

St. Mary's CCW Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2026

1. **Call to order:** 8:00pm
2. **Agenda:** Approved (Except New Business d was eliminated as a repeat.)
3. **Minutes/Secretary Report:** The March report was approved.
4. **Treasurer Report:** Brenda gave the update. The balance as of May 7 is \$1,203.63 in savings and \$11,234.18 in checking. The report was filed for audit.
5. **Commission Reports:** Spiritually: Mary G. presented a summary of a recommended book: *The Way of Surrender*. She also handed out copies of the Surrender Novena and reported on other opportunities including praying the rosary with the Schoenstatt sisters and the dedication for the new "Our Lady of Fatima" print followed by a potluck on May 9. Service: Katie B. reported that May Day gifts were delivered and that we've had positive feedback. \$546 was spent.
6. **Special Committees:** Reverence for Life: Mandy reported that Mother's Day gifts will be auto rosaries. Scholarship: No update - Tammy was not in attendance. Embrace: The Embrace items will be out for Mother's Day. Sturm Funeral home is willing to offer free or low cost services to families who have suffered the loss of a child due to miscarriage or stillbirth.
7. **President's Report:** Abeni shared that we still have open positions of scholarship committee and section A chair.
8. **Words from Father Craig Timmerman:** (See new business 10c below.)
9. **Old Business:** a. The donut Sunday scheduled for May had to be cancelled due to too many other activities. Mary Beth Botz volunteered to be in charge of one at the end of June. b. The Sisters' shower was well-attended with lots of good food and great entertainment by Anthony Braulick. The personal invitations sent to elementary girls brought in a few extra families. Next year we need to add one more person to the planning group. c. May Crowning will be done by the Forster family. d. The "Crafternoon" event was approved. If the Marian Room at Divine is available, the event will take place there on August 8 from 12:30-4:00. If that location is not available the event will move to the school cafeteria in early October. e. The Structuring Committee will meet this summer to finish their work. f. The 2026 NUDCCW Convention was a success. Over 190 women attended with more than 20 from St. Mary's. g. The Deanery 1 Spring Gathering was also well-attended. h. The standing rules/bylaws are on hold until all the structuring details are worked out. The goal is to be done by September.
10. **New Business:** a. The Festival planning is progressing well. A "Save the Date" reminder will go out soon followed by sign-ups for workers. The list of new parishioners will be sent to Lisa Peizel so personal invitations can be made. b. A motion was made to donate \$200 toward the Big Ticket Auction. The motion

passed. c. Fr. Craig led a discussion about the video that was sent out about Christendom/Apostolic Mode and what the CCW can do. Several ideas were discussed: A CCW holy hour at Adoration inviting new women, a “Family Friendly Holy Hour” inviting families to bring their children, having a CCW booth at the “Party in the Park” event, and being more intentional and inviting new people to the events we already do. Fr. Craig suggested we bring all these ideas plus more back to a future meeting then pick one or two to really focus on. d. (repeat) e. The new president will decide the dates for next year’s meetings/church cleaning and send them out in an email. f. The kid-friendly potluck will be planned by a small committee for September. It will take place on the Wednesday evening before religious ed. classes begin. Since CCW will not meet again before the event a motion was made to approve funding for the cost of this event. The motion passed. g. A flyer was shared regarding the Province Conference in June. h. Installments of new officers took place. Mary Gangelhoff is our new president, Marge Schleper is our new vice president, and Sarah Jirak is the new spirituality commissioner.

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

Mary G. led closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Submitted by Mary Krambeer