



# CCW

## Council of Catholic Women

Dear CCW Ladies,  
The Board and I are looking forward to a wonderful 2021-22 CCW Year.

It's been rough for all of us, but we are incredibly strong, resilient women and we persevered!! Let's rejoice that we were able to continue our good works. We're mightier than any pandemic because we walk in God's Grace and follow the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our only fundraiser (Christmas raffle): our major source of income to do our good works. However, we still contributed to our Church, School and Community.

Among other things: We made a monetary donation to our school, donated cleaning supplies to the school, Watts of Love, Bishop Blanchette Scholarship, Christmas gifts to Fr. Shaun and some staff, going away gift to Colleen, and a retirement gift to Fr. Jim. We sponsored a Lockport Love family with children's clothing, gifts and gift cards, purchased a rack to store our chairs and recently had a good turnout of members and school staff as we did our parking lot Rosary for our school children/teachers and against COVID.

I was honored to be asked to Co-chair the Spiritual Commission of Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and to sit on the Board. I am learning much about the works of our Diocesan Board which strengthens our own Council.

Our National CCW is celebrating 100 years with a Convention in Virginia. Although I am not attending, much will be learned and shared from the JDCCW Board Members who are going.

Diane Lewicki, along with the other Women of the Year for 2020-21, were honored with Mass at the Cathedral in April. Although guests were limited, it was a beautiful Mass and celebration to honor these outstanding women.

Many thanks to Ceil Filipiak who donated two lovely quilts for us to raffle. We'll be selling chances at our meetings.

Please send your \$5 dues to St. Dennis Parish Office, ATTN: CCW, or drop it in the collection basket clearly marked: CCW. Assume that most of us owe dues for this year 2021-2022.

Let's make Mary's life easier in collecting them. 😊  
*Please ask a friend to join us. Everyone is welcome.*

Your Board has worked hard to prepare for great gatherings and good works. We will continue to do a charitable project at every meeting. Let's pray hard that our meetings will get back to normal.

Here's Our Schedule:

- ✚ **September 22nd, Noon:** Master Gardener-Heather Blackmore. We're so lucky to have this highly respected, published Gardener with us.
- ✚ **September 26th, 9:30 am:** CCW Recognition Mass
- ✚ **October 13th, 6pm:** Purse Auction/ dessert. Bring a couple of "hardly used" purses. This will be a blast!
- ✚ **December 8th, Noon:** Christmas Party, Raffles
- ✚ **March 23, 2022, Noon:** Sister Sallie (Part Two of Women of the Bible). We are thrilled in having Sister back with us.
- ✚ **May 18, 2022, 6 pm:** Jeanine Jelenek "A Bouquet For Mary." Outstanding speaker. You'll love her.

Hope to see you soon.

Many Blessings,  
Mary, Kim, Carol, Marge and  
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