

HOLY REDEEMER COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Ladies!!! What an amazing year we had! We finished off with a great May meeting, with almost 60 ladies in attendance! Thank you all so much for your energy and enthusiasm, your volunteering for activities, and for your continuing support. I have had a spectacular year serving as president, and I thank you all for your faith in me.

Our May meeting was a lovely event and a wonderful way to finish off our year. We began in the church with rosary and May Crowning led by Our Lady of Fatima guild (thank you ladies!), followed by a beautiful Mass from Fr. Steve. We had a special blessing of our new members at the end of Mass as well. Our delicious catered dinner was provided by Joan Clark. We did a great job staying on track through all of our business, which included reviewing recent events, discussing upcoming events for the summer, and a synopsis of our accomplishments for the year. We also talked about our budget for the 23-24 year and opened discussion for future events. All in all, it was a great meeting!

I hope you all have a fun and relaxing summer. I will miss seeing you every month at meetings, but we will be busy with euchre tournaments, Family Fun Day, and Fr. Steve's retirement, hope to see some of you at any of these. I will have a newsletter later this summer to keep you up to date and let you know where we are headed for next year. As always, please reach out to me by phone or email anytime. God bless you all!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Our next Euchre Tournament is being held on Thursday May 18th. CCW and K of C have decided to have these on a monthly basis. We created a rotating menu for food. Format will be the same—3rd Thursday of the month in the Family Life Center, doors open at 5:30, game play starting at 6:30. Cost is \$15, includes game play, dinner, snacks, and door prizes. We will also sell 50/50 tickets. Our summer dates are June 15th, July 20th, and August 17th. Thanks to the volunteers who signed up at the meeting to help with these dates. We are still in need of

people to help with the August date, please call or email me if you are available.

FASHION SHOW

Our Fashion Show on Saturday May 6th was a great hit! We enjoyed another delicious lunch prepared by Joan Clark, and saw a lot of great fashions brought to us by Kim Rose Fashions. Thank you to the St. Rita guild for providing models to show everything off. We also enjoyed some humorous "fashions", courtesy of Natalie Butler and her team, as well as some beautiful Vietnamese outfits modeled by Thao Paris. A big thank you to Karen Thornton for chairing and coordinating this event.

DAY TRIP

Sadly, we had to cancel our day trip scheduled for May 13th, as we weren't able to get enough people for the bus. We may look at revisiting this idea in the early fall, and possibly getting a smaller transport vehicle if we have a smaller group. More to come on this later this summer.

HR FAMILY FUN DAY

The Holy Redeemer Family Fun Day will be held on Sunday June 4th 12-7 PM in the pavilion. This will include a craft/vendor fair, cornhole tournament, kids' games, euchre tournament (at the FLC), concessions, Tia Helita dinner, bake sale, Tootsie Roll booth, lucky ticket raffle, big ticket raffle, and entertainment by Santa. Our group will be in charge of the bake sale and euchre tournament (co-sponsored with K of C). Thank you to Jana Lamb for chairing the bake sale event, and thank you to all the volunteers who signed up. We will be collecting baked goods starting at 8 AM that Sunday morning. Euchre tournament doors will open at 2:00, game play beginning at 3:00. The church is continuing to look for volunteers and donations for all events. Hope that you can come out and join us!

FR. STEVE RETIREMENT

We will be co-hosting a pancake breakfast with the K of C for Fr. Steve's retirement open house

on the morning of Sunday June 25th after the 9 and 11 AM Masses. Thank you to the ladies who signed up to help hostess this event. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please contact me by email or phone. We are postponing our welcome event for Fr. Bidzogo until the fall, as he will not be coming until September 1st.

SCHOLARSHIP

We had 2 applicants for the high school senior scholarship, and made the decision at the meeting to award a scholarship to both applicants, as they were equally qualified. Congratulations to Amelia Bennett and Sean Tucker! There were no applicants for the Pat Paris scholarship. We will try to re-advertise this again in the fall and clarify that the money can be used for continuing education, as well as for returning to school.

ALTAR SERVER ALBS/MONSTRANCE

We had a request in April to cover the cost of new altar server albs, total cost \$831.61. There was a motion made at the April meeting, that was tabled to May, and this motion passed. We also heard a presentation by Sean Groves from the Adoration Chapel requesting funds to help with the cost of replating the monstrance (our monstrance has become pitted and worn, and due to the fact that it has a silver base, it needs to be replated, cost is prohibitive to get a new one). Total cost for this is \$3335--the monstrance has already been sent out for replating, it won't be ready for the re-dedication of the Adoration Chapel but will be back this summer. CCW covered this cost (approximately \$800) in 2004 for the last time it needed replating. There was a motion made to cover the total cost, which was tabled per our bylaws and will be voted on in September. Sean also mentioned that the Adoration Chapel group is looking for more perpetual adorers--if you are interested, there is a form that you can complete on the Holy Redeemer website under the Act tab.

MONTHLY DONATION

Thank you to everyone for the donation of prizes for Family Fun Day. Beth Clark expressed her thanks and was very excited to see all the great items. In honor of Suicide Prevention month, we voted to give our \$100 monthly

donation to support the Genesee County Suicide Hotline. If anyone has ideas for charities needing tangible donations for the upcoming year, please feel free to send me your ideas.

2023-24 BUDGET

Sylvia Walton presented the proposed budget for the 2023-24 year. Several events were noted to have an equal revenue and cost, as these have been events meant to be "fun"raisers, and not necessarily to try to make more money. We have added a line item to the budget for "other altar needs", separate from parish needs, as there are times that we get requests for one-time items for the altar (like the server albs) that we believed should be separated from parish needs, since our primary mission is to care for the altar. We also held discussion about taking some of our money and investing in a 1-year CD to make some more interest. Sylvia will make inquiries to local credit unions in order to get the best rate.

OTHER BUSINESS

Theresa Ballenberger presented on behalf of Laura Fulco about a plaque to be given to Fr. Steve from the CCW in honor of his retirement, being made by some contacts of Laura's. We doubled the size of our ad in the parish bulletin, looks great! Audit committee will be meeting in June to review our books for the past year--thank you to Barb Butler, Kathy Tadjewski, and Donna Borges for volunteering to do this! Maria Brown shared that the annual Regional CCW women's retreat will be held at St. Patrick's in Brighton on September 9th. Gerri Lajewski shared that Wojo's in Davison will be supporting Catholic Charities on May 24th-25th--if you mention Catholic Charities when you make your purchase, a donation will go to them. Anyone who would like to share ideas for events for next year, please contact me via email (treetah82d@yahoo.com) or phone 810-875-0604.

2022-23 CCW ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Purchased wine/wafers for altar
- Purchased large type sacramentary for altar
- Monthly charitable donations--\$100/month to multiple charities
- Donated gift cards to Taste of Holy Redeemer and sponsored a dessert table

- Hosted Northeast Regional CCW meeting
- Co-hosted 4 euchre tournaments with Knights of Columbus
- Purchased \$500 worth of Christmas gifts for an adopted family
- Hosted a Wine Tasting event
- Donated White Elephant Auction proceeds to Holy Redeemer Outreach
- Purchased Paschal Candle for the altar
- Hosted Mini-Lenten Retreat
- Hosted a Fashion Show/brunch for fun and fellowship
- Hosted a dinner for Fr. Steve's Last Six Words Lenten series
- Donated to K of C for 2 sleeping bags for the homeless
- Purchased ashes for altar for Ash Wednesday
- Purchased palms for Palm Sunday
- Monthly tangible donations to multiple charities, including Hurley Hospital, Heartbeat of Flint, Holy Redeemer Outreach, etc.
- Purchased altar server albs for the altar
- Gave out senior scholarship in 2022
- Donated prizes to Family Fun Day
- Hosted Cookie Walk for the parish
- Hosted 2 bake sales in September and February
- Started a monthly newsletter for members
- Hosted a ceremony to recognize new CCW members
- Provided special Outreach donation to a designated family in need
- Member appreciation--main entrees at monthly meetings, reduced cost for catered dinners
- Plan to co-host pancake breakfast for Fr. Steve's retirement open house
- Plan to host bake sale and co-host euchre tournament for HR Family Fun Day

MEMBER PROFILE - Maria Brown, chaplain and past president

When did you join CCW? I joined in the 1980s

What's your favorite part of CCW? I love getting together with our Catholic sisters in Christ. I have been president twice, vice president, and secretary twice.

What's your favorite CCW memory? Mary Behil wearing her cute hat on St. Patrick's event, all the bake sales

Why would you recommend to join CCW? All of the above!

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for a person praying for health, a son to get a job, Joann Garrett, Cheryl Jones, Dave Gale, a sister in recovery, the repose of George Warson, Dianne Amrich, a son who is homeless, Richard Gach, a friend recovering from surgery, and Mickie, Joe, and Bob for healing. Please keep all these intentions in your prayers.

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.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

On June 2, the First Friday Adoration will include a special presentation by Fr. Mathias Thelen to celebrate Eucharistic Revival, starting at 6 PM

On June 18, the parish will be celebrating the re-opening of the Adoration Chapel at the 11 AM Mass. There will be a special blessing by Bishop Boyea, followed by a Eucharistic procession and lunch. Please RSVP for this event with the church office by June 4th.

On June 24th, the parish will be holding a retirement party for Fr. Steve. You can RSVP at holyredeemerburton.org/frsteveparty23.

BIRTHDAYS

May 4	Jane Fraser
May 9	Gloria Rendon
May 17	Jessica VanDerKlok
May 22	Beth Clark
May 22	Theresa Owens
May 25	Natalie Butler
May 29	Diane Baldwin
May 29	Patricia Corlew
May 29	Phyllis Kalanquin
June 5	Connie Rothley
June 10	Mary Alice O'Malley
June 11	Maria Brown
June 11	Alisa Wells
June 12	Debbie Summers
June 18	Sue Jones
June 19	Jean McNee
June 21	Anita Weber

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!