

Coming Up!

*At this time our calendar
is tentative*

April 18 – Southwest
Deanery Open Meeting –
Assumption BVM, East
Farmington

May 2 – South Central
Deanery Board *and*
Open Meetings – St.
Mary, Bruce

June 15 – SDCCW Board
Meeting – St. Joseph,
Rice Lake

June 16 – SDCCW 70th
Annual Convention – St.
Joseph, Rice Lake

August 26-29 – NCCW
Annual Convention –
Arlington, VA.

2020 Spring Newsletter Superior Diocese Council of Catholic Women

Celebrating 70 Years!



SDCCW Board meeting March 17, 2020

*Join us for the 70th Annual Convention
June 15-16*

The Light of Christ



Karen Firnstahl

President's Message -

Hello everyone,

Sure is a beautiful day today in the 40's. We are so blessed!

There is a lot going on this time of year. I am planning for the 70th annual convention in Rice Lake on June 16, 2020. Donna Heckler will be the guest speaker. She will talk on 'The Light of Christ', which is our theme this year. We will have a banquet on Monday night, then after that we have a lady coming in to play some music. The Diocesan Chorale will be at Mass on Tuesday. Sure hope we have a great turn out for that.

In April are the Green Bay and La Crosse conventions which I will be attending. I haven't heard when the other ones are yet.

We need to elect a President Elect this year so hope we can find a new lady that hasn't done it yet as we need new ideas. Change is always good and that is what we need instead of the same old stuff all the time.

Karen Firnstahl

President

Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

President - Elect's Message –

ENTER THE JOURNEY

Greetings! In a few months, I will be installed as the President of the Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Before I become the SDCCW President, I would like to ***reach out*** and ***invite all women*** in the Diocese of Superior to become a part of the Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. I will be representing all of you and your Parish Council of Catholic Women's groups.

Openings will be available on the Diocesan Board for Commissioners: Spirituality, Service and Leadership and some



Jane Schiszik

Committee Chairs. These positions provide opportunities for our Council to become more unified, support one another and work together. The Diocesan Council has great potential, but it can do more and work more effectively together – if there is representation from all the deaneries in the Diocese. Many ladies have great ideas about prayer and spirituality, service – helping one’s neighbors or community and/or building stronger Councils. But ladies, I need to hear from you! If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me via email: janeschis@hotmail.com or call 1-715-748-5240.

Please think about this invitation. As I was looking through my Breaking Bread hymnal, I came across the song, “ENTER THE JOURNEY.” There are so many parts of the song that could be calling out to you: ***Enter the journey. By God you were chosen, by name you were called to follow the vision, carry the cross. God’s spirit will guide us, God’s gifts will unfold. Enter the journey, the old and the young. By faith now united, as servants we come.***

Council is a Life Changing Event with God at the Helm!

Jane Schizik, Pres.- elect of the SDCCW

Commissions and Committees

Leadership – Gayle Johnson

Leadership Commission - Superior & South Central Deanery

Brief article from this Commission this time. Sorry to say I have not communicated with Parishes or Deaneries the pass months. Have said yes to too many groups and run out of steam and ideas. Poor excuse, but a fact.

April 7th is the next Presidential Preference primary election, plus the WI Supreme court final race, and local town, city, school board races. Only 3.7% of all potential Wisconsin voters voted on Feb 18th. Please spread the word in your Parishes that voting is an important duty, on April 7. and May 12, 2020 will be another important date to turn out to the polls. All these spring election



Gayle Johnson

then lead to Nov. 2020 dates. I think its 7 times we get to vote this year.

“We are all on the membership committee” How are we doing? I've sure failed the pass months. Our parishes are getting smaller, no one wants to run for Officer positions. This topic has been discussed for ever, And I don't have any answers, Do you?

I believe NCCW and our Diocese & Deaneries are great & good organization, I wish I had a better outlook. Come Holy Spirit!

Gayle Johnson

Respect Life – Patti McCormick

We all know that 3000 abortions are done a day, here in the United States and most recently we have been told that the number of abortions have gone up in Wisconsin by 7%.

We all know that 9 states offer legal Physician Assisted Suicide : California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Montana, Maine, New Jersey, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington.

We all know that the value of human life has fallen dramatically over the past 40 years.....Sex Trafficking is exploding.....but what can we each do about it????

My suggestions are:

1. Volunteer or donate to a local Pregnancy Resource Center in your area. (New Dawn in Woodruff, Abiding Care in Medford and Care Net in Ladysmith). You could stuff envelopes, take phone calls, sort baby clothes or any number of things.
2. Participate in the fundraisers for Pregnancy Resource Centers. The Baby Bottle Campaign is a fun way to do this.....we do it from Mother's day to Father's day every other year in our church cluster!
3. Educate yourself on all life issues. I suggest that you sign up for updates from: Life news.com or Life site /life news.com. Both of these sites will give you the latest news on many issues needed to be up to date on all that matters.
4. Suggest bulletin notices in your churches bulletin on life matters to better inform your parish.
5. Read books and watch DVD's on these issues. (Chosen, Unplanned, Trafficked in the U.S., etc.) (get these from your library)



- 6. Belong to a pro-life organization and help with their events. (Pro-Life Wisconsin, American Life League, Priests for Life, etc. are a few)
- 7. Shop online at Heritage House for many great Pro-Life items.
- 8. **Vote Pro-life.....all areas of government can have an impact on life issues. Be informed on what your representatives stand for before you let them represent you!!!**
- 9. Do not support any organizations that contribute to Planned Parenthood...(example Girl Scouts,)Planned Parenthood is the number one abortion provider in the U.S. and they just reported a record for the most abortions done in a single year !!! (By the way, March of Dimes also promotes abortions rather than have an imperfect baby, I hope you already knew that.) .
- 10. Buy a pro-life license plate from Pro-Life WI (online) or wear pro-life pins and buttons to let others know that you feel the law is wrong and needs to be reversed!

- 11. And last but not least.....pray, pray for just laws and just lawmakers and an end to the dehumanization of human life. And ask God to forgive our selfishness and greed.

REMEMBER:THE ONLY THING NECESSARY FOR EVIL TO TRIUMPH, IS FOR GOOD PEOPLE TO DO NOTHING!!

Membership – Lucille Brandner

The most recent report we received from our Province Director, Paula Freimuth; dated March 4, 2020, shows that we have retained some members, both affiliate and individual, but that we also have quite a number of expired individual memberships.

Affiliate parishes: 19 total parish affiliates listed
 11 current
 7 expired December 31, 2019
 1 expired December 31, 2017

Letters were sent to the seven that have not renewed. The 2017 expiration was not contacted.

Deaneries: 2, both current Dioces:e current

Individual Members: 63 individual members listed on report:
 42 are current
 6 expired prior to this meeting
 19 expired prior to 2019
 3 expired in 2019

- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

Of the 22 expired prior to 2020:

4 that I know of are for medical reasons or moved
1 is not renewing because of receiving all info as president of parish CCW
6 were past board members and did not renew after board term was over
7 indicated they were not interested or can't afford
3 are older women who no longer attend

When I received the report I sent seven letters asking for renewal. Three responded and have renewed. I will be sending letters to the three that are expired in March but have not been contacted. Letters will also be sent to non-renewals as the months go by.

We are all on the Membership Committee. All of us know the women in our own parishes and have the opportunity to talk to them and explain the National Council of Catholic Women. There are membership forms available for you to take and use them at your parish CCW meetings.

Now more than ever, we need to have a strong Catholic Voice. NCCW is that voice, along with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, that speaks for us, to our government representatives when we cannot do it individually.

Nine words describe us as the Council of Catholic Women. We support, empower, and educate all Catholic Women in Spirituality, Leadership, and Service. Those words are the mission statement of the National Council of Catholic Women. We are wise, courageous, and loving leaders of the church. Those words are in the Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel that we pray so often.

We especially encourage those in leadership positions to become or continue being Individual members of NCCW. This helps build faith in our organization and all of our support helps other women in the Diocese of Superior to realize the importance of joining together as members with one united voice. Membership is only \$50.00 for the year or less than \$5.00 per month.

Lucille Brandner, Membership Committee



Mary Werner

Council of Catholic Women Mission Statement

**TO SUPPORT,
EMPOWER AND
EDUCATE ALL
CATHOLIC WOMEN
IN SPIRITUALITY,
LEADERSHIP AND
SERVICE**

Scholarship – Mary Werner

Application for Mary Jane Morancyk Hennessy Continuing Educational Scholarship for Women of the Superior Diocese who are completing their second year of college or those pursuing career advancement is now available and must be postmarked by **April 15, 2020**.

Forms are available by contacting Scholarship Chair Mary Werner by email with the subject: SDCCW Scholarship Application werner@tds.net

Deaneries

South West – Rita Creuzer

The SWDCCW Board met on Sunday, February 16th, 2020 at St. Patrick's-Hudson to discuss and plan the upcoming Spring Deanery Meeting. It is planned for Saturday, April 18th, 2020 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-East Farmington. The agenda for the morning includes: hospitality and registration, a short Board meeting followed by election of officers, a speaker, Lyn Sahr, who is the Executive Director of Home and Away Ministries/Ruby's Pantry, Mass with Fr. Joseph and a blessing of the Pax Christi candidates followed by lunch.

We are encouraging our women to attend the SDCCW Convention at St. Joseph's-Rice Lake on June 15th and 16th, as well as, the NCCW Convention in Arlington, VA on August 26th-29th. Any changes that may be needed due to the concern of exposure to the Coronavirus, will be addressed as the need arises.

Peace,

Rita A. Creuzer-SWDCCW President

South Central – Evie Clarkson

The SCDCCW Board/Open meeting will be held on May 2, at St. Mary Parish in Bruce. Our speaker will be Patti LeMay. She and her son will talk about the effects meth has on the user and his/her family. Installation of officers will also take place Holy Rosary Parish in Medford is hosting a free *End of Life Seminar* on April 4 at 10 AM. Dr. Tim Jessick will talk on Healthcare, Palliative Care, and Hospice. Holy Rosary is also holding a *Lenten Mission Concert* on March 28 at 6 PM.



Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

2020 Diocesan Convention

Tuesday June 16, 2020 8 AM – 3:00PM

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

111 West Marshall Street

Rice Lake, WI 54868

June 15

2:00PM Open SDCCW Board Meeting, St. Joseph's Hall

5:30PM Banquet catered by B & S Bar, Parish Hall. All are Welcome!

June 16

8:00 AM Registration & Hospitality, St Joseph's Hall

8:45 Opening Prayer - Father Jim Brinkman

Presentation of the Flag

9:00 Donna Heckler, Spiritual and Motivational Speaker

10:15 Province Director's Message Paula Freimuth

10:30 Break

Visit CCW Tables, Silent Auction Basket Raffles, Commission Displays, Vendor Displays

11:00 Mass with Bishop James Powers Spiritual Advisor Fr. Jim Brinkman, and other priests

Liturgical Music- Diocesan Chorale, Pax Christi Presentation

Installation of SDCCW President, President Elect, Secretary

12:30 Lunch by St Joseph's

1:30 Fr. Jim Brinkman - Spiritual Advisor's Report

1:45 Bishop James Powers

2:30 Mary Werner- Presentation of Scholarship Recipients

2:45 Jane Schiszik- Welcome to 2021 Convention

Closing Prayer and Comments

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Express 824 Bear Paw Ave. Rice Lake, WI 54868 (715 736 7444) \$114.95

Americ View 1710 South Main St. Rice Lake, WI 54868 (715 234 4444) \$80.00

Both hotels have reserved a block of rooms until **May 15, 2020**

Monday evening 06/15/20 06/16/20 Convention Day

Cocktails at 5PM/ Dinner at 5:30PM Registration for the day

Banquet cost \$25.00

Cost 40.00

Please detach the form below, make checks payable to SDCCW and mail to

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2020 Annual Convention Registration Form Banquet \$25.00 Convention Day \$40.00

Name: _____

Parish: _____

Email: _____

CCW Office (if Applicable) _____

Description of Theme Baskets or Items valued at &40.00 or more _____
