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**"CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART,
O GOD, AND RENEW A RIGHT
SPIRIT WITHIN ME."**

Psalm 51:10

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President's Message

Greetings to All of you,

It is amazing that it is already nearing the end of February! Where does the time and days go?

As you are reading this newsletter the Lenten season has already begun. Have you adopted any goals you would like to focus on during this special time in the Church season? What can Council of Catholic Women do during this time? At our last Board meeting, we drew names of Board members and are praying daily for that member. What other things might we be able to do? Can we volunteer at a favorite Charity; can we assist friends that need assistance; can we pray more frequently; can we be a better friend; can we attend Mass more often? What is your goal?

We have many key happenings coming up in the near future. Very soon a new slate of officers will be selected to lead CCW next year.

In April we will have our General Meeting on April 15th. We have invited the ladies from St. Joseph and St. Jerome to share this evening with us.

Don't forget this most important date—April 1st. That is the special date that you can attend a “ball” and not leave the comfort of your home. You are CORRECT...it is the Phantom Ball. You will receive your invitation in the mail in the near future. To not attend, return your reply with your donation. How easy is that?

Spring will be very busy time also. So, be sure you rest up during Spring Break to be ready for all our Spring events. In addition to the Phantom Ball we look forward to the Spring Plant Sale, the Card Party sponsored by the St. Elizabeth Ladies and First Communion, Confirmation and Graduation.

The ladies of Council of Catholic Women are busy, busy, busy! Congratulations!!!





ST. PHILIP COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN 2023-2024

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Monday, March 18, 2024	BOARD MEETING	BOARD ROOM	7:00 PM
Monday, April 15, 2024	GENERAL MEETING/ SPRING FLING	PARISH CENTER	6:00 PM
MAY	PLANT SALE		BY PHONE
Tuesday, May 14, 2024	CARD PARTY	PARISH CENTER	6:00 PM
Monday, May 20, 2024	BOARD MEETING	BOARD ROOM	7:00 PM
FRIDAY-SATURDAY MAY 24-25, 2024	PLANT DELIVERY	PARISH CENTER	12:00-6:00 PM
Monday, June 17, 2024	GENERAL MEETING INSTAL- LATION BANQUET	TBD	6:00 PM
*all dates are subject to change should the need arise			



THY WAY

(Adapted from Paul Anka's "My Way")

And now, the end is near,
And so, I face the final curtain.
My friend, I'll say it clear,
I'll state my case, of which I'm certain.
I've lived a life that's full.
I've traveled each and every highway.
But more, much more than this,
I did it Thy way!

Regrets, I've had a few.
But then again, too few to mention.
You were there too.
And saw me through without exemption.
I walked each charted course,
Each careful step along the byway.
But more, much more than this,
I did it Thy way!

Yes, there were times, I'm sure You knew,
When I bit off more than I could chew.
But through it all, when there was doubt,
You gave me strength and pulled me out.
We faced it all and I stood tall
And did it Thy way!

I've loved, I've laughed and cried,
But still I've known a life of winning.
And now, as tears subside,
I find a day that's just beginning.
To think I've gained all this
And may I say, never just my way.
No, oh no, not me
I did it Thy way!

For what is a man, what has he got?
If not your will, then he has naught.
To live a life that's truly filled,
And find the love that Christ revealed.
The record shows as my life goes,
I followed Thy way!



The other night we were at a restaurant and someone was playing "oldies" on the jukebox...Bobby Darren, Peggy Lee, all the good ones. Next came Frank Sinatra with arguably his most famous song "My Way." One of the party said "oh, I love that song." Well it triggered a memory of mine from the Seventies. At that time, I loved the Jesus movement music that was so popular with my "church" crowd. A band called The Good News Circle rewrote the song with a more Christian message and I just loved it. Since that time, I have never listened to My Way without recalling that version. To the best of my memory this is pretty close to the lyrics they used. I hope you agree that this is a better way to live your life.

CCW BULLETIN BOARD

Please send True Blue hours

to:

Mary Vasquez

269-968-6449 or

mmvasquez1151@gmail.com

Please include your name and the number of hours being reported!

The total hours will be turned in to

Fr. James at the June Banquet

Please note:

IF YOU PREVIOUSLY SENT HOURS
TO VIRGINIA,

They must be resent to Mary

In order to be recorded!

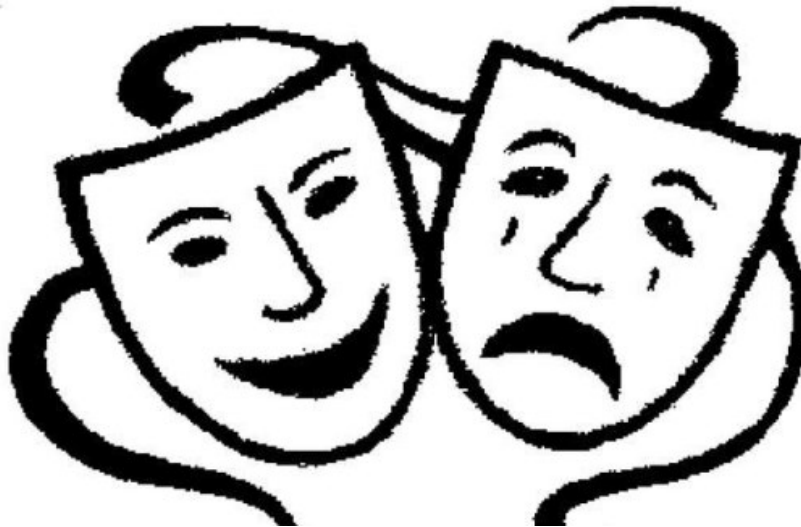
Thank you for all your hard work!

General meeting
Spring Fling Potluck
April 15, 2024
6:00 pm
Come and bring a
Friend!

St. Elizabeth
Card Party is
scheduled for
May 14, 2024
Make plans now!

Monthly Board meeting
March 18, 2024
7:00 PM
In the Seton Board room
All are welcome!!

PHANTOM BALL 2024



Shh!! Shh!!

Can you keep a secret? Have you marked your calendar? Did you set aside that date? What date would that be? Well, no doubt in MY mind, that date would be April 1, 2024: the day of the annual Phantom Ball. Don't you dare tell anyone, but that is the day we can attend a grandiose "ball" and not even leave the comfort of your our homes. No time constraints, no food to make, no "new" dress to buy, no tux to rent, no black tie needed or tight shoes to wear; just a quiet evening at home doing what you want. In lieu of not attending this non-event, return the reply card you receive in the mail (no RSVP needed) with a donation of your choice as well as your utmost appreciation for a well earned evening at home to the Council of Catholic Women. CCW thanks you in advance for your generous contribution.

Watch your mail... your non-invitation will be coming very soon!!

SAVE THE DATE!
APRIL 15, 2024
6:00 PM
ANNUAL
ST. PHILIP CCW



General Membership Meeting
Come and bring your favorite salad to share!!
Food Fun and Fellowship!



Prayer Warriors Needed for Moms and their Babies at Caring Network and Alternatives



During 2024, the Tri-Parish Pro-Life Ministry will continue their "Praying for Moms" project. For those interested in participating, you will be given a mom and asked to pray for her until the baby is born. At that time, we would like you to send her a congratulatory card and let her know you will continue to pray for her and her baby. If you would like to include a \$10 gift card to Walmart or Meijers, you are welcome to do that.

To provide privacy for the mothers, we will give you their initials or a reference number. The moms are all clients of Alternatives of Battle Creek or Caring Network of Catholic Charities-Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Prayer is the most important gift we can give to a mother who may be struggling or in a difficult situation. If you would like to be a part of this program, please email prolifeministrybc@yahoo.com and put "Praying

for Moms" in the subject line or call Cathy at 269.968.4639. This will be an ongoing program through 2024 so you can contact us anytime to get started. You will be given further information when you contact us. God bless you!



Tri-Parish
Pro-Life News

HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER

The Tri-Parish Pro-Life Ministry invites you to join us in honoring mothers and fathers for giving us life. During May and June, we will be having Masses said at all three parishes to remember and pray for both our living and deceased parents. If you would like your loved ones remembered at these Masses, please fill out the form below and drop it in an envelope along with your donation in the collection basket by May 5th (marked Tri-Parish Pro-Life Ministry). The names of your loved ones and the contributors will be included in a special insert in the bulletins on May 11th/12th.

Masses will be said:

St. Jerome - May 11th, 4:00
June 9th, 10:00
St. Joseph - May 12th, 10:00
May 27th, 8:00
June 16th, 10:00
June 24th, 8:00
St. Philip - May 12th, 9:00
May 18th, 4:30
June 16th, 11:30
June 22nd, 4:30



Please print legibly using full names. All donations must be received by May 5th to have names included in the bulletin insert. Call Cathy Hirzel, 968-4639, if you have questions.

Contributor(s) _____ Phone _____

Amount \$1 \$5 \$10 \$20 \$_____

(Checks made out to Tri-Parish Pro-Life Ministry)

In memory of/in honor of:



"Thank you, Mom and Dad, for the gift of life!"

St. Philip Council of Catholic

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20, 2024

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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