

DCCW Board Meeting ▫ Nov. 8, 2025 ▫ Blessed Sacrament

Opening Prayer Service —

Leader: Gratitude lies at the heart of a fulfilling and joyous life, acting as the foundation for faith, prayer, and connection. It fosters positive emotions, strengthens relationships, and improves overall well-being. Cultivating a grateful heart allows us to find joy even amidst hardships and serves as a constant reminder of goodness, creating a life-changing experience. Please join me as we pray for a grateful heart.

All: Almighty God, we gather in Your presence, grateful for the gift of life and the abundance of Your love. Open our hearts to recognize Your blessings and help us grow in thanksgiving. Send forth Your Spirit, that we may see all things with eyes of faith and hearts full of gratitude. Amen.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Right: We asked for strength, and you gave us difficulties to make us strong.

Left: We asked for wisdom, and you gave us problems to solve.

Right: We asked for prosperity, and you gave us purpose and brains to use.

Left: We asked for courage, and you gave us fears to overcome.

Right: We asked for patience, and you gave us situations where we were forced to wait.

Left: We asked for love, and you gave us troubled people to help.

Right: We asked for justice, and you called us to be just and to lead with integrity.

Left: Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted.

All: And yet, we received everything that we needed. For this, we give thanks.

- Written and offered by Dr. Colleen Hanycz

God of heavenly wisdom, you have given us Mary, Mother of Jesus, to be our guide and counselor. Grant that we may always seek her motherly help in this life and so enjoy her blessed presence in the life to come.

O Mother of Good Counsel, patroness of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, intercede for us, that we may be wise, courageous, and loving leaders of the Church. Help us, dear mother, to know the mind of Jesus, your son.

May the Holy Spirit fill us with reverence for God's creation, and compassion for all God's children. May our labors of love on earth enhance the reign of God and may God's gifts of faith and living hope prepare us for the fullness of the world to come. Amen

Closing Prayer —

All: Gracious God, November, a season marked by thanksgiving, we pause to reflect on the countless gifts You have bestowed upon us and continue to do so. In the beauty of autumn and in the company of loved ones, may we recognize Your hand at work in our lives. Continue to teach us to see Your blessings in every circumstance and grant us the grace to share Your love generously with others as we depart from our meeting.

Lord, thank you for our time together, your guidance, and the hospitality of Women of Blessed Sacrament. Please bless them and guide us as we travel home and continue our ministry. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

