

Wasatch Deanery Report

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President's Report

Gabby Gauchay

I'm alive! First off, I would like to say thank you to all those who have reached out and shown your love and support during these tender first months of postpartum! I apologize if I missed responding to anyone's sweet messages - my phone seems to get lost these days. But, truly it continues to amaze me how lucky I am to have found this community of wonderful women that support, love and cheer each other on. That's what this organization is about. Community. God created us all to be in communion with each other. To journey together. What better place to do that than the Council of Catholic Women! That is what attracted me to drop into my parishes CCW meeting and what has encouraged me to get more involved throughout the years.

I want each of you to keep in mind you're "why" as we enter into nominating season! Why CCW? Why did you start? What difference did you want to make as you have gotten more involved? What community do you want to help build? Who is cheering you on? How do you support those around you? I pray that each of you open your hearts to God's call - whether that is a call to serve in a position or a call to support and encourage others to step up in position.

Vice President's Report

Robin Marvive

Hello sisters in Christ.

I can't believe it's Fall and snow is just around the corner. This last month we had the month of Service Project for October along with The Rosary for Mother Mary. We are blessed to remember how to love beyond our reach. I find nowadays that our brother and sisters are in need of our service and our prayers throughout the day. When praying the Rosary our petition to God is delivered through a mother's love. I saw last month the power of prayer and the Rosary as our sister's husband was hospitalized, another sister lost both parents and many sisters or family members had surgeries or illnesses, all in whom needed our prayers. How lucky are we that we are surrounded by women of faith and women who know how to pray. I am humbled by the love of all of you, the love you share, and the love you receive are all gifts from God.

This last week I was at a craft fair with Sherry Walker from Carmelite Help, who assists the nuns with selling their homemade jams, rosary bracelets and fudge. Sherry was expressing the need for help. Help in working fairs, helping in Fall and Spring leave cleanup, which can be service hours for the youth. Basically they need help. If anyone is interested and available to help the Carmelite Nuns please pray about it, lean on the Rosary and contact Sherry Walker at 801-718-8312.

Be the light in the darkness for someone and remember to pray.

Immediate Past President's Report

Fall Blessings to you all. What a wonderful time of the year. I love it and I love Thanksgiving. It is one of my favorite holidays. It is a special time to "Give Thanks" and share our blessings. Followed by Advent, a time to "Wait in Hope" and finally Christmas a time to "Rejoice in Our Saviors Birth". I hope you and your families have many blessings of the seasons and can share with those less fortunate from your abundance. The Deanery Nomination Committee was not activated at the September but will happen at this one. We will be looking for a First Vice-President/President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. Please prayerfully consider accepting one of these positions and let me know if you are willing to serve. You will have some great mentors. Mark your calendars!! I hope your CCW Presidents have shared the "Save the Date" information with you. On Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. the DCCW will be participating with other parishes in 3 time zones for an event that has not been done before, "Adoration Across the Nation" The Salt Lake City DCCW will be representing the Mountain Time Zone, and our host parish will be St. Joseph the Worker, 7405 S Redwood Road, West Jordan, Utah, 84084. We would like to fill the pews and have as many of our members present as possible. If you cannot attend in person, the Adoration will be livestreamed.

Affiliate Reports

St. Francis of Assisi – Orem, UT

We have been focused on preparation for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi dinner dance. With help from everyone, we had a successful dinner dance. We had about 110 people in attendance this year. Our current focus is getting ready for our Christmas Boutique. We are getting new vendor sign ups.

St. Peter – American Fork, UT

In September, we had our first meeting. a Welcome Social for all the Ladies with a meeting going over the approved Calendar for 2025 – 2026. Father Eugenio offered the opening prayer and Blessing!

In October, DCCW President, Annette Pressley, President Elect, Susan Porter and Bonny Siegrist came to speak to us on Counsel. Bonny is returning on Monday morning, November 3, to help us with updating our Bylaws. We also made Flyers and handed them out at the Saturday Mass and the Sunday 10:00 Mass to encourage the ladies in the Parish to join our Counsel of Catholic Women. We additionally met to fill 5 Boxes of Joy plus 3 shoe boxes for Children in need. Then on October 31 st we met Pat Voorhes to drop off our boxes plus 50 boxes from Becky Columbo. In November, during our meeting. Father Eugenio will offer a Mass for our departed members. We will have a Social afterwards.

St. Thomas More – Cottonwood Heights, UT

As the weather turns colder and the leaves fall, the Ladies of St Thomas More continue to serve and have fun. We hosted a game of Bunco at our monthly Meet and Mingle gathering. There was a lot of laughter as the ladies moved from table to table. Annette Pressley helped organize the DCCW service project and got many ladies to fill 20 boxes of Joy to send off. On the 19th of this month, a few of us braved the wind and prayed the Rosary at our Grotto for Council Sunday. Lastly, thanks to the DCCW, our Ladies ministry was able to present the Carol Acutis Eucharistic Miracles display for our parish and community. We look forward to the holidays and sharing a good time with our annual ladies Christmas luncheon the second Saturday of December.

Blessed Sacrament – Sandy, UT

June: We successfully had our 50th Garage Sale. At our meeting, we discussed ways to support the University of Utah NICU by sewing isolette covers, mattress covers, and swaddling blankets. We instituted “Becky’s Breakfast,” where we attend Mass, recite a rosary, and then socialize at a restaurant. This was a way to honor our beloved Becky Hicks, who wanted to create opportunities for all the ladies of the parish so they could share in prayer and socialize, especially those who could not attend monthly meetings.

July: We collected food for the INN Between’s Summer barbecue. We hosted a social with the ladies at Localz restaurant in place of our monthly meeting.

August: A group of members gathered for a sewing party to create items for the University of Utah NICU. The completed pieces were collected at our August meeting and gratefully received by NICU staff, who noted a continued need for additional swaddling blankets. Members also contributed to the Carmelite Fair by sewing items. In addition, we organized a food drive for The INN Between to help restock their pantry, inviting parishioners to participate. The response was outstanding, resulting in a highly successful collection.

September: We began collecting donations for Box of Joy and initiated planning for our annual Holiday Boutique and Council Tea. During the monthly meeting, members voted to select the CCW Woman of the Year nominee. A committee was also formed to gather nominations from other parish groups for their respective candidates.

October: We hosted another Becky’s Breakfast at Jim’s Family Restaurant. Our 11th Annual Council Tea was very well attended, and we look forward to welcoming even more participants next year. During the monthly meeting, members assembled the Boxes of Joy and established a committee to oversee the upcoming officer elections, scheduled for the November meeting. Additionally, members prepared and delivered a meal for The INN Between following one of the weekend Masses.

St. Martin de Porres – Taylorsville, UT

We are having a lot of fun at our meetings so far. In September we had our first meeting back after our summer break. We had a very interesting presentation by Jeremy Gidney from Catholic Community Services all about the refugee resettlement program. In October we heard about Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrim’s visit to homes and the history behind it. We also celebrated with a living rosary at our meeting. We have had several new members join us for meetings. It has been great getting to know more women of the parish.

St. Joseph the Worker – West Jordan, UT

We had our first meeting after the summer break on September 6 th . We introduced the new officers:

President – Susan Espinoza

Vice-President – Christine Rascon

Secretary – Adrienne Cabrera

Treasurer – Jeanne Audiss

Spirituality – Jeanne Audiss

We discussed several possible service projects to initiate. The one we chose to start with is a collection from parishioners for luggage and duffel bags for children in the foster care system. Most of them have to "pack" their clothes in black trash bags. Susan sent out surveys to determine what the interests of the women are for the coming year. One thing we are bringing back from awhile ago is having one of the women do a short presentation each month to share something spiritual or inspiring, i.e., a favorite Saint, a personal reflection, or something that's helped you grow in faith. For our November 6th meeting, we will have a "mini-retreat" on Turning to Mary During Advent in place of our usual meeting. We are hoping to bring in a few more women with the invitation to retreat. In December, we will have our annual Christmas party, where we exchange small Christmas decorations with a "right/left" story which is always fun.

St. Francis Xavier - Kearns, UT

September 8: The CCW hosted a "Get to Know Each Other" mixer to foster fellowship among new and returning members.

October 12: CCW provided dessert for the church BBQ.

October 16-17: CCW displayed English-language Carlo Acutis Panels for St. Francis Xavier Catholic School.

October 20: Members gathered to recite the Rosary, share a meal, and begin planning future activities.

Looking Ahead: We have contacted KOC regarding Spanish-language St. Carlos Acutis panels and are awaiting an update from their printing connection. In November, the craft ladies and CCW will collect hats and gloves for the KOC coat drive. During our November meeting we will assemble hygiene kits. In December, we will host a potluck for the wives of the Knights of Columbus.

Sts. Peter and Paul - West Valley, UT

St. John the Baptist - Draper, UT

So our September meeting was BUNCO and it was a lot of fun! We had 12 women who showed up to play.

Our October meeting was packed, as this was our "FRUIT OF THE VINE" event. 36 women! We served tastings of 7 wines, expertly paired with food, while learning about them. We had a general charcuterie board that was gorgeous with a nice selection of cheeses, fruits, meats and breads. This will net us about \$1000 after we pay for everything.

Our November meeting is "GRATITUDE IN DISAPPOINTMENTS: FINDING GOD'S HIDDEN GIFTS IN LIFE'S DETOURS". Regrettably, we are in need of a speaker. I will do it - if I can't find someone LOL (flyer attached)

Our December meeting is our favorite "ORNAMENT EXCHANGE" potluck.

We will also be doing the gifts bags for our homebound parishioners. Proceeds from our wine event will help pay for gifts bags that are not filled by parishioners.

Commission Reports

Spirituality - Ranae Lupus

Why Pray to The Virgin Mary?

"In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear" - St. Therese of Lisieux.

The best way to grow closer to Jesus Christ is by praying to His Mother, the Virgin Mary: She will present our prayers to Her Son Jesus. Prayer unites us with Our Mother and with Her humble, gentle, loving ways. It makes us the Christians that we are meant to be. Mary is the model for all Christians, She allows us to walk in the footsteps of Her Son Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of John says that as Jesus was dying on the Cross, He made Mary the Mother of all Christians: " 'Woman, here is your son'. Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother' " (John 19: 26-27).

With this word, Mary became the mother of John, of the disciples, of every Christian, The Mother of The Church.

What child would refuse a loving mother's request. Mary is our spiritual mother; she has asked us to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, for the conversion of our families, and for all that ails the world we live in.

Could each of us take 25 minutes to meditate on the life of Jesus and Mary as we pray the Rosary? It is just a matter of saying yes.... the graces and benefits will be felt in our lives. Our Lady has said to her children, do not forget that true peace comes only through prayer, from God Who is our peace. Each Hail Mary is like a Rose given to our Spiritual Mother.....Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

- Sister Dolores Keyser, ESEH, Director of Prison Ministry

May we become humble, gentle and Loving as our Blessed Mother through the power of the Rosary!

Leadership - Jamie Beert

Fall is definitely here with all the leaves changing and falling to the ground as well as the cooler temperatures, winter is just around the corner. Also quickly approaching is the Holiday season. As we enter into what can be an overwhelming time where we as women stretch ourselves too thin trying to accomplish all the "to-do" lists. While we bury ourselves in all these "things" that "have" to get done, it is easy for the real reason for this time of year to be less of a priority and many times completely lost. This time of year is a great time to try our best to embrace a "What would Mary do" mindset. I am positive she was not worried about a to-do list or things out of her control, rather she embraced her reliance on God to take care of her needs. As we prepare for the birth of Jesus in this Advent season, I found this quote from Henri Nouwen which touched me: "The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord." In this busy time, we need to really make the effort to stop to see and hear His presence in our daily life. Some ideas to help you slow down and prioritize God are: set aside time to do spiritual reading and/or adoration, limit social media interactions, say "No" to some events to keep the time you need to have prayer/spirituality time for yourself and with family. May we all remember, a great gift to give is our time to family and friends, however, we should be "gifting" ourselves first with our time to maintain

our health – spiritual, mental and physical. May you all be blessed during this Advent season and slow down to truly focus on the coming of the Lord.

Wasatch Deanery – Sharing the reminder that Wasatch Deanery officer positions will be up for election next year. The Deanery will have nominations for President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Nominating Committee (IPP Annette Pressley, Chair) will be activated at the November meeting. Annette will send out the Call for Nominations, and the list of nominees will be presented at the Deanery board meeting preceding the DCCW convention and voting will occur at that meeting as well. The terms will begin after DCCW Convention. Robin Marvive as the new President will appoint a Parliamentarian, Historian, Advisory Board, Deanery Representatives to DCCW Board, and all Chairs of the Committees and Commissions. You can find position descriptions in the revised Standing Rules. Please look through all the positions, pray and open your heart and minds to consider taking one of the positions. Reach out to the women who currently hold positions to gain more information. Please pray, open your hearts and minds and consider taking a position. If you are interested in an officer position – Raise your hand when the Call for Nominations occurs.

Bylaws / Standing Rules Committee – Although we just passed our revised Bylaws and Standing Rules, it's never too early to provide feedback, ideas, changes to me for the next revision.

DCCW – Also, a reminder there are Officer positions open for the DCCW Board. The DCCW will have nominations for 1st Vice President/President Elect, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Nominating Committee has been activated, and the Wasatch Deanery rep is Jamie Beert and we also have Lydia Farnell as member at large. If you are interested in any position on the DCCW Board, please let Jamie or Lydia know. There are forms for submitting your nomination on the DCCW Webpage. There are also position descriptions on the webpage. If you have any questions, please ask Jamie or Lydia, or the woman currently serving in the position. The next DCCW Board meeting will be January 17, 2026, at Our Lady of Lourdes, Magna UT.

2026 DCCW Convention – Yes work has already started planning next year's convention. We will be returning to Little America on April 17-19. Stay tuned for details. There has also been a committee formed to look into options and ideas for future conventions. The Wasatch Deanery representative on the committee is Bonnie Siegrist, share any ideas you have with her.

NCCW – 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!)
NCCW Convention – Start planning now. 2026 Convention will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan

Historian/Website –

Legislative – Donna Murphy

This November has been an election month and thankfully it has not been as chaotic as a presidential election year. There have been many issues on Utah Capitol Hill during this Interim Session and many have been approved as committee bills to be presented in 2026. The next upcoming General Session starts on January 20, 2026 and ends on March 6, 2026. There has been much debate on redistricting maps with some meetings to get public input. As per the Intermountain Catholic Newspaper on October 31, 2025 the Pope said “Hope doesn’t mean having all the answers but having trust”. “Hope means trusting God that ‘things are not as they seem’. The

resurrection of Jesus means “love has triumphed, even though before our eyes we see many contradictions and the clash of many opposites.” The president and CEO of the Catholic Health Association has told OSV News said “We are deeply concerned about what the proposed Medicaid cuts would mean for the future of our health care system. Such cuts would create a system that is more unequal and unstable, putting millions of people at risk of losing coverage and leaving safety-net hospitals under even greater financial strain. The result would be widening of health disparities –especially for children, older adults, people with disabilities and low-income families who rely most of Medicaid for care.” This article also details how the U.S. Catholic bishops declared in their 1993 “Framework for Comprehensive Healthcare Reform that every person has a right to adequate health care. This right flows from the sanctity of human life and the dignity that belongs to all human persons who are made in the image and likeness of God.” The President of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio has said in the October 31, 2025 Intermountain Catholic newspaper, “I ask every American to reflect on the value of every human life. I beg you to see Christ in every person, even those whose policies you oppose. Disagree, debate civilly, stand up for your rights, but always remember in your heart that we are all children of God and deserve dignity and life.”

In general, if we can continue to pray for our colleagues and family members as well as strangers to be more understanding of each other’s differences, the world will be a safer, more peaceful place in which to live. Please consider getting to know who your elected officials are and become acquainted with them. The websites and newspaper referenced in this article may be found at www.icatholic.org, www.dioslc.org and www.le.utah.gov. Please feel free to contact me at 801-414-4725 or email at drmurphy21@outlook.com. God Bless America and all of us to be safe from political violence.

Service - Christine Corley

I have a little sign in my kitchen that says “Food is my love language.” Now, obviously this is not one of the options identified by Gary Chapman in his seminal book *The Five Love Languages*. And yet, a well-timed meal delivery can say so many of the things that words cannot.

When delivered to parents of a new baby, a meal says, “We’re so excited for you! Here’s something to make your life a little easier at this hectic time and remind you that you aren’t in this alone.”

To someone experiencing illness, it says, “So sorry you aren’t feeling well. Don’t worry, we’ll help to take care of things while you can’t. We know you are tired and have a lot of things to spend your energy on. Focus on healing, and remember you aren’t in this alone.”

To a grieving family, it can say, “We’re so sorry for your loss. Grief can feel all-consuming, but there are still people who care about you. And even though we can’t do anything to reverse your loss, we can help you to carry the burden of grief. We’re here for you. *You aren’t in this alone.*”

In a very tangible way, then, we are speaking the language of Christ - the language of love - when we reach out with a simple gift of food during difficult times. It is an opportunity to remind both ourselves and those we minister to that love results in deeds, that communities care for one another, and that we can imitate Christ by choosing to show up for the people around us. Now, that might seem like a lot of pressure to put on a casserole! But when we take the advice of St. Therese of Lisieux to do small things with great love, those casseroles suddenly seem very capable.

So, as I strive to assist your groups in serving your parishes and communities, it seems fitting to share with you a casserole recipe my grandmother passed down to me.

Hamburger casserole

1 lb wide egg noodles

1 lb ground beef

8 oz sour cream

2 cans cream of mushroom soup

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Cook beef, breaking into small chunks.
3. Bring a pot of water to a boil, add noodles. Cook until soft and drain.
4. Combine all ingredients and stir until the noodles are completely coated.
5. Grease a 9x13 inch pan and fill it with your casserole.
6. Bake 45-60 minutes. Remove from oven, let cool 5 minutes before eating.

Notes:

- Put some cheese on top halfway through baking for cheeseburger casserole.
- Feel free to make substitutions! Change out ground turkey for the beef and use cream of chicken soup instead of cream of mushroom, for example.
- If you're delivering this casserole to someone who may not eat it right away, cook it for only 30 minutes. It can be put in the fridge or freezer and then reheated in the oven later.

*Submitted by Gabby Gauchay
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