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VOICE of the SAINTS

Feasts, Memorials and
Solemnities this month!

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*"Faith is to believe what
you do not see.*

*The reward of faith is to
see what you believe."*

St. Augustine of Hippo

Connecting Catholic Women! Throughout the Diocese of Madison

**A Newsletter of the Madison Diocesan Council of
Catholic Women (MDCCW)**
Affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW)



Connecting Catholic Women throughout the Catholic Diocese of Madison

President's Pen News

Greetings for the Month of August. I am now beginning my 2nd year as President of the Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (MDCCW). I am hopeful that our new Pastorates will provide a greater opportunity for Catholic Women to connect as Councils of Catholic Women (CCW). Affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW), the MDCCW serves as the bridge to regional and local parishes, diverting the waterfall of opportunity into a regional stream from which we can navigate locally! I pray for your continued efforts to encourage the uniting of Catholic women.

It is here in this monthly newsletter that we strive to be welcoming to all women across the Diocese, thus the format of our newsletter has changed!. We will focus a greater emphasis on the Spiritual and Service parts of our mission statement "to empower women in Leadership, Spirituality and Service", so each month, we will feature both regional and national initiatives and projects embraced by both MDCCW and NCCW.

Now that the "Into the Deep" initiative is a reality, many of us have probably had the chance to meet the priests in our new pastorate and are getting used to new Mass times. At our "Meet & Greet" for Pastorate 19, we watched a video about "Managing Transitions". (to view: <https://vimeo.com/171578804>). In this presentation, we experience 3 phases:

- 1) Endings - any change means a loss—7 main types, there are 4 main responses to that loss,
- 2) Neutral Zone - "the old is gone, but the new doesn't feel right yet" and finally,
- 3) New Beginnings - It offered a good explanation of all we are going through.

See President's Pen News continued on Page Three!

United across the Diocese Projects too special for only one parish!

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women serves as a rallying force for all women in the Southwestern/Central corner of Wisconsin also known as the Diocese of Madison. Now that we are grouped into 30 Pastorates, communicating all special events, activities and projects will be more successful... All we need is ONE CONTACT from each Pastorate so they in turn can distribute news of opportunities to their parishes. Send info to Linda Ripp, President of MDCCW at linmdccw@gmail.com

Events and activities like the Box of Joy project, conventions, regional presentations, local and national service projects, assisting at the Ordination Reception, emerging ministries, faith-filled and spirituality gatherings, women and family themed social justice awareness and so much more!

Stay tuned to this monthly newsletter !

See www.mdccw.com

United across the Nation

with the
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN.



BOX OF JOY PROJECT

The diocesan-wide national service project is in full swing! You and/or your parish can pack simple shoeboxes filled with small gifts which are shipped to children in impoverished Latin American countries. Imagine the joy of a child receiving their only gift at Christmas from a loving neighbor! Pre-printed boxes are available and can be delivered in bulk to your parish. Drop-off of filled boxes will be due in early November, so plan your parish project now!

Contact Coreen Marklein to get your boxes!

See www.mdccw.com

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

MDCCW is affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women which acts through its membership to respond with Gospel values to the needs of the church and society in the modern world. Learn more at www.mdccw.com and www.nccw.org

Madison Diocesan Council

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From YOUR Pastorate ?



BETWEEN the LINES:

* MISSION *

*This is the
Mission Statement of a
Council of Catholic Women*

“The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members *(that’s you and me!)*

to support,
(via a vast array of resources)
empower,
(via a vast network of women)
and educate
(via Catholic based programs)

all Catholic women in spirituality,
(prayer guides our every gathering and event)

leadership,
(growing Disciples is engrained in the Mission)

and service.
(we are an active witness to living out our Catholic faith)

NCCW programs respond with Gospel values
(think ‘Beatitudes’ !)

to the needs of the Church
(your church, parish, diocese and the world.)

and society
(This is our home !)
in the modern world.”
(NOW!)

Tap into these Resources!
www.mdccw.com
www.nccw.org

SPIRITUALITY

Faith Finds a Home at Home

As fall nears and school routines resume, consider posting the **10 Commandments** in your kitchen. Ours is handwritten and yellowing with age, but it has remained on the wall next to the kitchen door since my children were very young. It serves as a reminder of who we are called to be as we step out of our homes into the world. That gentle reminder plus an extra 15 minutes built into the daily routine in order to pray Morning Prayer together before dashing out the door are a couple ways to help the school year off to a good start!

*By Julianne Nornberg
member of Pastorate 19 and contributor to the Catholic Herald.*



**BACK to SCHOOL with
UW Platteville’s Campus Ministry!
Saint Augustine University Parish
(Pastorate 29)**

Blessed with beautiful growth in over 20 weekly Bible studies, nearly 50 hours of Eucharistic Adoration weekly, and 17 seminarians in 9 years, St. Augustine University Parish is creating a space to continue to grow! Newman Heights student housing opened in 2018 and reached full capacity in 2019. The construction of a new Chapel and student center is the next step, providing a space of beauty for encounter with Christ and a true home for students to return to.

Fundraising for ministry needs and the Chapel project is ongoing, so consider hearing their story of hope and gratitude at the Fall Banquet in Madison on September 28th!

See page 3, <https://pioneeratholic.org>, or reach out to maryclare@pioneeratholic.org

FEATURE PASTORATE: #20

Greetings! As President of St. Andrew Church/St. Christopher Parish CCW, President of West Dane CCW, and Leadership Chair for Madison Diocesan CCW, I have been honored to work with many dedicated and talented women in our area. I have also been fortunate to attend 3 NCCW Conventions. Each event has been a learning experience, in addition to meeting many more women who have dedicated their lives to service.

Now that we are no longer a Vicariate, but Pastorate 20, what does the future bring for me and you? This change has united us with new women from St. Maria Goretti Parish. Our future looks bright, as more women come together to form a new partnership, with a new name and new goals!

By Sue Barker, President of the former West Dane Vicariate CCW

SERVICE

Diocesan-wide Projects

Back to (Catholic) School

Every autumn, abundant school-supply drives fill 1000’s of backpacks. These efforts are well supported and vital to the health of our communities. However, have you considered the

value of a CATHOLIC EDUCATION?

Without public funding sources for programs like special education assistants, reading programs, extracurricular activities etc., Catholic schools operate on a very thin budget.

Consider these ideas this year:

- * Make a financial contribution to the Catholic School of your choice
- * Buy gift cards for the teachers to outfit their classrooms with missing items or last minute supplies
- * Offer to help as a assistant in the classroom
- * Help with playground duty
- * Pray for the school children
- * Pray for the teachers and staff
- * Attend the school liturgies
- * Assist the school staff & administration



**LEADERSHIP
WHY WOMEN?**

Now more than ever, we need the bonds of unity within our Church.

Feminine genius suggests that women are natural nurturers, as any mother can attest. The role women have in the new Pastorate arrangement has been slightly disrupted for now. But as your Pastorate quickly settles into a rhythm, many new opportunities for women will emerge.

Perhaps you are called to deepen your spiritual life, worship regularly, build your knowledge of the Catholic faith and perhaps even lead a revitalized group that nurtures the women in your midst. Yes, change is difficult, but when viewed from your soul’s perspective, it is easy to see the open door, beckoning you to enter.

The National Council of Catholic Women offers resources to build such a group.

www.nccw.org

UPCOMING EVENTS



DIOCESE OF MADISON

Thursday, August 17th at 7:30pm

ORGAN RECITAL & NIGHT PRAYER

The 3rd Summer Organ Recital Series features Director of Music John Sittar of St. Bernard Cathedral Parish performing on the Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ At Holy Name Heights, 702 S. High Point Road, Madison www.madisondiocese.org

ST. JOSEPH'S SUMMER FESTIVAL Sunday, Aug. 6th Noon-9:00pm St. Joseph Church, Good Shepherd Parish, 1905 W. Beltline Hwy., Madison (PASTORATE 22) Live entertainment, kid's games, concessions, quilt sale and more!

ST. JOHN FUNFEST Friday evening, Aug. 11th and all day Sat. Aug. 12th St. John the Evangelist Parish School, Spring Green (PASTORATE 6) Events for children and adults: kid's games, concessions, bingo, adult softball, corn hole tournament and live music. This is a major fundraiser for the school. See the website www.stjohnspringgreen.com

ST. JOHN'S SUMMER FEST Saturday Aug. 12th 4:00-7:30pm St. John Church, 231 N. Wyalusing St., Patch Grove (PASTORATE 1) Mass begins at 4:00pm followed by chicken & ham dinner, auction, volleyball tournament, games and fun. See the website www.swwicatholicparishes.com

PILGRIMAGE: to the tomb of Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli Aug. 12-14th (or 1-day option) Aug. 13th 3-day, 2-night hiking trip in southern Wisconsin with Fr. Jared Holzhter. Cost is \$50/family, \$25/individual. Registration forms available from Lorie Ballweg in the Vocations Office, lorie.ballweg@madisondiocese.org or call 608-821-3088. HURRY! Due date for completed forms is July 30th.



PIONEER CATHOLIC BANQUET SERIES Thursday Sept. 28th 5:00pm At the Madison Club, Madison. Join St. Augustine University Parish (PASTORATE 29) at its annual Fall Banquet celebration for alumni, benefactors, students, parents and Catholics from around the region who honor the courageous and bold young adults being formed at the Catholic Newman Center in Platteville. Upscale evening Banquet is at the Madison Club, downtown Madison! Reserve your table now at https://give.pioneercatholic.org/madison23 or contact maryclare@pioneercatholic.org. There is no cost to register!

MADISON EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS Friday-Sunday. Sept. 29th - Oct. 1st St. John the Baptist Parish, Waunakee (PASTORATE 18) Preregister for this 3-day Congress of prayer, worship, witness to revive your faith! Find the retreat guide, brochure, schedule and register online at www.blessedbrokenandgiven.com



SHOUT OUT Your Pastorate's News!

This page is dedicated to sharing news from your women's groups, parish, and pastorate for monthly events, activities, special gatherings etc.

Send your news by the 15th of the prior month of your event(s) To: Linda Ripp (608) 849-7643 linmdccw@gmail.com

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In the last few weeks, the Sunday Gospel readings have been about sowers & seeds. (July 16: Matthew 13: 1-23, similar to Luke 8: 4-15 about the seeds falling in various soils—thorns, rocky, good ground; and July 23: Matthew 13:24-43, weed seeds mixed in with good seed). Hopefully, our seeds of faith are falling on good ground and will provide a fruitful harvest especially in our mission to "Go, tell the Good News! In Matt 13:24-43, the workers want to immediately pull the weeds when they see them growing, but the Master said to wait so as not to pull the good seed along with the weeds. When I see and hear things happening in our secular world today, I can see myself like the workers, hoping for God to wipe away the bad and just start over (assuming I am not one of the bad). I was reading a meditation "Patience of God" (Erasmus Leiva-Merikakis now known as Fr Simeon, a Trappist monk), about this Gospel passage - he says "It is their business—the disciples) to preach the Gospel of repentance. Jesus explicit commands to them have nothing to do with judging & purging. Quite the contrary, his last words to them would be: "Go and make disciples of all nations". (Mt 28:19). Let all we do, be for the Glory of God and not our will, but God's will be done!

This month we celebrate the Assumption of our Blessed Mother into Heaven, body and soul on Aug 15 (a Holy Day of Obligation). Our Mother Mary always wants us to seek her Son, Jesus.

Please pray for those who are attending the National Convention in Salt Lake City, Aug 23-26, 2023.



Linda Ripp

President of the Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

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.