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# “Prepare Ye the



# Way of the Lord”

Mark 1:3

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## *President's Message*

**"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good." Psalm 107:1**

**I'd like to start the President's message by using this quote from the last newsletter as a reminder that we need to take a few minutes to reflect on how blessed we are. This past year has certainly been a challenge. But, despite the many trials and tribulations that we faced the Council of Catholic Women have had a very successful year. We had successful fundraisers such as Butter Braids, Wreath/Swag sale, Pie sales and Bake sale and introduced new ways to earn True Blue Hours and provide service within our Parish Family. I consider this a very successful year. Big thanks are extended to all of you. It is hoped that you had a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!**

**We now welcome the Advent season providing the opportunity for us to prepare for the birth of Christ. Advent is symbolized by many families with an Advent wreath having four candles standing for hope, love, joy and peace. Advent allows us to put aside our hectic lives and work and focus on the true meaning and purpose of this season. As we journey through the Advent season take the time amid your preparations for the holiday season to remember the true meaning of Christmas! I'd like to share the short Advent prayer with you again this year. Perhaps we can all take a moment each day and say this prayer or a prayer of your choice.**

**"During this Advent, let your light of peace and love shine in our world. Give us eyes to see the signs of your presence in the world. Help us to prepare our lives and our homes to receive the One who said: I am the light of the world." Amen. (Author not named).**

**I look forward to seeing you at our holiday dinner and wish you the very best Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!**

**We'll welcome 2022 with high expectations of another great year for the ladies of the Council of Catholic Women. Thank you all for all your help and support.**

**Judy**





## ST. PHILIP COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN 2021-2022 CALENDAR

### CCW CALENDAR 2021\*2022

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
<b>SATURDAY</b> DECEMBER 11 , 2021	<b>GENERAL MEETING CHRISTMAS DINNER</b>	PARISH CENTER	AFTER 4:30 MASS
<b>MONDAY</b> JANUARY 17, 2022	<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	BOARD ROOM	7:00 PM
<b>MONDAY</b> FEBRUARY 21, 2022	<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	BOARD ROOM	7:00 PM
<b>MONDAY</b> MARCH 21, 2022	<b>GENERAL MEETING- SPRING FLING</b>	PARISH CENTER	7:00 PM
<b>MONDAY</b> APRIL 18, 2022	<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	BOARD ROOM	7:00 PM
May 2022	<b>SPRING PLANT SALE</b>	BY PHONE	DELIVERY TBD
<b>MONDAY</b> MAY 16, 2022	<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	BOARD ROOM	7:00 PM
<b>TUESDAY</b> MAY TBD	<b>CARD PARTY</b>	PARISH CENTER	6:00 PM
<b>MONDAY</b> JUNE 20, 2022	<b>GENERAL MEETING- INSTALLATION BANQUET</b>	TBD	6:00 PM



**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**

## BLUE BOOK UPDATES AND CORRECTIONS

CCW Membership Accounting as of 10/15/2021

Total.....	66		
New .....	8		
Returning .....	58		
Total Supporting ...	60	Deceased members .....	9
New.....	7	Resigned members .....	12
Returning .....	53	Total members who did not Commit	
Total Honorary .....	4	to active/support .....	12
Total Members.....	130		

**Since the above report 6 more members have turned in their dues and membership forms. Please make these changes to the Blue Book:**

S-Dillman, Joan 201 Canterbury Rd 49015

A-Laskovy, Shannon, (Eric), 197 Edgehill Dr. 49015 269-986-8545  
(after noon) [ShannonL133@yahoo.com](mailto:ShannonL133@yahoo.com), add name to Assist with Mailings,  
Clean the Church, Good Deeds Group

A-Mullett, Nancy 9630 1 1/2 Mile Rd East Leroy 49051 269-615-0834  
add to St. Martha, Wreath Sale, Serve funeral dinner

S-Sharp, Debra, (James), 146 Orbit Dr. 49014 269-660-9589

A-Smith, Kay address & phone same, gone Dec-Mar add name to  
Usher, Assist in Mailings, Serving at funeral dinners, Serving at recep-  
tions, Bake sale, Card party, Garage Sale, Spaghetti take-out dinner, and  
Spring flower sale

S-Staib, Kim 169 E Hamilton Lane 49015 269-965-7155 C:269-274-  
5691(p.m.) [kmstaib07@gmail.com](mailto:kmstaib07@gmail.com) gone off and on Add name to the fol-  
lowing groups: Assist with Mailings, Baking, Clean the Church, Maintain  
Church gardens, Garage/Rummage sale

Glad to see you guys back in the group:-)

**Make the following corrections in your book:**

Doepker, Amy correct phone number is 989-284-0573

Perkins, Cheri, new temporary address is 427 Boyes Dr 49037 and I  
have no email usage there so put my email address "on hold" for now  
Can text my phone instead

Stewart, Eileen, correct phone number is 719-6126 (text)

Thank you, Cheri Perkins, VP/membership

## Month 8

“I like to  
listen to  
my  
Mommy’s  
voice!”



In the last two months the baby continues to gain weight. She is developing a layer of fat that will keep her warm after she is born. In the 9th month she will shift to a head-down position, preparing for birth. Her lungs are now fully developed and capable of making the transition to breathing air. After birth she will continue the human growth process for many years to come.

The Nine month journey is nearly at its conclusion. Please continue to pray for your Spiritually adopted baby!

### St. Andrew Novena: Start a Christmas Tradition of Prayer

The Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle is Nov. 30. Traditionally, beginning that day, this prayer is recited 15 times each day until Christmas. I thought I'd share the prayer with readers of the CCW Newsletter.

This is the called the novena of St. Andrew, not because we are talking to St. Andrew with the prayer, but because Andrew was the first Apostle Jesus called, who then ran to get his brother Simon (Peter) and bring him to Christ. Just as Andrew guided his brother, now he guides us.

A “novena” (meaning “nine”) is usually a prayer prayed for 9 days, symbolizing the 9 days of prayer of the Apostles in the Upper Room before Pentecost. But occasionally a novena means any length of time in which a prayer is repeated for a specific petition.

The novena prayer is simple, repeated 15 times a day, and can be completed in, seriously, less than 5 minutes. The prayer is as follows:

**Hail and blessed be the hour and moment  
in which the Son of God was born  
Of the most pure Virgin Mary,  
at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.  
In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,  
O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my  
desires  
(mention request here)  
through the merits of Our Savior  
Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother.  
Amen.**

A note on the prayer card reads:

This is an unusual prayer for several reasons: first, it is not a novena, nor any permutation of nine. Second, it doesn't run exactly according to the Advent Season, but rather, each day of December (and the last of November). Third, though it starts on the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, no mention is made of that august saint—nor of any saint except the Virgin Mary. Finally, the provenance of the prayer is a mystery, though it's been said to have started in Ireland about a hundred years ago.

This novena has been very special to me for several years and I hope it is a blessing to you also.





St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree 2021

Every Christmas season, the parishioners at St. Philip Catholic Church have opened their hearts to families in need in so many ways. We receive referrals from Santa's Helper in Battle Creek. Last Christmas, due to Covid concerns, parishioners generously donated funds to purchase certificates for Christmas dinners and gift cards for the children in 65 families.

With Covid infections continuing this year, we will be giving gift cards for food and for children's gifts again this Christmas, for 75+ families.

This year on November 20, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will set up the Giving Tree by the confessionals near Joseph's altar in front of church. On the tree, you will find envelopes asking for donations to cover the cost of the food and gift cards for the children. Donations can be deposited in collection baskets or the parish office.

We look forward to sharing our Christmas blessings with you and so many others this year.



## CCW BULLETIN BOARD



JOY  
NOEL  
ANGEL  
JESUS  
PEACE HOPE  
WISEMEN  
CHRISTMAS  
BELIEVE FAITH  
PRINCE OF PEACE  
THANK YOU

Don't forget the Christmas  
Banquet  
December 11 after the 4:30  
Mass in the Parish Center.  
See you there!!  
RSVP to Judy Montych at  
579-3570 by December 4

FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR  
HEARTS THANK YOU FOR ALL  
YOU DO IN SUPPORT OF THE  
CCW AND OUR MISSION HERE  
AT ST. PHILIP

## ***St. Philip Council of Catholic***

The Council of Catholic Women publishes *Catholic Women* bimonthly. Deadline for contributions for the Feb/March newsletter is January 20 2022.

Send submissions to:

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## ***Mission Statement***

The purpose of St. Philip Council of Catholic Women is to unite women of the parish through spiritual, service, and social activities and to assist the pastor in meeting the material needs of the parish through our gifts of time, and money. It is also our intent to respond with Gospel values to the needs of our youth in the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools and the St. Philip Parish Religious Education programs as well as various outreach programs in our local community and the world through works of charity or financial assistance.



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# ADVENT



**HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.**