

ST. MARY'S CCW MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2025

President Therese Cheney called the meeting to order. There were 8 members present. We opened with the Prayer to Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes were read and the following errors were noted by Jennifer Herdman:

1. Under correspondence, Northwoods Bear Bob was changed to "North Woods Robotics/Bear Bots".
2. \$500 was donated to North Woods Robotics, not Bear Bobs.
3. MCCL report will have its own area, not under "old business"
4. Under New Business, a basket worth \$100 was donated to the "Benefit" for Dena Suihkonen.

Rita Cheney motioned to approve the minutes with the above changes, seconded by Cleo Cottrell. All in favor.

Correspondence: Nothing this month.

Treasurer's Report:

Jennifer noted that the 6-month CD matured and the funds were transferred back into the savings account and she recommended putting the funds back into another CD at North Star Credit Union at their current rate (last she checked it was at 3.85%). Tammy Palmer motioned to transfer \$7,500 into a CD at North Star Credit Union. Colleen Wooster seconded the motion. All in favor.

Commissions/Spirituality/Leadership:

Verdella was absent so President Therese Cheney provided us with the following message:
"In the Diocese of Duluth, we are witnessing a similar stirring of the Spirit. There are stories surfacing of individuals and groups experiencing profound encounters with the Holy Spirit – moments of healing, reconciliation and renewed faith that echo the transformative power of that first Advent. From prayer and Bible groups gathering in homes to youth ministries igniting a passion for service, it is evident that the Holy Spirit is moving through our Diocese in remarkable ways. These encounters remind us that the Spirit is not a distant past event but a current reality, active and alive among us."

Old Business:

Holiday Bazaar – This year's Bazaar was a huge success! Jennifer reported that the net funds raised was \$5,936! 1,610 raffle tickets were sold. There was a lot of discussion regarding the vendors spaces – it will be looked into next year if we tape off the spaces and if we invite fewer vendors to provide more space. It was agreed that there be people appointed to certain committees of the bazaar next year. We will once again start selling raffle tickets in the summer to catch our summer guests. It was also decided that we will no longer do the 50/50 drawing.

The raffle ticket winners were: 1st Place (Quilt) Laurie Potter, 2nd (Purse) Joanne Anderson, 3rd (\$100 Cash) Pat Boser, 4th (\$100 Northern Comfort Gift Card) Jennifer Herdman, 5th (\$100 Cash) Tammy Palmer, 6th (Afghan) Laura Meiners.

Many thanks to everyone who donated their time working the bazaar, baking cookies, bars, preparing the meals, setting up and cleaning up – this would not be possible without you! Special thanks to those who donated the raffle ticket prizes and basket prizes! We would also like to thank all of the vendors and those who came to support them!

Marion Grotto Bench – Molly Stingl & Mick Egan will be donating a bench to the Grotto area. Thank you, Molly & Mick!

New Business:

Membership Drive - We will be sending out the Membership Envelopes in January.

Election of Officers – We will be voting for our officers in January. It was decided that the Secretary & Treasurer positions be combined into one seat, Secretary/Treasurer. The other two seats available are President and Vice President.

Nominees as of today are:

President: Therese Cheney

Vice President: Molly Stingl

Secretary/Treasurer: Jennifer Herdman

**If you would like to run for one of these seats, please contact any of our sitting board members (Therese, Tammy, Jennifer or Jackie), or attend the January meeting.*

Christmas Gifts-Bea Amundson motioned to give the same gift to Fr. Beau as last Christmas. Coleen Wooster seconded the motion. All in favor. Cleo Cottrell motioned to give the same gifts to maintenance / caretakers as last year. Rita Cheney seconded the motion. All in favor.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13th at 10:00 am.

Closing Prayer: Hail Mary

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by,

Jennifer Herdman

Jennifer Herdman, Treasurer