

Queen of the Apostles PCCW Meeting

April 16, 2026

The PCCW meeting was called to order with a prayer and the pledge by Co-President Carol Stevens at 4:04pm. Sixteen women were present.

The March minutes were approved, after corrected to read, “OCIA luncheon.....**sliders** (not hotdogs)...” Anna Ledvina; 2nd Natalie Halfman

Treasurer’s Report

The current balance is \$19,766.66. This report was filed for audit.

Pastor’s Update

The foundation is completed, currently working on plumbing. Christine DaPrato has been hired as the music teacher. Jon Burbach is to be ordained as a Deacon on June 6, on Corpus Christi weekend. Last year, the Family Life Committee did a potluck after the 10:00 Mass.

Commission Reports

- **Spirituality** - In August, 2020, Marge Gigous had asked for prayers for a friend’s 11 year-old son, suffering with a rare cancer. Recently his oncologist released her son, who is now 16 and has a driver’s license! Prayers work!
- **March for Life** – April 25 at Madison Capitol steps. Bus pickup is at Sparta and Mauston. More information at *March for Life Wisconsin.Org*.
- **Convention** -LCDCCW presents *Hope for Today* at the Biennial Convention, Saturday, April 25 8:30-3 at Holy Family Catholic Church, Arcadia. Bishop Battersby is the keynote speaker. Visit the website www.idccw.com Our PCCW will pay the registration; contact Natalie Divyak 608-372-3498.

Committee Reports

- **Martha Group** – Anna Mae Rudolph thanked the Martha Groups for doing their best with the luncheons. She will clarify with the funeral homes that our services are provided without cost. Group 2 is in need of a co-chair; if interested, contact Sue Murphy.
- **Monroe County Right to Life** –The *Right To Life* will have carnations available for a free will donation after all Masses at St. Mary’s, on May 10, Mother’s Day,
- **Guild Update** - St. Clare / St. Catherine is looking for new guild co-chairs. Please consider leading!
- **Church Cleaning** – Before using “Dustin” (robotic vacuum) check that it’s been emptied; also pick up large items that may cause it to clog. Natalie Divyak will check the supply of cleaning materials.
- **Sunshine Committee** – Five birthdays this month, everything going well.

Old Business

- April Coffee Social- Attendance was: 4pm, 11; 8am, 27; 10am, 20.
- Divine Mercy Collection - \$1700.70 will be sent to the Deanery Treasurer, then to the Diocese.
- Honorary Luncheon– Prepared for 73, served 61. Rose Vanderbloemen thanked the guild chairs for helping to serve the plated meals. A Thank-You to the high school students for their vocal performance. Also, a Thank-You to Patty Gross for her talk on the *Beautiful Living Eucharist*.

New Business

Preliminary Copy – The Minutes Have NOT Yet Been Approved

- Committee Reports –Committee chairs are asked to submit their reports or “no report” to co-president Natalie Divyak divyakfm@hotmail.com or text 608-293-3499 in advance of the meeting. Copies of these reports will be available for review at the meeting. Any concerns will be addressed at that time.
- Corpus Christi Potluck/Celebration of Jon Burbach’s ordination to Deacon – St. Francis/St. Veronica (next on reserve list) will assist the Family Life Committee with the celebration following the Corpus Christi event on June 7.
- Ordination gift – Tabled to get more information.
- KC 4th Degree Dinner- A motion to make this dinner an Annual PCCW Event, passed: Natalie Divyak; 2nd Monica Haun. This annual date will be the 3rd Monday in October.
- PCCW Meeting Time- A suggestion was made to change the time of the meeting to accommodate working parish women. Discussion included taking a survey and/or speaking at Masses. No action was taken.
- Nomination Committee – Carol Stevens has agreed to stay on as a co-president candidate. Nominations for the slate of officers will be presented at the May meeting.
- Spring Gathering- Parishioner Lisa Mueller will speak on “Companioning with Grief”, simple ways that we can support each other during times of grief. We were encouraged to support Lisa and outgoing Deanery President, Lorraine Riedl. Registration and lunch are covered by PCCW. (*Details in Future Events below.*) Call Natalie to carpool: 608-372-3498.
- Additional Charitable Distributions – A “Past PCCW Expenses” sheet was reviewed to determine whether additional distributions could be made in 25/26 without the profits from a rummage sale. This item was tabled till May when more data will be provided.
- Epilepsy Walk: A motion to sponsor Mary Halfman’s private walk for the *Epilepsy Foundation of Wisconsin* at \$100, passed: Monica Haun, 2nd Anna Ledvina.
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Future Events

- **April 25** 8:30am-3pm LCDCCW Convention “*Hope for Today*”, Holy Family Catholic Church, Arcadia
- **May 2** 9-12am *Spring Gathering*, Holy Angels Parish, Black River Falls.
- **May 9, 10** after all Masses, Coffee Social – St. Clare/St. Catherine
- **May 20** 6:30pm Confirmation; reception to follow, St. Clare/St. Catherine
- **June 6** Ordination of Jon Burbach to Deacon, St. Joseph Cathedral, La Crosse
- **June 7** Corpus Christi Potluck/Celebration of Deacon Jon Burbach noon, QOA
- **Any time** Check out our PCCW on Facebook.

Next Meeting – May 21, 4:00 p.m. Church Hall

Prayer Intention

Let us pray for our construction to continue smoothly. Let us pray for Lenora, a child from Wilton dealing with cancer.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm: Ruth Ann Schober; 2nd Natalie Halfman.