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October-December 2025 Issue



Hello Ladies!

Thanks to everyone who took part in the CCW Bake Sale at Superfest, the St. Jerome Tri-Parish Potluck, and our General Meeting/Potluck, all in September. It was fantastic for me to experience everyone's fellowship and become reacquainted with and meet new people. If you weren't able to attend this year, plan to do so next year. These are such great ways to kick off a new season.

As the children are back in school, and the leaves are starting to fall, we look forward to the upcoming holidays. Many of us are beginning to make plans with family and

friends for gatherings and delicious meals to enjoy. I'm also excited about the CCW events and happenings within our parish.

I feel blessed to collaborate with the impressive women of our council, who have been, and will continue to generously offer their time to take part in pie preparation, baking, and the sales of Christmas wreaths. These efforts go such a long way to add to the festivities of the season, as well as earn money for our parish.

We should also be mindful to nourish our spiritual selves with the events the parish has planned. Fr. Pat has scheduled Health and Spirituality lectures in October and November. These feature speakers on a variety of topics and are very interesting and thought provoking. There will also be three Advent talks in December. Details on these are listed in the "Upcoming Events" in this newsletter. Please consider attending; you'll be glad that you did.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our CCW Christmas celebration! This year we will have Sunday Brunch at Clara's on the River, on December 14th, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. I have so much gratitude for all of our blessings, and prayers for those less fortunate. Thank you, Ladies, for all the hard work and dedication!

May God Bless Us All!

Deb Lawver

ST. PHILIP COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Events: October-December



Upcoming Events

October 1, 2025

St. Philip CCW

- Orders for Thanksgiving pies are ongoing through October 20th. See the attached flyer/order form for details.
- Bake sale on Saturday and Sunday, November 22nd and 23rd in the Parish Center. Noon – 6:00 pm Saturday and 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Sunday.
- Christmas wreath orders are ongoing through October. See the attached flyer for details.
- Next Board Meeting is Monday, October 20th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office Board Room.
- Christmas celebration is Sunday Brunch at Clara's on the River on December 14th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Cost is \$25 per person, including tax and tip. Beverages are additional and will be charged separately at the event. CCW members and guests are welcome; reservations are required.

St. Philip Parish Happenings

- Health & Spirituality Lecture – Healing of Hearts: God's Path to Freedom and Peace by Fr. Steve Mattson. Monday, October 27th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.
 - Health & Spirituality Lecture – Catholic Ethics and End-of-Life Planning by Fr. Patrick Murphy. Monday, November 24th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.
 - Advent Talks on three Mondays; December 1st, 8th, and 15th. Details on topics and times will be published in the bulletin, as time draws near.
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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2025

Brunch with Michael Kenney

Where: St. Jerome Church
When: Sunday, October 26, 2025
after the 10:00 Mass
Menu: Pancakes, sausage, French
toast casserole, egg casserole,
egg sandwiches, fruit, breakfast
burritos, assorted sweets, cereal,
biscuits and gravy, beverages
Cost: FREE! Donations will be
accepted to help local pregnancy
centers.
RSVP to Cathy Hirzel at 968-4639 or
chirzel@aol.com by October 18th.

A writer, producer, educator, and lawyer, Michael Kenney serves as President of Pro-Life Partners Foundation, an entity created to support the entire pro-life movement and society through a Culture of Life. He has written and spoken on behalf of preborn children and their mothers for more than 40 years. He practiced law for 13 years before serving in various cabinet level roles in Catholic education for nearly 25 years. Michael's film credits include *Unplanned* and *PRAY: The Story of Patrick Peyton*. He is the co-author of *In God We Trust: Morally Responsible Investing*, the story behind a pro-life mutual fund with more than \$2.5 billion under management. Michael holds undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Notre Dame and a Master of Law from George Washington University.



Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day: October 15

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day is an annual day of remembrance for those who have experienced a pregnancy loss or infant death, which includes miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS, ectopic pregnancy, termination for medical reasons, and the death of a newborn. A candle will be lit by the Infant of Prague statue the week of October 12th – 18th and a prayer card will be available by the statue to remember those babies that have been lost and pray for their families.





Chartered bus leaves St. Philip Parking Lot at 8:30 am
Returns to St. Philip at approximately 4:30 pm
Bring a sack lunch

Day includes: 10:00 am - Concert
11:00 am - Rally with speakers
Noon - March for Life (about one mile)

There is no charge for the bus but reservations are required by
Thursday, October 23rd. Donations will be gratefully accepted!
Space is limited! Contact **Tim Wanner at 269-986-6500**
or **twanner08@att.net** to reserve your spot soon.

Your phone number and email information is needed.



ITS FALL!! TIME TO ORDER YOUR HOLIDAY PIES!

This year the St. Philip CCW is happy to announce that we will be making our delicious pies again. These pies are \$15.00 each.

We will be offering apple pies, cherry pies and peach pies.

Please indicate your choice on the order form.



Only a limited number of pies will be made.

Be sure to order yours early!

Please complete the order form at the bottom of this page and return it with payment by October 20th. You may place your form in the collection plate or drop it off at the office.

If you have questions or would like to order by phone,

please contact Deb Lawver @269-377-0897

Pick up your pies in the parish center on

Saturday, November 22rd from Noon-6:00pm or

Sunday, November 23 from 10am-1pm.

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Name_____

Phone number (required)_____

Frozen Apple_____

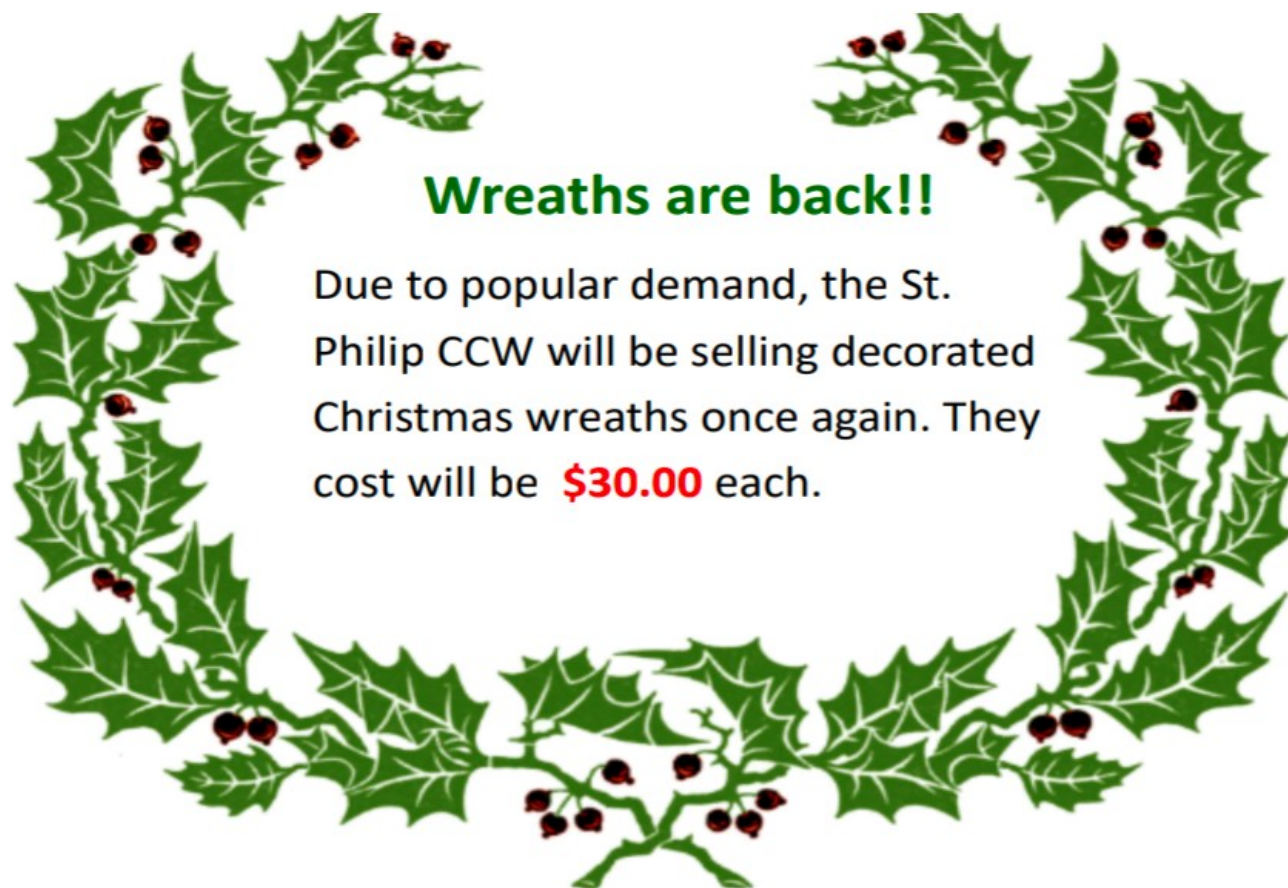
Frozen Cherry_____

Frozen Peach_____

Total number of pies ordered_____ **X 15.00=Amount owed \$**_____

Amount collected_____ **Payment method**_____

Please make checks payable to St. Philip CCW



Wreaths are back!!

Due to popular demand, the St. Philip CCW will be selling decorated Christmas wreaths once again. They cost will be **\$30.00** each.

Make sure you get enough ordered for all your doors and windows to share the joy of the Advent Season!

We will be calling for orders throughout October.

Delivery is December 6th and 7th

before and after all weekend masses.

You may also order by contacting

Judy Montych at 579-3570 or

Sue Rogers at 275-6266.

Thank you.



Wreaths will be sourced locally from JOLO Farms.

St Philip Council of Catholic Women
August Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2025

Attendance: Judy Montych, Sheri Robotham, Anne Bernard, Kathy Wanner, Sandy Bosrock, Mary Vasquez, Cathy Stine, Marcia McGrath, Marty Turner, Deb Lawver, Sue Rogers, Margaret Canfield

The meeting was called to order by President Deb Lawver at 7 pm.
Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary Margaret Canfield.

The opening prayer was led by Kathy Wanner. She shared a short history of the life of St Pius X. She also talked about a Tri-Parish bus trip for a Pro-Life walk in Lansing on November 6th. The bus will leave the St Philip parking lot at 8:30 am and return by 4 pm. Also, a service with a plenary indulgence will be held at St Augustine's Cathedral on 9/28..

Officer Reports

The minutes for the May board meeting and the June Installation Banquet were presented by Recording Secretary Margaret Canfield. Mary Vasquez made a motion to approve the minutes and Kathy Wanner seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

Deb Lawver noted that Judy Beam, VP Membership, is currently in Scotland. Deb handed out the 2025-26 Membership books to board members. She also gave books to the Circle leaders to hand out to their members. Twenty six books were mailed to members. Postage was less than \$26. She noted that last year we had 113 members. We have 105 members this year. Seven members either passed away this past year or moved and three didn't renew their memberships. We have collected \$1800 in dues and \$340 in donations. We have 45 active members, 54 supporting, and 7 honorary.

The Annual Treasury Report was given by Treasurer Sue Rogers. Account balance as of June 30, 2025 was \$2,108.95. Membership dues collected was \$1,220.00. A separate account has been opened for membership dues. Total funds available are \$3,328.95. The records were audited by Tim Lawler and found to be in good shape. He suggested that we consider drawing down the end of the year balance to \$500-1000 as we go forward. Deb Lawver asked that a receipt be provided for all reimbursement requests. Those requests should go to Sue Rogers. Marty Turner made the motion to accept the Treasurer Report. Margaret Canfield seconded. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Standing Committees

School Service: Marcia McGrath reported that school will start on August 20, beginning with a half day. She asked for clarification on how school grants will be handled this coming year. It was decided that Marcia will continue to take requests and bring them to the board and that we would like to keep the total granted to the \$800 budget total. It was noted that St. Martha's Circle will continue to grant \$200 to Sandy Summers for the altar servers. We can discuss next year if we want to include that expense in our budget

Ways and Means: Judy Montych contacted JOLOL in Marshall about providing us with wreaths to sell. Their cost is \$18 and we would sell them for \$30-35. She is also looking at a butter braid sale for Jan-Feb, to be delivered in March. The cost is \$9 and we could sell them for \$18..

Business Items

Deb Lawver introduced two new board members. Cathy Stine will head Hospitality and Receptions. Sheri Robotham will head Communications. Welcome to both of you.

Deb distributed the Calendar of Events for the coming year. She noted the following additions.

- The September General Meeting and Potluck will be held on 9/29 at 6 pm in the Parish Center. Deb will provide the main entree. We should bring a dish to pass.
- The St Jerome CCW Tri-Parish Potluck will be held on 9/15. Contact Deb if you are planning on going.
- We can begin taking orders for pies in September. Deb Lawver will head up the pie sales, working with Mary Vasquez
- The Christmas Celebration Brunch will be \$25 plus beverage expense. This includes the tip. It will be held at 11 am and is open to all CCW members and guests.
- KDCCW Day of Recollection will be held 2/21 at the Parish Center. We are hosting. Kathy Wanner said the day will include scriptural skits.
- We have not scheduled a card party this year. We can look at doing so later.
- The First Holy Communion Reception should be the first Sunday in May.

Superfest would like us to help provide baked goods. They are needed by 5:30 on 9/12. They can be dropped off at the Parish Center. They are requesting items to be individually wrapped.

We are gathering cards for Fr. Pat to celebrate his 40th ordination anniversary. Gift suggestions include gift cards for Lowes, Menards, gas cards. Anne Bernard will collect the

cards and wrap them together in a gift box. Deb Lawver will send out an email with the date needed and details. This will be a surprise, so don't let Father know!

Other Items

Sandy Bosrock asked that we send get well cards to Jim and Mary Faber. Anne Bernard will send them out.

Deb Lawver shared the following information:

- Sue Campbell, St Jerome CCW President, sent details about the upcoming Tri-Parish Potluck. The event will open at 5:30 pm, with dinner at 6pm, followed by a guest speaker. If attending, we are asked to bring a side dish or salad.
- Fr. Pat will begin offering Spirituality Meetings on the 4th Monday of the month, beginning in September.
- Fr. Pat will host the Arts and Music Festival again this September on the 26th through the 28th. He is asking for monitors to help with the event on those days, Contact Deb Lawver if you would like to volunteer
- Coffee and donuts will start back up after the 9 am Mass beginning 9/28.

The closing prayer was led by Kathy Wanner. The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Canfield
Recording Secretary



Please send your True Blue Hours to

Mary Vasquez at:

mmvasquez1151@gmail.com



*Just a
reminder...*



CCW BULLETIN BOARD



*CCW Banquet
September 29
Guest Speaker:
Camila Holden*



Circle Chairs:

St Elizabeth Circle: Mary Vasquez-968-6449

St. Martha Circle: Marty Turner-986-1488

St. Monica Circle: Cathy Hirzel-968-4639

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.

“Friend” CCW on Facebook



The Council of Catholic Women has started a Facebook page. If you would like to become a “friend” of CCW please go to the website below
<https://www.facebook.com/stphilipccw/>

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Sbcobb11@gmail.com
