

MADISON CATHOLIC WOMAN'S REPORT

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Madison Catholic Woman's Club (MCWC) is now a MDCCW vicariate council. MCWC was first organized in 1914 and then incorporated in 1916. We have 245 members in all the Madison parishes plus a few members from surrounding parishes. An additional 27 members pay dues but are inactive, and five reside outside the Diocese of Madison (e.g. Florida).

We have seven activities a year, and each that is held at a church includes the Rosary and Mass along with lunch and program.

September is the annual fund-raising program with a dessert lunch, style show, a raffle, and door prizes. We collect used clothing to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

October is a day of Christian Renewal with MDCCW.

In **December**, we have a luncheon with musical entertainment. Participants bring unwrapped gifts of children's clothing or toys that are donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

February is the annual baby shower at St. Bernard Parish in Middleton. Attendees bring unwrapped baby shower gifts (blankets, diapers, etc.) which are donated to the Women's Care Center and Pregnancy Helpline.

The **March** program is held at Blessed Sacrament. Members invite their parish priest and other parish workers for recognition and thanks for all they do.

The **April** meeting is held at St. Bernard Parish in Madison with a program on "Re-entering Society after Incarceration" by Janie Ocejio who has completed a re-entry program and is on staff as a service provider for Madison Urban Ministry.

Our last event of the year is a luncheon **May 6** at Blackhawk Country Club. MCWC presents a Christian Achievement Award to a community individual. Our speaker will be Sister Alicia Torres, Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago, and winner on the television cooking show, "Chopped." She will speak of her ministry at the Mission of Our Lady of Angels in Chicago's Humboldt Park area with people who face the reality of violence and poverty each day.