

Kalamazoo Diocesan Council of
Catholic Women (KDCCW)
2024 Spring Newsletter



*Our Lady of Good
Counsel, Pray for Us!*

From Your KDCCW President

Dear Sisters in Christ. Are you feeling called to become more involved in your faith and develop meaningful relationships with other like-minded women? The KDCCW would like to invite you to become more involved with us. We would like to extend an invitation to all our Council sisters, Altar and Rosary groups, ministries, women's groups, and individuals across the Diocese. Bishop Lohse gave us an inspiring talk at this year's Lenten Retreat. He said, "the Church needs us and I need you." KDCCW is here to help unite the women of the Diocese to support our Bishop and further the mission of the Church. We do this through prayer, service and education. We all have natural talents, but more importantly we have specific charisms given by the Holy Spirit to empower us to build up His Church. Please pray on Pentecost Sunday that the Holy Spirit will show you the special mission He has planned for you! Please join us as a representative or contact for your parish or group. We need you! Contact President Becky Borglin at becky.borglin@gmail.com and in the subject line say "KDCCW- answering the call!" Thank you and have a Spirit-filled Pentecost. Come Holy Spirit!

--Becky Borglin, KDCCW President.

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

On **May 1st** we began a 33-day pilgrimage together toward *Eucharistic Glory*. KDCCW encouraged everyone to make this consecration or prepare in another way for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. May God bless you on this sacred journey. On **June 2nd** we will all pray together the Prayer of Eucharistic Consecration. ***Trust. Surrender. Receive. Believe.***

Join the mission to increase the knowledge of the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Visit www.Eucharist.us



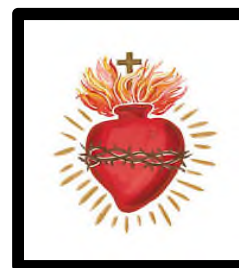
May is the Month of Our Lady

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of May to Our Blessed Mother with May crownings, group rosary prayers, and feast days. On **May 13th** we honor **Our Lady of Fatima** and on **May 31st** we celebrate the **Feast of the Visitation** – when Mary traveled in haste to help Elizabeth in her need. May we always model the virtues of Mary and pray for, provide for, and protect all mothers and babies in difficult situations, and **stand for life from conception to natural death**. ***Mary, our Mother, pray for us! Help us walk in your love and peace. Guide us closer to Jesus, who gave you to us to be our Mother too.***



June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 2nd is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – (**Corpus Christi**). Consecrate yourself to the Eucharistic Lord in your parish or family or pray a consecration of your own choosing. **June 7th** is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and a First Friday. Pope John Paul II said that the hope for the "new evangelization" is dependent upon devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, repentance and reparation for sin. Learn the 12 promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. EWTN is giving away free e-Books at www.ewtn.com.



Eucharistic Congress – July 17-21

This is the first national Eucharistic Congress in 83 years! For more information and to register visit: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org>



NCCW Convention – August 13-17

Deadline to register is June 14th
To register, visit: www.nccw.org
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We invite you to join us! Hundreds of women who believe as you do, who have faith as you do, and who have the everlasting hope that you do will gather at the **National Council of Catholic Women’s Convention August 13-17 in Oklahoma City**. The convention will include inspirational speakers Katie McGrady (distinguished Catholic author and host of The Catholic Channel’s Katie McGrady Show) and Vallimar Jansen (acclaimed performer and storyteller), the showing of the movie - *Jesus Thirsts*, a Pilgrimage Tour of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine, and much more!

--Carolyn Morrison, NCCW Representative

Death Is Not The Answer

Right to Life of Michigan recently hosted its 45th Annual Legislative Day. The primary focus of keynote speaker, Wesley J. Smith, was the eagerness of many to make it easier for lives to be prematurely ended. Those at risk include not only the elderly, but also babies born with defects, the permanently disabled, those with a supposed short time to live, others with terminal illness or disease. Many of us or our relatives could one day fall into one of these categories. Of course, Michigan is jumping on the evil bandwagon. A package of Senate Bills (S.B. 678 – 681) dubbed the “Death with Dignity Act,” was introduced by four senators last November, and referred to the Health Policy Committee. The bills allow a terminally ill patient to request and be prescribed a lethal dose of drugs for the purpose of suicide; redefine death by doctor prescribed suicide as not being suicide; repeals the criminal penalty for anyone assisting someone with a suicide (not just in a medical context, but any form of suicide); and exclude physician assisted suicide as a form of suicide that would exempt the heirs from collecting the person’s insurance money. The elderly and the suffering can teach us lessons of wisdom, courage, and compassion. We must fight to give them the chance to do so. These bills have not yet had a hearing. We all need to PRAY that they die in committee and never see the light of day!

--Ann Vrablic, KDCCW Legislative Chair

Cameroon Update



Our KDCCW Lenten event in March was successful spiritually for all who attended, and the Holy Spirit encouraged generous donations to be offered with joy that day which have supplemented student fees for over 70 children in four of the St. Pius Schools in Cameroon. We received a thank you note from Rev. Br. Lawir Blaise Kuviyo saying “*We continue to thank the Almighty God for blessing you to bless us and may He continue to replenish your sources. Thank you in abundance.*”

--Anne Jakubowski, KDCCW Cameroon Liaison

Pope Francis Proclaims 2025 Jubilee Year

On May 9, the Catholic Church’s 2025 Jubilee was officially proclaimed by Pope Francis. The Jubilee Year will begin with the opening of the Holy Doors of St. Peter’s Basilica on Christmas Eve 2024. A jubilee is a special holy year of grace and pilgrimage in the Catholic Church.

2024 is the Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, with particular focus on the **Our Father**. Please pray for Bishop Lohse, our mentor Fr. Pinto, and for all priests and deacons in our Diocese.



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