

CONNECTING CATHOLIC WOMEN

IN THE DIOCESE OF MADISON

Jesus is the Light of the World; May We Become a Light of Hope

As Catholic women, we are the light of hope with our local parish efforts to uplift the initiatives of the National Council of Catholic Women. We are the voice of Catholic women.

“For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.”

Eph 5:8-9



PRESIDENT’S PEN NEWS

Dear Ladies,

As we approach November, we think about the transition from Fall into Winter as the days get shorter and colder and the feast days and holidays: Nov. 1—All Saints: We remember the saints, who like Mary, said “Yes” to God and put God first in their lives; Nov. 2—All Souls Day: We are still on a journey. We acknowledge our faults and remember that we will one day die. We remember our deceased Catholic women of the Diocese and all our loved family and friends who have died. Many of us look forward to gathering with family and friends at Thanksgiving. We count our blessings and are thankful. At the end of November, we begin Advent—a time of preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus, God’s greatest gift to us, who came to suffer and die so we can be reunited with God in Heaven after Adam & Eve’s fall from Grace.

I am thankful for one of the perks of being MDCCW President: I am invited to attend the Vicariate meetings across the Dioceses. In the past 2 weeks, I attended 4 meetings: Martinsville/Cross Plains-West Dane Vicariate; Baraboo-Sauk Vicariate; Cassville-Grant Vicariate; & Pardeeville-Columbia North Vicariate. In addition, I attended 2 funerals and Mass before the Madison Women’s Club. I am thankful for the opportunity to gather with so many women, be inspired by the liturgies and women’s voices lifted in song; I learned insights from the great speakers (some notes are posted on the MDCCW website), ate lots of good food and appreciated seeing God’s great creation in the colorful Fall drives.

Mark 8: 4-15 tells the parable of the sower & the seed. I am thankful that my seed was planted on good soil, nurtured by the example of loving parents and attendance at Catholic schools. I pray for those who didn’t have soil that allowed them to put down deep roots, or those that didn’t grow up in an environment conducive to growing to their full potential. Luke 12:13-41 tells the story of the man who tore down his barns to build bigger ones and died that night—We must remember what our true purpose is (to know, love & serve God). We need to trust that God has a plan for us and knows what is best for us.

From Nov 1-Nov 5, Ten ladies from across the Diocese and I will be in Minneapolis to attend the 102nd National Council of Catholic Women Convention. I think 3 of the attendees are 1st timers! I am sure we will all come back with some insights to share. Thank you to all the parish CCWs who give monetary support to the attendees. It is greatly appreciated.

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UPCOMING EVENTS in our DIOCESE !

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FROM THE
PEN of
LINDA RIPP

President of the Madison
Diocesan Council of
Catholic Women

*“Live in faith
and hope, though it
be in darkness,
for in this darkness
God protects
the soul.*

*Cast your care
upon God for you
are His and He will
not forget you.
Do not think that He
is leaving you alone,
for that would be to
wrong Him.”*

St. John of the Cross

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Please keep in your prayers due to serious health issues: Mona Mativijech (very active in Columbia North and past Spiritual Chair. Mona is resigning as my Spiritual Chair. If anyone would like to take over her duties, let me know. Pray also for Carol Brennan's husband, John. Carol was a past MDCCW President and Past Province Director.

Many people have been active with the Boxes of Joy project. Boxes are due to St Peter's in Ashton (Hwy K, Middleton) the week of Nov. 6-12th so we can get them boxed and ready for shipment to Cross Catholic International.

By now, most of you have probably heard about Bishop Hying's initiative "Into the Deep" and his plans for restructuring how the Diocese carries out its Mission-going from 102 parishes to about 30 "pastorates". This might mean that we will have to get out of our comfort zone as we navigate what this might mean for CCW. But we trust that with God's Grace, we will be better able to "Share the Good News" to more people! Let us be a United Catholic Voice!

May God's bounty be poured out on all of you!

Linda Ripp / MDCCW President

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St. Luke's Parish, Plain (Sauk Vicariate) Fish Fry, Friday, November 4th. 5:00-8:00pm

All Saints Parish, Berlin (Columbia North Vicariate)

Flavors of Fall Saturday, Nov. 5th – Bake/Craft Sale (9am and Soup Luncheon (10:30-1pm)

Good Shepherd Parish – St. James Church, Madison (Madison Vicariate)

Hidden Treasures Sale, Saturday Nov. 12 9:30-1, Sunday Nov 13 9:30-4

Fall Festival, Craft & Bake Sale, Chicken Dinner, Games, Sunday Nov. 13, 9:30-4:30pm

St. Ann Parish, Stoughton (East Dane Vicariate)

Holiday Gift Fair, Sat.-Sun. November 12-13. 30+ Vendors, 9:00am-1:00pm

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Madison (Madison Vicariate)

Lecture: St. Albert the Great, Sunday, November 13th. Time T.B.D. see parish website

Christmas Market, Sat - Sun, November 18th-19th. Time T.B.D. see parish website

St. Joseph Parish, Baraboo (Sauk Vicariate)

Gingerbread Bazaar & Bake Sale Saturday, Nov. 19th – Bake/Craft Sale 8am to 3pm

Holy Angels at St. Patrick, Loretto (Sauk Vicariate)

Harvest Supper & Quilt Raffle, Saturday, November 19th 4-7pm

St. John the Evangelist Parish, Spring Green (Sauk Vicariate)

Bake Sales, Saturday, November 19th & 20th held before and after each mass- see parish website

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Madison (Madison Vicariate)

Advent Mission, Mon.-Wed., November 28-30 7pm. With Fr. Mike Ford & a relic of St. Jude

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND with BISHOP HYING !

Bishop Hying is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in January! Walk in the footsteps of Jesus on this 11-day pilgrimage January 19-29, 2023. Log onto: www.pentecosttours.com

MDCCW is affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) which seeks to assist 9 Vicariate regions within the Diocese of Madison. NCCW acts through its membership to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the church and society in the modern world.