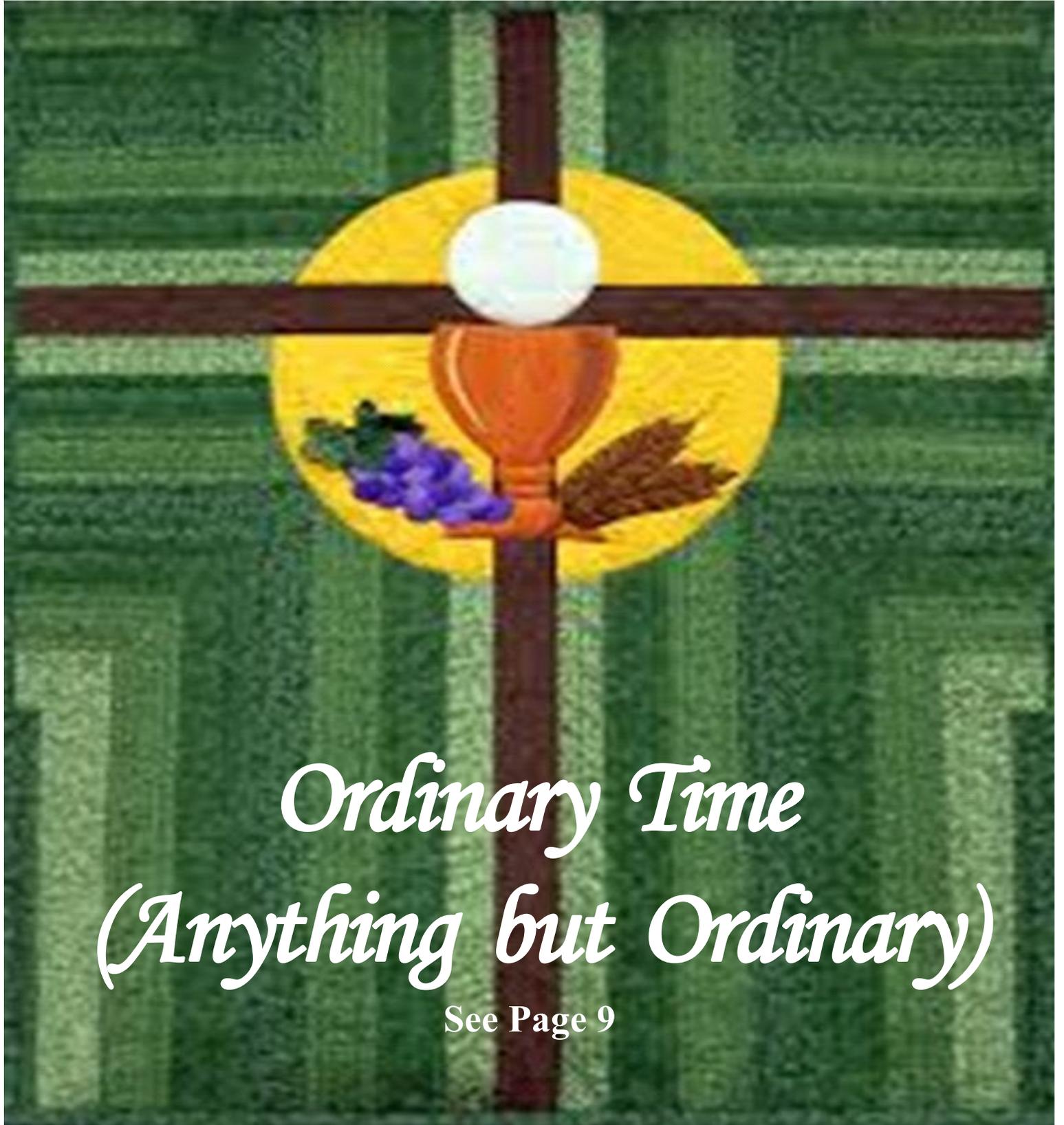


NCCCW

NEW ULM DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Volume 1, No. 61, Fall 2020
New Ulm, MN



Ordinary Time (Anything but Ordinary)

See Page 9

DIOCESAN UPDATE

by our Spiritual Advisor, Msgr. Gene Lozinski

In Gratitude to Bishop John LeVoir

As you all have heard, Bishop John LeVoir submitted his letter of resignation and our Holy Father accepted it. His retirement became effective August 6.

We want to thank him for his service to the Diocese and in particular his perseverance and guidance as he led us through the bankruptcy process as well as his guidance in pastoral planning. These were difficult days in the life of our diocese. His steady hand served us well.

As the New Ulm Council of Catholic Women, we wish to thank him as well for his continual and abiding support of the Council. He gave of himself to us quite selflessly. He attended our Diocesan Board meetings as well as our conventions. His support was appreciated and we thank him for his support and interest.

As he now enters into retirement we wish him well and pray God's blessing upon him. We ask that he continue to pray for us as we promise to remember him in our prayers.

The diocese is now governed by a Diocesan Administrator who is commissioned to keep the ship afloat as we await the appointment of a new Bishop. The appointment of a new bishop will be made by the Holy Father after consultation. The Holy Father has a representative in this country who lives in Washington D.C. called a Nuncio. He will begin and direct the process and eventually submit names to Rome which in turn will study and investigate the names and eventually present names to the Holy Father who will make the final decision.

This is a time for intense prayer. We need to beg God that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we will receive a priest filled with the Holy Spirit and a desire to serve us in one of the most rural diocese's in the country

Let us pray daily for the selection of a new bishop as soon as possible.

Covid-19

Since February/March we have been affected by Covid-19. This has affected our parishes, and also our CCW. It has limited and changed our meetings and affected many of our projects and programs.

This is a time to be creative and perhaps even give a new form to CCW. I would suggest that we use this time to communicate with each other and in that way support one another especially those that are unable to participate much in the Mass or other parish activities. Perhaps we could call and check in with our members. Perhaps this is a time to send anniversary, birthday cards and in that way build up a real supportive council.

Let us pray for each other and for our Councils, Parishes and Diocese.

From the desk of the President



As they continued their journey he entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary [who] sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. ⁴⁰Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." ⁴¹The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. ⁴²There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Luke 10:38-42 NABRE

In the bible, this passage is simply titled "Martha and Mary". For many of us, especially as women, we can relate to Martha feeling burdened, anxious and worried. In these unusual times of social distancing and departure from our schedule of activities and events that have been a part of our routine for so many years, is God calling us to be more like Mary and sit at his feet listening to him speak?

In this fall issue, we usually promote the upcoming Fall Gatherings that each of the three Deaneries plan for all Catholic women to attend. Due to the COVID19 health and safety guidelines in place, and keeping the health and safety of our members in mind, we will not be having these gatherings. Although we are unable to come together and have these gatherings, I encourage each of you to set aside time to pray for CCW. For those who are able, consider spending time in church in front of the Blessed Sacrament or make your personal intention at Mass for CCW.

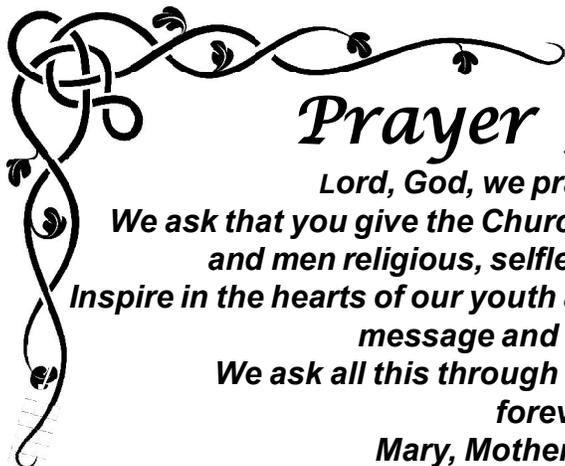
If part of the service your parish CCW provides is to provide and serve funeral lunches, consider using the groups you have in place and ask each woman of the group who would normally provide and serve the funeral lunch, to pray a rosary at home for the deceased.

At the diocesan level, I have been able to host virtual meetings so we can continue our mission to Support, Empower and Educate Catholic Women in Spirituality, Leadership and Service. Is there someone on your parish CCW board or a woman from your parish who can host a virtual meeting? Is this a good time to look at what you have been doing as CCW and brainstorm new ways of reaching out to the women of your parish?

Visit the NUDCCW (New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) website at nudccw.org and NCCW (National Council of Catholic Women) website at nccw.org for information about the Council of Catholic Women.

May God bless you.

Your sister in Christ,
Barb Mathiowetz
NUDCCW President



Prayer For Vocations

Lord, God, we praise and bless your holy name.

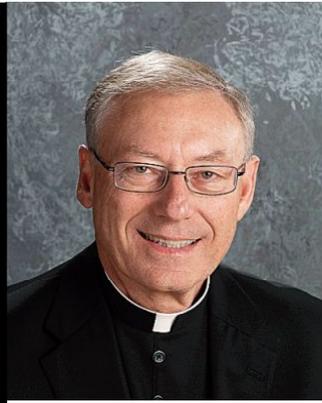
We ask that you give the Church of New Ulm holy priests, dedicated women and men religious, selfless deacons and zealous missionaries.

Inspire in the hearts of our youth a spirit of generosity to commit their lives to the message and ministry of Jesus, Your Son.

We ask all this through Him who lives and reigns as our Lord, forever and ever. Amen

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Spiritual Advisor's Message



Dear Friends in CCW,

This last week our Holy Father issued an instruction entitled, "**The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community.**" It is a wonderful document that helps us wade through the murky waters engulfing us. It treats various topics that are challenging us as a parish, diocese and Universal Church at this time.

During times of challenge it is important that we return to our foundations and very purpose for existence. So, it is with parishes today. All of us need to ask again the fundamental question: "What are we about" or more clearly, "what is our purpose."

The answer to that question can help us tremendously not only as we try to live in a parish, but more importantly as we strive to deepen our relationship with Jesus and thus strengthen our spiritual lives.

Our Holy Father writes, "If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and a goal in life. More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: "Give them something to eat" (Mk 6:37)."

The heart of parish life must always revolve around one thing, and that is deepening our relationship with Jesus. He tells us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." (John 15:12-17)."

This is the kind of community that we need to try to form in our parishes and particularly as we try to be molded into an Area Faith Community. Perhaps the words of our Holy Father may guide us in this new adventure of forming an Area Faith Community "**my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security.**" If we keep before our eyes our purpose of helping each other deepen and strengthen our relationship with the Lord Jesus we need not fear for then we will be ready to adapt to whatever structure enables and fosters that.

At the heart of helping each other in friendship with the Lord is of course first of all prayer. We need to pray for each other. That prayer will push us to go beyond that and enter into their lives. We will reach out in loving support and service. May all of us do all we can to build up an Area Community of Faith that supports one another and reaches out to help all in need.

What role does CCW have in building up our parishes and AFC's? Using the image from the parable of the leaven in dough we can be that yeast that enlivens the whole. I would hope that the ladies of CCW would be a group in the parish that models what our Holy Father is speaking about for the parish, that is a community that prays for each other first of all but moves beyond that in supporting one another in time of joy and sorrow. Perhaps at our meetings (whether on zoom or in person) we can identify more specifically how we can do that amongst our ladies. What a powerful service that would render to our AFC's and such a great support to our priests. (prayer partners are a great beginning).

Our Holy father wants so much that we convert into communities that are not enclosed in ourselves but always see and understand that we must be missionary and reaching out. This is no small task, indeed it is a great challenge. May we turn to Our Lady of Good Counsel in asking for her intercession as we strive to be more and more the Councils that we are called to be.

Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever.

Msgr. Eugene L. Lozinski

NUDCCW Spiritual Advisor

From the Editor

Do you wonder if we will ever return to normalcy in our churches and communities? It's a struggle to stay focused on our CCW work when we don't gather as a community of believers anymore. If some do attend Sunday Mass, our faces are covered with masks, we rush into church and soon as Mass is over, we rush out and barely say hi to one another.

In the meantime during this year of challenges what can we do – how can we carry out God's work as we are commissioned to do and as we have done in the past? Can we connect via phone calls, emails or text messages? Establish a prayer chain if you haven't already. Can we encourage having our CCW members take time to pray and spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or as my pastor suggested – seek someone with technical knowledge to help livestream a family Rosary with a different parish family leading each decade of the Rosary and have your CCW promote it for Respect Life Sunday and CCW Sunday. These are only a few suggestions.

Let's use **our creativity** to promote our CCW's and carry out our work that is so needed in our world. It is not the time to be mediocre or apathetic – we need to step forth and continue doing our CCW work but maybe only in different ways.

May God's blessings be with all of you.

Editor: Donna Sanders
40 Front St.
Cottonwood, MN 56229
(507) 423-5140
donnaesanders@gmail.com

Design: Lisa Caron
18948 Nature Lane
Eden Prairie, MN 55346
lisamaec@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP

By Sandra Jerzak

The New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women annually sponsors a very unique Scholarship Program. Money is available to all CCW groups and parish members who are volunteers or employees involved in various parish ministries. The Scholarship Fund is intended to help with expenses to attend workshops, conferences, seminars, or with convention registration that aid individuals in their growth of the Catholic Faith.

Many have benefited from the NUDCCW scholarship program through the years. Our faith education is never finished. We are constantly challenged to grow in our faith and to help others in their faith journey. Too often, as adults, we neglect our own faith growth because the family budget just doesn't seem to stretch far enough to be able to attend a program that would help. Our NUDCCW scholarship program exists to help meet this type of expense for individuals. Consider bringing in a speaker for one of your CCW meetings, purchasing a Bible Study series or CD's that could help your members grow in their faith. We want the Scholarship Program to be a benefit to as many people as we can possibly reach. We need strong Catholics!

Every parish in the diocese will receive a scholarship information booklet sometime this fall. It will include some general information about the program, the Scholarship Program guidelines, eligibility requirements for candidates and the 2021-22 Scholarship Application form. We encourage all members to apply for a scholarship. Remember, one of the requirements is your parish CCW must donate some monies to this program for their parish members to be considered for a scholarship. We do rely on the generous scholarship donations from the local parish CCW's and, of course, need applicants in order to continue to have this program be a success. Our thanks to all of the parishes who are so generous in their giving which allows this program to continue to be a vital part of our organization.

DEADLINES TO REMEMBER: To be considered for a Scholarship at the April 2021 NUDCCW Convention all completed applications need to be received by March 1, 2021. And parish donations must be received by March 1, 2021 for your parishioners to be eligible for a scholarship.

Send to Sandra Jerzak
2705 280th Avenue
Arco, MN 56113

Anyone having questions, please contact Sandra Jerzak, NUDCCW Scholarship Coordinator.
phone: (507)828-9082 or email: ks.jerzak@gmail.com

The phrase "Reverence for Life" is a phrase "Ehrfarch vor dem Leban". These words came to Albert Schweitzer on a boat trip on the Ogooue River in French Equatorial Africa, searching for a universal concept of ethics for our time.

Reverence for Life (Western Health Science) – means that all life is valuable and important and that no life (human, animal, or plant) should be sacrificed without compassion. All life is valuable (young and old) . Right now life for our elders is depression and sadness. We could all try to raise their spirits by sending cards and phone calls to help brighten their day. Small steps are important. Socializing is very important in everyone's life – babies to grandpas, etc.

Someday everything will make perfect sense. So for now laugh at the confusion. Smile through the tears and keep reminding yourself that everything happens for a reason – all in God's time.

SERVICE

By Lori Rixe

Commission

NUDCCW has chosen two wonderful organizations for the 2020-2021 service projects, Tanner's Team and LEAST.

Tanner's Team

At the age of 11, Tanner Ful was diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome. He went through chemotherapy and eventually a bone marrow transplant before he passed away from an infection in November of 2010. Tanner's family and friends wanted to carry on his legacy. They decided to create Tanner's Team, a foundation that helps families with children with life threatening illnesses. Tanner's Team allows families in Minnesota to apply for grants to help pay for the mounting expenses and regular bills that pile up during a child's treatment. Tanner's Team grants are available to families in 45 counties in Minnesota.

LEAST

Loving the Elderly and Satiating His Thirst (LEAST), was the perfect name for an organization focusing on helping the elderly and forgotten in San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala. LEAST supports elderly by taking care of their basic needs. They have created shelters, provided food, water and medical care and addressed their needs for affection and compassion.

Many of the events that help support both of these foundations have been cancelled due to the pandemic. I believe God led our group to choose these service projects so we can keep them thriving. Please be sure to investigate how you can help support them. Donations can be accepted on their websites listed below or you can send them through your local CCW.

For more information visit:

<https://www.tannersteam.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SubcommitteeofTheFoundationforSavingSightInc>

<https://jesusthirstinginsanlucas.blogspot.com>

SPIRITUALITY

By JoAnn Masters

Commission

COMPASSION AMID CHAOS

"Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality" (Romans 12:12-13). These words were part of St. Paul's instruction on the marks of the true Christian to the Roman believers 2000 years ago. They apply to the faithful today as much as they did then.

Rejoice? Hope? With the pairing of the prolonged virus lockdown and the heated George Floyd protests, we can easily become skeptical of the possibility of either rejoicing or hoping. We hear of mounting Covid deaths and see media images of burning and looting in many cities. All seems dark and getting darker. Yet, amid all the gloomy reports, we detect brilliant beacons of compassion shining through the chaos.

Compassion Beacon #1, Miles Kipper and Companions, Seekers of Justice: On May 31st, about 5000 protesters had taken over an I-35W bridge in Minneapolis. Unknown to them, the barricades were not yet in place and a tanker truck came upon them, blowing his horn when he saw them. Once the driver was able to stop, a swarm of protesters dragged the man out of the truck and began beating him. The violence escalated quickly but Miles Kipper and several other men pushed their way to the driver and formed a human shield around him until the police arrived. Although the group of protectors at that time did not know that the trucker was not meaning harm, Kipper told reporters that the beating of the driver took away the positive point of the protests.

Compassion Beacon #2, Lonnie McQuirten, Defender of the Dispirited: Mr. McQuirten is another man of color who vehemently spoke out in defense of the truck driver after the incident occurred. He owns the filling station where the driver made a needed delivery before heading for the freeway. "He was delivering gas to a gas station. How can he be part of it – he's part of feeding his family," McQuirten told KARE 11. "Obviously, he didn't know there were people on the highway and I also didn't know people were on the highway because I was on the highway at the exact same time," McQuirten said. "He was not racist at all. He was doing his job, that's it!"

Compassion Beacon #3, Pierre Paul, Missionary for Positive Protest: A recent graduate of Bradley College in Peoria, Illinois, Pierre was brought to tears by the disturbing media coverage of the George Floyd events. His reaction was to call a college friend in Minneapolis and set out on the 450-mile drive to Minnesota. He and his friend decided to go to the Lake Street area to assist with the clean-up. With his impressive verbal skills, he was able to express his mission to bring justice in positive ways. Hundreds of people joined them in the clean up and he spoke to a reporter: "What's really important is you see people out here with hijabs, you see people out here who are wearing Black Lives Matter shirts, people who are wearing Cops Lives Matter Shirts, but none of that matters because we're all coming together for one common good and that's to bring justice to what's happening to the stores and hopefully we can bring back justice to African-Americans."

Compassion Beacons #4, Myriads of Prayer Warriors: These are the countless faithful who are taking St. Paul's words to heart by *"being constant in prayer"* and *"practic[ing] hospitality."* Many people have told me how they are increasing their prayer power in meaningful ways. Some are adding a specific prayer, an extra rosary, scripture reading or a novena to their daily spiritual repertoire. After discovering the wealth of media Masses – out of lockdown necessity – some are tuning in daily or more often. Others are sewing masks, offering help when needed, or making phone contacts for friendly visits. Kindness is the order of the day.

St. Paul's entreaty to *"be patient in tribulation"* is not so difficult when we see stunning examples of God's love shining through the chaos. In fact, it gives renewed meaning to that beautiful passage from the Cantic of Zechariah in Liturgy of the Hours morning prayer: *"In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace."* (Luke 1:78-79)

In 2016 Presidential election year, Minnesota voter turnout averaged 75.71% statewide, with Twin Cities area averaging in the low 80% and New Ulm Diocese area in the mid 60%. Let's increase our percentage in 2020; we can and should do so!

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States, updated November, 2019 at the US Bishop's meeting, is available at <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf>. It is a wonderful, inspiring, informative document! From it, I gleaned much of the following information for forming and shaping political decisions regarding elections and responsibilities as Catholic citizens.

We as Church, have a moral responsibility in helping shape the morality of our country. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states it is necessary, if able, to promote dignity of the human person and the common good by participating in public life.

We might ask, "What are the four basic principles of Catholic social doctrine"? According to the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, they are human dignity, the common good, subsidiarity and solidarity. Subsidiarity refers to local governments making decisions, rather than a higher level of government, if they can be made well or better at a lower level; people know their local needs. Solidarity involves treating everyone as brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ; we are all responsible for the well-being of each other.

Faithful citizenship requires forming our conscience by studying Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Publications authorized by our local bishop, the state Catholic conference, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops are great resources. A Catholic summary of Policy Positions of the USCCB are included in the Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, referred to above.

With this formation, we will be better prepared to examine candidates' integrity and ideals regarding Catholic social doctrine. Goals in political party platforms can also be examined regarding Catholic social doctrine. As responsible Catholics, our vote will hopefully reflect our values in issues of race, education, health care, employment, peace, abortion, euthanasia, marriage, family, the poor, economic justice, migration, violence, environment, and media.

Be prepared to VOTE!

The following is listed on MN Catholic Conference:

Upcoming important dates are: August 11- Primary Election, September 18 to November 2-Vote by mail or in person, by October 13-register in advance to save time Election Day, November 3-Election Day.

What's on the Election Day ballot in 2020?

All voters will have these races on their general election ballot:

- U.S. President
- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative
- State Senator
- State Representative
- Judicial seats

Voters may also have one or more of these races on their ballot:

- County Officials
- City Officers
- School Board Members
- Township Officers
- Local ballot questions



Jesus Christ the same
yesterday, today and
forever.— Hebrews 13:8

ORDINARY TIME

(Anything but ordinary)

Because the term *ordinary* in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

Why Is Ordinary Time Called Ordinary?

Ordinary Time is called “ordinary” not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin

word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time in fact represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

The Church year begins with Advent, followed immediately by the Christmas season. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the first Sunday after January 6, the traditional date of the Feast of the Epiphany and the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. This first period of Ordinary Time runs until Ash Wednesday, when the liturgical season of Lent begins. Both Lent and the Easter season fall outside of Ordinary Time, which resumes again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter season. This second period of Ordinary Time runs until the First Sunday in Advent, when the liturgical year begins again.

It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle—the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana.

Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing “ordinary” about that!

Why Is Green the Color of Ordinary Time?

Likewise, the normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time—for those days when there is no special feast—is green, the color of hope and growth. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

LEADERSHIP

By Betty Thooft

Commission

We are presently living in a different time that most of us haven't experienced before. These are strange times and so much of what we are doing has never been done the way we are doing it right now. This can be stressful, to say the least. I'm sure that I am not alone in this experience.

One thing we can do is reach out to your parish members by phone, emails, write a letter, etc. to see how they are doing. Reach out to your CCW members by sending them a birthday card or just a note to say you are praying for them and that we are all in this together. You can also write a letter to God telling him how you feel or make some connection with God through heartfelt prayers. Journaling is another idea if you need to write down your thoughts. Perhaps you have been able to attend Mass but another member cannot attend because of health issues, etc. Send them a parish bulletin or just send a "thinking of you" card.

If you are a parish CCW President, set up a Zoom meeting with your parish CCW members. You may want to take the extra step of inviting women who normally don't attend meetings but will connect via Zoom.

Keep in touch with the members to see how everyone is doing and what ideas or goals they may have for the coming year. Encourage the CCW members to go online and check out the NUDCCW website and the NCCW website.

This may also sound obvious but remember to drink water, get rest when you can and be gentle with yourselves and the people around you. Some days you may be ready to go scream outside but another alternative would be to find a healthy alternative like a long walk or get some other form of exercise. Turn off Facebook, news media and find the blessing in being still and enjoying the silence when you can. Say a prayer or the Rosary. God is always listening.

Prayer to End Domestic Violence

(Please pray on the First Saturday of every month to end domestic violence)

O God, our world at times is divided and hostile. Some people consider themselves dominant over others based on gender, race, color, class or status. Through your Son's cross our world can be reconciled; the walls of hostility can be broken. We pray for all women who experience the pain and suffering of violence, that they may feel your healing touch and be at peace in your living embrace. We pray for those who victimize and abuse others, that they may see the errors of their sins and seek repentance. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, may we understand and support those who may come to us for help. We ask these things through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A graphic of a calendar page showing dates from 0 to 25, with some dates highlighted in red.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Year of 2020 NCCW celebrating 100th Anniversary (Organized in 1920)
100th ANNIVERSARY NCCW COVENTION CANCELLED-RESCHEDULED FOR AUG 26-30, 2021
Deanery CCW Fall Gatherings, 2020 Cancelled
Month of September Month of Our Lady of Sorrows
Month of October Month of the Holy Rosary
Respect Life and Domestic Violence Awareness Month (Pray for all life)
October 4, 2020 Respect Life Sunday (First Sunday in October)
October 11, 2020 CCW Recognition Sunday
Month of November Month of the Holy Souls
November 7, 2020 NUDCCW Board Meeting St. Joseph, Lambertton
Month of December Month of the Nativity & Immaculate Conception
November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent
Start of a new Liturgical Year
Every Day Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life
Pray for A New Bishop

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT COMMENTS

By Beth Boyle

As 1st V.P for the New Ulm Dioceses Council of Catholic Women my duties are to find locations for diocesan meetings and to find informative and inspirational speaker. At our 2019 convention in Hutchinson Kathy Bonner spoke on Domestic Abuse Awareness, Amanda Sieling spoke on Human trafficking. Both speakers gave truly informative presentation. Our 2020 convention was cancelled but our scheduled speaker Angela Kenneke has agreed to speak at the 2021 Convention, she will be talking about depression and the opioid epidemic. Our afternoon speakers will be discussing depression, suicide, mental illness and suicide in the agricultural communities. It's time to start thinking about a woman who would be a good candidate for Woman of the Year Award. If you know a woman who is active in church, community, active in the C.C.W please nominate her. For information contact Beth Boyle at jimbethboyle@gmail.com

Barb Mathiowetz
NUDCCW President
77916 US Hwy 71
Olivia, MN 56277



*Mary, Mother of the Church,
Pray for Us*

Prayer for a new bishop

Almighty God,
Who by the Holy Spirit moves the hearts
of Your people,

Direct the counsels of those who are
appointed to choose a bishop for
the Diocese of New Ulm, that we may
be given a pastor who in faithfulness and
wisdom shall lead Your people
in the way of holiness.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Mary, Mother of the Church,
pray for us.*