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

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



May 2023

SAVE THE DATE MADISON DIOCESAN COUNCIL CONVENTION !

Tuesday, June 27, 2023
Lancaster, Wisconsin

*"Quilted together
in the Eucharist"*

with Msgr. James Bartylla



OUR LADY OF FATIMA
Feast Day: May 13th
Our Lady of Fátima
named after the Blessed
Mother of Jesus, upon the
Marian apparitions reported
in 1917 by three shep-
herd children at the Cova
da Iria in Fátima, Portu-
gal. The three children
were Lúcia dos Santos
and her cousins Francisco
and Jacinta Marto.

In May, We Celebrate Feasts, Memorials and Solemnities!

The church season of Easter, Our Lady of Fatima, Mother's Day, The Ascension of the Lord, St. Rita of Cascia, Pentecost, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vicariate President's Message

May is the month of our Blessed Mother Mary. We honor her by crowning her with flowers and saying the rosary. We also honor our earthly mother on Mother's Day, the second Sunday of the month. Perhaps your CCW says the rosary as a group at your monthly meeting or at daily mass. Another feast day this month for Mary is Our Lady of Fatima. She appeared to 3 children at Fatima, Portugal, on May 13th, 1917, telling them to pray the rosary every day for world peace. The feast of the Ascension of our Lord is celebrated on May 15th and Pentecost will be Sunday, May 28th. The Easter Season is still celebrated until that day.

The West Dane Vicariate held their Spring Meeting April 18th in Mount Horeb. Deacon Todd Burud gave an extensive explanation of the parts of the mass, which was enjoyed by all attending.

Information should be coming soon about the MDCCW Convention to be held June 27 in Lancaster. Msgr. Bartylla will be the main speaker for the day. We are hoping these events will continue, possibly in a different form, as our "Pastorates" evolve for our CCWs. July 1st will be the day all priests move to their new assignments, beginning the changes of the "Into the Deep" program for our diocese.

Don't forget about Ordination, which will be held Friday, May 26th, at St. Maria Goretti Parish. Volunteers are still needed for the reception, after 2 new priests are ordained; about 7:30-11:00pm.

Sue Barker,
President West Dane Vicariate Council of Catholic Women

God Love You!

GATHER

Eradicating Human Trafficking

All are invited to attend a gathering to learn how we can eradicate the terrible occurrences of Human Trafficking here in Dane county and throughout the world.

A planning session is scheduled for May 12, from 1:00-4:00 at the Bishop O'Connor Center. Bishop Hyung will open with prayers and remarks.



Crucifix

St. Ignatius Church, Mt. Horeb

In case you missed it.... The West Dane Vicariate celebrated its Spring Meeting at St. Ignatius Church, Mount Horeb, hosted by the St. Michael the Archangel Parish CCW

Deacon Todd Burud presented compelling and inspiring tips to **'Make Mass More Meaningful'**, the day's theme.

Events at your parish in the West Dane Vicariate? Send information to joanpregler@gmail.com by the 25th of the month prior to the event.

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, Pastor

Verona - St. Andrew

(St. Christopher Parish)

Rev. Robert Butz, Pastor

Wauunakee - St. John the Baptist

Rev. Msgr. James Gunn, Pastor

Westport - St. Mary of the Lake

Rev. Msgr. James Gunn, Pastor

No Parish CCW?

Connect with Catholic
Women around the area!
Contact Rosa Ropers at
rosa.m.ropers@gmail.com

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

MDCCW Convention 2023

The annual MDCCW Convention will be held Tuesday, June 27, 2023 in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Plan now to attend, details will be coming soon!

NCCW Convention 2023

Path of Renewed Encounter

Save the Date August 24-26! The annual NCCW Convention will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah



SPIRITUALITY

- MAY -
The Blessed Virgin
Mary's month

Honoring Mary as our Mother is easy in the month of May and not just because Mother's Day falls onto the calendar!



Mary's apparition to 3 Portuguese children in 1917 gives us a special reason to celebrate her on May 13th. The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church is celebrated on May 29th and quickly followed by the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 31st. Knowing that our Easter celebrations conclude with the birth of the Church at Pentecost on May 28th, we rightly give Mary the title of Mother of the Church the following Monday!

AROUND OUR
(WEST DANE)
VICARIATE

St. Mary of Pine Bluff Church

Small but mighty one might say about St. Mary of Pine Bluff. Small in size, but with these active organizations within it, the Catholic impact is mighty indeed:

- Council of Catholic Women,
 - Knights of Columbus,
 - Knights of Divine Mercy,
 - Ladies of Divine Mercy,
 - Dead Theologians Society,
 - Squires of Divine Mercy,
 - Tridentine Mass Society
 - Silver and Gold Club
- and the new St. Catherine's Ministry.

SERVICE AND
ALMSGIVING

Called to Serve

Serving the poor, the lonely, the downtrodden is not difficult when you tap into your God-Given gifts!



The NEW PASTORATES that formerly comprised the West Dane Vicariate CCW all lie within the Madison/Dane County and South-western portions of the diocese.

This helps us narrow the search for viable organizations, events, programs and gatherings that help us to serve our neighbors in need. Preparing now for your new territory in which to meet the new faces in your Pastorate and region, can give you a jump start on creating the new programs to engage your CCW.



WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

On May 6th, 10am-1pm at Holy Name Heights, you are invited to a morning of celebration, inspiration, and collaboration for parishes participating in Walking with Moms in Need in the Diocese of Madison! The morning will include updates from the Walking with Moms diocesan team, success stories from parishes in our diocese and local nonprofits, Q&A and collaboration time with other parishes, and Mass with Bishop Hying.

Come to discuss:

- * Things that are working particularly well at your parish related to the Walking With Moms initiative
- * Common calls for help that go unserved/where there is no resource
- * Your "wish list" of things for moms in our diocese

Contact wminmadison@gmail.com to learn more, provide your parish info or reserve your spot at the gathering!

MEMBERSHIP

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

Contacting NCCW

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.



Did You Know that the
NCCW
RESOURCE MANUAL

Helps you create a
New CCW?

NCCW knows its membership comes from a pool of many talents. To guide women in revising or setting up a new council, the Resource Manual covers:

- Recruiting and establishing teams,
- Targeting programs and actions that appeal to your women,
- Setting goals and working plans,
- Involving members at all levels,
- Celebrating your accomplishments in meaningful and prayerful ways

Purchase this valuable resource via: www.nccw.org

A DYNAMIC COUNCIL

How will Catholic women in your newly established Pastorate become a community of faith-filled women with unity and enthusiasm to serve the Church?

1. **Why should there be a Council at all?** Unity of purpose, united in voice and action, similar goals as Catholic women and the opportunity to share both the efforts and rewards of this community.

2. **What's so special about a Council?** Prayerful, CATHOLIC women comprise your council. All efforts aim at bettering the Catholic Church through our actions within it and our outreach charitable efforts.

3. **Why does my church/parish need a Council?** Personal efforts within a neighborhood of other faithful women enhances our Christian potential of our Apostolic Mission that has immediate impact at the very source of our worship and join us to deeper relationship together in Christ.

Find out more on the Diocesan website <https://madisondiocese.org> and www.nccw.org