

QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES PCCW MEETING

April 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order with a prayer and the pledge at 4:02 pm by Carol Stevens .

Twenty women were present.

Approval of the March minutes: Anna Ledvina, 2nd- Lorraine Riedl

Correspondence

A thank-you note was received from the family of John Shutter for his funeral luncheon. Ruth Gamerdinger sent a note thanking the PCCW for the Christmas gift bag.

Treasurer's Report Current balance is \$15459.45. This report was filed for audit.

Pastors' Update

Fr. Ethan thanked us for our participation in the 40 Hour Eucharistic Adoration. Membership for the Catholic Education Committee is now full. Father is enlisting members for the Family Life Committee.

Four individuals will be baptized at Easter and numerous others will be receiving their final sacraments of initiation or be welcomed in Full Communion into the Church at Easter. Please continue to pray for them.

We are working to fill the 5th grade teacher vacancy. Have had 3 interviews w/1 more upcoming. A 7th grade teacher has been hired for the 2025-26 school year. We believe we still have space to accommodate the addition of 7th grade; if we are able to proceed with the addition of 8th grade next year, we are going to have to get creative.

Fr. Ethan would like to send 4-5 staff to the St. John Bosco Conference on teacher development in Steubenville Ohio in July. Registration and room & board cost around \$750 per person. He was advised that the LCDCCW awards grants (\$200-250) per attendant for such activities.

Commission Reports

- **Spirituality:** No report.
- **Service:** Lorraine Riedl reported on the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, from whence the Nicene Creed (recited during Mass) originated. We were encouraged to read each line of the Nicene Creed and reflect on its meaning. Resource: Part 2 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC).
- **Leadership:** No report.

Committee Reports

- **Martha's Group:** A bulletin notice will be placed, requesting helpers for the 6 funeral groups.
- **Rosary:** The rosary will be recited at 9:30am, April 15 for Betty Kube, and the mother of QOA school cook, Mary Beth Jacob. A Mass card for each deceased parish woman is purchased in the office and the PCCW president presents it to the family at the time of the funeral visitation. Katie will submit an annual bill to the PCCW for this.
- **Kitchen:** Jeff will follow up on dishwasher repair with a Hobart rep.
- **Guild Update:** Please let Barb Cram know if there are any changes to the guild lists, her email is johnbarbcram@gmail.com and her number is 608-372-2580.
- **Respect for Life:** Right to Life dinner is planned for 6:30pm, June 24 at Pizone's. The theme is "Human from Day One". Tickets will be available the beginning of May from any MCRTL member. Cost: \$40
- **Church Cleaning:** Jan Koranda has completed the St. Andrew's Church cleaning schedule. A key box (with code) has been installed for cleaners' access to the church. Monica Haun has organized instructions for the new robotic cleaner (a.k.a. *Dustin*) which is stored/charged in the confessional, under Father's chair. Contact Monica with questions and/or training on using *Dustin* for cleaning the main floor of the church.

Old Business

- **Coffee Social Report:** Low attendance was discussed. 4pm Mass: 15 parishioners; 10am: 19 parishioners; 8am: best attendance. Since the next coffee social is currently scheduled for Aug., no decision was made & the subject was tabled.
- **Sunshine Committee:** Heather McLaughlin suggested sending a “Welcome to the Parish” card to new parishioners after Barb Cram notifies them of their assigned guild. Sue Murphy will check into the past practice of the parish giving out Welcome Bags.
- **Flock Notes:** Templates for each guild chairwoman are being developed.
- **Community Table:** All went well.
- **Spring Gathering:** The location has been changed to St. Mary’s Ridge (Hwy U, Norwalk) Let’s have a good representation from our parish! The PCCW will cover admission for the May 3 (9-noon) event. Carpool leaves church parking lot at 8am.
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Each of the 3 hours was well represented by PCCW members.
- **Charitable Distributions:** These organizations received the designated amount by unanimous vote:
Catholic Charities Warming Shelter \$1200; Heather McLaughlin, 2nd Sue Murphy
Faith In Action \$1000; Ruth Ann Schober, 2nd Jan Koranda
St. Clare Mission \$1500; Anna Ledvina 2nd Lorraine Riedl
ProLife Wisconsin Bill Board \$346; Anna Ledvina 2nd Melanie Frei
Neighbor to Neighbor Food Pantry \$1500; Amended: Ruth Ann Schober 2nd Monica Haun

New Business

- **Family Promise Request:** Ann Grygleski asked the PCCW to consider funding *Family Promise of the Great Rivers* through our charitable distributions, at the May meeting.
- **KC Request:** The KC’s have asked the PCCW to prepare and serve a 4th Degree Dinner, as a fundraiser for the PCCW. Monica Haun and some friends will prepare October 20th meal. Thank you, Monica!
- **Divine Mercy Collection:** Individuals signed up for the 2nd collection after Communion, on April 26,27. Money collected is used by the LCDCCW to provide services for the diocese.
- **Epilepsy Walk:** A vote to sponsor Mary Halfman in her private walk for the Epilepsy Foundation of Wisconsin (\$100) was unanimous. Sue Murphy 2nd Anna Ledvina

Future Events

- April 26, 27 *Divine Mercy Sunday PCCW Collection* – all Masses
- May 3 Saturday, *Spring Gathering* at St. Mary’s Ridge, Norwalk 9am
- May 6 Honorary Luncheon – St. Loretta/Monica 10:30 Mass – Lunch, Reception & Entertainment
- May 21 Confirmation Reception – St. Dorothy/Joan
- June 27-29 QOA Rummage Sale

Prayer Intention: For the recovery of Carol’s brother-in-law, and the repose of the soul of Bernie Honish

Next meeting: Thursday, May 15 at 4pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5: 46 pm. Anna Ledvina, 2nd Sue Murphy

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie Halfman