



BSCCW MESSENGER



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

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*What a beautiful way to begin another year together as
Blessed Sacrament Council of Catholic Women!*

Our first meeting on September 15th was a wonderful success, with 60 members in attendance—including 8 new members! Our new 11:30 a.m. meeting time also allowed several ladies to attend Bible Class beforehand and then join us for CCW.

After a long summer break, it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces reunited. The room was filled with laughter, fellowship, and joyful conversation—a beautiful reminder that CCW is about so much more than meetings. It is about faith, friendship, and community.

We were especially happy to welcome our new members, introducing each one and presenting her with a yellow rose, a symbol of friendship. We hope each of our new sisters felt the warmth of our CCW family and knows how happy we are that she said "YES" to CCW!

Our commission reports highlighted the many ways our women are putting their faith into action through service. We also enjoyed a brown-bag lunch and time to simply enjoy one another's company.

Guest speaker Tim Behler shared an update on Father Ponce, who serves as the National Director for the Pontifical Mission Societies in Kampala, Uganda. His message reminded us that the work we do here at Blessed Sacrament reaches far beyond our parish and touches lives around the world.

Come as you are, bring a friend, and share in the joy of faith, friendship, and fellowship. We would love to get to know you, share this journey with you, and welcome you into our CCW family. Together, let's open our hearts to one another, serve those in need, and see where God leads us this year!

*Blessings,
Loretta Terrana
President*

Legislative Advocacy

At September's CCW General Meeting, [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf) (<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf>) a document from USCCB was introduced and all present were encouraged to read it. It is linked above. This document from the U.S. Catholic Bishops highlights the importance of forming our conscience and thus we began reviewing Catholic Social Teachings. These CST nuggets (and a bookmark) will be presented at most general meetings. Next month's CST Nugget is **THE** foundation of all moral and social Catholic teaching and fits well with October's theme. I can't wait to share it with you.

Remember, faithful citizens not only form their conscience, but also put into practice what they learn by voting. [Lake County Voter Registration](http://www.lakevotes.gov/243/voter-registration) Deadline Oct. 5th.
(www.lakevotes.gov/243/voter-registration)

Ways to Vote in the Next General Election – November 3, 2026

Each option below is linked to help you find more information.

- 1) [Vote-By-Mail Ballot](http://www.lakevotes.gov/324/requesting-a-vote-by-mail-ballot) (www.lakevotes.gov/324/requesting-a-vote-by-mail-ballot)
- 2) [Early Voting \(Oct.19-23\)](http://www.lakevotes.gov/200/early-voting-location-states) (www.lakevotes.gov/200/early-voting-location-states)
- 3) [Find My Precinct/Voting Location on Nov. 3.](http://www.lakevotes.gov/164/find-my-precinct) (www.lakevotes.gov/164/find-my-precinct)

God bless our nation with true wisdom, peace, and mutual forgiveness, that we may decide together, through our democratic processes, to uphold the dignity of life **and the common** good. Please join me in praying this [Election Novena](https://www.usccb.org/resources/2020updatednovenaFCFC.pdf) (Oct. 26 – Nov. 4). [usccb.org/resources/2020updatednovenaFCFC.pdf](https://www.usccb.org/resources/2020updatednovenaFCFC.pdf))

Promote good & oppose evil!

Jeana Wresh

COMMISSION CHAIRS



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Boxes of Joy
**Mary's
Handmaidens**



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**Spirituality
Commission
Chair**

October is Respect Life Month



Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women, except for skin cancers. Awareness is the first step towards taking meaningful action. Patients and survivors help raise awareness by sharing their stories, supporting others, & offering hope to those still on their journey. Did you have your mammogram this year???

Spirituality

OCTOBER is the month we celebrate the Rosary and our Mother Mary.

On October 7, we will celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary. This feast was originally called Our Lady of Victory after a decisive naval battle at Lepanto in 1571. The Ottoman Turks were threatening to invade Europe but Pope Pius V was able to unite several states to fend off the invasion. He asked every Christian to pray the Rosary to pray for Our Lady's intercession and protection and the Christian forces triumphed.

Legend has it that Our Lady first gave St. Dominic the Rosary in the 15th Century. Originally, those who were educated and could read, prayed the 150 Psalms. Over time, those who could not read, began to recite 150 Hail Mary's. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. In the 16th Century, the Rosary developed to consist of 15 Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added 5 Mysteries of Light.

The Rosary is like a garland offered to Mary. When we pray the Rosary, we ask for her intercession and protection with our own interior battles. Faithfulness in prayer can be our greatest work. When an individual is in pain, discouraged or having trouble accepting God's will, they should go to Mary for her help. Anyone who prays to Mary no longer feels alone because she prays with us and for us.

There is great strength when the Rosary is prayed by a group. Please consider joining together on Thursday, October 8 at the 8:30 Mass in Our Lady's Chapel for our monthly CCW Mass. The Rosary will be recited right after Mass and our combined voices will be a meaningful devotion to Our Holy Mother Mary.

Deb DuCharme



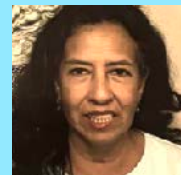
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New Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church Starting October 12, 2026

A new Jubilee Year is beginning at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and millions of Catholics are being invited to come home to Mary and her Son.

Pope Leo XIV has granted the special Jubilee to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the present basilica in Mexico City. It will begin on October 12, 2026 and continue through October 12, 2027. The basilica welcomes approximately 20 million visitors each year, making it one of the most visited Marian sanctuaries in the world.

During the Jubilee, the Church will also remember the transfer of Saint Juan Diego's tilma, bearing the revered image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, into the camarín, the protected space behind the main altar. From there, the image can be carefully turned so that its reverse side may be viewed during particular moments of veneration.

The jubilee is intended as a time for spiritual conversion and renewal.

Save the Date!!!

Something special is happening and we hope you'll be there!

Event: *People of Faith*

Date: *Wednesday, January 27, 2027*

Time: *10:00 a.m.*

Location: *Blessed Sacrament Social Hall*

Theme: *Mercy*

A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the children at the Head Start Program in Clermont

Barbara Wessels

The Rosary Prayer:

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation. Grant, we beseech Thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Service

October will be a busy month for our Service Commission!

We will continue our monthly Clermont Rehab Bingo with gifts and snacks for residents. On October 23, we'll participate in the Head Start Harvest Fair, where a generous CCW sister has helped us provide a special surprise for the children.

Our Head Start reading program continues to grow, and we welcome members who would like to volunteer to read to the children.

We have also begun collecting sweatshirts for our November sweatshirt drive. Our guest speaker, Kristen McCall from Lake County Schools, will share how the sweatshirts will help children from elementary through high school who are in transition or without permanent housing.

Finally, the wonderful Kings Ridge Crocheters have generously offered to make 50 hats for the children at Lake Hill School.

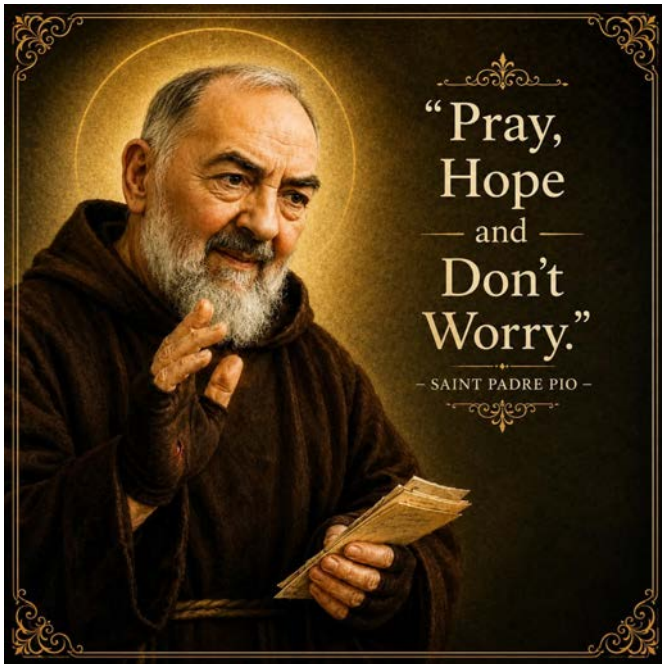
Thank you to all our members and volunteers who continue to make a difference in the lives of children and our community!

Tillie Granucci

We have collected the majority of the Boxes of Joy!!! The boxes will be shipped at the end of October.

Mary's Handmaidens continue to work on projects for Lake Hills, Clermont Head Start, and our church. We sincerely appreciate everyone who has contributed their time, talents and generosity to support these important ministries.

Cindy Burnbaum



Lord, God of my heart, You alone know and see all my troubles. You alone are aware that all my distress springs from my fear of losing You, of offending You, from my fear of not loving You as much as I should love and desire to love You.

If You, to whom everything is present and who alone can see the future, know that it is for Your greater glory and for my salvation that I should remain in this state, then let it be so. I don't want to escape from it.

Give me strength to fight and to obtain the prize due to strong souls. Amen.

Northern Deanery Rep Report

Northern Deanery General Members' Meeting is Saturday October 24 at 10am in St. Paul's Social Hall, Leesburg. At our October 20 CCW General Members meeting you may purchase tickets on two gift baskets to be raffled off at the 24th meeting. St. Paul's relax, reflect, and rejuvenate basket valued at \$65 and Blessed Sacrament's Lovery lavender and coconut spa gift basket is valued at \$75.

Our Deanery Guest speaker will be Kathy Bonner who will present information on Domestic Violence Awareness and how we can support those recovering from domestic violence.

Linda Lauletta





Women Healing the Wounds Of Domestic Violence



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- Believe victims. Doubting or minimizing the abuse only heightens the victim's feelings of guilt.
 - Support victims. Give them encouragement. Information, & referrals to agencies/services but never in front of the abuser. Do not just tell them to leave.
 - Speak out. Make the problem of abuse heard. Awareness precedes choice & choice precedes change.
- Strongly suggest individual counseling for victims. Experts report that counseling the couple together may be intimidating & dangerous for the victim.
- Always approach the victim in private.
 - Use non-judgmental language & an empathetic approach such as "I am afraid for your safety". "I am afraid for the safety of your children." "You deserve better than this."

Mark Your Calendar

October General Meeting PIZZA:
Respect Life Month

Domestic Violence Awareness
Speaker: Julia D'Arts
I Am A Safe Place

Breast Cancer Awareness

Jewelry and Craft Sale 10 24/25

November General Meeting
Speaker: Kristin McCall
Families in Transition

Thanksgiving Lunch





THE BLESSED SACRAMENT COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN INVITES YOU TO A MORNING SPIRITUALITY RETREAT WITH DAVID O'BRIEN

Walking with Mary

An Advent Journey of Expectant Hope

David O'Brien brings over 30 years of ministry experience and practical knowledge of how to apply the Gospel to our everyday lives. Please join us for an inspirational Advent experience!

Saturday, December 19
9:30am – 1:30pm
in the Social Hall

Non Refundable Tickets \$15.00
Light breakfast & lunch included

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community
720 12th Street
Clermont, Florida 34711



God's Blessings

On Your Birthday

May God
Continue to
Guide Your Steps,
Strengthen
Your Faith,
and Fill Your Life
With *Joy.*

October Birthdays

Amy Bell October 13

Barbara Blakey October 2

Pat Ganley October 18

Janet Gauthier October 28

Mary Landry October 7

Diane McCue October 9

Kathy Miller October 21

Helen Spinogatti October 31

Iris Suarez-Colon October 6