



# 2022 Spring Newsletter

## Superior Diocese

### Council of Catholic Women



Jane Schiszik

President

#### ***President's Message***

***The Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW)  
Announces Their  
72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention***

***A RENEWAL OF Faith and Purpose and Prayer with A Time for  
Gathering and A Time for Celebration!***

Ladies, mark your calendars for the 72nd Annual SDCCW Convention, June 28, and June 29th, 2022, at the Heartwood Resort & Conference Center in Trego, Wisconsin. This CONVENTION is for ALL CATHOLIC WOMEN residing in the Diocese of Superior over the age of 18, whether they do or do not belong to a parish ladies' group or reside in a deanery affiliated or not affiliated with the Diocesan Council!

The SDCCW Board is trying something totally new this year. The convention is being held off site at the beautiful Heartwood Resort & Conference Center and is a full 2-day convention packed with spirituality, education, and motivated speakers. It's a 2-for-one deal all happening in one place!

Come and learn about the Golden Rose Award featuring young ladies, high school age students, between the ages of 15 – 18, nominated by their parish's DRE or Youth Minister. The young ladies will be introduced at the luncheon on Wednesday, presented with a golden rose and a NCCW Student Membership. Contact Bridgette Adler at 612-396-4574 or [bridgetteadler@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetteadler@gmail.com). for more information.

Refer to the Convention Agenda included in this newsletter for convention highlights happening on Tuesday, June 28 and Wednesday, June 29. Two gifted and inspirational speakers are scheduled: Christopher Hurtubise will be addressing the Synod and how Council Women can help Recover the Church's Mission. Deacon Craig Voldberg will be sharing presentation on St. Paul's Joy. The banquet is at 6 p.m. – a casual affair with fun activities planned!

On Wednesday, June 29: Elizabeth Kelly, is the keynote speaker for the day sharing an enlightening presentation entitled: "Your Majesty; Your Mission: Why the World Needs a Woman Just Like You." A message will be delivered by Bishop Powers in the afternoon along with Lu Ann Miller, the new Province Director from the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Other Highlights: Each morning ladies will be gathering by the lake, weather permitting, to pray the Rosary! Mass will be concelebrated both days by Bishop Powers and Fr. Jim Brinkman, Spiritual Advisor.

We are having raffles! Each parish attending is asked to please bring a basket for the 'Basket Raffle' valued at \$40.00. In addition to 50/50 raffles, a quilt made by the SDCCW Board Members is also included in the raffle. Information will be shared at the Commission and Committee displays.

See Registration details on the form included with this newsletter and on the SDCCW website: [sdccw-wisconsin.weebly.com](http://sdccw-wisconsin.weebly.com). Ladies can register for the 2-day event or if not able to attend both days, a 1-day registration is also an option. Lodging is provided at the Heartwood Resort with a block of rooms reserved for registrants. For the best rate for lodging, plan to stay 2 nights and bring your husband or another Council women to share a room. Lodging options are available if you want to bring your family, plan a mini vacation, and stay in a cottage. A collection will be taken during Mass on June 29<sup>th</sup> with proceeds divided between the Northwoods New Life Resource Center in Hayward, and the Pregnancy Help Center in Rice Lake.

I hope to see you in June at the Heartwood Resort & Conference Center!

Jane Schiszik, SDCCW President

### ***Rekindling the Flame by Reuniting Women for Christ***

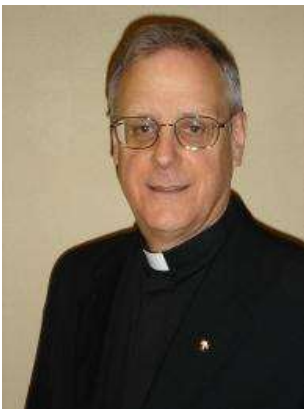
## **Spiritual Advisor's Message**

Jesus Has Risen...He Has Risen Indeed!

The Resurrection of Christ from the dead authenticates all that Jesus said and did. The Resurrection gives us a whole new way of understanding the scriptures. The story of creation, of Abraham, and of Moses all must be viewed in the context of Christ. The prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah and all the others must be understood within the context of Christ. Our understanding of God and of our reason for living, suffering, for sacrificing, for dying, all must be viewed in the context of the Resurrection of Christ. Everything is based upon the truth of Jesus Christ.

We seek to unite ourselves with the authentic, with what is true, with what is real. We accept the cross, we embrace dying because it is a part of Jesus Christ who is the truth. We serve, we sacrifice and we celebrate God because it is part of Jesus who is the truth. We seek to unite ourselves with the truth of Jesus Christ, all life long, because it is in that truth that we likewise will rise from the dead.

Fr. Jim Brinkman      Moderator of the SDCCW



Fr. Jim Brinkman  
SDCCW Moderator

## *President-Elect's Message*

HAPPY SPRING, LADIES!



Gail Helmert President-Elect

As Spring changes the look of our landscape, so too, it changes the board of our council. A special "Thank You" to those ladies who served our council with integrity, compassion & through the will of God for the past two years. Congratulations to the women who have accepted the challenge that calls them to membership on our council board. With commissions still left to fill, I am reaching out to you to help with the work to empower, teach and lead women according to God's values to serve in His Church as a council commissioner or committee leader. I am still in need of someone for Parliamentary, Leadership, Respect Life, Publicity, Scholarship, Pax Christi, Historian, Nominating, Golden Rose, Budget and Membership. All board members accepting the two-year commitment will be installed and those whose terms have been fulfilled will be acknowledged at our convention, June 28 &29, 2022.

What hope we as Catholic women have with the Supreme Court's consideration to reverse Roe Vs. Wade. Pray that we may be witness to the court's decision to abolish the will to end the life of an unborn child. May God's will be done. Priests for Life works tirelessly to save the lives of these babies.

Looking to increasing membership of our council, let's look to the youth of our gender. How we might interest our senior high school and post high school ladies to continue and strengthen their faith by drawing them into a safe mentorship to help grow a deep relationship with our God and to define and use their talents. Let's pray that we may be examples to women of all ages to serve God as council members. We have the opportunity to do that by sharing our work, faith and what it means to take part in its call through our events scheduled during the 2022 convention, and our day-to-day life.

November offers the chance to gather with other councils at the National Convention November 2-5, 2022, in St. Paul, MN. Watch for details in the NCCW's newsletter and consider joining with women outside our diocese to share, learn and build friendships. Whether a long-time member of a Christian group or a new participant, make the best of learning and social offerings provided by events in the Superior Diocese and those of the LaCrosse, Green Bay, Milwaukee and Madison Diocese listed on their respective web sites.

**WE ARE MANY PARTS BUT ALL ONE BODY**

Gail Helmert, President-Elect



Karen Firnstahl Past President  
With Leroy Opsal, guest speaker

## Past President's Message

### SLEEPING BAG OUT OF POTATO CHIP BAGS



Cut the bottom off the bag and cut up the seam. Overlap bags a little and tape together with shipping tape on both sides. Regular size would be 30 inches wide and 6 feet long. Then tape up the side inside and out-side. Tape across the bottom twice. Then I tape around the top and tape one bag on top in the middle for their head to lay on with a sweatshirt or coat for a pillow. They can also put the shoes inside the bag to stay dry. You can make bags larger also. It takes 28 bags for regular size bag.

I wash bags with dish washing soap and water to remove the oil from the bag before I start to make bags.

Karen Firnstahl, Past President SDCCW

## Province Director's Message

A special hello to the ladies of the Diocese of Superior

A story from the Director of the Province of Milwaukee-Lu

These past 3 weeks I have been battling a respiratory virus that has really made me stop to think of the times we have been in and currently still am – the “virus” world. It left me cancelling out many special events, returning back to watching Mass live streamed as well as the ordination to the diaconate held at our Cathedral live streamed. There were 2 events that I rested up for, felt I could handle – the graduation of my oldest granddaughter from college. I prayed that I could make it through the pinning as she received her Bachelor's in Nursing Science the one evening and the next morning, her graduation.

Needless to say, I did not quite make it through day #2. It was a little too much but walking on the campus, there was an “aha” moment for just myself that I



LuAnn Miller  
Province Director

will always treasure – I was walking down a sidewalk and directly across from me in full cap and gown was my granddaughter walking down a separate sidewalk, straight across from her “nanny.” She did not realize we were walking in sync but as I watched her and did not want to take my eyes off her, I realized the 4-year dream she had was drawing to a close, looking around the campus and remembering that first day of moving her on those grounds to now where the story of campus education/life ends and she continues heading down that sidewalk and out into the working world of healthcare with the ultimate goal of becoming a Nurse Practitioner. We all have dreams – small or large, possible or impossible, easy or difficult, they are yours or mine – whatever the dream, do not ever let go of it. And just maybe you will find yourself looking across the sidewalk at that exact time and realize there is another person who has reached her dream.

So many congratulations to extend - Congratulations to Marla Johnston who was voted in to serve another 2-year term as treasurer of the National Council of Catholic Women. Congratulations to those who have served a term or terms in some type of council leadership for a job well done and to those who are stepping up to take over a leadership role. Congratulations to the Diocese of Superior for your upcoming Convention and the planning that is going into it. I always look at conventions as a time of reunion, when past presidents or officers meet up with one another and a time when friends from across each deanery or vicariate have a chance to assemble and enjoy their time together.

Memberships: If you have not renewed your membership, it is never too late to take out an individual or supporting membership. Please consider turning a lapsed membership into an active membership. We would love to have you back as you are familiar within the world of council and understand our mission. And a special thank-you to Lucille Brandner who works faithfully behind the spreadsheets of members to keep an ongoing snapshot of how membership is looking in your Diocese. She has helped mentor me in the area of membership so an added special thank you on my behalf.

NCCW Convention 2022: To be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota – right next door and perhaps will never get any closer than that looking down the road. As I have shared with Presidents at various council levels, this is not just a Minnesota convention but it is a Midwest convention so we need to support this convention in the best and strongest way possible – by our attendance. There has never been a convention that has been a disappointment and from the ideas being formed, this convention, too, will be full of highlights, great memories and a wonderful time for all. Please access the NCCW website as details begin formulating for the 2022 National Council of Catholic Women convention and what will work for you. Registration opens July 1, 2022. Let us show Wisconsin support at its best. Thank you.

### **The St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women from Shell Lake, WI.**

Diane Downs, a member of St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women (CCW) was happy to share information about their Council of Catholic Women’s organization. Like many parish ladies’ groups Covid hampered some of their activities. However, the ladies of St. Joseph’s CCW have been moving forward

*A Model Of His  
Servant Heart:*



Sandi Johnson, St. Joseph's CCW treasurer; Fr. Jim Brinkman, SDCCW Spiritual Advisor; and Barbara Ailport

## *Who's Who Amongst Priests in the Diocese of Superior?*

To 'get to know' the Indian Priests in our diocese, the Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) occasionally will be featuring a few of the Indian priests in the bi-annual SDCCW Newsletter and the majority of Indian priests on the SDCCW website: <http://sdccw.wisconsin.weebcom>

and are wanting to get prayer and fellowship started again in their Council. This small parish is clustered with St. Francis de Sales Parish in Spooner, and St. Catherine's Parish in Sarona. St. Joseph's CCW has about 30 women actively involved in their group with an average of 10 – 12 women who attend their meetings. While the younger women don't readily attend meetings, they are supportive and help with the projects.

Diane describes their Council as active, and the monies collected from their projects are donated back to worthwhile causes. For example, the monies netted from their bazaar was used to purchase hymnals, bread, wine, and candles for their parish. One ongoing project that has been happening for the past 10 years is "**Operation Local Child.**" The supplies needed for a child's birthday party (cake mix, frosting, toys, etc.) are placed in a birthday bag and donated to the Washburn County Food Pantry and/or Family Resource Center in Spooner. Twenty-five birthday bags are donated twice a year.

Other service projects by this CCW and St. Catherine's in Sarona is the collection of winter clothing and coats and the collection of school supplies for the students in their cluster that attend the St. Francis School. A fun and profitable event held last fall which was a big hit was the "*Church Ladies' Basement Sale*" which netted about \$1,200.00. Donations are also made to the Pregnancy Help Center of Rice Lake. Future CCW activities include plans for their participation in the Town N' Country Days in Shell Lake with the serving of brunch and the inclusion of basket raffles.

An article about the St. Joseph CCW is not complete unless mention and gratitude is given to Barbara Ailport, a great mentor and promoter of their parish Council of Catholic Women. Barb has also served on the Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Board and continues to promote their CCW's affiliation with the NCCW. (National Council of Catholic Women). Barb is always ready and willing to be of help and most recently encouraged the CCW ladies to host the Winter SDCCW Board Meeting. Thanks Barb and to all the ladies of St. Joseph's CCW for sharing your gifts of time, talent, and treasure with those in need.

Jane Schiszik, SDCCW President

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## **Rev. Joji Reddy Boyapati**

When Fr. Joji joined the parishes in Superior: The Cathedral of Christ the King, St. William, St. Anthony, and Holy Assumption along with St. Anthony's Parish in Lake Nebagamon the pandemic prevented many of the usual parish activities and events and decreased the parishioner's opportunity to get to know Fr. Joji. Fr. Joji was hesitant at first to be interviewed, but then graciously agreed to answer a few personal questions. Some of the following is in his own words, and some has been summarized. We hope you will enjoy learning a bit more about Fr. Joji and his history.



Fr. Joji

Fr. Joji was born on December 20, 1976 in Mattampally in Telangana state of South India and this was his hometown until his ordination. He is the youngest boy of 7 children (3 boys, 4 girls) His father died when he was 19, but his mother is 77. One of his older sisters is a religious nun in St. Ann's Congregation. He said his family faced many hardships when he was young, but their faith in God gave them strength. When asked about how holidays were celebrated when he was young, he said, "I have early memories of Christmas only when I was in the mid school. The semi Christmas celebrations in the school brought great joy with colorful decorations, creative manger, liturgy, carols, Christmas concerts, sweets etc. My parents used to present new festive clothes, keep us happy with making special dishes, cookies and good food. All the siblings come home for Christmas vacation and the joy of Christmas was being doubled." The annual thanksgiving feast is celebrated on February 2.

He said, "All my schooling was catholic. My Primary and mid schooling was with St Ann's nuns and High school with Montfort religious Brothers." He speaks TELUGU, his native dialect, as well as English.

He said, "I received my First Holy Communion in my 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (12.03.1983) and since then started serving at the altar. I am blessed to continue my close association with the altar and sanctuary from being an altar boy to being a priest now."

Fr. Joji entered the seminary after 10<sup>th</sup> grade, studied at Ss. Peter and Paul Minor Seminary for 11 years and was ordained on April 24, 2002 for the Diocese of Nalgonda in south India. He served that diocese in 3 different parishes for 15 years before moving to Canada in 2017. We have been blessed to have him in our diocese since March 12, 2021.

At present Fr. Joji calls Kanchanapally (pop. about 6600) in Jangaon district of Telangana State in South India his permanent hometown. Its climate contrasts sharply with ours with summertimes temperatures reaching 115°F and the lows in winter around 60°F. Basically, people are dependent workers or agricultural farmers that grow rice, peppers and other vegetables. There are about 90 Catholic families in the parish called the Purification Church which was founded about 125 years ago. Similar to here, the resident priest attends to 3 other parishes. However, a major difference from our area is the presence of religious order nuns who operate the primary, secondary and high schools. The Catechist Sisters of St Ann not only teach but they help in the parish and also do social service.

With such strong support from the church, Fr. Joji said, "The faithful follow the catholic tradition faithfully and give their witness to the faith in the village....Faith wise the majorities are Hindus and there is also presence of Muslims and Christians in small numbers. All live in solidarity and peace."

Fr. Joji does not follow any professional sports teams but he does like to play badminton, basketball and cricket. Fr. Joji said, "My hobbies are to compose and act drama, and liturgical hymns. I love nature, music and poetry. In all beauty of God's creation, my soul magnifies the Lord. I love to be creative, positive and more practical."

As we can see from Fr. Joji's background, he is used to a much different climate than he has encountered here. He said the cold was very difficult on his body at first, but having served in Canada and now here, he is learning to adapt and prepare for the cold weather. He said, "I realize God prepared me well with all

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the requirements and I rely on Him. Moving, working and serving with and for warm hearts, the changing climate causes no effect on me.”

Fr. Joji prefers healthy type foods. He said, “To be sincere, I love the natural food required to the healthy body more than anything. They are Nuts, Sprouts, Fruits, Vegetables, Eggs, and Fish etc. I take much care of my health with strict diet, regular exercises, and disciplined lifestyle.”

The parishes in Superior and Lake Nebagamon are very thankful for Fr. Joji’s presence in their faith community. His faith, hope and love of God and others is an inspiration for all of us. He concluded his comments with the following message:

“Finally, one thing I would say. Life has got a purpose. We are not sure of it what it is. Only the Creator is the right person to deal with that. We need to cooperate and move on accordingly with trust and being loyal. Jesus, the Lord had shown us the Way. We need to follow Him. I am trying to do that and helping others too. Thank you and God bless.”

## Spirituality

***May is a Month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary!*** There are many ways we can honor Our Blessed Mother during the month of May. In the words of Pope Paul VI, May is "a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God." We always walk with Our Blessed Mother Mary at our side. She is our model of faith, and her prayers help us to live by faith. When we think of Mary, we recognize that she is indeed blessed, not only because she was the mother of Jesus but that her response of “yes” still impacts our lives today. What a wonderful example to follow – living a life deeply rooted in God and allowing oneself to be led by God’s grace. Mary became her Son’s first and most perfect disciple.

Here are some suggestions you can do to honor Our Blessed Mother this month:

1. Many churches have a May Crowning Ceremony of Mary with the placement of a crown of flowers on her head or adorn her with flowers. Flowers symbolize beauty, love, joy, perfection to detail and individuality! Flowers adorning Mary can also be placed on the statues of Mary you have inside or outside your home.
2. Pray a Novena to Mary: A novena is a specific prayer recited for nine consecutive days for a particular intention. Novenas can be prayed at any time a special request arises. Novenas are especially prayed nine days prior to a feast day to which one has a favorite devotion, ending on the eve of the feast. Below are three novena prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, any of which can be prayed in May during the Month of Mary, August during the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, or prior to the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (the Saturday after the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which occurs on the Friday after the feast of Corpus Christi).
3. Pray or try to Pray the Rosary daily. Learn of Our Lady’s 15 Promises to those who pray her Rosary.



4. Learn about a Marian Devotion. There are many associated with miracles, apparitions, saints, and holy images.
  5. Learn about the appearance of Our Lady to St. Catherine Laboure and the vision of the Miraculous Medal in 1830.
  6. Become invested in the Scapular. The most common is the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel which has special prayers and graces associated with it.
  7. Spend some time reading a book about Mary, learning a new prayer, song or read the encyclical on the Month of May written by Pope Paul VI in which he describes how the faithful reserve the month of May to honor Mary in a special way. Check out the reference listed below. “For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God’s merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother’s throne.” Pope Paul VI goes on to say that May is an opportune time to let our petitions fly to Our Lady—especially for the needs of the human race—that most urgently require our Blessed Mother’s intercession. Check out the reference: *MENSE MAIO* ENCYCLICAL OF POPE PAUL VI ON PRAYERS DURING MAY FOR PRESERVATION OF PEACE, from APRIL 29, 1965
  8. Learn about the many titles and images of Our Blessed Mother. They help us to learn of the virtues of Mary and how she can be present to all of us. Let us try to spend the month of May, learning about Mary and learning from her how to love God more fervently and to love one another.
- Jane Schiszik, SDCCW President

## *Service*

***EARTH DAY WAS OBSERVED ON APRIL 22, 2022***

**BUT**

***SOMETHING CAN BE DONE EVERY DAY TO HELP SUSTAIN OUR EARTH!***

Do you know about the “Great Global Cleanup?” It’s a worldwide campaign to remove billions of pieces of trash from neighborhoods, beaches, rivers, lakes, trails, and parks — reducing waste and plastic pollution, improving habitats, and preventing harm to wildlife and humans. This program aims to continue clean ups every day of the year for a brighter, greener, and cleaner planet. Check out their website: [EARTHDAY.ORG](http://EARTHDAY.ORG) While the theme for Earth Day in 2022 was to “Invest In Our Planet,” the question is: what will you personally do to invest in our planet?

The following is a very interesting fact sheet for your reading enjoyment!

APRIL 6, 2022

## END PLASTIC POLLUTION

### *Fact Sheet: How Much Disposable Plastic We Us*

The billions upon billions of items of plastic waste choking our oceans, lakes, and rivers and piling up on land are more than unsightly and harmful to plants and wildlife. The following 8 facts shed light on how plastic is proving dangerous to our planet, health, and wildlife. To learn more about the threat and impact of plastic pollution and get tips to reduce your plastic consumption, download our [Plastic Pollution Primer and Toolkit](#) and use our [Plastic Pollution Calculator](#) today.

- An estimated 583 billion plastic bottles were produced in 2021. That is 100 billion more than were produced just five years ago.<sup>[1]</sup>
- This year, five trillion plastic bags will be used. That's 160,000 every second!<sup>[2]</sup>
- Americans alone use half a billion drinking straws every day.<sup>[3]</sup> In 2017, packaging production constituted the highest-demanded use for plastic, with 146 million metric tons used.<sup>[4]</sup>
- The amount of single-use plastics used globally has tripled since the start of the pandemic, with takeout orders driving the increase.<sup>[5]</sup>
- Each year, enough Bubble Wrap is created globally to cover the distance between the earth and the moon.<sup>[6]</sup>
- In the U.S., we throw away more than 50 billion coffee cups every year. These are coated with plastic to laminate the inside and use plastic lids.<sup>[7]</sup>
- Around the world, people litter more than 4.5 trillion cigarette butts every year.<sup>[8]</sup>

**All the sources for these bullets can be found on The Great Global Cleanup website.**

#### *What can we do? Start with a few simple things:*

- use real coffee cups to serve coffee or use a traveling mug when you buy your morning coffee
- use paper bags or take a cloth tote bag to the store for your groceries
- use a traveling mug in place of purchasing a bottle of water
- drinking soda in cans rather than plastic bottles
- use real dishes and real flatware in place of plastic dishes and silverware
- use real cloth tablecloths rather than plastic for table coverings
- recycle plastic bottles, containers etc.
- place litter in proper containers

You may not be able to do everything to change the plastic pollution – but doing something will help! Doing nothing - does nothing to change the situation!

Jane Schiszik, SDCCW President

## Respect Life



Patti McCormick  
Respect Life

## Sisters Council



Sr. Cecelia Fandel, OSM  
Liaison

### The Wisconsin state constitution states:

“All people born are equally free and independent, and have certain inherent rights: among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”

As you can read, we have to be born to have these rights under Wisconsin laws. This must be addressed.

If Roe v Wade is overturned in June of 2022, and the decisions on abortion go back to each individual state.....we are in trouble

Pro-Life Wisconsin is working to change the wording but we also have to elect officials who are in favor of the life of the unborn. Please pay close attention to the candidates and their stand on issues of life.

Lifesitenews.com., Lifenews.com and Priestforlife.com , along with Pro-Life Wisconsin are online sources for you to get that information.

We are closer than we have been before to changing the culture of death in this country.....do your part in making this change happen!!

### The time I taught my mother

Dear friends,

I cannot speak for the other sisters in our diocese, but I want to take this time to share with you what we experience here with all the Servants of Mary sisters. We meet once a month on ZOOM and share happenings, and speak to a shared topic. This month topic was “what would you like to share about your mother”.

It was amazing to hear how similar our mothers all were: mothers of faith, Catholic traditions, active parish participation; who taught their children to understand and to practice their faith at home, school, and in the neighborhood.

I shared the experience of how I came to teach my mother one day. I was in my thirties by then and one day mom came to a day of reflection at the convent. We each had our Bibles and were in the visiting room, and I was talking about some scripture passage and said, “In the Bible in John, Jesus...”. Mom stopped me and humbly said, “but I don’t know how to use the Bible.” It stopped me in my tracks! Mom was my teacher, my model, my inspiration, my exemplar, telling me bible stories from The Christmas Story as a child on up! She taught me everything I knew! Then I realized she had never had the opportunity to attend a class or workshop to learn that skill.

I was deeply humbled. Trembling inside a little, I taught my mother how the Bible was organized and to use the Bible to find passages etc. I shall never forget it. I loved her all the more and cry with gratitude each time I think of it now.

## Deaneries



Bridgette Adler SWDCCW  
President



Lenore Krajewski SCDCCW  
President

### Southwest Deanery – Bridgette Adler

#### SWDCCW Highlights Spring 2022

The Southwest Deanery of the Superior Diocese CCW held a mini-retreat on mindfulness for Catholic women on November 13 2021 at St Anne Catholic School in Somerset. It was a wonderful opportunity for our 25 attendees to reconnect and prepare for Advent.

Our Deanery Spring event, a Marian Painting Party with Audrey Martin, was held May 7 2022. We enjoyed a fun afternoon of painting and fellowship, focusing on our Mother Mary.

Please welcome our new Deanery President, Katie Waldal from St Patrick Parish, as she begins her position in June 2022.

### South Central Deanery – Lenore Krajewski

We tried something new this Spring. We held our Deanery Spring Meetings in a combined format this year – the Board met early in the morning, and the Open Meeting convened with Mass later the same morning. It seemed to work pretty well, and saves on travel expenses.

The South Central Deanery voted to offer 5 ‘scholarships’ to pay the registration fee for the SDCCW Annual Convention. Requests can be submitted to me at [krajewsk@brucetel.net](mailto:krajewsk@brucetel.net) by June 1, and 5 names will be drawn. Winners will be notified by June 3.

Our 2022-2024 SCDCCW President will be Karen Firnstahl.

**"A RENEWAL OF FAITH, PURPOSE AND PRAYER"**

**72nd Annual SDCCW Convention**

**June 28 and June 29, 2022**

**Heartwood Resort & Conference Center, Trego, WI.**

**Convention Agenda**

**Tuesday, June 28, 2022**

7:15 a.m. Rosary by the lake (weather permitting)

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.: Registration / Breakfast

9:15 a.m.: Welcome

Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Introductions: Spiritual Advisor Fr. Jim / SDCCW Pres.

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.: Morning Presenter (Chris Hurtubise)

10:30 – 10:45: Break, visit Basket Raffles

11:00 – 11:45: Mass concelebrated by Bishop Powers and Fr. Jim Brinkman

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.: Deacon Craig Voldberg

1:45 – 2:00: Break

2 – 4:30 p.m.: Board Meeting

5:30: Social

6:00 Banquet

8:30: Social on veranda

**Wednesday, June 29, 2022**

7:15 a.m. Rosary by the lake (weather permitting)

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.: Registration / Breakfast

9:15: Welcome

Opening Prayer, review of the day's activities

Introductions

9:30 a.m.: Fr. Jim's Message

9:40: Keynote Speaker: Elizabeth Kelly (keynote for June 29)

10:30 – 10:45: Break

11:00 – 12:30: Mass with the Diocesan Chorale

Installation of new officers

Presentation of Pax Christi Finalists and Award

Presentation of the Scholarship recipients

12:30 – 1:30: Luncheon with the Golden Rose Award Nominees

1:40 p.m.: Credentials Report, Raffle drawings

1:50 – 2:20 p.m.: Bishop's Message

2:20 – 2:40 p.m.: Province Director's Message

2:40 – 3:00 p.m.: Update on the SDCCW

3:00: Evaluations & Closing Prayer

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION

[sdccw-wisconsin.weebly.com](http://sdccw-wisconsin.weebly.com)