

“Council News”

Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Affiliate of the National CCW / www.nccw.org

January 2025

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Our HOPE is in Jesus!

Please be aware that we will have our **SDCCW Silent Lenten Retreat** on Saturday, March 8. As usual, we will begin registration at 8:30 a.m. The Lenten presentations will be made by LeAnne Osborn, instructor at St. Brigid in Midland. The day will include meditation time, confession, Mass, rosary, and Stations of the Cross. More details further in the newsletter.

Our **Detroit Province CCW Convention** (includes every diocese in Michigan) is being planned for April 25-26, 2025, at the Sheraton Airport Hotel in Grand Rapids! The hotel is very close to the freeway and easy to get to. We have three speakers planned to present. Christy Buck is a mental health expert from the Grand Rapids area. One of our NCCW Resolutions was related to building awareness of mental health issues. Barbara Heil, a convert to Catholicism, is an international missionary, teacher, and evangelist. Check out her website at www.fromhisheart.com. Sean Breeden works at Ave Maria Radio and is an author and will present about St. Joan of Arc in relation to the CCW. More details are at the end of this newsletter. Please consider supporting the DPCCW and plan to attend!

Check out our Province website: www.dpccw-mi.com This contains information from each diocese in Michigan.

We are **in need** of a SDCCW Leadership Commission Chairwoman! If you feel you could be called to this opportunity, please give me a call or email for details.

Our **new Spirituality Commission Chairwoman** is Cathie Gerding from Saginaw! Thank you, Cathie, for accepting this invitation to serve.

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!

Rita Maher

SDCCW President

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Past SDCCW Events:

Our SDCCW **Annual Meeting** was held on September 18, 2024 at the Center for Ministry. Erin Looby-Carlson shared her experience in attending the Eucharistic Congress. Our own CCW member, Denise Kearl, also shared her experiences on a MidMichigan Honor Flight tour to Washington, DC with her sister veterans.

The **East Region Council of Catholic Women** held their Fall Meeting on October 19 at St. Denis Church/Ave Maria Parish in Lexington. Thirty-five women enjoyed a video of Jonathan Roumie at the Eucharistic Congress plus Tracy Willard was there to tell us about the Hunter Hospitality Houses in Pt. Huron. Hunter Hospitality House provides free housing and services to people that have family members that are patients in either of the two Pt. Huron hospitals.

ER Pres.—Rose Lilly

ER VP—Ann Lukshaitis

ER Sec.—Vivian Janes

ER Treas.—Valerie Fischer



SDCCW Coming Events:

Our Women's Silent Lenten Retreat is going to be a bit earlier this year than some in the past. We will gather at the Center for Ministry for the Retreat on Saturday, March 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is offered to all women of the Diocese. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. We are pleased that our retreat leader will be LeAnne Osborn. Her topic will be "*Pilgrim Women of Hope.*" We will provide meditation time, confessions, celebrate Mass, and pray the rosary and Stations of the Cross. The cost will be \$25 in advance for non-members and it includes a morning snack and lunch. The CCW member cost will be \$22.

Please RSVP to Rita Maher at 989-635-7072 or rfmaher48453@yahoo.com before March 3. Pray for a sunny day!



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News from the SDCCW Commissions--

Service Commission Report

Ann Lukshaitis, Chairwoman

Service Prayer for 2025

Dearest Heavenly Father,

Be with our Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women as we enter the year 2025. Help us to love, honor, and serve You.

Be with us as we journey alongside of those who struggle. Show us how to help those who are isolated, lonely; poor in spirit, health, or finances. May each of us bring hope to someone each day; to listen better, to share Your Word, or even brighten someone's day with a smile.

May our days be filled with kindness and love.

Let's make St. Francis of Assisi's prayer our own: "Lord, make me a channel of your love...."

Human Trafficking Awareness Month is observed in January. It's a time to learn about human trafficking, how to identify it, and how to prevent it.



The National Council of Catholic Women has specific material concerning human trafficking awareness. Go to www.nccw.org; click Explore (top/middle); Commissions; Service Commission.

Spirituality Commission Report

St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit that my thoughts may all be holy;
Act in me O Holy Spirit that my work, too, may be holy;
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit that I love but what is holy;
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit to defend all that is holy;
Guard me then O Holy Spirit that I always may be holy.

Affiliate News

St. Cyril's Ladies Altar Society St. Cyril Church, Bannister

Activities report submitted by President Rosemary Houska

Fundraising: Annual rummage sale and several bake sales; Ashley Christmas North Pole Express Café.

Financial support for parish (past & current): Purchased many items—touchless holy water dispensers, new carpet for the sanctuary, and vestments. Purchased altar linens, donated towards the hall roof replacement, and donated to the K of C golf outing. Purchased a dehumidifier for the rectory, step stool for the church, and kitchen supplies for the hall. Purchased gifts for the First Communicants, Confirmation candidates, and graduates plus altar flowers for special occasions. Financially assist the Elsie Area Foodbank and sew for hospice patients. Provide funeral dinners, Father-Son breakfast, coffee socials after Mass, and send Christmas cards to shut-ins.

List of SDCCW officers—

<i>President</i>	<i>Rita Maher</i>	<i>989-635-7072</i>
<i>V.P.</i>	<i>Joyce Raducha</i>	<i>989-875-2650</i>
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<i>Leadership Comm.</i>		
<i>ER Pres.</i>	<i>Rose Lilly</i>	<i>810-359-7610</i>
<i>Spiritual Advisor</i>	<i>Sr. Janet Fulgenzi</i>	

DPCCW

*Detroit Province Council of Catholic Women Triennial Convention

*April 25-26, 2025; Registration deadline is March 31

*Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel

*Inspiring speakers including Bishop David J. Walkowiak, Bishop of Grand Rapids

*Liturgy with two bishops of the province

*Banquet with entertainment by the Magic Carpet Drama Ministry

*Vendors

*Music & Movement and Prayer

DETROIT PROVINCE Council of Catholic Women - TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

REJOICING IN GLORIOUS HOPE

MAIL IN REGISTRATION FORM

April 25-26, 2025 / Sheraton GR Airport Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI



REGISTER ONLINE
www.dpccw-mi.com

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____
(please, print clearly for registration confirmation)

PARISH _____ CITY _____ DIOCESE _____

EMERGENCY PHONE #: _____

REGISTRATION OPTIONS / Check one

- TOTAL CONVENTION **Early bird registration ends January 25, 2025; 1 banquet, 1 lunch = \$125
TOTAL CONVENTION—Friday & Saturday sessions, incl. 1 banquet, 1 lunch = \$140
TOTAL CONVENTION for NCCW Individual Members (www.nccw.org to join for \$50) = \$115
BANQUET ONLY (subject to availability) = \$55

Total amount remitted: _____ / check #: _____

BANQUET Options / Check one

- Spiced Salmon
Chicken Parmesan
Vegetarian Cauliflower Steak

Saturday LUNCH Options / Check one

- Mich. Cherry Chicken Salad Sandwich
Ham & Swiss Sandwich
Vegetarian Wrap

**Let us know IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

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Rejoicing in Glorious Hope / DPCCW Convention

April 25-26, 2025; Sheraton GR Airport Hotel, 5700 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, March 31, 2025
No registration refunds after Monday, April 7, 2025

PLEASE make CHECKS PAYABLE to: DETROIT PROVINCE CCW & mail to: Janet Regan,
9766 Meadow Valley, Caledonia, MI 49316. Call 616-915-5930 if questions or email janetregan0209@gmail.com

Sheraton Hotel reservations must be made by the participants by April 4 by calling 1-866-610-0198. You must indicate that you are reserving for the DPCCW convention to get the discount: \$149-\$159/ 1-4 women OR reserve your room online at the hotel link from our website www.dpccw-mi.com

Women's Lenten Silent Retreat

Led by LeAnne Osborn
Pilgrim Women of Hope



Saturday, March 8, 2025

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at the Center for Ministry / Diocese of Saginaw
5800 Weiss Street, Saginaw

Spiritual talks, Meditation time, Confession, Mass,
Rosary, & Stations of the Cross

\$25 (in advance) includes lunch

Financial Scholarships are available for those that need.

RSVP to Rita Maher at 989-635-7072 / by March 3

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