

HOLY REDEEMER COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER, 2023

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi ladies! What a great meeting to start our year! We had 43 ladies in attendance--so wonderful to see everyone! We enjoyed another delicious potluck with Swedish meatballs, potatoes, and stuffing prepared by Lorraine Nemecek, Karen Thornton, and Greg Gach (thank you all!). Another big thank you to everyone who donated items for Holy Rosary School, it's wonderful to see our group's generosity! We had a productive meeting that moved along smoothly and covered a lot of topics. We talked about upcoming Bake Sale, Euchre Tournament, Dinner Auction, welcome event for Fr. Georges, Scrapbooking, Pat Paris Scholarship, Regional CCW meeting, and some of our ideas for the upcoming year. We passed our tabled motion to cover the cost of replating the monstrance and decided to send our September \$100 donation to the Michigan School for the Deaf. I'm very excited to get all of our activities going and have another great year!

MOTION/VOTING PROCEDURES

Our parliamentarian Lorraine Nemecek spoke briefly at our meeting to give us a review of motion and voting procedures as written in our bylaws, so that we make sure that we have funds to cover the things that we want to allocate our money for. If someone wants to make a motion for an expenditure, they need to review the budget (provided on the tables at every meeting) and designate what fund that they would like to see the cost of said expenditure come from. In particular, the cost for replating the monstrance was a large amount and we didn't specify a certain budget to cover this. While we have adequate funds in our bank account to cover expenditures, these funds are divided into different line items to assure we can cover our regular expenses (wine/wafers every month, postage for correspondence, closet needs, etc). If a motion is brought forward for an amount that exceeds a line item budget, it is deemed improper and must be withdrawn or amended for an amount within the budget. Motions over \$500 will always be tabled until the next meeting, but discussion can be had at that meeting. These motions will always be voted on by paper ballot. Motions for less than \$500 are

usually handled by voice vote, but a member making such a motion can request a paper ballot vote at any time. As always, any requests for expenditures should give preference to the sanctuary/altar-related expenses. Requests for funds from non-members should first be brought to the attention of the President. A representative from that group should be present at our meeting to discuss their request and answer any questions the members may have. The vote for such a request will be conducted by paper ballot, and will occur after the representative has left the meeting. We will try to make sure to have a copy of these rules present on the tables at each meeting for clarification. If you have any questions, please contact Lorraine Nemecek.

FALL BAKE SALE

Our Fall Bake Sale will be held September 16-17 after the Saturday 4 PM and Sunday 9 and 11 AM Masses in the back of the church. Thank you to Alisa Wells for stepping up to chair this event. We are requesting donations of home baked goods (not store-bought) for our sale. Alisa will be available on Friday the 15th from 4-6 PM and Saturday the 16th after 10 AM for you to drop off your baked goods.

If you are available to help with setup or with selling after any of the Masses, please contact Alisa at wellz5151@gmail.com. We did fairly well with this fundraiser last year and appreciate all your support.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS

Our next CCW/K of C Euchre Tournament will be held on Thursday September 21st in the Family Life Center. Doors open at 5:30, game play starts at 6:30. Cost is \$15, which includes game play, crack chicken dinner, snacks, drinks, and door prizes. We will be selling 50/50 tickets as well. Any questions, please contact Teresa Sherman-Gach at (810) 875-0604. If you are available to help with setup and serving, let Teresa know as well. This has been a great activity to run with our brother Knights, and a fun social activity for the community.

HR DINNER AUCTION

Holy Redeemer will be holding a Dinner Auction fundraiser on Saturday October 14th in the Family Life Center, doors opening at 5:00 PM. Cost is \$25/person, the evening will include catered dinner, drinks, silent auction, and several raffles. CCW has been asked to assist with selling raffles during the night (50/50, liquor basket, etc). We will be asking for volunteers for this at the October meeting. Contact Beth Clark if you have any questions.

SCRAPBOOKING

Our annual Scrapbooking fundraiser will be held on November 10-11 in the Family Life Center. We currently have 82 people signed up for this event. Thank you again to Jennifer Mikonczyk for chairing this event and to Joan Clark for taking care of the kitchen. We will be soliciting food donations and volunteers at the October meeting. Right now, we are asking for basket donations for our basket ticket raffle. Baskets can contain a variety of items (not used), doesn't have to be scrapbook-themed, and should have some type of theme (wine, chocolate, kitchen, etc). Value of about a \$35 per basket. Please bring your basket donations to the next meeting. If you need assistance with wrapping your basket, Lorraine Nemecek has the wrapping materials and ribbon and will be able to assist you. If you have any medium to large size baskets, we can use the donations.

PAT PARIS SCHOLARSHIP

We had a discussion about the Pat Paris scholarship at this month's meeting. This scholarship fund is designated to help women returning to higher education with their expenses. We haven't had any applicants for this program for the past few years. We discussed this and decided to open up the use of these funds to include expenses for continuing education as well. We will be making a push for this scholarship in October and get the information out to the parish at that time. We also discussed the Pat Paris scholarship fund, which has an ample amount of funds. Prior to his passing this summer, we had discussed this fund with Paul Paris (Pat's husband), and he had told us that he wants to see these funds used to help with education in whatever way we saw fit. We

will probably be using some of these funds for our future high school scholarship students as well.

REGIONAL CCW UPDATE

Fall meeting is scheduled for October 12th at Sts. Charles and Helena Church in Clio, beginning with Mass at 8:30 am, with refreshments, meeting, group activity and lunch to follow. No charge for attending but RSVP to jlince6180@gmail.com or 810-730-6876 by October 4th.

IDEAS FOR 2023-24

We talked a bit at the meeting about our ideas for other events for our upcoming year. We will be planning another wine tasting for the winter, likely in partnership again with Oliver T's. We will be planning a Dueling Pianos event in the Family Life Center sometime in April or May. We also plan to contact the Red Cross to discuss the possibility of offering basic CPR training. If you have any other ideas that you would like to discuss, please contact Teresa Sherman-Gach.

OTHER EVENTS

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will be hosting their Veterans Dinner on Saturday October 7th after the 4:00 Mass. at the Family Life Center. They are asking for four of our ladies to help with registration and raffle tickets 5-8 PM that night (these ladies will receive a free dinner). Contact Lorraine Nemecek at (810) 515-0605 if you are willing to volunteer.

Goodrich United Methodist Church will be having a slideshow presentation on the Holy Land on Saturday September 16th, starting at 9 AM. This is a free program and does include breakfast. They will be asking for a freewill offering to support food and utility assistance for homeless in Genesee, Lapeer, and surrounding counties. They request an RSVP to be able to prepare for breakfast, please call (810) 636-2444. Church is located at 8071 S. State Rd, Goodrich.

St. Francis Prayer Center will be having their annual "Boot Scootin' Boogie" fundraiser on Saturday September 23rd, 6-10 PM, at the Flint Farmers Market. Cost is \$100 for a drawing ticket, which includes 2 dinner tickets and

automatic entry into the big drawing for a grand prize of \$5000. Seating is limited to 300 people. The Center offers a place for spiritual renewal and personal meditation, and also helps families in need with food, clothing, and household items. Please contact (810) 787-5330 for more information.

Holy Redeemer has a new women's bible study group forming called Walking With Purpose. This group will be meeting every other Wednesday starting October 4th, 6:30-8:30, in the ministry center. The theme for this session is "Living In The Father's Love". For more information, sign up, or to order materials, please see <https://www.holyredeemerburton.org/walking-with-purpose>.

For our October meeting, we will be collecting children's books for a to be determined charity. You can find good prices for books at Ollie's on Linden Rd. in Flint (across from the Valley).

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for--Scott, a friend who was in an accident and has to be in the hospital 3 more months; to accept our incapacities; for a sister Delores; for a homeless man met today and for all the others who turned him away; for family and souls in purgatory; for Jim Butler; for Phyllis Kalanquin; for a dear friend with pancreatic cancer; for Marie Molloy; for neighbors and friends; for Fr. Steve and family; for Dwight Thomas (Pat Thomas's husband, possibly more surgery); to St. Anthony to find things we have lost; for a sister in addiction recovery; and for Lorraine Accardo and her husband. Please keep all these intentions in your prayers.

Gerri Donnelly shared that Marie Molloy is currently at Brookdale and would welcome cards or notes to cheer her up. Address is Marie Molloy, c/o Brookdale of Grand Blanc, 5080 E. Baldwin Rd., Holly, MI 48442

CALENDAR

Meetings--September 6, October 4, November 8, December 6, January 10, February 7, March 6, April 10, May 8
Fall Bake Sale--September 16-17
Scrapbook weekend--November 10-11
Cookie Walk--December 9-10
February Bake Sale--February 10-11

Lenten Retreat--March TBD
Euchre Tournaments - 3rd Thursday of each month

BIRTHDAYS

Oct 2	Donna Borges
Oct 3	Susan Stefanski
Oct 10	Lucille Belanger
Oct 12	Laura Fulco
Oct 17	Jeanyne Johnson
Oct 17	Celeste Marchesi
Oct 23	Marie Luckner
Oct 29	Gloria Bellmore

SICK LIST/PRAYER LIST

If you know of a member who is ill or otherwise in need of prayers, please contact **Teresa Sherman-Gach** at treetah82d@yahoo.com, and we will include her in our prayer list.