



**The Catholic Women's Club
of the parishes of
Christ the King and Saint Paul
November 2020**



A message from the president :

Even as crazy as this year has been--- a forced slow down for each of us, it is still hard to believe Advent is here. Have you noticed that Black Friday moved forward to October this year? Around that same time my husband came home from the grocery store and reported that he noticed an "Advent wine box"-- a box containing a different small bottle of wine to sip every night during Advent. Really? Sadly the next time he returned from the same store he reported they were all sold. The pandemic has not halted the calendar nor the commercialism that bombards us at the holidays. The pandemic has become another default to rush the season. Let's don't. Let's not rush it.

This year I plan to go slow during advent—starting with reinstating the tradition of an advent wreath in our home of two. A few years ago I passed our advent wreath to our daughter who now has a family of her own. It was a new wreath when I ordered it in the 80's. Believe it or not both the wreath and the company – Abbey Press are still viable. Learning this I was filled with hope for the season along with anticipation of celebrating love, joy and peace in the subsequent weeks of Advent. Wishing each of you a slow holiday season.

Forward in Faith,
Lynne Genter, CWC President

Adopt a Seminarian Program

A reminder to all that this year the Athens CWC is sponsoring Seminarian Joseph Beigel through the Diocese's "Adopt A Seminarian" program. Joe is currently in Second Pre-Theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. We will have a Mass offered on the third Sunday of each month for Joe, and it is an opportunity for us to join together as a community to pray for him as he discerns a vocation to the priesthood. The prayers of our community are important and sending Joe cards and letting him know that you are praying for him are a great source of encouragement. You can send cards to:

Joseph Beigel
Sacred Heart Major Seminary
2701 Chicago Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan 48206



Let us pray for Joe, as well as all of our seminarians, deacons, and priests, and let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood for our Diocese.

Scriptural Rosary

The two Scriptural Rosary services seem to have been well received in attendance and views on the parish web site. At this time we plan to continue having a Scriptural Rosary on the second Tuesday of each month. The next service is planned for Tuesday, December 8, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please check the Sunday bulletin for more information in the coming weeks.

Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas cards this year. The project was quite a success even in this year when everything is a bit difficult to carry out. Your support is much appreciated and the funds raised through this effort will be put back into our faith community.

Epiphany House Blessing

Over the past few years the CWC has provided prayer cards, blessed chalk, and bottles of holy water for parishioners who wish to take part in the blessing of their homes at the beginning of the new year on the Feast of the Epiphany. We plan to continue this project.

The items will be available in the vestibule of CTK on Saturday, January 2 and Sunday, January 3.

Discovering Our Dignity

Beginning in January, Eileen and Nadia will be offering a study from *Walking with Purpose*. www.walkingwithpurpose.com

The Study to be offered is called *Discovering Our Dignity*, which is a study about women in the Bible, from Eve to Mary.

Eileen will be offering a morning session at the HFC. Nadia will repeat the study on line in the evening for women who can not make the daytime study and for those who don't feel comfortable doing an in person small group format at this time.

This 22 week study will run January 7 through June 10. Updated information about the program will be posted on flock notes and in the bulletin starting in late November to give anyone interested time to check out the website, sign up, and order the book.

Blessings and Thanksgiving

Unfortunately, we were unable to gather as a parish to celebrate the annual parish Thanksgiving dinner this year. Let us hope that next Thanksgiving we will once again be able to be together.

Officers for 2020-2021

- Lynne Genter – President
- Sabrina Kotts – Vice President
- Secretary – Kay Marcinko
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