

St. Mary's CCW Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2026

1. **Call to order:** 6:30 pm
2. **Agenda:** Approved
3. **Minutes/Secretary Report:** The May report was approved.
4. **Treasurer Report:** Brenda introduced Patricia Ericksen who will be taking over the role of treasurer. Brenda then gave the report. The balance as of Sept. 10 is \$1,203.93 in savings and \$50,564.90 in checking. The report was filed for audit.
5. **President's Report:** a. Mary shared a few thank you notes. b. Mary reported that all of our positions have been filled! Mary Gangelhoff - president, Marjorie Schleper - vice president, Patricia Ericksen - treasurer, Mary Krambeer - secretary, M section chair - Mary Beth Botz, A section chair - Becky Helget, R section chair - Heidi Sellner, Y section chair - Mary Portner, Spirituality - Sarah Jirak, Leadership - Abeni Docter, Service/Embrace - Katie Braulick and Katie Northagen, Reverence for Life - Mandy Wagner, Scholarship - Deanna Schwint. c. Box of Joy will kick off on Oct. 3-4 with Arlene Dietl heading it up. She asked that money for postage should again be included with the box instead of sending it in. d. Chris Heiderscheidt reported on the NCCW Convention that she attended. She stated that there were excellent speakers and recommended the book by Kevin Matthews entitled *Broken Mary*. The diocesan project is "My Grandma's House." (See new business 11 e.)
6. **Commission Reports:** Spiritually: Sarah shared that the Advent book will be *33 Days of Miracles, Wonder, and Grace*. They cost \$2 each and CCW is giving \$500 to cover this cost. Recognition Sunday is coming up. Sarah will make a poster and bulletin insert promoting CCW. Sarah proposed a special display of Our Lady Undoer of Knots for mental health. She and Katie B. will coordinate this since Embrace also uses Our Lady's image for the blessing bouquet in Oct. Leadership: Abeni didn't have a lot to share but did point out that the Diocesan website is a helpful tool. Service/Embrace: Katie B. reported that the college care packages will include a book plus extras left over from previous years. The shipping is the biggest expense with an estimated total cost of \$600. A motion was made and seconded to give the money needed for this project. The motion passed. Katie proposed buying prayer books to be given to engaged couples. If we buy in bulk (50 books) the cost is \$600. A motion was made and seconded to give the money needed for this project. The motion passed. New picture prayer books were added to the children's worship bags. Katie recommended that we do the bouquets for the homebound again this year. The bouquets will be assembled by the Lake Villa residents using discounted flowers at a cost of \$120. A motion was made and seconded to give the money needed for this project. The motion passed. Volunteers will deliver the finished bouquets. She is looking into a book for an Advent/Christmas gift for the kids. Reverence for Life: Mandy reported the prayer chain will take place on Oct. 4 from 2:00-3:00. She ordered St. Joseph cards for the table in Oct. Scholarship: Deanna was not in attendance so no report.
7. **Words from Father Craig Timmerman:** Fr. Craig was not in attendance.
8. **Old Business:** a. The Church festival committee shared a report. One error was found in the food stand section but the festival was a success with a net profit of \$42,416.43. b. Mary K. and Emily F. reported on the Crafternoon event. It wasn't highly attended. If doing it again it should be in the fall or winter. c. Katie B. reported on the Family Blessing Potluck. Despite the hot evening it was well-attended with about 200 people and a good mix of families from SMS, religious ed., home-school, and the parish in attendance. The cost was \$273.
9. **New Business:** a. First Choice Pregnancy is having a fundraiser dinner on Sept. 17. Last year we gave \$250. A motion was made and seconded to increase that amount to \$500. The motion passed. b. Eileen Hoffman makes the Baptismal gowns and pays for the material herself. A

motion was made and seconded to donate \$200 to cover her costs. The motion passed. c. The Fall Deanery Gathering will take place in Arlington on September 29. CCW will pay the \$15 fee. Let Mary G. know by Sept. 15 if going. Will plan to carpool leaving at 4:00. d. The date for the Church Festival 2027 was set for July 25. e. The Mission Bake Sale is set for Oct. 17-18. It will be schmierkuchen only and will benefit "My Grandma's House," a charity in Alaska with the goal of breaking the cycle of suicide and violence. The cost of the schmierkuchen will increase to \$12. f. The first page of the Standing Rules/Bylaws were reviewed and accepted as written. More pages will be reviewed at future meetings. g. The Eucharistic Rosary Congress will take place Oct. 4-10. Parishioners are asked to sign up for one hour during that time period to pray the rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament so that every hour is covered by someone.

10. **Upcoming events:** Other upcoming events were reviewed.

Sarah led closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by Mary Krambeer