# **Holy Family**

# Submitted by: Judy Mellott, President, CCW

\*In September, we brought our fabric and bags to the Interfaith Service Project and helped with the other CCW ladies from the Northern Deanery to make rolled

cloth balls and put together hygiene kits.

- \*At our September meeting we had a guest speaker from the PMC.
- \*In October, we had our fund raiser Spaghetti Dinner. The menu was spaghetti and homemade sauce, meatballs, breadsticks, salad and spumoni ice cream.
- \*We are having a game night at our November meeting to celebrate all of our Ladies hard work preparing and serving at our dinner.
- \*We are hosting the next Northern Deanery Meeting in November.
- \* We are planning a bake sale the weekend before Thanksgiving.
- \* In December we are having our annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner. We plan on playing a fun gift exchange game. It is always a night to relax and enjoy each other's company.

# Saint Mary, West Haven

Submitted by: Margaret Sanchez, President, CCW

#### September 2025:

The CCW decided to start doing a mini service project before every CCW meeting. This will help us offer service to our community and lift us up spiritually.

Sept. 6- Donated a raffle basket to Give Me a Chance Fundraiser.

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> – Rosary and Meeting. In lieu of the meeting, we held a social to recruit more ladies within the parish to become active. We had a potluck, raffles and we able to meet some amazing women. It was a success because we had women sign up to be a part.

Sept. 23rd- Adoration.

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>- Completed another 10 cotton balls for the Acts of Mercy project that the Northern Deanery sponsored along with Saint James the Just.

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>- CCW set up the Vendors for the day for our Fall Festival. We signed up 21 Vendors. This is one of Saint Mary big Fundraiser. We helped throughout the day wherever help was needed. Some of the ladies cooked, assisted with the raffle baskets, worked the Vendors, sold tickets, set up and tear down.

### October 2025

CCW will begin assisting with funeral Masses soon. Three ladies per funeral will assist with setting up the altar, lead the procession in and out of the church before and after Mass.

One will carry the candle and the other two will carry the candles.

Oct. 19- Rosary and Meeting.

Oct. 19- Mini Service Project. Dr, Marek Matyjasik from WSU accepted donations from the CCW of canned vegetables, PB, raisins, oatmeal, crackers, spam and cloth zippered bags. He, along with others, will deliver donations to the Navajo Reservation before winter.

Oct. 28th- Adoration

#### November 2025

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>- The ladies will be assembling raffle baskets for our annual raffle basket fundraiser.

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15th, and 16<sup>th</sup>- Sale of raffle tickets for the raffle baskets.

Nov. 16th- Drawing of the winners for the raffle baskets.

Nov. 18th - Rosary and Meeting.

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>- As a mini service project, the CCW will be writing Holiday Cards for those in the parish who are homebound or sick.

### Saint James The Just

### Submitted by: Maria Devereux, CCW President

The women of St. James CCW have been active, joyful, and engaged in service, fellowship, and faith over the past few months. Here's a look at our highlights:

#### September, a busy month!

**13th – Wrap-up Interfaith Northern Deanery Service Project** In September, in tandem with the Northern Deanery, we concluded the part of our Interfaith Service Project in the St. James gym. This project included rolling balls of cotton to send to women in Zimbabwe and assembling bags for hygiene kits for the Ogden Rescue Mission.

**16**th **CCW Meeting** - September brought us together for a potluck dinner, a welcome and induction of our new CCW Board members, and a Mini Retreat - A Change Like Autumn. Thanks to Gracemarie Belvedere for the beautifully written autumn mini retreat.

**24th Fall Harvest Picnic Recap** Our parish came together for a joyful Fall Harvest Picnic, co-hosted by the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) and the Knights of Columbus (KOC). Parishioners contributed a variety of delicious dishes to share, while hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks were provided. The afternoon featured games and prizes for children, and a mouthwatering bake-off with awards for first, second, and third place. It was a wonderful celebration of fellowship, food, and fall spirit.

### October - Christmas Crafting

October was full of warmth, creativity, and community spirit! We kicked things off with a delicious pizza potluck, followed by a review of our CCW budget. The month wrapped up with a hands-on Christmas wreath-making session—some members crafted wreaths for their own homes, while others generously donated theirs to be sold at the upcoming CCW Christmas Market, happening the first weekend in December. We are also actively planning next quarter's activities, including crafts, a perpetual giving tree, and preparations for our annual Christmas Market fundraiser.

#### **November Preview**

As we move into the season of gratitude, we're excited to gather for a Friendsgiving Potluck on November 18. In addition to sharing a delicious meal, we'll be busy wrapping silent auction baskets and diving into preparations for all things Christmas Market. With so much to do, every helping hand makes a difference—we are thankful the time, creativity, and holiday spirit our group lends to each project/meeting together.

## St Rose of Lima Layton

### Submitted by: Monica Rich, CCW President

Our first meeting of the season is scheduled for September 9th. During this meeting, we will focus on developing our event calendar and budget.

Last August, St. Rose Parish held a Ministry Fair, showcasing its 28 ministry groups. We are pleased to welcome Father Oscar Marquina.

The funeral ministry requires volunteers to assist with cutting and sewing apron parts for St. Rose. Our church offers two youth ministries, one for ages 8-17 and another for ages 18-35.

Both groups organize various social events and hold meetings every other Friday and Saturday. For more details, please refer to the St. Rose website or check the bulletin at https://stroseoflimacatholic.net/bulletins/. OCIA began strongly in September, attracting 30 individuals interested in learning about the Catholic Church. Meetings are held every Thursday at 6:30 PM in the St. Rose Rotunda. The program is currently seeking sponsors.

The Rosary Making Ministry has resumed its sessions. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, from September to May, at 5 PM. We invite you to join us! Many of the rosaries crafted are donated to the jail ministry and various missions across the country.

CCW will be collecting \$5 at the meeting for supplies to create emergency sack meals for the homeless.

CCW and the K of C will celebrate the Senior Thanksgiving Meal on November 22nd. The eight-week Bible Study on the Letter to the Ephesians began last Monday, October 20th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the social center. We currently have 23 parishioners registered for the class. St. Mary's in West Haven is holding a Nine-Day Novena Mass from December 16 to December 23, with services at 7 PM each day. All are invited.

Get ready for a series of engaging social events and important fundraising opportunities! Mark your calendars now.

### Carlo Acutis St Rose of Lima contest:





