

## Wasatch Deanery Council of Catholic Report January 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR! New Year - Same GOOD GOD! This time of year is always a favorite of mine. The warmth of the holidays lingering - the thrill of a fresh start - and can I tell you that I LOVE planning?! I love a new planner, with blank pages waiting to be filled with goals, hopes, dreams and the meetings, events, parties and appointments that make those goals and dreams a reality!

Where will God take us this year, ladies?

This year in particular, is exciting for our Deanery and Diocesan Council of Catholic Women - as it is a nominating year! We will vote in new officers, new callings, ideas and adventures will begin! I am so grateful that this time, 4 years ago - while laying in a dark room with Covid, I answered my phone to the WDCCW nominating committee. Though my YES was not a confident yes, one filled with many uncertainties and doubts, God has blessed me in my roles and I would like to think that I have done His will in my small way.

Where will God take YOU this year?  
How are you responding?

The end of 2025 was busy for many of our affiliates as they prepared and executed some very successful events. **Blessed Sacrament, St. Francis of Assisi** and **St. Martin de Porres** held their annual boutiques to spread crafts and holiday cheer around their parishes! **St. Peter** participated in their parish's Holiday Bazaar and **St. Thomas More** hosted another fabulous ladies luncheon in conjunction with their holiday boutique.

I was pleased to see that throughout our deanery, many of our groups had the elderly in mind through the holidays. St. Peter's ladies got together to make sure that the elderly folks in their parish received a visit from someone in their group. **St. Thomas More** has made over 150 Valentine's Cards to distribute to various local assisted living spaces.

Community is always at the forefront of our minds, because, well - we were made to be in communion with each other! Through the last few months our groups enjoyed holiday parties, gift exchanges, dinners and much more. **St. Francis of Assisi** participated in a women's Advent devotional group, getting together on Saturday mornings for tea and to discuss the week's readings. **St. John the Baptist** held a wonderful Wine Pairing event that welcomed not only the women of their parish, but the men as well! **St. Francis Xavier** held a potluck social and is looking forward to hosting a "wellness night" this month!

And lastly, we would be nothing if we weren't serving. Our groups keep themselves busy with many service projects. **St. Francis Xavier** participated in Coats for Kids and also held a night to make hygiene kits! **St. Thomas More** had a great time packing up Box of Joy! And **St. Martin de Porres** hosted a movie night, where they watched a film on homelessness and had a great discussion afterward.

Our Deanery is invigorated for the New Year - we are ready to answer the call and to serve God's people.

Submitted by Gabby Gauchay  
Wasatch Deanery President