

“Council News”

Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

Our **next gathering for our SDCCW** will be on Saturday, September 9, at the Center for Ministry. It will be a lovely time, as usual, with two great speakers: Fr. Adam Maher and Erin Looby-Carlson (past editor of Faith Magazine). Please see page 2 of this newsletter for details.

Prayer is such a powerful way to speak from the heart to our beloved Lord. Prayer of petition for others for their goodwill or health, I'm sure, is on our lips many times during the day. I'd like you to be aware of a prayer warrior effort that the Grand Rapids DCCW is encouraging called **Seven Sisters Apostolate**. Basically, seven women commit to praying on a specific day of the week for one hour, ideally in Adoration or in front of the Blessed Sacrament, solely *for the needs of their priest or their bishop*. The women make this commitment for a year. Quite often it is from June to June, the month of the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Every woman takes a different day of the week so their pastor is prayed for every day each day of the year. There are no meetings or reporting in. The organizer is called the anchoress. It is an apostolate of humility and prayer. Of course, the group can adjust prayer times to their needs and the number of women that are participating. If any of you are interested in this prayer effort beginning in your parish, please contact me.

Plan ahead: We are starting to plan for our Detroit Province CCW convention to be held in April of 2025. Email me with suggestions on where to hold it. Of late, we have been in Clare, Ann Arbor, & Frankenmuth.

God bless you and all the wonderful work that you do in helping others through your service as a CCW member! We invite all Catholic women to join our organization!



May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us!

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Past SDCCW Events:

Our SDCCW **Lenten Silent Retreat** was held on March 18 at the Center for Ministry. Fr. Andy LaFramboise was our leader and indicated that a retreat is a way of running toward Jesus. He explained the 4 E's of receiving the Eucharist: enchantment, encounter, event, & eat. Seventy-nine women attended despite the snowstorm! Our generous women donated \$220 to Emmaus House and \$140 to Vocations Purse.

The **East Region** held a Spring Meeting at St. Elizabeth Church/Holy Family Parish in Marlette on May 10. Forty-seven women enjoyed the day. As usual, the business meeting, praying the rosary, celebration of Mass, and lunch were part of the day's events. Beth Bauer from the Saginaw Diocese was the speaker for the day. Her topic was the Walking With Moms in Need project. Fr. Stephen Blaxton, pastor of Holy Family, celebrated Mass with us. In the afternoon, Verene Goulette, showed slides and explained about her assisting Ukrainian refugees. Officers were voted on: Rose Lilly, President; Ann Lukshaitis, VP; Vivian Janes, Secretary; Sephora Gillies, Treasurer.



The SDCCW has profited \$780 from the proceeds of the **rummage sale** that the Holy Family CCW/St. Elizabeth Church had in late July! Every other year they conduct a rummage sale and split the profits 60% (Holy Family CCW)/40% (SDCCW). We are ever so grateful for their willingness to help our SDCCW to raise money for dues, convention ads, convention expenses, etc.

SDCCW Coming Events:

Our **SDCCW Annual Meeting** will be held on Saturday, September 9, at the Center for Ministry. We are thinking that some of our members and friends may find this day of the week more convenient for attending our events so we hope you will make the effort to be with us!

We have a great line-up of presenters for the day: *Fr. Adam Maher and Erin Looby-Carlson!!!*

We will have our usual business meeting, speakers, Mass, "make-it-and take-it" project, and lunch. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. (registration, 9:15) & will end at approximately 2:30 p.m. \$10 for members & \$12 for non-members.

Please mark your calendar. I will send out more details via email as time gets closer. I have sent out bulletin notices to each parish in the Diocese so you should have a meeting notice in your parish bulletin also. If you don't see our announcement in your bulletin, please ask your bulletin editor if they received my email on Aug. 7.

RSVP to: Rita Maher (989-635-7072) or Joyce Raducha (989-875-2650) before September 5.

News from the SDCCW Commissions--

Service Commission Report

Ann Lukshaitis, Chairwoman

Jesus calls us to serve our brothers and sisters. Sometimes it's difficult to turn our attention to the needs of others - especially in the summer! Life gets busier. Home projects, family, trips, reunions...so many things pull at our time and purse strings!

However, service is a part of our daily living. With a little creative thinking we can turn our busy-ness into service. Perhaps now would be a good time to pack up some zucchini bread (and/or other fresh produce) and go visit with a shut-in parishioner or neighbor.

Prayer is another way we can serve others. It's always "in season" to pray for our family, priest, neighbors, parish, community, Diocese, and those in leadership.

Don't stop there!! I imagine you have thought of others ways you can serve others, just while reading this snippet.

Dear Lord,

Shine the light of Your Word on our path so we can see a clear way to love you and serve our neighbor in all we do. Amen

Spirituality Commission Report

Valerie Fischer, Chairwoman

Summer is coming to an end rather quickly but we still have time to make memories. The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI is a doable pilgrimage for all of us. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Adele Brise in 1859. This is the only Church-approved apparition site in the United States. My sister, Mary Ellen, (Past President of ERCCW) went on a Sister Trip a few years ago and experienced overwhelming memories that can never be erased. Take time with your family...the Holy Spirit will guide all encounters.

Have a good book to read ahead? How about, "No Such Thing as Ordinary?" Unlocking your extraordinary Life through everyday encounters with Jesus. By Rachel Balducci. We must always enrich ourselves by reading good literature or Scripture every day. Remember the two big S's, SCRIPTURE, and the SAINTS. Reading everyday gives us volumes of ways to grow closer to our heavenly home. It gives us enriched relationships with others that promotes a deeper faith-filled conversation. I am praying for all of you. Please pray for me.

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Our Detroit Province CCW, which includes all of the seven dioceses in Michigan, has a new and developing website now! We are excited to include all of our events on our collective site.

Please check it out, and let me know what you think.

www.dpccw-mi.com

NCCW News—

If you are an NCCW Individual Member or a President of an Affiliate parish, you should be receiving emails from Nat'l about projects, happenings, voting, monthly newsletter, etc.

If you are not getting email communications from NCCW, please, please let me know!

We need to keep everyone in the loop!

The NCCW **Rosary Calls** are on the 13th of each month. To participate, all you have to do is call in to the Free Conference Call number, you will be put on mute, and you will pray with the leaders. Let Rita know if you do not get a reminder email with the phone number.

The NCCW **Member Calls** are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. (ET). You can watch the Zoom call after it has happened by logging in to your account on the NCCW website, www.nccw.org. If you are an Affiliate President or Individual Member, you can “log in” and *create an account* by registering your information.

The **NCCW 2023 convention** will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on August 24-26 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The theme is: Path of Renewed Encounter. Ann Lukshaitis, Joyce Raducha, & Rita Maher will be attending from our Diocese to represent you! We have nationally known speakers, wonderful liturgies, commission presentations, and a lovely banquet.

Remember that the **Catholic Woman magazine**, which comes out quarterly, has a great wealth of information for its members!

If you know of anyone that **would like to join** the Council of Catholic Women, please have them contact Rita (page 1) for details.



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Saturday, September 9, 2023
Center for Ministry, Saginaw
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