

HOLY REDEEMER COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN NEWSLETTER

MARCH, 2023

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi Ladies! Happy spring! Glad to see more sunshine and warmer temperatures coming our way! We had a fantastic March meeting, and I thank you all for helping me to get the meeting done quickly so I could get to the Firebirds game and cheer them to a win! We had 39 ladies in attendance, including several of our new members. Thank you to Joan Clark for serving delicious chicken bruschetta and potatoes for our main dish. We also want to thank everyone who brought stuffed animals for us to donate to Hurley Children's Hospital, for use in the pediatric ER and on the floor.

Our meeting was another productive and busy one. We heard pro-life reports from Julie Grandquist, highlighting some of the national legal updates on pro-life issues. We discussed Bark.us, an app that can be placed on electronic devices to help block pornographic sites, and prayed against human trafficking. We talked about some treasury report changes regarding the closet. We discussed the Lenten retreat and found new chairs for next year. We also covered February Bake Sale, Scholarship, Euchre Tournament, Fashion Show, Day Trip to Our Lady of the Woods, Fr. Steve's Retirement, Lenten Series Meal, HR Family Fun Day, Welcome Event for the new priest, and our monthly donations. We also talked about doubling the size of our bulletin ad, setting up a day of prayer for our new priest, and had requests for help for both the home Communion the funeral luncheon programs. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at (810) 875-0604.

MONTHLY DONATIONS

I forgot to provide an update at the March meeting about our collection in February for the St. John Vianney School fundraiser. We collected a total of \$496, which was matched by an outside donor for their program. Thank you all for your generosity. I also finally heard from Deacon Omar through Outreach (our February donation) about a family he suggested, where the husband had his hours at work severely cut. We discussed this at the March meeting and,

given the strength of our finances, we voted to give \$500 to Outreach to support this family. For our March donations, we opened up the floor for suggestions and decided on 2--we voted to give \$250 to the Knights of Columbus for their sleeping bag/backpacks for the homeless (\$125 each), and we donated \$250 plus the GoFundMe fee for an account for Josh Stately, a Powers graduate and MSU student who was injured in the recent shooting.

APRIL MEETING

As a reminder, the April meeting will be held in the Ministry Center due to the meeting falling during Holy Week. I may not be in attendance (depending on Firebirds playoffs), and in that case, Jennifer Mikonczyk will be running the meeting. We appreciate St. Rita Guild for hosting next month and will make sure to help with getting everything from the hall over to the Ministry Center. Greg will be fixing BBQ pork and shredded chicken for us to have nachos and/or soft tacos for the meal. Please be sure to bring your yummy potluck salads, appetizers, and desserts! We will be collecting hygiene products for Catholic Charities. Also, we will be taking reservations for our catered May meeting, cost is \$5.

FEBRUARY BAKE SALE

Thank you again to everyone who helped to make this a successful event! We truly appreciate Natalie Butler and Cheryl Elizondo for chairing this event, recruiting workers, and collecting all the baked goods. The sale went very well, as we ended up with only 1 pie unsold! Total profit was \$1121.50!!!

LENTEN RETREAT

Our Lenten Retreat was held on Saturday March 4th in the Family Life Center. Due to the poor weather, we had 29 ladies in attendance, but this was still a very special event. Fr. Tom Nenneau shared some special insights on the Creed and Janet Cassidy walked us through the elements of the Lord's Prayer. Food provided by Joan Clark was very delicious. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and connection, as the smaller group

allowed for some personal sharing as well. Thank you to Gerri Lajewski and Donna Borges for stepping up to chair this event next year!

LENTEN SERIES MEAL

Thank you very much to Nancy Amrich, Joan Clark, Jane Fraser, Natalie Butler, and Cecelia McDonald for helping out for our Lenten Series meal on March 16th. Everyone enjoyed our baked potato soup, chicken noodle soup, and salad fixings. Thank you also to Natalie and to Lorraine Nemececk for doing the shopping for this event.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Our next Euchre Tournament, co-sponsored with the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Thursday April 13th in the Family Life Center. Doors will open at 5:30 and game play will start at 6:30. We will be serving chili and cornbread. Cost is \$15 for game play, food, snacks, drinks, and door prizes. 50/50 raffle will also be available. We are looking into turning this into a monthly event with K of C. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on this committee.

SCHOLARSHIP

If you know of any high school seniors or women returning to education, please encourage them to pick up an application for one of our scholarships at the church office. Donna Borges reported that all of the high school senior applications from the office had been picked up, great to see the interest! John Mira did report there are no seniors in the Youth Group this year, but several seniors in the church are applying. Donna will be looking for volunteers to help with choosing a winner for each of these scholarships at the April meeting.

FASHION SHOW

CCW Fashion Show is scheduled for Saturday May 6th beginning at Noon. Cost is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. We will be selling tickets after all the Masses at the end of April. Kim Rose Fashions will be providing the clothes to be modeled, and Natalie Butler will also have some models to share some fun. Thao Paris will be modeling an authentic Vietnamese wedding dress. Thank you to Karen Thornton for chairing

this event, and to all the volunteers for coordinating and modeling.

DAY TRIP

We have a day trip to Our Lady of the Woods Shrine in Mio scheduled for Saturday May 13th. Thank you to Maria Brown for chairing this event. We have reserved a bus through On the Move Coaches, with a 55 passenger capacity. Cost is \$45, which will cover bus transportation, lunch at the shrine, and tip for the bus driver. We will depart Holy Redeemer about 8:30 AM, possibly pray a rosary on the bus, arrive at the shrine for Mass and lunch, and then have time to explore the shrine and peruse the gift shop. We will head back about 3:00, arriving back at Holy Redeemer about 5:00. Please contact Maria Brown or Sylvia Walton to make your reservation and payment. At the current time, this is open to CCW ladies. If we have room on the bus, we may open this up to other participants (discussion later).

PRIEST EVENTS

Don't forget that we will be co-sponsoring a pancake breakfast with the Knights of Columbus on Sunday June 25th after the 9 and 11 Masses to celebrate Fr. Steve's retirement. Thank you to Jana Lamb for stepping forward to volunteer for this event. We will be asking for more volunteers as this event gets closer. We are also working on ideas for a welcome event for our new priest, probably co-sponsored with K of C, sometime in late July or early August.

HR FAMILY FUN DAY

This event is scheduled for Sunday June 4th, estimated time 12-7 PM. There will be several events planned, including kids' games, a cornhole tournament, possible car show, euchre tournament, concessions, Tootsie Roll Booth, lucky ticket raffle, and a Santa story hour. CCW will be hosting a parish-wide bake sale as our contribution, and will also help the K of C with the euchre tournament. Raffle tickets will be distributed as part of this event at the end of the month. CCW will be collecting prizes for the Tootsie Roll booth at our May meeting--this can include household knickknacks, candles, puzzles, picture frames, etc.

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 Schmit 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).

MEMBER PROFILE : JoAnn Lubiato

WHEN DID YOU JOIN CCW? I joined when Fr. Bill Wegher first came to Holy Redeemer, not sure of the date.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF CCW? All the ladies and fun camaraderie

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CCW MEMORY? Putting together the last fashion show

WHY WOULD YOU RECOMMEND FOR SOMEONE TO JOIN CCW? There are lots of nice ladies, you meet great people, and learn a lot

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for a grandson Noah, a son Kyle, thanks for prayers answered, prayers for finding a lost item, for a cousin Debbie killed in a car crash, for Sally Conroy's surgery (March 15th), for Violet with lung cancer, for a student with cancer, for a sister and her new beginning, for a sister fighting cancer and multiple sclerosis, and for a son to get the job he wants. Please keep all these intentions, and the silent intentions of our hearts in your prayers.

CALENDAR

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

Euchre Tournament - April 13th

Fashion Show - May 6th

Day Trip - May 13th

HR Family Fun Day - June 4th

Fr. Steve's Pancake Breakfast - June 25th

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 8 Elizabeth Mattson
(inadvertently not included in February list)

March 4	Nancy Amrich
March 9	Betty Ponziani
March 13	Barbara Butler
March 14	Michelle Humphreys
March 15	Carole Miller
March 20	Donna Berryman
March 28	Suzanne Eremia
March 28	Carol LaCross