



*Our Lady of Good Counsel,
Pray for Us*

THE SHARELINE

A Newsletter for
the Women of Blessed Sacrament Parish
Council of Catholic Women ("CCW")
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Our Next Meeting
Wednesday, October 15, 2008 - The Grocery Guru
Social at 6:30 pm * * * Meeting at 6:45 pm
*** * * Meet at the Parish Center * * ***

Co-President's Message:

I want to take this opportunity to tell you about my experience at the NCCW General Assembly held here last month. It was a jam-packed few days. Imagine more than 600 Catholic women and more than 30 priests congregating to share information and learn about Church teachings. I attended several masses in the hotel that were incredible. What a sense of community I felt with all those women. And the obvious support of the priests in attendance made me realize how important they feel our work in CCW activities really is.

Our own Bishop Wester joined us several times. He celebrated the opening Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeline and welcomed the attendees at the opening General Session. He not only attended the Banquet, Saturday night, he was actually our entertainment, playing a few selections on the piano. Although he claimed "I really don't play any more", he did a wonderful job and charmed the entire room.

We are so fortunate to have Msgr. Bob as our Pastor. He is incredibly supportive and participated in most of the sessions either as an attendee or a moderator. Speaking of which, (a little drum roll, please!) he was elected to be the Chairman of the Moderators again!! He held that position for 4 years, then had a 2 year break and will be back with his experience, wisdom and wit.

And what event with that many women would be complete without a Silent Auction? Of course, who else would be in charge, but Bonnie Siegrist and what an amazing job she and her committee did. I heard so many compliments from the attendees about the decorations, displays and general set up. I know it was a great success.

This was a huge undertaking for our Diocese. Cheryl Johnson, our new DCCW President, can be extremely proud of the women who made it all happen so beautifully.

Sometimes, I get to wondering if what we do in the CCW is really that important. Then I attend a meeting like this and our purpose is clearly validated. We do have a reason for being involved and working with all these other women around the United States and abroad to strengthen the values taught by the Church and strive to make a better world for future generations.

We are indeed *Women of Faith and Women of Action*.

God Bless you all, Maureen Newman

Happy Anniversary!
Happy Birthday!

**TO THOSE OF YOU CELEBRATING YOUR
SPECIAL DAY(S) IN OCTOBER!**



Holiday Blessings Boutique- Saturday, November 8, 2008
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Blessed Sacrament School Gym

Opportunities to help are available everywhere! Look for the list of items needed for the Raffles. We will need baked goods for the Bake Sale; workers for the Bake Sale tables; kitchen help; putting raffle baskets together, helping with the raffle; setting up tables and chairs; putting up signs and flyers; and with clean up. Sign up sheets will be available at the CCW meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 15, and after Masses the weekends of Oct. 25 & 26 and Nov. 1 & 2. This is a great opportunity to get involved, have fun, and earn service hours for school and confirmation. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please come to Wednesday's meeting or call Becky Hicks (561-3780) or Bette Jo Kirk (561-1213) - Boutique Co-Chairs.

We find Mary in the very moment in which we find the life of grace, or rather, in the moment in which we become children of God, consecrated to Christ. Fr. Faccenda

Pray for your Secret Sis!

Carmelite Fair: The rain stopped, the sun was shining, and the nuns had another successful Fair! Thank you to Shelly Edmonds for making the quilts and to all the ladies who stayed after the meeting to tie the quilts. Again, thank you to Erma Yengich, Margaret Mischel, and Mary Schoen for the baby outfits and afghans they donated. Finally, thank you to the following ladies who staffed the Infant & Children's booth the day of the fair: Dianne Dedrickson, Ada Chukwukeme, Jan Cundey, Mary Schoen, and Maureen Newman. May God bless you abundantly for all the good work you do.

Martha Felton and Cheryl Johnson, Community Service Co-Chairs.

Wondering what to fix for dinner that is healthy and won't break the budget?

**Come to our October meeting,
Wednesday, October 15th.**

The Grocery Guru will be there to share shopping and menu tips, coupons and more.

**Social at 6:30 pm - Meeting will start at 6:45 pm
Grocery Guru will start at 7:30 pm
Meet at the Parish Center.**

PUZZLERS:

1. What are the Two Great Parts of the Mass?
2. What classic movie tells the story of the painting of the Sistine Chapel?
3. Where does the word "gospel" come from?
4. Who painted the Sistine Chapel?

Would you like to find out more about DCCW and NCCW? You can research more about them at <http://home.catholicweb.com/sldccw/index.cfm> and <http://home.catholicweb.com/NCCW/>.

Just wanted to say how fun it was to be a part of hosting many ladies from around the nation who are active on their Diocesan level in the Catholic Church. To be a part of such a large group of Catholic women gathered together to learn more about The church and are so willing to serve was inspiring. Thank you so much to the ladies of Blessed Sacrament who are active not only in our parish but also on the Diocesan level that encouraged us to help. It was a lot of fun. Dianne Dedrickson

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Oct. 15 Meeting - Grocery Guru**
Nov. 8 Holiday Blessings Boutique
Nov. 19 Meeting - Ethnic Food/Recipes
Dec. 17 Meeting - Christmas Party

To My Secret Sis . . . Thank you so much for thinking of me and your gifts. Kristina C.

2008 CCW Officers

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Vice President, Kristina Caussé
Secretary, Mary Sawaya
Treasurer, Jan Cundey

HOSPITALITY

- Food:** Dale Price, Cheryl Johnson, Bette Jo Kirk
Hostess Gift: Eileen Schoen
Babysitter: Call if needed

Answers to Puzzlers:

CCW's Community Services Committee will have a "SOCK BOX" at each monthly meeting. Please bring "new" socks for men, women, and children. The socks can be of many colors or white. This is one item of which the Volunteers of America never have enough! Thank You to those who have donated - we have already sent dozens of socks to Volunteers of America.

1. The Liturgy of the Word and The Liturgy of the Eucharist.
2. The Agony and the Ecstasy.
3. It is Old English for "good news."
4. Michelangelo.