

Wasatch Deanery Report

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President's Report

Gabby Gauchay

Summer is here! For some of us that means a much needed and well deserved break is upon us.

Though I don't particularly love the heat - I am looking forward to this summer hopefully going slow, being full of great and bloated memories of growing baby boy Gauchay, who is due to be born at the end of this season!! If you read my January report, you know that winter was a particularly hard season for me with illness and a sense of sadness concerning my future chances of becoming a mother. I found comfort in focusing my Advent season on HOPE and BOY! Can I tell all of you, that HOPE came and embraced me as I found out I was pregnant for the first time, after 10 years, right after writing my last report. Spring has been filled with such joy and the presence of God's love is tangible in our home. It has also been a season of worry and surrender. I have always struggled with anxiety and the overwhelming thoughts of "WHAT IF" that truly have the power to consume me. But, through this time, I have found myself holding on to God's peace and providence. I tell us both often in prayer "Lord, I know you wouldn't lead us here to have us perish". It has truly been a gift to learn to let go and let God. Let Him take the wheel, let Him steer me and guide me, let Him remind me of all the blessings I have in my life that He has always graciously given me. And most of all, to let Him remind me who He is and who I am in His eyes.

That act of surrender is so relevant in so many aspects of our life. Especially, in a ministry such as ours. There are so many moving parts and people to work with. It can sometimes be hard or intimidating to find our voice, to speak up, to incite change. Or even just to find our confidence to raise our hand and volunteer. But, if we just let go of our expectations, or worries and fears, and just lean into God's goodness that surrounds us always, we will find that God has what we feel is out of control, in control. We can focus on the joy of a project, and not worry about the how to of it all. God is there for us and He is waiting for our surrender to let something beautiful happen. He's waiting for us to be still and quiet, so He can speak the truth of our existence into our hearts. Then, and only then will we be propelled into our FULLEST potential, or FULLEST calling, and peace.

What are you going to surrender this summer?

Vice President's Report

Robin Marvive

Blessings Sisters in Christ,

Every time I get the opportunity to share with you, I really think deep down inside, "What does God want me to share with you today?" All I keep hearing is "Do you know your value in Christ?" I can honestly say at times I feel on top of Mount Sinai looking over Egypt and at times I feel like I am in the swamps in Mississippi with thigh high galoshes on, wading through the day's challenges. Those are the days I allowed the world to tell me my value, and I forgot God's value. At the convention we learned that sometimes we serve to lessen our past tribulations, self-penance and sometimes we do it without value, out of habit, needing someone else to tell us we are good and/or valuable. But if we are not serving with a loving, caring heart, we are not valuing all that God values in us and in his image, pure, love, spirit and heart. Today sisters I ask you to release yourself from the shackles that tell you that you are not enough, that you don't do enough, that you don't feel enough. God's Value of you has no depths, no heights, and no limits. It is laid out for you to recognize, to embrace and to

live daily. Remember the devil will be the one reminding you of your failures, rebuke him with the Blood of Christ. God will always wipe the slate clean for a new beginning. We all are made from one clay, created to live and achieve God's life for us, but we don't look, work or think the same. That is what makes us unique, that's what is valuable. I love you and I pray you always know God's Value.

Psalms 139 -1-4

"O Lord, you have searched me and you know me; you know when I sit and when I rise; you discern my thoughts from afar, You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely."

Blessings and Love

Immediate Past President's Report

Affiliate Reports

St. Francis of Assisi – Orem, UT

January: First meeting of the year. Reviewed past year and set a general agenda for the coming year.

February: Reviewed and approved new budget for 2025. Proposed a Lenten tea and study group to meet on Saturdays during lent.

March: Preparations for the conference including collecting registrations. We voted to make financial contributions to help with registration for those attending the conference. Amount is based on whether attending all days or just Saturday. Started a Lenten discussion group using a reading guide starting on the Saturday following Ash Wednesday. It has become a very spiritual experience for all who attend.

April: Our big event was attending the annual conference where we were awarded "Traveling Mary" to be our honorary member for the next year. This represents the parish women's group who had the most attendees. We finished Lent with the Stations of the Cross with Mary. It was very humbling and spiritual.

May: We honored Mary and the women of St. Francis of Assisi parish with a pot luck dinner. We were blessed with the attendance of members of St. Peter's joining us for this celebration. Hopefully, we can increase some of these collaborations in the future.

St. Peter – American Fork, UT

In February, we discussed the upcoming Convention. Angelica Ramos was nominated by Father Ariel to be the Woman of the year. We wrote kind words about each lady present on a sheet of paper for each lady.

In March, we provided non-meat soups to the Parish on a Friday that we presented The Stations of the Cross. We presented another Friday, Stations of the Cross, however, we did not provide soups then.

In April, we discussed fund raising. We decided to have a bake sale in May and a Raffle for a laptop in September. We had a Special presentation and reception for the St Peter winner of the Golden Rose Award. Xipatly, the winner, was presented with the Certificate from the

Diocese, flowers, and a cake in her honor.

In May, Jeanne Audis from the Diocese came to speak to us about her Faith Journey. This was followed by a Wine and Cheese party!! 2 new members of SPCCW came!!

Additionally, we are praying the Rosary together every first Saturday of the month with coffee, treats and fellowship afterwards.

St. Thomas More - Cottonwood Heights, UT

Blessed Sacrament - Sandy, UT

March

In March, we prepared a meal for *The INN Between*, a hospice residence that provides end-of-life care for individuals experiencing homelessness. This organization receives no state or federal funding and relies solely on foundations and individual donors. Our CCW has supported The INN Between for the past five years through annual monetary donations in January, as well as ongoing collections of socks, underwear, linens, food, and other necessities throughout the year. We also led *Mary's Way of the Cross* on March 28.

April

In April, we hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We stuffed 5,150 eggs and welcomed an estimated 150 children to the event. During Holy Week, prior to our monthly meeting, we attended Mass together as a group. That evening's activity was assembling goodie bags for our homebound parishioners, which were distributed over Easter weekend. Additionally, 14 of our members attended the annual DCCW convention.

May

For Mother's Day, we printed and distributed a special prayer—based on the *Our Father*—to all mothers in the parish after Mass. We also began preparations for our annual Garage Sale, calling for volunteers after Masses to help with setup, cleanup, and cashiering/bagging throughout the event. As a thank-you, those who committed to at least a 3-hour shift before the sale were given the opportunity to shop early.

St. Martin de Porres - Taylorsville, UT

We are having lots of fun at our meetings with social interaction and learning. We always start our meetings with learning about a saint.

In April we had a speaker who shared lots of Utah bird pictures and Utah bird knowledge with us so we can enjoy the nature around us. Then we followed up with making bird feeders for our yards.

We collected Mother's Day Cards again this year for Deacon Joaquin to distribute to the prisoners to share with their loved ones. It was a great success again,

We were sad to lose our priest Fr. Dominic in April but sent him off with a farewell party that a lot of the CCW members helped plan and work. We welcome Fr. Rodel as our spiritual leader through the summer.

In May we had our Luau meeting and will resume in September. It was a great time with delicious food, decorations and everyone dressed up for the party. Current officers were thanked for all their service and new officers were announced and thanked for

volunteering to serve. We were then entertained by an awesome dance troupe. It was a lot of fun and a great chance to learn about different cultures and how they use dance. We will be having a board meeting in June to plan for next years meetings. Have a great summer everyone.

St. Joseph the Worker - West Jordan, UT

In February's 2025 meeting we discussed the upcoming Valentine Cookie sales which netted our group \$867.25 A committee was put together to nominate Women of the Year for our parish. We spoke about the upcoming SJTW-DD drive fundraising event Spaghetti Dinner in March 15, 2025 that was planned and executed from STJW-CCW. We asked for basket donations to sell at the dinner. The president spoke about the deadline for the DCCW convention at the Little America Hotel. The group prayed the rosary taking turns to light the votive candle around the table. The setup was just beautiful! A SJTW-CCW took Friday to recite the Stations of the Cross at the church. In March's 2025 meeting we discussed the success possible visit to West Jordan Care Center to paint the ladies nails. We arranged the date for April 16 th ! Everyone was excited to go and paint nails. Spoke about St Patrick for March. In April's 2025 meeting we discussed that 12 to 13 women will be attending DCCW Convention. We sent 4 of them through Scholarship out of our funds. We paid for Women of the Year Roselyn Gunderson and Golden Rose nomination Sofia Arriaga to attend the convention and Banquet dinner. The rollout of the Spring Luncheon and spoof fashion show was rolled out. We went to the West Jordan Care Center and painted ladies nails. The ladies at the center and who attended from our group enjoyed it. April 30 th was St Joseph the Worker Parish was date that our parish had its Jubilee at the Cathedral of the Madeline. The President Teresa Smith made a large banner to walk with during the procession from Delta Center to the Cathedral. Banner turned out beautiful and every ministry walked and we recited the rosary. Almost the whole month of April, tickets sales to the spring luncheon and spoof fashion show were sold. May's 2025 meeting we discussed upcoming spring luncheon and spoof fashion show on May 17 th and asked for raffle baskets to be donated. We also, mentioned we needed more models. We made Mother's day cards for each other and some were given to the West Jordan Care Center. A committee was put together to nominate a person for president for STJW-CCW 2025-2026 year since after June I will be stepping down from my 2 year commitment.

June's 2025 upcoming meeting will be St Martha's baby project.

Bring a baby shower gift Please see Margie's flyer she sent. Margie is also bringing a layette from CCS to show the ladies how they are put together. We will be having fun going around talking about our own families or other. Teresa- Will have handouts for Saint Gianna Beretta Molla patron saint of mothers, physicians, and unborn children. Would like volunteers to clean closet out in June -Teresa will discuss the plan. New officer elects rollout during this meeting.

Sts. Peter and Paul - West Valley, UT

Has not met since March 2025.

St. John the Baptist - Draper, UT

February – The ladies of Saint John the Baptist celebrated Mardi Gras. We had delicious potluck dishes, CCW provided two king cakes and prizes for those who found the babies in each. We played bingo where each square of the card was a fun Mardi Gras pictures in place of B.I.N.G.O. As always, we had fun raffle prizes and door prizes.

March – Ruth Penderghast and Julie Carlin presented “Praying the Stations with The Mother of Jesus”. This is the first time this has been offered to this parish, it was a very moving and spiritual experience. Not too many dry eyes in the pews. This may become an annual tradition at SJB. Ruth

and Julie would recommend every parish experience the stations through the eyes of the Mother of Jesus. Ask one of them for a copy if you are interested.

April – SJBCCW took the month off from events as we prepared and attended the annual convention.

May – CCW brought in a Healing Collective for Sound Healing. This allowed everyone to experience an evening of deep relaxation and rejuvenation with Healing Vibration, which helped everyone calm the nervous system, release tension, and promote a deep sense of peace and well being

June - this will be our last event for the summer until September. We are having our 3rd Annual Wine and Food Tasting Event. We will try six different wines that will be specially paired with foods that will complement each varietal. Curious to taste the difference between a chardonnay and a riesling? Wondering how a “light” red differs from a “heavy” red? Can eating the right food really make a wine taste better? Our own Alyssa will share her knowledge of wines, regions, and foods at the event. All ladies over 21 are welcome, purchase tickets for \$40 in advance, space is limited and sells out quickly.

Commission Reports

Spirituality - Ranae Lupus

Leadership - Jamie Beert

Happy Summer !

NCCW

Elections: Congratulations to the new President Elect, Jane Schiszik and the new Secretary Kay Wessel. Congratulations also to the Nominating Committee members: Stacy Cuzick, Marlene Grover, Shelly Holt, Patricia Johnson, Alycia Laureti and Mary Woltmann. They along with our very own Amy Kennedy will be installed at the 2025 NCCW Convention.

Speaking of the NCCW Convention – it will be held August 19-24, 2025 in Orlando at the Hilton Orlando Buena Vista. **Convention Registration** closes on **June 13** and **Hotel Registration** closes on **July 28**. Also purchase of **tour tickets** end on **June 13**. Don't forget to get registered if you are planning to attend !

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!)

DCCW

Next Board meeting will be September 6 th at St James the Just

2026 DCCW Convention – Yes work has already started planning next year's convention. We will be returning to Little America. 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.

Wasatch Deanery

With the announcements for the newly elected for NCCW, thought it would be a great topic to discuss in this report, as Wasatch Deanery and DCCW positions will be up for election next year. In the Deanery, we will have nominations for President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer. The Nominating Committee (IPP Annette Pressley, Chair) will be activated at our Fall meeting. (President Gabby Gauchay will appoint members). 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. 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 Bylaws and 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 comes out (or have your friend submit your name). If you are interested in serving as a Committee or Commission chair, let Robin Marvive know! It truly is rewarding.

If you want to dream bigger – the DCCW will have many openings as well. They will also have a Call for Nominations (you may even get a call directly from a member of that nominating committee). Don't be afraid to raise your hand and serve!

Bylaws / Standing Rules Committee – These will be reviewed and updated as needed this year, once the committee is determined. If anyone has or finds correction / additions / deletions to the Standing Rules or Bylaws please let me know.
Jamie Beert

Historian/Website -

Service - Christine Corley

As Catholic women, we are called to serve with compassion and generosity, living out our faith through action. This year, I would like to challenge each of you – and your Catholic Women's Councils – to join together in supporting two local organizations that bring hope and dignity to some of the most vulnerable members of our community:

1. The INN Between

The INN Between is located in Salt Lake City and provides hospice and medical respite care for people experiencing homelessness. Their mission is to ensure that no one dies alone on the streets.

2. The Food and Care Coalition

The Food and Care Coalition in Provo offers comprehensive services to those facing homelessness, including meals, transitional housing, employment resources, and more.

Both organizations rely heavily on in-kind donations to meet the basic needs of their clients. I encourage each parish to select one (or both!) of these organizations to support over the next quarter. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite parishioners of all ages to participate – families, youth groups, small groups, and others can all contribute.

Below are the current **Needs Lists** for each charity:

The INN Between – Needs List

- Safes to lock medications and valuables
- HD TV Antennae's and Flat screen TV's for resident rooms (32" screens)
- Bedside lamps with outlets
- Twin XL Fitted Sheets (non-white)
- Lg Refillable Spray Bottles
- Broom and dustpan
- Men's Sweatpants (Lg)
- Men's Casual Shoes (Sz 11.5-12.5)
- Men's Slippers (Sz 7-10)
- Men's Deodorant
- Small prizes (\$5 or less) for resident activities
- Hospital or Travel Mugs with Straw
- Toilet Paper and Kleenex (always in need!)
- 55 gal. Black Trash Bags
- Cordless vacuum

Food and Care Coalition – Needs List

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Air Freshener Spray
- Water Softener Tablets
- Lysol Disinfectant Spray
- Laundry Detergent
- Bath Mats
- Laundry Baskets
- Dish Soap
- Shower Curtains
- Lip Balm
- Hair Ties
- Deodorant
- Underwear
- Lotion
- Razors

Please prayerfully consider how your parish can participate. Whether through donation drives, coordinated drop-offs, or ongoing support, our collective efforts can make a profound difference.

I look forward to hearing what your parishes are able to do! Please feel free to contact me if you'd like help coordinating, or if you have creative ideas for engagement.

*Submitted by Gabby Gauchay
Wasatch Deanery President
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