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VOICE of the SAINTS

Feasts, Memorials and
Solemnities this month!

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin
Mary 9-8
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St. Matthew Apostle 9-21
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Raphael Archangels 9-29
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*"Oh Lord, you have given us
your word for a light to
shine upon our path;
Grant us so to meditate on
that word, and follow its
teaching, that we may find
in it the light that shines
more and more until the
perfect day."*

Amen

Prayer of St. Jerome

Connecting Catholic Women! Throughout the Diocese of Madison

A Newsletter of the Madison Diocesan Council
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President's Pen News

Greetings for September!

I hope everyone will have a rewarding Labor Day weekend. We are thankful for all the workers in the world and in the Church. We are especially grateful for our Priests and teachers as we begin another school year. May we all provide good examples of morality and respect for everyone we come in contact with.

The reading for Saturday, August 12th was a prayer from Deuteronomy 6:4-13 *"The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength."* Let that be our prayer today and everyday. Offer your whole day to God. The Gospel was from Matthew 17:14-20 *"if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you can move mountains. Nothing will be impossible for you."* Hopefully, my faith and trust will grow.

I encourage everyone to learn more about the Eucharist, Jesus's great gift to us! The Eucharistic Congress will be held at St. John the Baptist Parish in Waunakee, September 29th-October 1st. Also, check out Blessed Carlos Acutis' Eucharistic Miracles on YouTube!

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United across the Diocese



St. Catherine Ministry

Accompanying families through miscarriage

Bishop Hying has blessed this new ministry serving families experiencing a miscarriage. In a unique partnership with Our Lady of Hope Clinic in Middleton, WI, and the Miracle of Life Rosary Garden at St. Mary's Pine Bluff, St. Catherine Ministry accompanies families before, during and after miscarriage by offering materials, referrals and compassionate support throughout the Diocese.

Materials include miscarriage receptacles, burial vessels, and resources. Referrals include assistance in burial space, memorials and follow-up health and fertility services. Compassionate support includes a support person to talk to, connection to spiritual counsel, and further follow-up assistance. Every woman in every parish should know that they can help direct a grieving family to a ministry with this level of love and compassion.

Resolve to know this resource to help a friend, family member or stranger heal through this new Pro Life Ministry.

Laura Karlen, Director 608-445-2064

Or contact: stcatherine@ourladyofhopeclinic.org
See website: <https://www.ourladyofhopeclinic.org/st-catherine-ministry-miscarriage-support>

United across the Nation

with the
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED *"Islands of Mercy in the Sea of Indifference"* Pope Francis

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has echoed the Pope's call for every Catholic Church to be a light of hope for women with unplanned pregnancies. Thus *Walking With Moms In Need* was embraced by the Diocese of Madison, establishing a diocesan-wide database of resources to assist parents & parents-to-be. Additionally, each parish has access to the resources provided by USCCB such as:

- * Tools for documenting an inventory of local resources for pregnant mothers in need.
- * Ideas for improving parish responses.
- * Prayers for building a culture of life and a civilization of love.
- * Reflections on the teachings of *Evangelium vitae*, *Evangelii gaudium*, and *Laudato si'*.

Now is the time to position your entire Pastorate to become a beacon of hope as an Island of Mercy. Learn from other diocesan women as they implement creative ways to seamlessly weave this compassion into their groups and facilities.

See <https://walkingwithmomsmadison.org>
And <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com>

The Mission of the NCCW is to Support, Empower, and Educate all Catholic women in Spirituality, Leadership and Service

MDCCW is affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women which acts through its membership to respond with Gospel values to the needs of the church and society in the modern world. Learn more at www.mdccw.com and www.nccw.org

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From YOUR Pastorate ?

SPIRITUALITY

Faith Finds a Home at Home

Because Jesus is "gentle and humble in heart," His yoke is easy and He promises that all who labor will find rest when taking on His yoke. Whatever burdens we carry, the key to our response is in being gentle and humble, just like Jesus. This gentleness and humility is what we must strive to model in our households this month, in every word we utter, every action we take, and every thought we think. Our young ones are watching, and just as we learn from Jesus, our children learn from us.

By **Julianne Nornberg**

Contributor to the Catholic Herald and member of Pastorate 19

SPIRITUALITY RESOURCES

From the National Council

A special Spirituality Commission within NCCW explores and presents Catholic materials such as:

- * Papal Letters and Exhortations
- * USCCB Prayer Resources
- * Scripture Reflections
- * Rosary Meditations
- * Prayer Requests, Retreats & Devotions



You can easily find a prayer that fits every gathering including theme-based prayer meditations. Prayer is at the heart of any Council of Catholic Women!

FEATURE PASTORATE: #18

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) in Waunakee parishes St. John the Baptist & St. Mary of the Lake, are connecting with the CCW of Lodi/Dane Blessed Trinity Parish to become acquainted with each other as we strive to create a partnership enabling us to share friendship, ideas and spirituality. As we maintain our individual projects we also are eager to participate in projects hosted by each of our pastorate churches. Our Council will work together as volunteers for the upcoming Eucharist Congress. STJB & STML CCW is also working on Walking With Mom's in Need (WWMIN) to be ready for October's Respect Life Month!

Blessed Trinity Parish (Lodi/Dane) holds intermittent CCW meetings that offer time for prayer (Scriptural Rosary) followed by fellowship and conversation. We have begun holding an annual Winter Wonder Cookie Walk & Vendor Bazaar in December. Additionally, we have members that participate in the Columbia North CCW Vicariate Meetings (Spring/Fall) and the Madison Diocese CCW Annual Meeting in the Summer.

It is exciting to join with other Catholic Women as we explore our shared goals.

By **Rosa Ropers**, President of St. John the Baptist CCW, Waunakee
And **Audrey Prieve**, President of Blessed Trinity CCW, Lodi/Dane

SERVICE

Diocesan-wide Projects



Women's Care Center - Madison

One of 34 Women's Care Centers in 12 states, serving 30,000 women annually, the Madison Women's Care Center provides free, confidential counseling, support and education for pregnant women. Free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds help determine viability and dates. While not a prenatal medical center, it promotes life and abortions are not provided.

How can you help? Trained volunteers allow the Center to hold down costs and assistance in the Crib Club is also appreciated. Supplies and donations are always welcome via your parish diaper and baby clothing drives:

Consider adding these simple ideas this year:

- * Host a Baby Jesus Shower for the Top Ten needs
- * Hold a Diaper Drive
- * Collect Baby Clothing (new items only)
- * Collect Donations or promote Sponsorships
- * Promote Awareness, provide reference materials

<https://www.womenscarecenter.org/madison-wisconsin>

LEADERSHIP

How Will Catholic women in your new Pastorate become a *Community*?

Why should there be a sense of community at all?

Catholic women already share common beliefs despite many personal differences and unfamiliar new faces. 'Community' simply shares some goals and purpose. The new Pastorate arrangement opens the gates to finding women who share these ideals.

Why should there be a 'Council of Catholic Women (CCW)'?

When a Pastorate is a 'member' of the Diocesan Council (MDCCW) and the National Council (NCCW), ALL women in the pastorate are automatically members and have access to rich resources both locally and nationally. There are no fees to join - an automatic 'community'!

What's so special about a Council ?

Prayerful, CATHOLIC women comprise your council. All efforts point to engaging us with the Mission of the Catholic Church, rich in spirituality, united in purpose, voice and action.

Find out more !

<https://madisondiocese.org> and www.nccw.org



* ADVOCACY *

NCCW is on the pulse of Social Justice issues and the Actions to counteract injustice.

At your fingertips through the NCCW, is a wealth of information regarding contacting legislators, reviewing the stance of the USCCB and linking to organizations which focus on issues of pro-life, immigration, poverty, charity, and more.

Having power in numbers, the voice of NCCW carries far and wide!
Add your voice!

"Loving God,
You sent your Son to change the world through His life and redeeming sacrifice. Help us to be open to the personal growth and change to which He calls us and empower us to work together for the renewal of the world."

NCCW Call to Prayer
By Kathleen Levendusky

Tap into these Resources!

www.nccw.org



September 2023

Connecting Catholic Women with Events and Activities!

throughout the Catholic Diocese of Madison Wisconsin

Mark Your
Calendars!

DIOCESE OF MADISON

Eucharistic Adoration
for Vocations is held
Monday - Friday
9:00am-11:45am
in the Holy Name Heights
Oratory.

Holy Mass is held
weekdays at noon.

www.madisondiocese.org

Upcoming Vicariate
Council of Catholic
Women Gatherings:
Oct. 10th Columbia North
Oct. 24th Sauk



ANNOUNCE

Your Pastorate's News!

This page is dedicated to
sharing news from your
women's groups, parish,
and pastorate for monthly
events, activities, special
gatherings etc.

Send your news by the 15th
of the prior month of your
event(s)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS Presentation Wednesday, Sept. 20th 6:30pm

St. John the Baptist Parish School Cafeteria, 114 East Third Street, Waunakee (PASTORATE 18)

The Faith Formation Staff are presenting an evening with a guest speaker, a film and an awareness discussion.

DiaperDash Saturday Sept. 23 8am Registration,

At McKee Farms Park, 2930 Chapel Valley Road, Fitchburg

Timed 5K Run or 2 mile Walk/Kid's Dash raises awareness and support for the need for Diapers in Wisconsin.

Diapers are collected the day of the race. See babiesandbeyondwi.org for Registration & details.



PIONEER CATHOLIC BANQUET SERIES Thursday Sept. 28th 5:00pm

At the Madison Club, Madison. Join St. Augustine University Parish (PASTORATE 29) at its annual Fall Banquet celebration for alumni, benefactors, students, parents and Catholics from around the region who honor the courageous and bold young adults being formed at the Catholic Newman Center in Platteville. Upscale evening Banquet is at the **Madison Club**, downtown Madison! Reserve your table now at <https://give.pioneercatholic.org/madison23> or contact maryclare@pioneercatholic.org. There is no cost to register!

MADISON EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS Friday-Sunday, Sept. 29th – Oct. 1st.

St. John the Baptist Parish, Waunakee (PASTORATE 18)

LAST CHANCE to preregister for this 3-day Congress of prayer, worship, witness to revive your faith!

Find the retreat guide, brochure, schedule and register online at www.blessedbrokenandgiven.com

RETREAT for GRIEVING PARENTS Saturday, October 21 (PASTORATE 1)

At St. Mary Help of Christians Parish, N565 Cty. Rd. A, Briggsville. Both St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish and St. Mary Help of Christians Parish are offering a **Emmaus Ministry Retreat for Grieving Parents** who have lost children. The Retreat focuses on offering peace, comfort, and hope along with Mass, prayer, scripture, music, speakers and provide time for reflection. Contact Nancy Davis for registration information and full schedule at ndavis@stmaryotic.org or call (608) 742-6998.

BOX of JOY Drop Off Dates are early November

St. Peter Parish, 7121 County Hwy K, Middleton (PASTORATE 19) is the central collection point.

Pack your boxes by October! Watch for dates & times in next month's newsletter!



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As your Pastorate settles in to a regular rhythm, be sure to consider adding your name to the volunteer lists for the long-standing fundraisers and activities that your Pastorate now shares with its other parishes. This is a great way to open the door to new connections, new ideas and re-invigorate your Council!

The Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (MDCCW) is pleased to welcome Patty Spragg as its incoming Treasurer! Patty is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Baraboo in Pastorate 7. We are still looking for a representative from each Pastorate to assist the MDCCW in connecting all Catholic women in our diocese! Contact me.

Finally SAVE THE DATES for Vicariate region gatherings: October 10th for Columbia North and October 24th for Sauk. Look for more information in the October Newsletter.

Have a Blessed autumn!

Linda Ripp

President of the Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women



Jesus is the Light of the World; May We Become a Light of Hope

As Catholic women, we are the light of hope with our local parish efforts to uplift the initiatives of the National Council of Catholic Women.

We are the voice of Catholic women.

"He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world." John 1:7-9