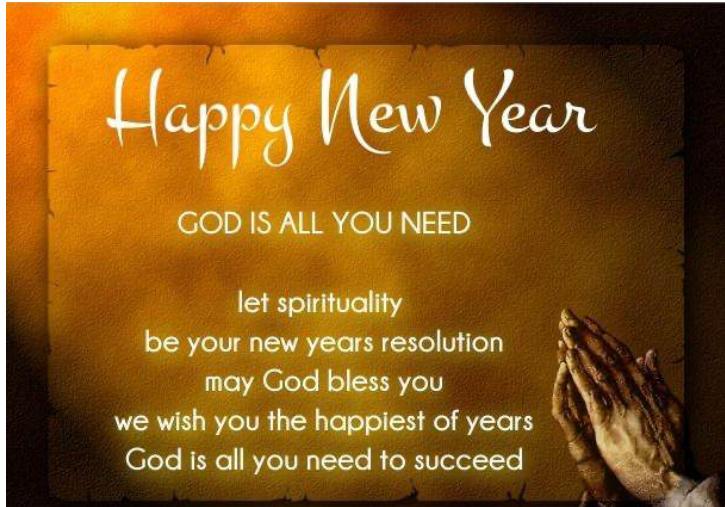


There's a point in every true friendship where you stop being friends and become sisters.



Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intentions for 2026 - a List for Each Month of the New Year 12/22/25

January - For Prayer With The Word Of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

February - For Children With Incurable Diseases Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

March - For Disarmament And Peace

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

April - For Priests In Crisis

Let us pray for Priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

May - That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

June - For The Values Of Sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

July - For Respect For Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

August - For Evangelization In The City

Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

September - For The Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

October - For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

November - For The Proper Use Of Wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.

December - For Single-parent Families

Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.



On The Move ...

God bless our beautiful members ... and we know this is just a small fraction of the caring deeds performed by our members carrying out the mission of BSCCW!



Dorcas' Way Year End Festival 12/13/25 ... Kathy Halpin, Nilda Davila, Kathy McGuinness, Paulette Lukanich and Letizia Isaia participated in giving gifts, feeding and crafting with the families attending the event.



Kathy McGuinness leading residents at a local senior living facility in making puppets to give the kids at *Head Start*.



Nilda Davila, Tillie Granucci and Kathy McGuinness (puppeteer) presented the puppet show before giving all the children a puppet made by the residents and some of our CCW members.



Margaret Johnson delivered Christmas to JMJ.



Some people say there's no magic left in the world. Then, how do you explain the entire world coming together on one night to celebrate the hope of a new year?

Well of Hope neighborhood Christmas Party 12/20/25 ...

Janet Gauthier, Paulette Lukanich and Nilda Davila helped give out handmade hats, scarves, mittens, blankets and socks to attendees.



Holly Austin volunteers at *Give Kids the World*. Here she is greeting families at the airport with Santa - creating a truly magical memory for the kids and their families.



We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.



*December 2025
Christmas General
Meeting*



January 2026 Letter from President Linda Laulette

As another year begins, I marvel at all we have accomplished since this membership year started in September. Just to list some, we supported Makers' Market, had a speaker from the Children's Advocacy Center, hosted hospitality weekends, shared our favorite foods at Thanksgiving and Christmas meetings, participated in two events at Head Start, bingo games at a local rehab center, sewing clothes for Fr. Ponce's Mission, Lake Hills School, and Head Start., filled 100 Boxes of Joy, Teapot Lunches, Holiday Gift Sale, and responded to prayer requests for our CCW sisters and their families.

We have People of Faith program, our Fashion Show, Days at the Capitol event, JMJ Baby Shower, Mary's Way of the Cross, World Day of Prayer, Spirituality Commission's Day of reflection, and ODCCW annual convention all scheduled in the coming months.

Our Spirituality, Leadership, Service and Legislative Commission Chairs and Cochairs with member support have been actively living out the objectives of our Mission. Thank you to the Board members as they have shared at meetings ways to build fellowship with each of us CCW sisters.

Have a blessed year!

Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

We pray for all our sisters and their families.



Heavenly Father, We lift up all those who are facing various illnesses and losses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. Amen



Legislative - Loretta Terrana

An emerging form of human trafficking is targeting often overlooked "at-risk adults". This term typically includes individuals who are 65 and older, adults 18 and older with some form of incapacitation, such as Alzheimer's or dementia, or residents of long-term care facilities. The exploitation of at-risk adults involves profiting from their vulnerability through the use of force, fraud and coercion. This often takes the form of "benefits trafficking" or exploitation within unlicensed personal care homes.

Some states have expanded the definition of elder abuse to include financial exploitation by family members or caregivers, social isolation by guardians, overmedication to maintain compliance and the depletion of their hard-earned assets. These are all considered components of human trafficking. The trafficking of at-risk adults often intersects with domestic violence, sexual assault, and other forms of abuse

After several cases of human trafficking were brought to light in the state, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence published an educational flyer on human trafficking, exploitation and abuse of older adults, which present as:

1. Benefits trafficking - withholding foodstamps, social security benefits, Medicaid, veterans' benefits in exchange for sex, drugs, money or as a tool of coercion.
2. Profiting from the sale of explicit pictures of an older adult without their consent.
3. Forcing the older adult to provide childcare without payment or not providing appropriate living conditions or food.
4. Threatening an older adult's independence if they don't comply with demands for sexual activity.
5. Financially exploiting the older adult by abusing their Power of Attorney or Guardianship rights and misusing the older adult's money and assets.
6. Sexually exploiting an older adult in exchange for drugs, money or something else of value.

Older adults and disabled adults are considered one of the most vulnerable populations. Be Vigilante!

(Alliance to End Human Trafficking founded by & Supported by US Catholic Sisters) ODCCW.Com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1/3 Rose Marie Gortych 1/4 Sue Brown

1/5 Elsie Overbay 1/15 Theresa Frick

1/25 Donna Butwill 1/25 Twan Ray

Reminder from Barbara Wessels:

The People of Faith program at Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Social Hall on Wednesday, January 28 at 10:00 a.m., followed by a light lunch. The theme is **Hope**.

People of Faith is an ecumenical program in the Clermont area that was created in the 1990's by a CCW member, the late Marion Bumferd. People of Faith is held three times a year: in January, at BSCC; in April, at South Lake Presbyterian Church and in September, at Living Hope Church on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Prayer for the New Year 2026

Heavenly Father, Author of all time and eternity, we come before You at the threshold of this new year with grateful and hopeful hearts. We thank You for the blessings of the year now passing and place ourselves entirely in Your providential care.

Pour out Your abundant blessings upon our families and friends. May our homes be sanctuaries of Your peace, where love grows deeper and wounds are healed through the grace of forgiveness.

We pray for Your Holy Church – for our Holy Father, Pope Leo, for our bishops and priests and for all the faithful throughout the world. Strengthen those who proclaim Your Gospel, and renew the hearts of all who serve You.

Grant wisdom to the leaders of nations, that justice may flourish and true peace take root in every land. Extend Your merciful hand to those burdened by poverty or suffering, that they may find relief and know they are not forgotten.

And Father, welcome into Your eternal rest all who have died this past year, and prepare the souls of those whom You will call home in this new year.

As we step forward into the unknown days before us, be our constant guide – and may this be a year in which we grow ever closer to You and to one another.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Upcoming Events

Mary's Handmaidens - 1-3pm
Jan 6 - Social Hall

Board Meeting - 1-3pm
Jan 13 - Adult Ministry Bldg

General Meeting - 11am
Jan 20 - Social Hall

CCW Mass 8:30am second Thursday of month

Dates to Remember

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day (wear blue) 1/11/26

Slavery & Human Trafficking Awareness Month - January

Capital Days at the Capital - 2/10-11/26

