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Affiliated with the Diocese of Madison
Council of Catholic Women (MDCCW) &
National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW)



September 2021

Connecting Catholic Women in the West Dane Vicariate of the Diocese of Madison

In September, We Celebrate Saints and Feast Days!

St. Teresa of Calcutta, Archangels St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, St. Matthew, St. Wenceslaus,
the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Our Lady of Sorrows

*"We have been created
to love and be loved,
and God has become
man to make it possible
for us to love as he
loved us. He makes
himself the hungry one,
the naked one, the
homeless one, the sick
one, the one in prison,
the lonely one, the
unwanted one... He is
hungry for our love."*

Mother Teresa

An excerpt from her 1979
Acceptance Speech of the
Nobel Peace Prize

Vicariate President's Message

With kids back in school, monthly meeting starting again and cooler nights, it must be September! After the whirlwind of summer activities and events, it's time to slow down and get back to our schedules. I hope you had some time for rest and relaxation for yourself. We forget how important it is to take time to refresh and renew. Get ready for a busy fall schedule!

If you didn't make it to the NCCW Convention, talk to someone who did! They will be filled with new ideas for your group and ways to implement them! Set some goals for improving your group and engaging new members. The West Dane Vicariate is creating a Welcome Packet for your parish to use! Jump start some group projects like Box of Joy and 40 Days for Life. The Diocesan CCW is listening to your needs as 550 responses were reviewed in their "Let Your Voice Be Heard" survey.

Be sure to register this month for the West Dane Fall Vicariate meeting on Tuesday, October 5 at St. Peter's in Ashton. Doors open at 4:30, Rosary at 5, and Mass at 5:30. Our guest speaker will present as we enjoy a light supper. Registration will be going out to all Vicariates soon so please plan to attend.

Sue Barker, President West Dane Vicariate Council of Catholic Women

"What matters in life is not great deeds but great love" St. Terese of Lisieux

PARISHES

In the West Dane Vicariate

Ashton - St. Peter Parish

Rev. Christopher Gernetzke, Pastor

Cross Plains - St. Francis Xavier

Rev. Scott Jablonski, Pastor

Martinsville - St. Martin of Tours

Rev. Christopher Gernetzke, Pastor

Mt. Horeb - St. Ignatius

(St. Michael the Archangel Parish)

Rev. Chahm Gahng, Pastor

Paoli - St. William

(St. Christopher Parish)

Rev. Robert Butz, Pastor

Perry - Holy Redeemer

(St. Michael the Archangel Parish)

Rev. Chahm Gahng, Pastor

Pine Bluff - St. Mary of Pine Bluff

Very Rev. Richard M. Heilman, VF, Pastor

Verona - St. Andrew

(St. Christopher Parish)

Rev. Robert Butz, Pastor

Waunakee - St. John the Baptist

Rev. Msgr. James Gunn, Pastor

Westport - St. Mary of the Lake Church

Rev. Msgr. James Gunn, Pastor

GATHER

WEST DANE VICARIATE AUTUMN GATHERING

REFLECTING on 40 DAYS

Key Note Speaker: Mrs. Laura Karlen

from Vigil for Life, member of St. Peter Catholic Parish

St Peter Catholic Parish, Middleton (Ashton)

TUESDAY, October 5, 2021 5:00pm-8:00pm

PROGRAM: 4:30pm Social in the Parish Center
5:00pm Rosary led by the West Dane Vicariate Board in the Church
5:30pm Mass Concelebrated with Fr. Christopher Gernetzke, Pastor, St. Peter Parish and
Monsignor Duane Moellenberndt, Spiritual Advisor to the Madison Diocesan CCW
6:30pm Program with Dinner at St. Peter School, Lower Level

Cost is \$10 for Program and Dinner

Please send Reservations through your CCW or Register directly by September 25th to:

Kelly Huntington, Treasurer St. Peter CCW
8535 Stonebrook Circle, Middleton, WI 53562

Make checks payable to: 'St Peter CCW'

In lieu of an Offertory Collection, please bring a pack of diapers or financial donation
for the Pregnancy Helpline's Diaper Bank, distributor of baby items to many organizations.

For more information, contact: Joan Pregler, (608-798-1721) joanpregler@gmail.com

**The Mission of the NCCW is to Support, Empower, and Educate
all Catholic women in Spirituality, Leadership and Service**

West Dane Vicariate BOARD of DIRECTORS

President: Sue Barker

(St. Andrew Church, Verona)

President Elect: Vacant

We need YOU!

Secretary: Joan Pregler

(St. Peter Parish, Ashton)

Treasurer: Kelly Huntington

(St. Peter Parish, Ashton)

We NEED YOU: Join now!

No Parish CCW?

Connect with Catholic
Women on the MOVE!

Contact Rosa Ropers at
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Newsletter from the West Dane Vicariate Council of Catholic Women

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

September 21st

5th Annual DiaperDash
for Pregnancy Helpline

October 5th

Autumn MEETING of the
West Dane Vicariate at
St. Peter Parish!



Connecting Catholic Women in the West Dane Vicariate

SERVICE

DiaperDash 5K Run/Walk or Volunteer!

Pregnancy Helpline is about to deliver its one millionth diaper and averages about 3,500 diapers a week serving Dane County families! A host of volunteers are needed in many areas in the Sharing Center and Diaper Bank. Or join in on their 5K event on September 21st! Learn more at www.pregnancyhelpline.net.

BOX of JOY

Cross Catholic Outreach facilitates a gift ministry to children suffering from extreme poverty. Inside these simple Boxes of Joy is hope for children, love of the Lord and a message that someone cares for them. Gather your children and grandchildren in packing a BOX of JOY! Drop off spot will again be at St. Peter's in Ashton in November.

Boxes will be available at your parish and at the West Dane Vicariate meeting in October.

Organized throughout the diocese by the MDCCW.



40 Days for Life

Prayer is at the center of *40 Days for Life*. Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in your community during the Madison Campaign September 22-October 31 through your parish coordinator or log onto www.40daysforlife.com. See also vigilforlife.org for more prayerful ways to draw closer to God during this time.

LEADERSHIP

Putting your Catholic energies to Work!

VOLUNTEER and EVANGELIZE at the same time! Your good works can be witness to your Catholic faith and shine like a light for others to follow. Many organizations need help right now like: Middleton Outreach Ministry, Pregnancy Helpline, The American Red Cross, your local food pantry. Find a moment in your month to make a difference in our world and community.



Our Lady of Sorrows at St. Francis Xavier, Cross Plains

MEMBERSHIP

AFFILIATIONS If your parish CCW pays dues to NCCW, then ALL parish women are already members!

NCCW's New Address!

NCCW
10335 -A Democracy Ln.
Fairfax, VA 22030

Individual Members Catholic Women in parishes that do not have an organized Council (CCW) but would enjoy becoming active and support the work of MDCCW, can become Individual members! Dues are only \$10.00/year.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN

Did You Know NCCW is Represented at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops?

From the beginning of NCCW over 101 years ago, the USCCB has believed the issues of women and family are a vital part of our Catholic faith.

NCCW is uniquely poised to carry out the mission set forth by USCCB. Recognizing the power of NCCW in helping strengthen marriage and family life for Catholic families, members are in such an important place to help foster these relationships.

The August issue of Catholic Women magazine features the assistant director for marriage and family life, laity to act as liaison between the bishops and the NCCW.

SPIRITUALITY NCCW's Spirituality Commission

The mission of NCCW is carried out through the work of (3) three commissions, each under the direction of a national commission chair and is often mirrored at archdiocesan/diocesan, regional, and local parish levels. One of them is the Spirituality Commission, which reinforces faith and supports service to the Church and to the world through discipleship and spiritual growth. The Spirituality Commission also encourages legislative advocacy at the local, state, and national levels, guided by Catholic social teaching.

As a member, you have access to

- Prayer Service Programs
- Prayer Hour Leader Guides
- Vocations Purse Club
- Prayers for Priests
- Novenas including a Pandemic Novena
- Prayers to Love: Healing Racism
- Other Prayer Aids and Rosary Calls

This is all available to you through the NCCW!

AROUND OUR (WEST DANE) VICARIATE FEATURE: St. Francis Xavier, Cross Plains

St. Francis Xavier is the parish's patron saint and hailed as one of the greatest missionary saints in Church history, second only to St. Paul. As one of the larger parishes within the West Dane Vicariate, the 160 year old parish is anchored within the Village of Cross Plains. The church and adjoining Catholic School have long provided the rich tradition of the Catholic faith yet kept up-to-date with facilities and current technologies.

The parish celebrates an annual picnic and community builder in July, and is often host to fundraiser breakfasts and group meetings. Collection boxes for St. Vincent de Paul are located on premises and the parish maintains a strong service focus.

St. Francis Xavier CCW's activities have gradually been replaced by individual focus groups, but members still participate in Vicariate and Diocesan CCW events.