

## EASTERN DEANERY FALL REPORT--NOVEMBER 2025

The meeting for the Eastern Deanery was held at St. Anthony's Parish in Helper on September 21<sup>st</sup>. It was well attended and was led by Barbara Jewkes, Eastern Deanery Vice President, in the absence of Becky Colombo

St. Anthony's Parish celebrated Council Sunday on October 19. Many members of the council were in attendance and participated in the mass by serving in the choir; taking up the collections; serving as Lector and Eucharist Ministers. Eastern Deanery President, Becky Colombo, was given time to talk during mass about the Council of Catholic Women and spoke of the mission and duties of council. Members of the CCW participated in assembling 49 boxes to be given to Cross Catholic Outreach in the Box of Joy Program. These were delivered on Friday, October 31, to Pat Voorhes, to be sent to children in Third World Countries to make their Christmas a little brighter. The St. Anthony CCW members will serve at the Turkey Dinner on November 6<sup>th</sup> as the kick-off for the annual church carnival. The fun continues Friday and Saturday, November 7 & 8 with the women helping in various booths and activities during the annual fund raiser for the parish. Upcoming CCW meetings will include a speaker from the Helper Fire Department about life-saving skills (Heimlich and CPR) as well as plans for Thanksgiving and the Advent Season.

St. James the Greater in Vernal held their installation of officers in September, with the help of Father Ariel Duran, their current pastor. Their 2025/2026 Activity and Project plan was reviewed and approved. The council celebrated Council Sunday the weekend of October 18 and 19. The women voted and approved the purchase of new altar cloths in green and purple. Plans were made to set up donation bins for food pantry items to focus on childhood hunger. The collections began in September. The St. James women participate every year in the Charity Bowling event for Friends Against Family Violence. The CCW registered two teams to bowl and continue to support the event. There is a quilt to be given away and raffle tickets are being sold until the drawing in November. Their CCW has committed to donating a large gift basket for the parish annual Bingo fundraiser. The theme is "Date Night Basket". The women have gathered donations for the Carmelite Nuns. Several ladies met with Father Ariel in October to clean and organize the sacristy. Father Ariel was very appreciative.

The ladies in Roosevelt who were members of the CCW still meet often and say the rosary while assembling prayer blankets to be given to those who are ill. The Colombo's are very appreciative of one of these blankets that was given to Richard during his illness. Their spirit is still strong!

The Deanery will be hosting the DCCW convention in April of 2026. We have a chair for the convention bag committee but still need to assign a chair for the Hostess Committee. We are a small Deanery and will reach out for help but we also have many energetic members and I know we will do a great job!

Becky Colombo-Eastern Deanery President