

HOLY REDEEMER COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2023

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi ladies! Hoping you are all getting a chance to enjoy our brief run of beautiful weather. I want to thank Jennifer Mikonczyk and the board for running the April meeting for me, so that I could support my Firebirds for playoffs. Greg and I would also like to thank you all for the wonderful cards--we truly appreciate your thoughtfulness! I heard that Greg's chicken/pork nachos were a hit. Thank you for all the hygiene product donations for Catholic Charities as well. It was also great to see 39 ladies coming out for our meeting!

April meeting was again productive and busy. We had an informative presentation from Gerri Lajewski about Catholic Charities' programs, including the warming center, community closet, soup kitchens, and food pantry. She also shared some magazines at the meeting with more information. We had voted in March to donate to GoFundMe for Nate Staley at MSU (Powers student involved in MSU shooting), but as this program had been closed, we chose to redirect the \$250 to Catholic Charities.

Commission reports included information about euthanasia from Right to Life, discussion about "Every Parent Wants to Know" program (sign up at www.perfectlyimperfect.org) from Anti-Pornography, and sharing of National CCW human trafficking resources from Anti-Human Trafficking. Discussion was held about Euchre Tournament, Fashion Show, Day Trip, HR Family Fun Day, Fr. Steve's Retirement/Welcome Event for New Priest, Scholarship, Altar Server albs, Audit Committee, and arrangements for May meeting/Mass. The board purchased pinwheels from Voices for Children in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month, for members to display in their yards, and we also voted to give our \$100 monthly donation to this cause. We also shared a reminder about upcoming Eucharistic events, which will be listed below. Thank you all for conducting such a great meeting, and I look forward to seeing you all in May. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at (810) 875-0604.

MAY MEETING

Our May meeting will be held on Wednesday May 10th, and will begin with Mass at 5:15 in the church (rosary and May crowning before this at 4:45 led by Our Lady of Fatima Guild). Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to set up and serve at this Mass. We will be having a special ceremony at this Mass to bless all of our new members from the last 2 years. After Mass, we will head over to the Family Life Center for our catered dinner and meeting. Cost for dinner is \$5, please get your reservation and check to Sylvia Walton (4467 Crimson Ct., Grand Blanc, MI 48439). Our tangible donation for May will be prize items for the HR Family Fun Day (household knickknacks, candles, puzzles, picture frames, gift cards, etc). We will also have forms available to renew your membership for 2023-24 (vs waiting until the fall), forms are also included with this mailing.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

We had another great Euchre Tournament on Thursday April 13th with the Knights of Columbus. We had 12 tables playing, Karen Thornton and Joan Clark served delicious chili and toppings with help from Sylvia Walton, and Natalie Butler made some wonderful cornbread and cookies as well. The Knights provided the drinks and snacks for the event. We split over \$520 in profit. We have decided to proceed with having this as a monthly event, currently scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of the month through the end of the year (not including December). We will continue with a similar format--doors opening at 5:30, game play starting at 6:30, cost \$15 for game play, food, snacks, and door prizes, K of C will also do 50/50. CCW will be responsible for dinner and cookies. We decided on a rotating menu of sloppy joes, pulled pork, "crack" chicken, and chili, each of these will have some kind of side. K of C will provide drinks and snacks, and we will split profits equally. This has been a great event to bring our groups together working on something social for the parish and community. I will bring a list to the May meeting for people to sign up to help with our events from May-August. Next one will be held on May 18th.

FASHION SHOW

CCW Fashion Show will be held on Saturday May 6th at 12:00 in the Family Life Center. This will include luncheon catered by Joan Clark and fashions from Kim Rose Fashions, along with some lighter side fun! Please see the enclosed flyer for more details. Tickets will be sold after all Masses the weekend of April 22-23, cost is \$20 in advance, \$25 after April 24th.

DAY TRIP

We are planning a day trip to Our Lady of the Woods shrine in Mio on Saturday May 13th. Bus will leave from the church at 9:00, arrive at the shrine around 11:00. We will have Mass, luncheon, and time to explore the shrine and gift shop. We will leave about 3:00 and return to the church about 5:00. Cost for the trip is \$45, which includes transportation, lunch at the shrine, and water/snacks on the bus. We have space for 55 people--we did decide to open this to the parish, so anyone is welcome. Contact Maria Brown at (810) 877-8283 for questions or reservations, or send your check to her (made out to CCW) at 4141 Maplewood Meadows Ave, Grand Blanc, MI 48439.

HR FAMILY FUN DAY

This event will be held on Sunday June 4th 12-7 in the Pavilion. Events will include a craft/vendor show, cornhole tournament, concessions, kids games, lucky ticket raffle, music, Santa visit, magic show, Tootsie Roll booth, Tia Helita dinner, etc. CCW will be responsible for bake sale (we will need a chair for this), and co-sponsoring a euchre tournament with the K of C in the small hall. We had looked into possibly doing bingo as well, but this doesn't appear feasible. For bake sale, we will solicit donations from the entire parish, we can also decide what times we would like to run this. For euchre tournament, we plan to run this more simply--no food or door prizes, maybe just some drinks and snacks, try to encourage food vendors to bring things over from the pavilion.

FR. STEVE RETIREMENT/NEW PRIEST WELCOME EVENT

We will be co-sponsoring a pancake breakfast with the Knights of Columbus on Sunday June

25th after the 9AM and 11AM Masses. We plan to provide pastries and fruit and help to hostess. We are also planning a similar event sometime in July to welcome the new priest, looking at possibly July 23rd. I will have a sign-up list at the May meeting for any members interested in helping with either or both of these events.

SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are still available for our high school senior scholarship and Pat Paris scholarship. The high school senior program is for a graduating student to use for tuition expenses for college. The Pat Paris program is for a woman of the parish returning to continuing education, to help with those educational expenses. Applications are available in the church office. Please contact Donna Borges at dpborges@live.com for more information.

ALTAR SERVER ALBS

We received a request from the church that we reviewed at the April meeting for help with covering the cost of new altar server albs, as many new young altar servers have joined, and there aren't many albs available in smaller sizes. The church has already purchased these, but reached out to us, as we normally take care of altar expenses like this. We motioned to cover this expense, and this was tabled to the May meeting for vote. I received an updated cost for the altar server albs that the church has purchased, total cost was \$831.61. This will be on our May agenda for a formal vote.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Thank you to Barb Butler, Donna Borges, and Kathy Tadjewski for volunteering to audit our books this summer at the end of our fiscal year. This is a very important function for our group, and we appreciate your help!

EUCCHARISTIC EVENTS

Several events are coming up as part of our Year of the Eucharist celebration. There will be a speaker at Powers Catholic High School on April 21st at 6 PM, speaking on Eucharistic mysteries. There will be a regional youth encounter on May 12th, please contact Dan Schmidt for more information. On June 2nd, Fr. Mathias Thuler will

be speaking about the Eucharist at our First Friday Encounter at 6 PM. On June 18th, the bishop will be coming to bless our Adoration Chapel and hold a special Mass at 11 AM, with a Eucharistic procession. This will be followed by a celebration lunch at the hall, for which they are asking people to RSVP via the church website (holyredeemerburton.rog/adoration-chapel) .

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the following intentions for April--thank you for prayers answered, prayers for mother's health, for finding a lost item, for a friend's molar pregnancy and pregnancy with baby at the same time, for a husband to return to the church, thanksgiving for answered prayers for son getting a job, for justice in our political system, for sister-in-law Dianne, for John O'Malley who is recovering from a blood clot in his lung, for Joe Salamone who was hit by a tow truck and is in need of many prayers for his multiple bone fractures, for a son going through a difficult time, for 3 aunts with serious health issues, for sister's continued addiction battle, for Catholic Charities staff and clients, for a friend who is grieving, for all who have lost a loved one, for Mary Ann Fulco's health, for a son and daughter-in-law struggling, for a son alone for Easter in CA, and prayer for a mother's back injection. Please keep all these intentions in your prayers.

MEMBER PROFILE

Natalie Butler, 3rd Vice President

When did you join CCW? Not sure, about 10-11 years ago

What's your favorite part of CCW? Meeting new people and developing deeper relationships/friendships with those I knew

What's your favorite CCW memory? Doing the 12 Days of Christmas at the December meeting this year. It was something out of my comfort zone, and yet a lot of fun

Why would you recommend to someone to join CCW? It's a great opportunity to meet new people and develop new relationships with women from the church

CALENDAR

Meetings--September 7, October 5, November 9, December 7, January 4, February 8, March 8, April 5, May 10

Fashion Show - May 6

Day Trip - May 13

HR Family Fun Day - June 4

Fr. Steve's Retirement Breakfast - June 25

New Priest Welcome Breakfast - July 23

BIRTHDAYS

April 1	Jean Johnson
April 3	Violet Winter
April 3	Linda Wolfe
April 5	Ella Baldrige
April 5	Ashley Clark
April 7	Carolyn Studer
April 15	Dianne Plumley
April 17	Dorene Lee
April 19	Sally Conroy
April 24	Sherry Barrett
April 24	Geraldine Donnelly
April 24	Marie Hood
April 27	Paula Burtch
April 28	Marilyn Tomkinson