Wasatch Deanery Report
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President's Report

Robin Marvive

Blessings Ladies,

How is it already November. I can see Thanksgiving around the corner and yet I am still not ready for this year to end. There are so many beautiful blessings by all of our CCW affiliates. The acts of service and extending the olive branch as much as possible, is why we are who we are, Children of God.

We all have a history of how we got to where we are today. The WDCCW board is new, following a group of amazing women who served in our positions and grew to higher levels within the DCCW or had extended time on the board that made them wise to the needs of the WDCCW. That makes their wisdom essential to our success on this new journey. Thinking we know everything would be foolish. So, I know personally, I am extremely grateful for the nudge in the correct direction, the kind words and the patience shown as this new board grows and stretches beyond our comfort.

So as we prepare for a WDCCW fundraiser, hosting the DCCW convention and in November, All Saints Day, I will be leaning on St Joseph the Worker and I share this prayer to all of you who is starting a new position in life.

Glorious St. Joseph,
model of all those who are devoted to labour, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my many sins; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honour to employ and develop, by means of labour, the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, prudence and patience, never surrendering to weariness or difficulties; to work, above all,
with purity of intention, and with detachment from self, having always death before my eyes and the account which I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch Joseph.
Such shall be my motto in life and death. Amen.

Blessings and love to all.

Robin Marvive – WDCCW President

Vice President's Report

Katherine Martin:

Hello, ladies!

As we enter November, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude, prayer, and remembering those who have gone before us in faith. November begins with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, giving us an opportunity to reflect on the holy men and women who have inspired us and to pray for our loved ones who have passed away.

As members of the Council of Catholic Women, we are blessed with the opportunity to serve others, strengthen our faith, and build friendships with women who share our love for Christ. Sometimes, the smallest acts of kindness, such as a helping hand, a listening ear, or a prayer offered for someone in need, can make a lasting difference.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I encourage each of us to reflect on the blessings in our lives and the gifts we bring to our councils. Every woman has something valuable to contribute, and together, we can continue to strengthen our parishes and communities through faith, fellowship, and service.

May we always remember to give thanks for one another and for the opportunity to serve God through the Council of Catholic Women.

Wishing you all a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

Gabby Gauchay Immediate Past President's Report

Gabby Gauchay:

Since we reported not too long ago, I want to take this opportunity to reflect and talk about our current fundraiser in the works! Fundraising plays a vital role in the life and longevity of any organization such as ours. Our fundraising efforts are about so much more than just numbers on our budget - they are the financial foundation that allows us to dream big and act boldly. By building a secure reserve, we ensure that the WDCCW is always ready to say "yes" to future projects, spiritual programs, and service initiatives that enrich our parishes and communities. It gives us the flexibility to respond to the needs of the Church with open hearts and ready hands! Beyond any future projects, this fundraising is an essential act of sisterhood and solidarity. First and foremost, this fundraiser is dedicated to building a safety net for our parish councils. If any of our sister councils find themselves facing hard times and are unable to cover their affiliation dues for the National Council of Catholic Women or the Deanery, these resources ensure we can step in and keep them connected. No council should ever have to feel isolated or left behind due to financial strain. I am incredibly grateful for everyone's contributions so far—from donating gift cards and brainstorming creative ideas to committing to sell our fundraiser raffle tickets. Thank you so much!! Submitted by: Gabby Gauchay Immediate Past President

Affiliates Reports:

St. John the Baptist

I am excited to share that this Sunday Oct 25, the SJB CCW will be hosting "The Heart of the Parish: Reimagining Women's Ministry Together" where, with the help of Barb Kerouac, Susan Porter and Gabby Gauchay, I am so very excited to report that we had 36 women attend our 'Reimagining Women's Ministry" meeting!

I handed out a survey and I am going through the responses now. So far, the feedback has been wonderful!

Just in case no one has any ideas for Nov and Dec, I have already planned

- **Nov 15:** *"Give Thanks in Every Circumstance"* Gratitude presentation + Appetizer Recipe Exchange.
- **Dec 13:** Feast of St. Lucy Celebration + Ornament Exchange & Cherry Pie + Launching Woman of the Year (WOY) nominations.

St. Francis of Assisi – Orem, UT

We have been very busy in September and October.

Every Saturday and Sunday in September we set up tables for our record number of raffle baskets that we were able to attain for our dinner dance fundraiser for our church. We had 21 raffle baskets. We sold after every mass on Saturdays and Sundays.

As if that were not enough, we were asked by Fr. Omar to have a bake sale during our Fall Parish Festival which was held on Saturday, September 12th and 13th.

On October 1st the WOSF set up our gymnasium to prepare for the 800th anniversary of the Death of St. Francis of Assisi. A 7:00 pm presentation by Reverend Garret Edmunds, OFM, the last Franciscan pastor we had in Provo. We supplied treats and drinks for the event.

On October 2nd, there was a 7 pm presentation by Elliott Wise, a BYU Art History Professor and an expert on Medieval and Franciscan Art. We supplied the treats and drinks for the event. At 9 pm, Fr. Garret celebrated the traditional Transitus Liturgy in our church.

October 3rd was our St. Francis Dinner Dance. We had approximately 200 people in attendance. We served carnitas, rice, and beans, and had cake for dessert. There were games and activities for the kids, a pinata, we did a Maypole dance, and dancing to Mexican and American music. We raised $3209 from dinner dance tickets and $1876 from raffle tickets. We spent a little over $1000 on the event. Once the totals are complete, we hope to donate $4000 to our building fund.

The Dioceses has approved the building of a rectory in the northeast parking lot of our church. Plans for that are forthcoming.

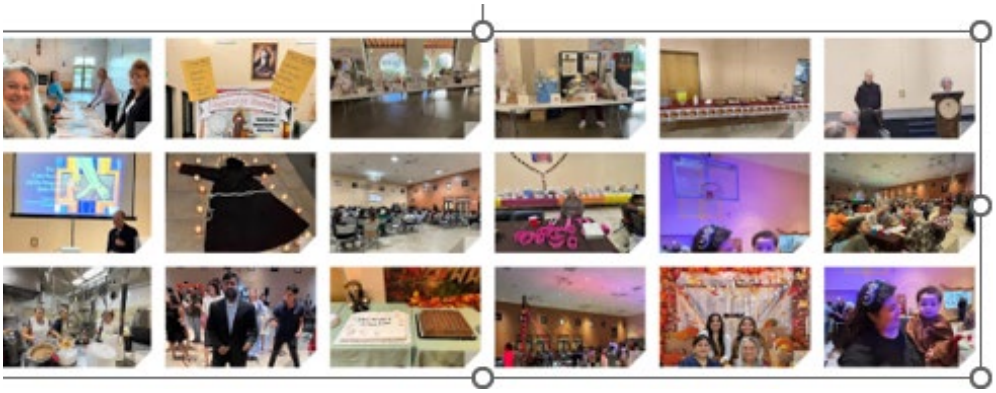
At our monthly meeting in October, we put together 54 Boxes of hope together. We will be putting together another possible 50 boxes together at our Craft Saturday on Saturday, October 24th.

We had another Craft Saturday on October 24th to prepare for our annual boutique that will be on December 5th and 6th. There will be another Craft Saturday to be held in November. If you would like to attend, please let us know.

On Saturday, October 31st, a Jubilee Celebration of the Year of St. Francis of Assisi with Franciscan Priest, Fr. Herald Brock will take place at our church. It will be from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Tentative agenda: Talks about the life of St. Francis of Assisi and his spirituality, adoration, confessions, indulgences, Holy Mass and Lunch. The Women of St. Francis have been asked to supply 50 of the 500 sandwiches needed for the event.

On Sunday, November 1st, our Knights of Columbus will be having their annual Veterans and First Responders Breakfast after ever mass.

Our ladies have also been busy with transporting some of our elderly parishioners to and from masses on Saturday and Sunday.



St. Peter – American Fork, UT

n August, we disgust the boxes of joy and our plans for the fall months.
September, we we planned our needs for the fall months, her donation to Lehigh primary children's hospital and the boxes of Joy.
October was a better month of completing tasks. We were better organized and had a pre-meeting chat with the officers a week prior to our meeting. We were able to generate flyers and to personally invite women of the parish to attend our meeting. It was a great opportunity to meet people in the parish that we hadn't met before and just to make our presence known. This will have to be a consistent effort we make to expand our group. October meeting was facilitated by the president and co-president. Our first initial meeting. We worked well as a

team together by getting the agenda approved discussing the boxes of Joy and the donations for the deanery" raffle". Who shared with us her reason behind her devotion to our mother Mary. We made plans for an upcoming bake sale. Introduced ourselves to father and have plans to meet with him individually to discuss how we can go forward and work together as a team for the upcoming Advent season and fall months. It's a work in progress but I'm proud to say, we are doing well and have been able to accomplish much more in October working as a team with the support of our parish and our experienced sisters.

St. Thomas More - Cottonwood Heights, UT

The Ladies of St. Thomas had a busy September. There was a mini-ministry fair on September 19 th in the parish hall. We had our table set up and staffed to answer any questions and provide information to those with inquiries. It went well.
On September 17 th , the ladies helped with a funeral service for Bob Cooksey, the husband of Annette Pressley. We all wanted to provide support to our dear friend. She said she felt all the love, prayers, and encouragement.
On September 29 th , the ladies helped with another funeral service. This time it was for Betty Vaughn. Betty was an active member of St. Thomas More since 1981. She was also incredibly involved with the Ladies of St. Thomas More. A large number of us showed up to pay our respects at Mass and to help with the reception following Mass. Betty's family was appreciative.
We have a new person in charge of helping with coffee and donuts after Mass once per month, and Betsy did a fabulous job of taking care of everything. She said she enjoyed it, and is happy to do it. We are blessed to have Betsy!
We are now in the process of getting ready to host the Wasatch Deanery Meeting on October 10 th . There is a lot to do, but we have a good plan in place and are looking forward to a good meeting.

Blessed Sacrament – Sandy, UT

September

At our September meeting, we discussed plans for our upcoming Holiday Boutique and appointed a Nominating Committee in preparation for the upcoming elections. We also distributed the Boxes of Joy and provided small gifts and candy to help the ladies get started filling their boxes.

October
We celebrated Council Sunday with a delightful tea gathering. As a special gift, the ladies had the opportunity to arrange flowers and take home their own floral creations in small vases.

On October 14, we were graciously invited by Mayor Monica to attend a Real Salt Lake soccer game in her stadium suite. At our October meeting, we collected the completed Boxes of Joy and began the nomination process for our next slate of officers.

St. Martin de Porres - Taylorsville, UT

10-22-2026 WDCCW October report
Blessings everyone. We are excited to be back to our monthly meetings. Our September wine and cheese welcome back was a great success.
Our October meeting was awesome. We celebrated with Gracemarie Belvedere leading us in a mini retreat on The Glorious Mysteries Rosary Retreat.
We will be hosting our annual Craft Fair Boutique Oct. 24-25. Great vendors, great opportunity drawings and great food.

St. Joseph the Worker - West Jordan, UT

During our October meeting, Boxes of Joy were handed out with instructions to return.
Our board has met with the Knights of Columbus, and we have several projects lined up. Our first is to collect new hats, scarves and gloves to go with coats the Knights already have.
For our November meeting, we will be making Thanksgiving cards to be distributed to nearby assisted living and nursing homes. We do this every year.
Our December meeting will be our usual Christmas party with gift exchange ($10 ornament or decoration). Everyone chooses a wrapped gift, and sitting in a circle, a right/left Christmas story is read while swapping the gifts. Once the story is over, each gift is opened like a White Elephant with swapping rules.
Susan Espinoza

St. Joseph the Worker CCW President

St. Francis Xavier - Kearns, UT

September Meeting
The Council kicked off the autumn season with a fellowship potluck. Members enjoyed a wonderful evening of community, sharing food and welcoming new faces.

October Meeting
In honor of the Month of the Holy Rosary, the ladies gathered to pray a special Rosary devotion. The prayers were specifically dedicated to Pope Leo for his healing.

SFX Festival (October 18)
Many CCW ladies volunteered at the SFX festival and we all had a good time.

Peter and Paul - West Valley, UT
Hasn't met since February so nothing to report. I would like to find someone in our parish to take over the leadership of this group as I'm pretty much drained! MAC

Commission Reports

Spirituality - Ranae Lupus

Godly Women and All Saints Day

In November we celebrate All Saints' Day. I'm going to hi-lite some of the Godly Women who are Saints.

Becoming a Godly Woman is an incredible and worthwhile ambition. It fills one's heart with joy and purpose. Being like Jesus is among the most fulfilling things you can pursue.
It's a beautiful commitment to living in harmony with one's faith and spiritual beliefs, striving to encompass the cherished qualities and values of one's religious tradition. A Godly woman draws strength from her unwavering connection with God, finding inspiration through prayer, meditation, and the wisdom found in scripture. She embraces the understanding that faith is not simply a set of beliefs but a way of life, a content endeavor to radiate the love, grace, and compassion God so sweetly shows us every single day.

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity - November 8
A French Carmelite nun and mystic known for her deep interior life and focus on the dwelling of the Blessed Trinity.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini - November 13
An Italian American missionary who founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and became the first U.S. citizen to be canonized a saint.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary - November 17
A princess who joined the Franciscan Third Order, devoted her wealth to the poor, and built hospitals for the sick and lepers.

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne - November 18
A French religious sister who traveled to the United States to establish schools and missions among the Native Americans

St. Catherine Laboure' - November 27
A Daughter of Charity who received Marian apparitions that led to the creation of the Miraculous Medal.

These women that we celibate in the Month of November have all the qualities of a Godly Woman:

Faith and Trust in God

Compassion and Empathy
Humility
Integrity and Honesty Generosity and Service
Generosity and Service
Strong Character nd VirtuePrayer and Spiritual Growth

We too have these qualities of a Godly Woman, no we are not Saints yet! You never know what God has planned for us.

Let us prayer:

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen"

. **Leadership - Jamie Beert**

WASATCH DEANERY Leadership Commission
November 2026

Happy Holiday Season! Where did this year go ? With all the retail frenzy in stores and commercials on TV, thought I would share some ideas for keeping Christ in the spotlight for your CCW meetings, friend groups, or families.

- **O Antiphons Candlelight Tea:** Host a peaceful evening during the final week of Advent (December 17–23) centered on the O Antiphons. Assign one antiphon to different women to read, pair it with a short reflection, and light a new candle for each.
- **Advent Wreath & Rosary Night:** Open the season by building or refreshing your own Advent wreaths. Provide fresh greenery, candle sets, and ribbons, and pray a group Rosary together to invoke Mary's patience during the season of waiting.
- **Manger Blessing & Poustinia Night:** Create a quiet, mini-retreat ("poustinia") space in a church hall or home. Have women bring the empty mangers from their home Nativity sets. Spend an hour in silent reflection, read scripture, and bless the mangers together before taking them home to await Baby Jesus.
- **"Sacred Scripture" Cookie Exchange:** Put a holy twist on a classic favorite. Host a cookie exchange where each woman bakes a treat inspired by a specific bible verse or Catholic tradition (e.g., "Star of Bethlehem" shortbread, or Saint Martha's recipes). Have everyone print out the corresponding scripture or saint story to pass out with their cookies.
- **Miraculous Medal or Rosary Making:** Gather for a cozy night of jewelry or Rosary crafting. Provide beads, twine, and Miraculous Medals. While working, listen to a Catholic audio drama, or have a few women share short, personal testimonies about how God worked in their lives this year.
- **Jesse Tree Ornament Making:** Assign each attendee a different symbol from the Jesse Tree (the lineage of Christ). Everyone makes multiple copies of their specific ornament to trade, so every woman goes home with a complete, handmade Jesse Tree set for her family.
- **Spiritual Bouquet & Care Packages:** Gather to pack holiday care boxes for local seminarians, cloistered religious sisters, or homebound parishioners. Include practical treats alongside a "spiritual bouquet"—a card detailing the collective prayers, Masses, and Rosaries your group promises to offer for them.

- **Shelter "Saint Francis" Drive:** Organize a collection for a local women's shelter or family crisis center. You can turn the packing night into a social event with a budget-friendly "Holy Spirit Potluck," where guests bring a random dish to share and spend the evening organizing the donations.
- **Surprise Christmas Caroling:** Coordinate with your parish priest to identify elderly or lonely parishioners who could use some Christmas joy. Visit their porches to sing traditional Catholic hymns and deliver a small ornament or baked good.
- **Make Christmas Cookies:** Deliver them to firefighters, police officers, nurses, retired clergy, shelter residents, elderly care centers
- **Childcare:** Offer an evening of child care for single moms, or working parents, so they can go Christmas shopping.
- **Gifts:** Help families in your Parish who are fostering children with gifts

Many of the Parishes in the Diocese hold Holiday events – Please support them.

Wasatch Deanery

We are the hosting Deanery for convention on April 17-18, 2027 . There are many tasks that need to be discussed, volunteers needed, and tasks to be completed before and during convention. We have LOTS of women in our Deanery, so please say YES so we can spread the tasks among many and not have a few women overwhelmed.

Deanery Meeting is November 7th, following the DCCW Meeting at St Martin de Porres

Bylaws / Standing Rules Committee – We will be updating the Bylaws and Standing Rules in 2027, please review them and provide any feedback, ideas, changes to me for the next revision.

DCCW

The DCCW Board meeting will be November 7th at St Martin de Porres, Taylorsville, UT
Next DCCW Board meeting will be January 23rd at TBD (Salt Lake Deanery host)

Province of San Francisco

Marcie Downs and Bonnie Siegrist are our new Co-Province Directors. Congrats to both ! Thanks for taking this role on!

NCCW

Monthly Member & Rosary Calls – If you cannot make the member call, video recordings are available on the member only page of the NCCW Website. (Another reason to get your individual membership!)
NCCW Convention – NCCW 2027 convention will be August 25 to 28, 2027, at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel in Brookfield,

Jamie Beert
Leadership Commission Chair
11/2026

Service – Janet Healy

Happy Holy Holidays!! This is a great time of year many people want to volunteer for the holidays, which is wonderful idea with so many opportunities to volunteer and provide service projects for our church family and local communities. For our CCW ladies we continue to provide service projects and volunteer all year long.

I would like to emphasize the promotion of the new NCCW resolution titled "Promoting the Domestic Church through Service Projects. Its purpose is to select service projects which promote the family as the "Domestic Church." The resolution quotes several statements from the Catechism of the Catholic Church promoting the family as the Domestic Church: "The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason, the family home is rightly called the 'domestic church:

- (CCC 1666); and "We must remember the great number of single persons…"
- (CCC 1658) as well as a single parent families…" so that they do not consider themselves separated from the Church (CCC 1651).

The resolved part o the resolution gives these ideas for your CCW's service project to promote the family as the "Domestic Church": Promote Church teaching on the Domestic Church by hosting reading session on these sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: 1655-1666 and 2201-2233; or St. John Paul the II's Encyclical Familiaris Consortio (the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World) or St. John Paul II's Letter to Families. The event could also include donation to a local food pantry or a shelter for the homeless and/or abused women. Non-Profits in our Wasatch Deanery you may consider for a service project:

- Catholic Community Services of Utah: Gift of the Drummer for refugee children
- The Christmas Box: Statewide network of emergency shelters, resource rooms, and youth programs dedicated to restoring hope and dignity.
- The Sharing Place: has been fulfilling its mission to "provide a safe and caring environment for grieving children, teens, and their families to share their feelings while healing themselves."
- DCCW Project / Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy: Complete Box of Joy & contact your parish president for delivery.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and a glorious Holiday Season!

Legislative Report
Joan Simard - Donna Murphy

No updates until after the elections.