and meeting at 7:00 pm. Our Community Service chair organized a collection of items for the Box of Joy project sponsored by Cross Catholic Outreach. Over 25 boxes were filled. After the meeting, we held our annual wine and cheese pairing event. Ladies were able to taste nine different wines and cheeses while they socialized. On Sunday, October 22, we held our annual Council Tea with over 30 ladies in attendance, including our Sandy City Mayor. There were finger sandwiches, veggies, fruit, and many desserts to enjoy with a multitude of tea choices and raffle prizes.

Preparations are underway for our annual Holiday Blessings Boutique which will be held on November 18. And our Nomination Committee is hard at work finding candidates for next year's officers to be voted on in November.

### **St Francis of Assisi-Christine Corley**

September: Our group hosted an All-Star themed dinner dance as a fundraiser for our parish, complete with a DJ, pinata, and cake walk.

October: Our vice-president/president-elect, Pat, led our group in an exercise to delve deeper into our mission and learn more about the vision our members have for our group.

### **Ssints Peter & Paul CCW-Margaret Craigin-Masarone**

Saints Peter & Paul CCW meets every first Saturday of the month. In November, we will have a presentation by our Peace and Justice coordinator. We are also planning the parish Retreat for December 2, and working on knotted rosaries for our Little Missionaries. Plans are also in the works for our Guadalupe celebration.

### **Saint John the Baptist, Ruth Penderghast/Julie Carlin**

**September**, we hosted our Welcome Back social. We played a fun ice-breaker and got to know each other better. We had 22 women in attendance.

**October**, we will be hosting the Eucharistic Miracles display and a Nocturnal Adoration after Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 5:00 mass until 8:00 am on Sunday October 22.

**November**, we are planning a baby shower for St Martha's Baby Project.

**December**, we will have our Christmas party.

### **Saint Francis Xavier, Erin Stephens**

Saint Francis Xavier has not yet started their year.

## **Commission Reports**

### **Service Commission Report, Susan Porter, St. John the Baptist Parishioner**

A couple of years ago on one of our road trips to Texas, my husband and I stopped to see some old friends in Holdrege, Nebraska. We attended Mass at the local parish, All Saints, on what happened to be Council Sunday. To mark the occasion, there was a bulletin insert entitled "We are the Women in the Pews" that outlined the various levels of Council and contained the following article written by Kathy Rowell, an All Saints parishioner. At the time, she was also President of the Lincoln Diocese of Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW). I know the article's title will get your attention because the phrase "magic underwear" has another connotation here in Utah. Fortunately, this is not an article poking fun at our LDS neighbors' sacramental garments but a sentimental reminder of how our small acts of service and kindness impact others.



## The Magic Underwear Drawer and the Fuel Fairy

Are you curious? Do you wonder what these phrases have to do with you and me or each other? It may seem strange, but the Magic Underwear Drawer and the Fuel Fairy have a lot in common. Actually, one is dependent upon the other. And they have a lesson for us. Jesus spoke about these concepts but used different words. Let me explain. See if you can think of a similar message in the Bible.

Every time I do laundry, I think of the story of the man who was bragging to his friends about a strange phenomenon that he experiences weekly. He told his buddies that he never worries when his supply of clean underwear is running low. Somehow, the supply is magically replenished and the next time he goes to his underwear drawer, it is full again. He claims to have a Magic Underwear Drawer.

I think we all have at least one magic underwear drawer, but it is such a part of our lives that we do not give it much thought. It might be the gas tank that is always full when we need to go somewhere, the bills that are paid or the fresh full coffeepot when we walk in to work. It could be the decorations at church, the Priest who is always there to say Mass or the clean clothes in the closet. It can be the lights that come on at the flip of a switch or the cleaned streets after a snow. We (I) take a lot for granted. These unseen deeds make our lives more pleasant and less worrisome. But they are not done by magic. Someone is taking care of the little things. Enter the Fuel Fairy.

My husband delivered fuel to farmers' irrigation wells which brought water to the crops during the growing season. As the saying goes, "Failure is not an option". One customer was so grateful he did not have to worry about it that he started telling people he had a "Fuel Fairy" who kept his irrigation going. Your "Fuel Fairy" might plow the snow from your driveway, bring fresh flowers to put on the altar, make the coffee or go out in a storm to fix power lines.

In Matthew 6: 1-4 we hear about doing things quietly and not drawing attention. We are all someone's "Fuel Fairy". We might think of it as doing our job or taking care of something that needs to be done. But it lightens someone else's load. We do not do it for recognition, we do it so the magic underwear drawer is always full. As you go about your day, see if you can spot the "Fuel Fairies" in your life. ~Kathy Rowell

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<https://www.lincolndiocese.org/lincoln-diocesan-council-of-catholic-women/about-the-ldccw>

## **Leadership Commission, Jamie Beert, St. Joseph the Worker Parishioner**

Although the holidays are quickly approaching, thought I would provide some Fundraising ideas to start off the new year. I know some CCWs have standard Fundraisers, so thought I would provide some different ideas for those CCWs looking for ideas or even new ideas. I feel the fundraisers build a community within the CCW as the women work together, as well as community with the Parish. The fundraisers also bring attention to the CCW.

Some fundraising many of our CCWs already do:

Bake Sales

Holiday Boutiques

Yard Sales

Luncheons / Fashion Shows

Here are some ideas tied to holidays for items to sell:

Advent Wreath / Candle sales

Wrap Christmas Presents

Valentine's Flowers / Treats in a nice box

Mother's Day / Father's Day – Gifts to give

Superbowl/World Series/World Cup/March Madness / etc. – Sell Premade Sub sandwiches,

Take & Bake Pizza, Chips/Dips, appetizers

Cinco de Mayo – Take and Bake enchiladas, Chips and Salsa

Memorial Day / 4<sup>th</sup> of July / Labor Day – sell Side Salads, desserts, chips/dips.

Hold Events:

Tea Party

Cook-off: Chili, BBQ, Baking – people can buy ticket to get sample / vote

Board Game / Trivia night – sell snacks

Breakfast for Dinner

Groupraise.com – shows restaurants / stores who participate in donating part of sales for a

designated day for your organization

Pumpkin Carving Day/Night

Picture with Santa

Lemonade / Iced Tea / Iced Coffee stand after masses

Rubber Duck – Pick in a pool, or build a water track for a race

Pie in the Face – Sell tickets to win getting to put Whipped Cream pie into the face of whomever

you can get to volunteer to have it done – great if you can get

Priest, Deacon, RE

teachers to be victims.

Other ideas:

Sell singing telegrams or Flowers/balloons to be delivered to homes for Birthdays or

Anniversaries

Seed / plant starters sale

Have an opportunity drawing basket after masses for a set amount of time (versus having it only at events)

M&M (or other items) in a jar – Buy a ticket to guess how many – closest wins the jar and/or

another prize

Of course, the more items you can get donated, the more profit margin your CCW will gain. Also, these could also be used for fundraising for Parish Building fund, a charity, etc. Have fun with them and encourage your CCW members to get involved.

**Bylaws / Standing Rules Committee** - The updated Bylaws and Standing Rules were approved at our September Meeting.

**Submitted by Annette Pressley, President Wasatch Deanery**