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

**Deanery Reports**

**April 2023**

**ARCADIA DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

**APRIL 2023 ---ACTIVITY REPORT**

The deanery conducted the Spring Board Meeting and welcomed our new Dean,

Father George Thayikuzithottu. Deanery events are in the making with an invitation to the eleven parish ladies to attend the Spirituality Gathering at St. Bartholomew’s Parish, in

Trempealeau, Wi. Guest speaker will be Mary Murray Woods…Title “The Coincidences of Cancer…The Power of Faith, Hope and Believing in Miracles.

Then also, is an invitation to all deanery ladies to hop aboard a bus on a pilgrimage to the Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, April 29 for a DAY OF JOY.

St. Boniface, Waumandee

Mary Hildebrand & Karen Pronschinske, Co-Presidents

Our PCCW made the decision in July 2022 to change-up a few things as a pilot program for 1 yr:

Meet quarterly instead of monthly in the 2022-2023 year & No annual dues $15 from each group member. Events: Mass and dedication of our new Rippley Social Hall was held on Friday, January 6th with Bishop Callahan. A lunch was catered, and our members made refrigerator desserts to add to the meal. Soup Social, Bake Sale and Euchre Tournament was held after Mass on January 28th. Ladies Potluck luncheon and auction was held on Saturday, February 18th. Healing Mass was held on Saturday, March 11th followed by a Lasagna Dinner, Bake Sale, and Euchre Tournament. PCCW purchased two refrigerators, two commercial ovens, one freezer and one microwave for the Rippley Social Hall. Also purchased a commercial vacuum for the church and the social hall.

Holy Family, Arcadia

Toni Johnson, President

January – Holy Family PCCW had a very successful membership drive and “Holiday Bazaar” in December, so we take a break from activities each January, unless we are called upon for our help. We donated $500 to the parish fundraiser “Winter Blast” in late January and purchased

HFCS Raffle Calendars….hoping to win.

February – We were back in full swing at our February meeting. The Treasurer’s report of our Membership Drive and bazaar brought smiles to our faces. Some donations had been set aside until after this report, so now we can move ahead with sharing our gifts with those in need. We donated $340 to the LDCCW “Project Milk” campaign, recognizing this project helps the needy and helps our dairy farmers. Some of us commented that it had been so long since we had heard anything about Project Milk, and we were happy to have it back in conversation (and action). We donated $250 to the La Crosse Diocesan Televised Masses, and we sponsored a parish bulletin ad ($200/yrly.) We will consider next month our annual donation to the HFCS General Fund. We did make a token donation to our school’s office budget for copying privileges in February.

March – With the need for repurposing of space in our parish hall, PCCW president was called upon to sort through, decide what to keep and what to throw of the various PCCW materials. Deanery materials were taken care of by our lead deanery representative. We have volunteers in place for the annual Low Sunday collection in April. We donate $1,500 to the HFCS General Fund. In May our will be preceded by Mass for deceased PCCW members from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023. We plan to keep that meeting short and enjoy more social time, celebrating all our members, living and deceased. Our Social Committee plans to host a “Graduation Recognition” for AHS graduating seniors in late May.

St. Bartholomew, Trempealeau

Kay Richtman, President

St. Bartholomew PCCW has had a busy first quarter in 2023. We had a successful fish fry and bake sale on March 24th. Profits to be used for our Mission goals. A group of our PCCW ladies put together 42 Easter baskets that were donated to various local charities to be distributed.

We are getting ready for the Triduum Services for Holy Week. Then it is on to preparing to host the Arcadia Deanery Spring Spirituality night. Other up-coming events include selling roses on Mother’s Day and honoring our high school graduates from the parish.

St. Mary, Galesville

Becky Harris, President

St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Galesville has just completed our service projects for Lent. We serve soup suppers after the Tuesday masses each week during Lent and collect food/other needed items for our GET Food Pantry. Several of our active PCCW members help out at the food pantry and as you know, the needs have greatly increased everywhere. Our mission for the soup supper donations was Father Muthu’s hostel in India to repair and paint the residence hall. At our January meeting, we made home valentines for our shut-ins and residents at the local nursing home. We really have fun making these valentines and from the thank you’s we received, we know how much they enjoyed receiving them. On the Tuesday before Ash

Wednesday, we hosted a Mardi Gras ecumenical event at our church for women of Galesville and invited St. Bartholomew women to attend.

Immaculate Conception, Fountain City

Rita Bechly, President

January –continue with prayer chain and sending cards of sympathy, congratulations, birthday, and anniversary. Staffed Parish Food Shelf which is open not only to members of our parish but our whole community. We made available to those who wanted, copies of Matthew Kelly’s books “Why I Love Being Catholic” and “Rediscover Catholicism”.

February – Started our Lenten Soup and Sandwich meals on Tuesdays after Mass. We continued with Parish Food Shelf, Prayer Chain and sending cards. Donut Sunday and fellowship.

March – Continue with weekly update of bulletin board with inspirational messages/prayers and upcoming PCCW events. Continue with Parish Food Shelf, Prayer Chain and sending cards. We began collecting glasses for Casa Hogar. A clothing drive was held and 50 bags of clothing are going to St. Joseph Indian Mission in South Dakota. Lenten Soup and Sandwich meals continued as well as Quilt & Basket Raffle. We passed out to members a Miraculous Medal Clip-on Medal as well as the story of the Medal to our PCCW members. Also handed out mini bags of jellybeans with the Jelly Bean Prayer to CCD students.

**La Crosse Deanery Report**

The Deanery had their traditional Morning of Reflection with Elizabeth Kelly, who spoke about 2 lost Lambs-Catholic women who endured many hardships in the last century.

The Deanery president has resigned. They have no vice president or official secretary.

All the PCCW’s in the deanery have resumed meeting, hosting funeral dinner and their traditional fundraisers.

**Richland Center Deanery Council of Catholic Women (RCDCCW)**

**Deanery Report April 2023**

**St. Mary’s – Keyesville**

President Deb Lord

Here is the update from our PCCW.

Since January we have been having monthly free will offering “Souper Lunches” after our 9:45 Mass.

On March 19 we included a Spring/Easter Basket Silent Auction.  Money raised will help support our Ithaca High School student scholarship.  This has been a very successful project!

Our Parish also continues our monthly Donut Sunday,

after Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

**St. Mary’s – Richland Center**

President Judy Barnicle

The St. Mary’s PCCW does not hold regular meetings in January and February. We did plan for our 2nd annual soup/sandwich supper on Ash Wednesday with proceeds to go to the Richland County Food Pantry. Because of the weather, we had to cancel. However, the soup that was already made was sold after the 8am Mass and we were able to make a nice contribution to the food pantry.

At our March meeting, we reviewed five scholarship applications and chose three recipients. These will be awarded in May at the high school ceremony. The slate of officers for the next year will be voted on in May and we are hoping for a Vice Presidential candidate.

We continue to provide funeral luncheons when requested and have had five so far this year.

Planning is underway for our Parish Sportsmen’s Extravaganza on April 29th. PCCW takes care of the food and we also have a jewelry table with raffle tickets.

**St. Mary’s – Viroqua**

President Joyce Humfeld

We had an installation mass for Father Joe Richards on March 25th with Father Nathan from the Richland Center Deanery and Monsignor Steven Katchel from the La Crosse Deanery doing the installation.  A reception was hosted by both Viroqua and the Coon Valley PCCW's.  It was a great opportunity for us to work together.

We are awarding a deserving senior with a $500 scholarship.

We are giving a plant to the homebound for Easter.

The youth are being remembered at Easter with craft kits that they can take home to remind them of Jesus' resurrection.

The pictures of the 12 youth being confirmed are posted in the entrance of church to remind everyone to pray for them.

Plans are to gift our confirmands with a Bible gifted from the PCCW and our seniors with a daily prayer book.

**St. Aloysius – Hillsboro**

President Karen Urban

Our church is having a Chix-Q on June 11th to raise money for Feed My Starving Children and H.O.P.E.

**St. Anthony’s – Cazenovia**

President Patti Braun

No Report.

**St. Jerome – Wonewoc**

President Sondra Gorius

The Altar Society continues with its regular projects. Women rotate monthly in cleaning St. Jerome Church. Members of the Altar Society volunteer for every other week adoration time at St. Theresa’s in Union Center.

Recently we started a Seven Sisters prayer group for Fr. Bauer. Women from the Altar Society are part of that group along with women from St. Aloysius in Hillsboro. The woman taking the adoration time is the prayer.

For Father that day. We host donuts the first Sunday of each month. In the month of March, we hosted a Saint Joseph’s Table where we collected food for the Wonewoc Food Pantry. We ended the Saint Joseph’s Table event with parishioners bringing bought or homemade bread for Father to bless on Palm Sunday. Everyone who wants, takes a loaf home, usually not their own.

**Sacred Heart – Lone Rock**

President Marilyn Olson

No activities to report at this time.