

2026 NCCW Convention
Speak, Lord, Your Servant is Listening.
August 24- 29, 2026, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Location Key: (H) denotes Amway Grand Hotel and (DP) denotes DeVos Place

Monday, August 24, 2026

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting (Private) - <i>Ruby Room (H)</i>
5:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Private Mass - <i>Ruby Room (H)</i> Celebrant: Fr. Tom Washburn
6:00 p.m.	Executive Committee and Staff Dinner (Private)

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

9:00 a.m.	Bag Stuffing - <i>Ambassador West Ballroom (H)</i>
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Frederik Meijer Gardens Tour - <i>Meet in Hotel Lobby by 7:45 a.m.</i>
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Explore Grand Rapids on Your Own
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Registration Open - <i>Center Concourse (H) 2nd Floor</i>

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Confessions - <i>Grand View Rooms B and C (H) 3rd Floor</i>
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Adoration - <i>Grand View Room A (H) 3rd Floor</i>
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration Open - <i>Center Concourse (H) 2nd Floor</i>
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Meditation Room Open - <i>Grand View Room A (H) 3rd Floor</i>
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Pilgrims of Hope Tour: - <i>Meet in Hotel Lobby by 7:45 a.m.</i>
8:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	NCCW Board of Directors Retreat (Private) - <i>Emerald Room (H)</i>
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Exhibitors Set Up - <i>Ballroom A (DP)</i>
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	NCCW Board of Directors Meeting - <i>Emerald Room (H)</i>
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Silent Auction accepting donations - <i>Ballroom A (DP)</i>
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Welcome Luncheon – Guest Speaker Kevin Matthews <i>Mary's Roadie: Kevin Matthews' Journey with Broken Mary</i> <i>Ambassador West (H)</i>
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Exhibits open - <i>Ballroom A (DP)</i>
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Welcome Liturgy - <i>Ballroom B (DP)</i>

Principal Celebrant/Homilist: The Very Reverend Father Thomas Washburn, V.F.

Chair of NCCW Spiritual Advisors

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	First Timers Orientation - <i>Ballroom B (DP)</i>
5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Rosary Mini Retreat: The Glorious Mysteries <i>Ballroom B (DP)</i>
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Open - <i>Ballroom A (DP)</i>
Evening	Dinner on your own

Thursday, August 27, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Confessions - <i>Grand View Rooms B and C (H) 3rd Floor</i>
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Adoration - <i>Grand View Room A (H) 3rd Floor</i>
7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Associates of NCCW, Inc. Board Meeting - <i>Vandenberg B (H)</i>
7:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Friends of NCCW for WUCWO Board Meeting - <i>Vandenberg A (H)</i>
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration Open - <i>Center Concourse (H) 2nd Floor</i>
8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.	Meditation Room Open - <i>Grand View Room A (H) 3rd Floor</i>
8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.	Exhibits open - <i>Ballroom A (DP)</i>
8:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Open - <i>Ballroom A (DP)</i>
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Opening General Session - <i>Ballroom B (DP)</i>

- **Welcome**

Amy Kennedy, NCCW President

- ❖ **Convention Prayer**

Amelia Sweeney, Spirituality Commission Chair

- ❖ **Presentation of the Flag of the United States of America**

Knights of Columbus Color Guard Assembly 473, led by Frederick Kraemer, Commander

- ❖ **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**

Jane Schiszik, NCCW President-Elect

- ❖ **God Bless America**

Clare Regan, Soloist

- ❖ **Adoption of the rules**

Lucy Johnson, NCCW Parliamentarian

- ❖ **Introductions**

- NCCW Executive Committee and Board of Directors
- President of the Associates of NCCW
- President of the Friends of NCCW for WUCWO
- USA Representative to WUWCO
- NCCW NGO Representative to the United Nations
- NCCW Past Presidents
- NCCW Leadership Training Development Team (LTD) Lead Coordinator
- NCCW Representative to Religious Alliance Against Pornography
- NCCW Staff

- ❖ **Greetings**

- Province Director of Detroit, Blinda Baker
- Diocesan President of Grand Rapids- Janet Regan
- USCCB Asst Director of Marriage and Family Life – Julia Dezelski
- President General of the CWL (Canada)
- USCCB Episcopal Liaison to NCCW, the Most Reverend Bishop William A. Wack, CSC

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Keynote Address: Mary Lenaburg
Call Upon Him

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Welcome Remarks from Convention Sponsors ▪ Catholic Relief Services ▪ Cross Catholic Outreach ▪ Holy Cross Family Ministries ▪ Thrivent Financial ▪ WeTeachThink
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Break
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Grab n’ Go Lunch Order Pick Up - <i>Grand Gallery (DP)</i>
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	WeTeachThink Presentation – Part One - Ballroom B (DP)
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Learn Session A: Grand Gallery C-D (DP) <i>Legislative Advocacy - A Better Kind of Politics</i>
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Learn Session B: Grand Gallery E-F (DP) <i>Your CCW Angel is Here to Help</i>
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Past Presidents’ Luncheon (Private) - <i>Fine Arts (H)</i>
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Spirituality Commission Presentation - - <i>Ballroom B (DP)</i> <i>Walking Together in Faith and Mental Wellness</i>
3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Leadership Commission Presentation - - <i>Ballroom B (DP)</i> <i>Ideas for Today and Tomorrow</i>
3:50 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Break for Liturgy Set Up
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Opening Liturgy - Ballroom B (DP) Principal Celebrant/Homilist: The Very Reverend Father Thomas Washburn, V.F. Chair of NCCW Spiritual Advisors
5:00 p.m.	Convention in Recess
6:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.	Cash Bars/Province Dinners/Pictures - (H) <i>Room assignments will be posted at the NCCW Registration Desk</i>

Friday, August 28, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Confessions - <i>Grand View Rooms B and C (H) 3rd Floor</i>
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Adoration - <i>Grand View Room A (H) 3rd Floor</i>
8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.	Exhibits open – <i>Ballroom A (DP)</i>
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration Open - <i>Center Concourse (H) 2nd Floor</i>
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Meditation Room Open - <i>Grand View Room A (H) 3rd Floor</i>
8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Open – <i>Ballroom A (DP)</i>
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Rosary – <i>Ballroom B(DP)</i> <i>Led by Holy Cross Family Ministries = –</i>
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Business Meeting - – Ballroom B(DP)

Amy Kennedy, NCCW President, Presiding

- ❖ Opening prayer – Rev. Thomas Washburn, Chair of NCCW Spiritual Advisors
- ❖ Opening Remarks – Amy Kennedy, NCCW President
- ❖ Credentials Report – Kay Wessel, NCCW Secretary
- ❖ Approval of the Agenda – Amy Kennedy
- ❖ Report of the 2025 Convention Minutes Approval Committee
- ❖ Appointment of the 2026 Convention Minutes Committee – Amy Kennedy
- ❖ President’s Report – Amy Kennedy
- ❖ Treasurer’s Report – Barb Mathiowetz
- ❖ Immediate Past President’s Report – Beth Mahoney
- ❖ Chair of the Spiritual Advisors Report – The Very Reverend Thomas Washburn
- ❖ Report on the Convention Committee – Jane Schiszik
- ❖ Nominating Committee Report – Rhonda Kollman, Chair
- ❖ Appointment of Tellers – Amy Kennedy
- ❖ Bylaws Committee report – Lucy Johnson and Coreen Marklein, Co-Chairs
- ❖ Resolution Committee Report – Laurie Ulseth and Tammy Farr, Co-Chairs
 - Presentation of the Resolutions
- ❖ Leadership Training Development Team – Jody Watermann, Lead Trainer
- ❖ United Nations Report – Maribeth Stewart Blogoslawski, NCCW United Nations Representative
- ❖ World Union Catholic Women’s Organizations (WUWCO) Report – Lady Esohe Asemota, USA Representative to WUWCO, Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary
- ❖ Remarks: USCCB Episcopal Liaison to NCCW, the Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC, Bishop of Pensacola/Tallahassee
- ❖ New Business
- ❖ Closing Prayer: Amelia Sweeney, Spirituality Commission Chair

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	NCCW Store Open - Center Concourse Coat Room (H)
11:00 a.m.– 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	NCCW Committee Reports and Presentations
❖	Education Committee
❖	Legislative Advocacy Committee
❖	Convention Committee
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Break
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	WeTeachThink Presentation - Part Two – <i>Ballroom B (DP)</i>
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Grab n’ Go Lunch Order Pick Up - <i>Grand Gallery (DP)</i>
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Learn Session A: <i>Grand Gallery C-D (DP)</i> <i>Legislative Advocacy - A Better Kind of Politics</i>
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Learn Session B: <i>Grand Gallery E-F (DP)</i> <i>Your CCW Angel is Here to Help</i>
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Spiritual Advisors Luncheon – <i>Pearl Room (H)</i>
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	LTD Team Presentation - – <i>Ballroom B (DP)</i> <i>Communication through Compassion, Prayer, and Service</i>
3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Service Commission Presentation - – <i>Ballroom B (DP)</i> <i>Two Service Ideas for Your Council</i>
3:50 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Break for Liturgy Set Up
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Liturgy for Deceased Members - – <i>Ballroom B (DP)</i>
	Principal Celebrant/Homilist: The Most Reverend William Wack, CSC Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee and NCCW Episcopal Liaison
5:30 p.m.	Convention in Recess
5:30 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Open – <i>Ballroom A (DP)</i> *Final bids close at 8:00 p.m.*
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	NCCW FUNdraiser and Purse Auction - <i>Ballroom B (DP)</i>

Saturday, August 29, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Confessions - <i>Grand View Rooms B and C (H) 3rd Floor</i>
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Adoration - <i>Grand View Room A (H) 3rd Floor</i>
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Friends of NCCW for WUCWO Meeting and Breakfast <i>Pantlind Ballroom (H)</i>
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Meditation Room Open - <i>Grand View Room A (H) 3rd Floor</i>
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open – <i>Ballroom A (DP)</i>
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Registration Open - <i>Center Concourse (H) 2nd Floor</i>
9:00 a.m.	Silent Auction winners posted at the NCCW store – * winners pay before pickup *
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	NCCW Store Open - <i>Center Concourse Coat Room 2nd Floor (H)</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer – <i>Ballroom B (DP)</i>
9:30 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.	Workshop: Mary Lenaburg – Ballroom B (DP) <i>Begin Again</i>
11:00 a.m. – 11:20 p.m.	NCCW Awards Presentations - – <i>Ballroom B (DP)</i>
11:20 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Break
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Pickup - <i>Winners pick up item/s and present the NCCW store with a paid receipt.</i>
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Grab n’ Go Lunch Order Pick Up - <i>Grand Gallery: (D.P.)</i>
12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Associates of NCCW Luncheon and Meeting <i>Pantlind Ballroom (H)</i>
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Teen and Young Women’s Gathering - Chase Boardroom (DP) <i>Love That Listens: Women Answering God’s Call Through Faith in Action</i> Presented by Cross Catholic Outreach.
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Learn Session C: <i>Grand Gallery E-F (DP)</i> <i>How to Start a Golden Rose Program in Your Diocese</i>
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	An Audience with Bishop William Wack – <i>Ballroom B (DP)</i>
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	President’s Closing – <i>Ballroom B (DP)</i> • Call To Order – Amy Kennedy • Opening Prayer – Amelia Sweeney • Reports of Associated Organizations ○ Associates of NCCW – Susie Harting ○ Friends of NCCW for WUCWO – Debbie Keller

- NCCW Representative to RAAP – Karen Painter
- National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations – Phil Loftus
- Installation of Province Directors
- NCCW Recommitment Service – Jane Schiszik, NCCW President-Elect
- Invitation to 2027 Convention
- Closing Prayer by Rev. Thomas Washburn

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Closing Liturgy and Installation of New Officers – *Ballroom B (DP)*

Principal Celebrant/Homilist:

The Most Reverend David Walkowiak, Bishop of Grand Rapids

6:00 p.m. Cash Bar opens - *Crown Foyer (H)*

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Closing Banquet and Entertainment – *Ambassador Ballroom (H)*

Grace before Meals – Rev. Tom Washburn