

**President Ann Edwards** called the meeting to order at 7:00pm on Monday, March 9, 2026.

The meeting opened with prayer and a pledge to the flag.

**Secretary Ann Beckman** read the Secretary's report from November 10,2025.

**Treasurer Lexi Niemerg** provided the Treasurer's report noting current balance of \$8,174.70. \$893 bill for Niemerg's Steak House for Christmas Party.

**Vice President Karla Slifer-** thank you card from Fr Henry Willenborg. He wanted to thank the CCW for the \$200 for 20 masses for elderly parishioner.

The parents of PFC George Gardner sent a thank you for sending their son the Christmas stocking. He is part of the troops stationed in Korea.

Another thank you card was sent to thank us for the Silent Auction item for Family Life Center fundraiser.

**Christy Repking- International** no present, nothing to report

**Julia Thoele- Church**

Julia wanted to bring attention to the upcoming beatification of Bishop Fulton Sheen, who was declared "venerable" when Pope Benedict XVI recognized his life of heroic virtue on June 28, 2012. The next step in the process of is the celebration of the beatification, in which Fulton Sheen would be declared Blessed. The celebration of the "Blessed" will have a limited public veneration. This veneration will likely be held in St. Louis to allow for the large crowd expected. The date and event details will be released soon.

Julia suggested reaching out to new candidates going through OCIA to welcome new candidates. Welcome letter from CCW including parish information to get new members involved in parish activities. Asking for funds for crucifix. Diane

Ruholl motioned to spend up to \$50 each for new crucifix for new OCIA candidates. Ellie Niemerg seconded the motion and motion carried.

Julia also wanted to make cards to make available in the churches during adoration. Julia and Luke Thoele helped design new cards to put out at the chapel at St. Anthony's Hospital and at St. Isidore Church for Tuesday adoration. The cost of the cards is \$2.20/ card. Tabling until the May meeting.

Julia is also making prayer cards for women going through miscarriages.

Julia has received a packet sent from the Diocese with material regarding praying for vocations. Want to display at both churches.

### **Judy Repking- Legislation (done by Diane Ruholl in Judy's absence)**

Illinois Right to Life Action guide for upcoming election was passed out. The information contains candidates in Illinois elections as well as Federal candidates.

Thursday, March 19 is the March for Life in Springfield. 2 buses are rented. We need people to fill the busses, so if you know someone that would like to go please have them contact Diane as soon as possible. 38 people signed up so far, last year we had 63.

### **Ellie Niemerg- Community**

Thank you to Meagan Niemerg and her committee for hosting the Christmas Party.

St Isidore students attending CHWC are going with the group from Wendelin Holy Cross. Not sure how many students are going yet. Requesting that students come to speak to CCW about their trip after.

Sue Thoele made a motion to donate money to participate in the mission trip, \$50 per student, seconded by Rosina Esker. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Mother's Day- Christy Repking took care of the gifts in the past. Two years ago, she did geraniums. Last year was a bag of chocolate. We'll speak with Christy to see what her plan is this year.

Bibles for Graduates. We talked to Casey Repking. We checked with Ken & Betty Goeckner at Lifeline Bookstore to check on the bibles we have gifted in the past. There are only 12 bibles available from the manufacturer. We need 26 for this year. They are going to keep searching and will find something comparable. The bibles we purchased in the past are \$25-\$35/ Bible. Sue Thoele made a motion to spend a comparable amount. Phyllis Jansen seconded the motion, motion carried.

CCW will be leading the Rosary before each mass in May. There is a signup sheet to lead the rosary before each weekend mass. Please sign up if you want to participate.

The 2026 Women of Distinction celebration will be held on Saturday, June 27 at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception and Crowne Plaza in Springfield.

Voting will take place in April, think and pray about nominees. Sheets will be in the back of both churches soon.

Diane Ruholl put in a plug for Norma Probst at Island Grove. She does a lot for the PSR program and church. She does a lot behind the scene that no one is aware of.

The SDCCW Annual Convention is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2 in Quincy. Theresa Tomeo will be a guest speaker.

The CCW Deanery meeting will be held on Monday, March 16. Registration is 9:30-10:30. Mass at 10:30. Lunch & meeting to follow. The speaker will be Fr Dean Probst. He will be speaking on "Traveling in Europe, Italy and the Vatican.

We have had a few shifts open up for Second Hand Rose. The dates available are the Third Wednesday of April, August, October.

Karla Slifer suggested that the CCW pay for masses to be said for any CCW member that has passed away.

Julia Thoele motioned that the CCW will pay to have 2 masses said for any CCW member that passes away. CCW Treasurer will take care of getting this information and coordinating with Regina. The motion was seconded by Alice Drees. Motion carried.

Our guest speaker was Adam Niemerg. He said the biggest question he is asked is why he decided to run for State Representative. He decided in Fall 2019 when the Reproductive Health Law was being legislated. He wanted to make sure the conservatives had their voices heard. His goal is making the Republican Party more conservative. He is on the Education committee. His main goal on this committee is to oppose the radical ideas being pushed through the schools.

His other main objective is to Identify bad bills. Doing research and making sure the bills trying to be passed are for the good of the people.

Adam was asked to share his thoughts and opinions on the upcoming Primary elections. We inquired who is the best candidates for the positions which we are voting for.

He did inform us of a question on the ballot for the upcoming primary.

The Federal Scholarship Tax Credit. Vote YES

The next CCW meeting will be in May 2026.

Door prizes awarded.

The meeting closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Ann Beckman