

Immaculate Heart Council of Catholic Women

Minutes of August 13, 2026



1. The meeting was called to order at 9:20 by Vice President, Nancy S.
2. The opening prayer to our Lady of Good Counsel was prayed by the attendees.
3. Harvey Baxter addressed the CCW on Roger Schwieter's Helping Hands, to help with small tasks. Jim K and others will help people with tasks when needed.
3. Roll call of officers -Jeanne C and Pam C absent; all others present
4. New Attendees - Sheila Speeding is visiting today and was very involved with IHC in the past. Welcome!
5. Prayer Requests - A Hail Mary was prayed for the following - Beth's cousin, Nancy's son and daughter-in-law, Emma Glein, Mary and Tim Klein, Bobbi's nephew and wife, Norma, Nancy S's sister, Maggie B, Betty S's uncle Cliff. Jeanne Olson (her address is 8186 Excelsior Rd, Apt 308, Baxter - phone - 218-839-2680).
6. Birthdays/Anniversaries/Celebrations/Kudos -Nancy S birthday, Mary D's birthday, Cathy's 63rd anniversary, Shelley and Bill's 46 anniversary, Dodo's 100th birthday (Crosslake will hold a celebration on 9/14 at City Hall as well as an open house on 9/19 at IHC) - Congratulations!!
7. July's treasurer's report was discussed. The Executive Board met and voted to provide the following funds: \$1,000 each for birthing kits and layettes, \$500 for Homeless kits, \$250 for Fat Tuesday, \$125 for Blood Drive, \$200 per student for Steubenville (not to exceed \$2,000).

The Treasurer's report was approved by Deb F and seconded by Carmen. Treasurer's report carried.

8. July's meeting minutes approved by Rosie and seconded by Susan.
9. Communication - Thank you note from Stephen Blenkush of Paul Bunyan Cyclists was passed around.

COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS REPORTS

1. **Funerals Sharon R** - None
2. **Sunshine Club** - Joan J sent cards to Fr Phil's birthday, Lance and Amanda's dad, Rosie R, Susan D for the loss of her father, Maggie Bragg "get well" card and Fr Matt to welcome him.
3. **Welcome Bags** - receive 2 requests for families to welcome them.
4. **Hygiene Bags** - Sharon handed out a list of items needed. Needs combs, razors, water (7 oz), snacks and ziploc gallon bags. The executive committee voted to provide \$500 for Homeless kits.
5. **Birthing Kits** - Anita is in need of everything (flannel material, soap, diapers, towels). Anita brought fabric for pillows and receiving blankets and requested volunteers to sew. Still in need of onesies (1 to 3 month sizes), baby hats, diaper pins, pillow cases. Made another 20 birthing kits.
6. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 1st and 4th Thursdays of the month. The next meeting is August 27th at 9 AM. Instruction sheets for prayer shawls with the amount of yarn needed provided by Cathy. Currently have 8 prayer shawls. It was mentioned we may want to provide shawls to those who are currently hospitalized or in care centers.
7. **Layettes** - The larger (Christ Child Layettes) are to be given to parishioners and families of parishioners who participate in Masses at IHC. The smaller (IHC Layettes in wet bags) are to be given to non-parishioners and distant family members of parishioners. Suggestion to put note on cabinet to better inform people on the larger/smaller layettes. Betty picked up 21 layettes in Duluth recently and ordered baby lotion and baby wash.

8. **Pro Life News** - Mary D - The rosary for the Respect Life is prayed at 4 PM on Thursdays in the chapel. Hosted a speaker (Tom Usle) and had 25 people attend. Thank you to the volunteers who help at the MCCL at the Crow Wing Fair.

9. **Outreach Committee** - No report during the summer. Will be meeting to discuss upcoming events.

10. August treats provided by Joanne B and Betty S. September treats will be provided by Deb F and Carmen A.

OLD BUSINESS

Bake Sale - Thank you to all who baked and brought items for the bake sale and those who helped with the sale.

Blood Drive - Thank you to all who supported and brought treats.

NEW BUSINESS

CCW Milestone - 75th party on tap in 2029! CCW was formed in October 1954, before the Church was built. Alice Fraser was the first President.

1. Out to Lunch Bunch will meet at The Wharf on August 27th at 11:30 a.m.
 2. Fifth Sunday Coffee - August 30th - volunteers needed and sign up sheet available.
 3. Christmas party - planning to start. Suggestions for catering and need volunteers to plan.
 4. Retreat options
 - a. Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center, Prior Lake - Oct 16-18 and Oct 30-Nov 1
 - b. Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN - Nov 13-15
 - c. BDCCW Fall conference at IHC - Oct 22
 - i. Bag Raffle item - value \$50, reimbursable - Betty to handle
 - ii. Guest speaker - Chad Knudson
 - d. Duluth Diocesan Council of Catholic Women - Motion to donate made by Weezie and seconded by Betty S. to donate \$500.
 - e. Marian Pilgrimage with Fr. Tony - Oct 12 -14
-St. Paul cathedral, the Guadalupe Shrine in Lacrosse WI, the Cathedral in Green Bay and Our Lady of Good Help Shrine in Champion WI.
 5. Will do rosary at 8:30 AM in church before all CCW meetings.
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug 30	Fifth Sunday Breakfast
Sept 7	Fr Andrew Knop birthday
Sept 10	Next CCW meeting
Sept 12-13	Bake Sale
Sept 14	Pope Leo birthday
Sept 22	BDCCW Fall conference at IHC
Oct 10	Seven Sister Apostolate Day of Reflection. \$20 suggested donation
Oct 12-14	Marian Pilgrimage \$350 per person - Additional \$100 for single room.
Oct 16-18	Franciscan Women's Retreat - Prior Lake
Oct 17-18	Support Sunday
Nov 13-15	Christ the King Retreat - Buffalo

CLOSING PRAYER/MEDITATION provided by: Rosie

Volunteer for September: Carmen

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Betty Seconded: Shelly

Respectfully submitted by Sue Rolfes

Attendees - Weezie, Shelly, Joann, Mary D, Betty S, Joan, Marcie, Rosie, Cathy, Bobbi, Susan D, Kathy M, Beth, Kaye, Kim, Deb, Diane, Dodo, Sue S, Carmen, Betty S., Nancy, Susan B, Loie, Maureen, Addie, Sharon, Sue R.