**La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW)**

**July 2021 Deanery Reports**

**Arcadia Deanery Activity Reports**

**St. Lawrence, Alma**

**Joette Gillett, PCCW President**

Purchase quilting supplies, gifting a quilt to graduate

Monthly cards for shut-ins

Gas cards for parishioners needing to make trips for medical care

Serve two funeral luncheons

Donated monies to the Buffalo County Food Pantry

Fundraiser of No Bake Cookie Walk

Low Sunday collection and donation

Masses for living and deceased members of our PCCW

Alma Bakery scones for welcoming back parishioners at Mass

Pro-life events: Mother’s Day Rainbow Roses and Father’s Day home-baked cookies for freewill offerings.

**St. Mary’s, Galesville**

**Rebecca Harris, PCCW President**

Our PCCW group distributed roses for the Right to Life Campaign of

Trempealeau County. St. Bartholomew generously allowed us to sell their

roses that remained at our second mass.

Our group helped sponsor the graduation mass for our three graduates and gave

them cards with a check from the PCCW. We are assisting with the Galesville Summer Lunch program and are helping to sponsor three children from

St. Mary’s for Adventure Camp.

The Ecumenical Church group of Galesville has a picnic coming up in July.

St. Mary’s hosts the event this year. Due to covid concerns, we are having

participants bring a bagged lunch and will provide water and a door prize.

Our group will soon be selling football sweepstake tickets. Since we did not have

our soup suppers, we decided to try something different that was covid-safe.

The funds raised will be used to sponsor a window for St. Mary’s campaign to put new glass windows on the outside of our stained glass windows to protect the

glass and help with the heating/cooling loss.

**St. Bartholomew, Trempealeau**

**Mary Leavitt & Kay Richtman PCCW Co-Presidents**

April: Began having funeral luncheons again.

May: Sold roses for Mother’s Day. Proceeds to Trempealeau County Right to Life.

Honored high school graduates with card & gift card at their mass

Held silent auction at PCCW meeting. Proceeds to neighboring, St. Mary’s

For their stained glass window restoration.

June: Began planning our Catfish Days Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale and our

October Fall Festival Weekend.

**Eau Claire Deanery St Joseph Elk Mound Parish Report July 12, 2021**

• As all are aware, the Church is opening up more, we have removed the tape from the pews but still sanitizing and keeping the tape of 6 feet distancing on the floor. • Scheduling in our first gathering: Ice Cream Social, July 14 from 4-8pm o Raffle tickets like we did at our Fall Festival as this will be in place of it. o Silent auction items o Grocery raffle • Scheduled in trip to Our Lady of Good Help, Monday, July 12 leaving at 7:00am, Kobussen bus. Fr. Tim will be saying Mass at the Shrine around noon, and we will have a tour. • Turned in our LDCCW Annual collection for the last two years, finally. • Our parish has spent money on the upkeep of the parish o Filled the cracks and seal coated the parking lot o Updated toilets and faucets in the 2 bathrooms o Replaced the toilet and sink in Fr. Tim’s sacristy bathroom along with adding a cabinet for the sink. There since they built the church 1975. o Landscaping, adding rocks, weeding, cleaning out shed and tossing stuff, painting curb yellow, grass seeding, fixing fascia on the church and hall. o Updating the electrical panel o Fixed kneelers, broken or loose • Our PCCW senior student scholarships • New cleaning lady, working out very well • Looking forward to scheduling in a Soup and Chile event later in the year

Submitted by: Julie Brindle PCCW Treasurer

Report April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021

Monthly Meeting We had our last meeting for the fiscal year on June 3rd via ZOOM. We usually had about 15 to 20 people in attendance at each meeting. We recited the rosary prior to the meeting. We hope to be able to start up our new year on September 2nd with an in-person meeting and potluck. Enrolled Members Due to Covid we are going to enroll any new members from this previous year in the fall of 2021.

Fundraisers We have not had any fundraisers since April.

Items We Do On an As Needed Basis Send get-well cards with spiritual bouquets to parishioners in the hospital, clean the church, and maintain the graves of former pastors.

Donations given by PCCW from May through June 30th We donated monies to sponsor the Justice Walk put on by Fierce Freedom which is being held on July 21st and to the Hike for the Homeless put on by Family Promise which will be held on August 17th.

DCCW Collection St. James collected $1362 in June which was sent to the DCCW.

Special Projects St. James Feast Day After the weekend Masses close to the feast of St. James, July 24th and 25th, we will serve root beer floats as our gift to the parish. Calling with Care Project We have continued with this project of contacting parishioners 65 and older through sending notes or telephone calls. This project has helped us keep in touch with people since not everyone was able to be present at the weekend Masses. We have 28 ladies involved in this project. Rosary and the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament A group of ladies have been saying the rosary after the Tuesday weekly Mass since last fall. Anyone is welcome to join us. We added Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the beginning of Lent and have continued this practice since then; there is usually about 20 people present at Mass and that stay for the rosary, Adoration and Benediction. We recite the rosary prior to funerals for all women of the parish and have a Mass said for deceased PCCW enrolled members. (2. during this period) Mass for the Living PCCW A Mass was said in memory of the living members of the PCCW on May 2nd. Crowing of Mary celebration was held following the Mass. We had about 25 women present. Red Cross Blood Mobile St. James held a blood mobile on June 14th, as always the PCCW were present during this project. Six of our members helped with registration and check-in. Community Service Several of the ladies are involved in serving food at the Beacon House, Community Table and Sojourner House on a regular basis throughout the year. Some of our ladies have been helping at Dove West Healthcare on weekends signing in visitors. Social Concerns Group. We collected clothing that was given to the needy. PCCW Small Group Due to Covid most of the groups have not been meeting. A couple have met in small groups or have kept in contact via telephone. Hopefully by fall more groups will begin meeting on a regular basis.

We unite in purpose, direction and action in religious, social and economic fields.

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St Olaf PCCW Report: 1st 2021 July 8, 2021

From October 2020 to July 2021 all PCCW activities were cancelled. We are planning on starting back up our normal schedule of activities in September.

Valentine Cards were addressed in February to our seminarians & a check was enclosed to show our appreciation.

We contribute & also have 2 teams that work at Community Table. Each team works a shift every other month.

Our ladies served 1 funeral luncheon since January 2020. This was due to COVID19. Restrictions have now been lifted.

Men’s Club held their Friday Fish Fry’s from October thru April. The Fish Fry’s were drive thru only and had a great response.

Outreach Committee activities from October 2020 to July 2021 were cancelled due to COVID19.

St Olaf sponsored Beacon House in December, February, and June – food was dropped off only due to COVID19.

St Olaf staffs 3 days at Sojourner House each month.

St Olaf’s Fun Fest was held this year in a restricted format. There was a Drive-By Chicken Dinner which over 450 partook of. There was also an online auction.

-Deborah Sundblad President St Olaf’s PCCW

St. Raymond PCCW Parish Report

• We had our first in-person board meeting on 6-10 to formalize everything that was done via email during the shutdown. • We were unable to mail cookies to the seminarians but we did still send them the spiritual bouquets that we usually send along with the cookies. • We hosted one of the soup and sandwich suppers after Stations of the Cross during Lent. • We gave gifts to our 1st Communion and Confirmation students. • We sponsored our annual Baby Bottle Campaign for the Eau Claire Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life. • We requested our 4 annual Mass intentions for: Our Deceased PCCW Members, Our PCCW Members, All Mothers of the Parish on Mothers Day, and All Fathers of the Parish on Fathers Day. • We made our annual donations to: Relevant Radio, Wisconsin Right to Life, and Pro Life Wisconsin.

Submitted by: Claire Parr

**La Crosse Deanery**

President Theresa Wilson

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral is currently under going a renovation, both inside and out.

Work should be done by the end of 2021.  Work includes repairing fractured stone, the chime bells, and lighting among other things.

Msgr. Gilles is celebrating his first year as Rector of the Cathedral.  He is very engaged in the

parish life and supportive of the PCCW.

The PCCW is very active and kept up with meetings throughout the pandemic.

We hosted a Lenten Day of Reflection this spring.  A chicken que was hosted by the PCCW this past June.

Our next meeting is scheduled for the beginning of September.

Betty Hayden-Tauscher,

PCCW  President

The Blessed Sacrament Women’s Club held a Christmas Jar coin collection last November. This was very successful and helped up meet all our regular charitable contributions in May! We asked our members in July to start saving coins in a jar to replace our annual Advent/Christmas Fair. We are planning on the same event this November, and adding a bake sale and basket raffle.

We are not starting up our regular pot luck meetings as usual in September but will have another fund raiser this fall.

A weekly rosary is planned to start this August.

We are slowly easing back into Mass participation activities. But have removed almost all of the restrictions of the last year.

Thank you and God bless!

Helen Roop

St. Mary’s P.C.C.W. closed out its 123 year history on June 30, 2021.

June 29, 2021 7 of the current PCCW members met with St. Leo’s PCCW to talk about forming St. Theresa of Kolkata PCCW.

Previously this year, the ladies worked with Deacon Bob Zietlow to sell what they could in the church basement. This included not only the kitchen items, but also all the church decorations, tables, chairs, even the Nativity decorations. Over $3000 was netted from the two weekend sale. Folding chairs, and kitchen items St. Leo’s did not have, were sent to live at St. Leo’s kitchen.

The historical items: The stained glass window the “tabernacle society” donated at the turn of the century , The scrapbook of the 40’s and 50’s, even the 1914 ledger are all being kept in hopes of developing a historical display as a tribute to the ladies organization.

St Leo’s PCCW

St Loe’s and St Mary’s have merged and are now known as St Teresa of Kolkata. We had a beautiful ceremony with Bishop Callahan presiding. And sixteen of our local priests. It was a sight to be seen. The PCCW provided refreshments afterwards.

Holy Trinity is moving forward. We are getting back to normal. Our ladies group met and had a luncheon after Mass on July 11th. We have elected new officers. Funeral lunches are starting again. Hoping to get some new activities going.

Bonnie

Marshfield Deanery Report

Saturday-July 17, 2021

Things are beginning to finally get back to a degree of normalcy in the Marshfield Deanery. Most Parishes are again serving funeral meals and are planning for fall events. We are working on a turnover for officers in the near future. We are having a hard time getting volunteers to fill the offices of Secretary and President-Elect.

Ann Walgenbach

President-Marshfield Deanery

Parishes:

\*St. John’s

St. John the Baptist PCCW Accomplishments – April to June 2021

* Purchased six - $60 gas cards for needy parish families for Easter.
* Sent a $500 donation to the Diocese for the Cathedral restoration.
* Provided one-year subscriptions to the daily Mass guide, “Living With Christ”, to our six RCIA members who entered the church at the Easter vigil.
* Donated $250 each to our Diocesan mission projects, Madonna Plan, Project Milk, and Water for Life.
* Decorated Mary’s altar for the month of May.
* The PCCW continues to pay for the hosts, wine, and other needed altar supplies each month.
* We resumed serving funeral lunches on June 1st.
* The PCCW sells pie and ice cream in the school entrance for each of the Wednesday night Civic Band concerts in Columbia Park. Proceeds will go toward bus rental for the parish youth who are attending Adventure Camp this summer.
* We provided lunch for two days of Diocesan Finance meetings, held at St. John’s this spring.

Susan Youngwith, St. John’s PCCW President

\*Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart will be starting meetings in September.  For the past year the officers have met to take care of any business necessary.

Kathy Steffen, Sacred Heart PCCW President

\*Corpus Christi

No Report.

Janet Bell, Corpus Christi PCCW President

\*Christ the King

We gave out our annual PCCW scholarship for one our Christ The King senior graduates.  A reception followed for all our graduates and their families.  Christ The King has started a new tradition.  We are celebrating all of our parish family birthdays, anniversaries, and introduction of our new parishioners   The PCCW has assisted in June and July a reception to bring our people together in celebration.  As a parish family we are assisting in preparation for vacation bible school & parish picnic in August.

Diane Witmer, Christ the King PCCW President

\*St. Andrew’s

No report

Grace Mullen, St. Andrew’s PCCW President

\*St. Joseph’s

We will finally have a meeting in September on the ninth. We also had our first funeral dinner on July 2nd since the shutdown. My ladies came home exhausted because with so many things not being used for so long there was a lot of extra cleaning to do. We also discovered that we need to upgrade our worker list. So many of us are "aging gracefully" but no longer able to be on their feet so long.   
Ruth Gawlikoski, St. Joseph’s PCCW President

\*St. Michael’s

No report.

Karen Welniak, St. Michael's PCCW President.

\*St. Mary’s

We are again making meals for funerals (had two so far) and we had a birthday social for Father Murali.

We will be having fish fries starting this fall. The dates are Oct. 1, 22 and Nov. 5.  We will also have five fish fries during Lent in 2022.

Margie Gehrke, St. Mary’s PCCW President

\*St. Kilian’s

St. Kilian parish just had their patron saint day celebration, combined with a "Thank You" for Doris Mielke who has been the leader (and was the founder) of the folk choir for 50 years. The PCCW gave her a gift and provided fruit, cheese, sausage, crackers, cake and beverages for the attendees at the Sunday (July 11) Mass. We also had small pictures of St. Kilian in stand-up clear frames for anyone to take who would want one.

At our last PCCW meeting, in June, we had a "Thank You" meal and cake for Kathy Grassel who has been our sacristan for 6 years and has now retired. At the same meeting we had a surprise birthday celebration for Father Murali with a cake and cards for him, too. (His actual birthday was July 5.)

In May we gave out roses for Mother’s Day and in June we gave out candy/snack bars for Father’s Day.

The end of April we had cupcakes and water bottles for attendees at the graduation Mass. We had to do something that we could produce on short notice since, at that time, Father Murali was still hoping to go to India the first week of May so we did not know when the Mass would be or who would be saying it.

Vicki Palen-St. Kilian’s PCCW President

**Richland Center Deanery Report**

**July 2021**

By Joyce Humfeld, Deanery President

Parishes in our deanery are reporting more activity as parishes open up. We are planning a deanery board meeting via zoom on Tuesday, August 10 at 6 PM. Plans are being made for an in person fall assembly at St. Mary’s, Viroqua.

**St. Anthony – Cazenovia –Patti Braun**

Due to the elderly population of the parish and COVID, the PCCW has not been active in the past several months. There are plans for the PCCW to have a bake sale along with the church auction in September.

**St. Aloysius – Hillsboro – Karen Urban**

Our parish PCCW have resumed funeral luncheons again. We gave cookies to the dads for a Father’s Day treat. A meeting has been scheduled for July 19th to finalize plans for our HOPE/Feed my Starving Children chicken que to be held August 8th at Fireman’s Park from 11am to 1pm for those interested in coming. We will possibly be doing a parish picnic in August.

**St. Mary’s – Keysville – Debbie Lord**

The parish has been slowly getting back to doing our previous activities. Our parish offers coffee and donuts and other goodies after mass on the first Sunday of the month. A $500 scholarship was given to a very worthy Ithaca High School graduate from the PCCW. We will be having an officers meeting on July 22nd to discuss plans for the remainder of 2021 and a full PCCW meeting will be held in August to discuss our goals and plans.

**Sacred Heart – Lone Rock – Donna Mulholland**

Our parish has been able to hold the parish council meetings and PCCW meetings with very low attendance. A barbeque chicken dinner was held July 4th at Fireman’s Park. The group is talking about having an Autumn Festival with a luncheon and other activities. Attendance at mass and meetings is slowly coming back.

**St. Mary of the Assumption – Richland Center – Judy Barnicle**

Our parish has resumed meeting in person, but attendance is lower than normal. We are still in the process of updating our Circle lists to match with parish/dioceses records. Mercy Sunday collection was held by placing the envelopes in the pews. It has been approved to purchase student planners for grades 3 through 8 and to purchase markers and paper supplies for grades PreK through 2. The No Bake Bake Sale that we use as our annual fundraiser has been changed to the Annual donation Letter, since we ask for a bake goods for festivals, Extravaganza, and funerals. A confirmation reception was held and the PCCW provided the cheese and cake. Three PCCW scholarships were presented to two area high schools. Funds have been approved to help purchase a new computer for the CCD program. Funds were also allocated to the Prayer Shawl program to purchase yarn.

The parish festival will be held September 18th and the PCCW will be holding a bake sale. The drive thru fish fries were a success this spring and will continue this fall. Funeral dinners have resumed. Unfortunately, our first funeral was for our longtime Circle Leader and Script Program originator Betty Warstlick. She will be greatly missed.

**St. Mary Annunciation – Viroqua – Joyce Humfeld**

Our PCCW continues to support 2 seminarians with a monthly donation. Our NO Bake Bake Sale was a huge success as we collected over $4000. We have resumed serving funeral dinners. We are in the process of compiling a list of women to help at funeral meals. A letter is going from the parish to the local funeral homes describing our services and contacts. Our PCCW awarded a $500 scholarship to a graduating senior with the parish matching for a second scholarship. All graduating seniors were given a gift from the PCCW. The quilters of the parish are busy making quilts for newly baptized of the parish as well as for charities. Plans are being made for our annual fall turkey dinner to be held October 20th with a quilt raffle.

**St. Jerome’s –Wonewoc –Sondra Gorius**

St. Jerome’s Altar Society still covers the adoration time at St. Theresa’s PEA Chapel. We have served three funeral meals as of late. We have hosted donuts on a couple of Sundays and hope to have a regular schedule in August. A pie social will be held July 11th. An egg bake breakfast was held and so far, people are wanting to gather again. Our Altar Society will make a donation to help replace a wooden side entry door with something more durable.

**Tomah Deanery Report – July 9, 2021**

**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - St. Mary’s Ridge**

Hosted the Spring Assembly.  Hosted two fellowship days: “Day of Creation.”  Gave to Low Sunday collection.  Held a Graduation Mass with Brunch for the graduates and presented them with visor clip featuring the Miraculous Medal.  Hired a local nursery to clean and replant perennials in two flower beds on the church grounds.  Planning a thoroughly cleaning of the church and re-seal the wood floors.  Ann Klinker, reporting.

**St. Joseph - Guardian Angels Parish - Black River Falls**

Seeded and mulched garden beds, planted flowers in planters by church, parish office, and school building.  Presented gifts to First Communicants, Confirmation students, and graduating students.  Gave scholarships to graduates.  Provided funeral lunch.  Hosted Taco lunch as a “welcome back to church” activity.  Conducted food drive for local pantry.  Assisting with planning the Parish Festival in August.  Pam Antonelli, reporting.

**St. John - Summit Ridge**

Hosted a gathering after Mass on June 26 to celebrate the 143 year anniversary of St. John’s Parish.  Updated parish banner.  Currently planning to update parish website.  Work at parish hall is being planned. Hoping to have an in-person meeting end of July or early August.  Need for PCCW officers.   Shari Cummings, reporting.

**Queen of the Apostles - Tomah-Warrens**

We are getting back to normal.  Martha’s group is going to reinstate the funeral luncheons and our monthly coffee socials will begin in August.  Group has participated in the Community Table Dinner which provides a free meal to community members.  Blessed to provide cards and gifts to our Confirmation students.  Preparations are underway to assist at Cranfest and our annual Streetfest fundraiser.  Nicole Foat, reporting.

**St. Michael the Archangel - Indian Creek**

Since we are under remodel status we have been asked to choose the carpet and paint for the “new look” along with looking at either used or new Stations of the Cross.  Shopping for new bulletin boards for our entrance, and are polishing the holy water fonts.  Having Mass in the basement at this time.  Have not done any funeral luncheons since COVID began.  Therese Schuh, reporting. 

**Our Lady of the Lake - Germantown**

Will have first meeting since October 2019 in Tuesday, July 13.  Sad to report the loss of five active members either to death, cancer treatment or re-location.  Coordinated the return to Mass activities.  Coordinated the East Memorial Program.  Participated in the Corpus Christi procession with co-church St. Francis of Assisi-Necedah.  Created one of the altar stations.

Shirley Larson, reporting

**St. Kevin - Guardian Angels Parish - Melrose**

Planned May crowning.  Gave cards and spiritual bouquets to confirmation students, and cards/scholarships to graduates. Cleaned Mary’s Garden.  Assisted with serving dinner for Polka Mass and delivered meals to our shut-ins. Offered Masses for deceased PCCW members, and continue with prayer chain.  Bulletins sent out to shut-ins. Present Father with money for birthday.  Participated in LDCCW collection.  Diane Andraska, reporting.

**St. Patrick - Sparta**

Purchased pro-life magnets to give away for a donation.  They will be available at our thrift sale/bake sale August 5, 6, 7.  Held our first meeting since Covid.  Looking forward to assisting with the Silver Jubilee ordination celebration of our pastor, Father Eric Berns, to be held July 13. Reviewing our funeral lunch mission.  Rita Verkler, reporting.

Mary I. Murray Woods

Tomah Deanery President

July 9, 2021

Wausau Deanery Activities

St. Ladislaus in Bevent has the Church picnic August 28 and 29. It's always a real feast to wind up summer. They have also had music with picnics this summer during the evening hours, once a week. This started just a few years ago and has been very good for all!

Holy Name in Wausau is celebrating its 75th Anniversary the first weekend in October. Something wonderful for the future!!! They are serving funeral dinners again, planning many activities for the Anniversary celebration, and having the Holiday sale in November again. Noel Furger will speak at the September meeting on the youth group trip to Peru in August to the orphanage.

Holy Family in Poniatowski is paying attention to 45 shut-ins and over 80 seniors by giving them a carnation with a card and a visit, when possible. It's one wonderful group helping another wonderful group!!!

St. Therese in Rothschild is busy! They had a "No Bake" bake sale that raised $1205 that was donated to the Parish. A collection of new and gently used games and decks of playing cards went to the Wausau Area Boys and Girls Club. They provided a $500 scholarship for a parishioner to continue her education at Newman High School in the Fall. Snack and lunch were provided for the May Confirmation retreat. There is continued assistance to those in need through the Circle of Joy food pantry. Assistance is given for catered funerals and that is going nicely for all. They are getting back on track with planning stages of the "BIG" fundraiser-The Holiday Showcase-that will be held in November once again.