

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

October, the "Month of the Rosary" in the Catholic Church, is a time to honor the Virgin Mary and pray the Rosary, a scripture-based devotion. This dedication stems from the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th, which was established by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to commemorate a Christian victory at the Battle of Lepanto, a victory he attributed to the power of the Rosary.

Interesting Rosaries



This world's most expensive rosary contains 70 emerald beads spaced by gold rondelles and is complete with table-cut diamonds. It was sold at auction for \$842,500. It was from the Saxon Royal Family, 17th century.

The world's largest rosary is at the Catholic diocese of Tagum City at the Christ King Cathedral. The beads are made from magcono, iron wood, native to the mountains of Davao Oriental and Surigao del Sur. Each weighs just over 77 pounds and the entire Rosary weighs 6,206 pounds and stretches over 900ft.

Totally unsurprisingly, Mother Teresa loved the rosary and prayed it throughout her day. She used the decades to represent various areas of the world, and said, "I pray for the poor and dying on each continent."



HATS OFF TO SPRING

a Fashion Show and Luncheon
presented by the Blessed Sacrament
Council of Catholic Women

January 31, 2026

Wesley Center at Living Hope Church
715 W Juniata Street Clermont, FL 34711

Doors open at 10:30 am
Fashion Show at 11:30 am
\$35 per person
non-refundable donation
www.myBSCC.org

Ticket sales to CCW Members will begin on Tuesday, October 14 after the Board Meeting at 3 pm in the Adult Ministry Building. Tickets will also be available at our October 21 General Meeting. Please contact Diane Owen (630-414-1652) or Loretta Terrana (352-988-3840) for tickets at any other time after October 14.

Pilgrimage to Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe

This is one of the sites designated in our area as a Jubilee Year church. On October 18, there will be a Mass, tour, Eucharistic Adoration and confessions.





Please contact Mary Alice Hernandez if you are interested in carpooling from Blessed Sacrament Church at 10:00am, October 18. Bring a snack and drink. (maryalice007@gmail.com)

COMMISSION CORNER

**Service - Tillie Granucci,
Nancy Pittman**

Exciting news! The *Boxes of Joy* are here, and we'll begin handing them out at Handmaidens and the October General Meeting.

The Handmaidens have been busy creating amazing starter items to pack in each box, including:

-  Crocheted flying saucers (yes, they really fly!)
-  Bead kits
-  Sewing kits
-  Medicine kits

These thoughtful, handmade items help jump-start the boxes and bring real joy to children. Each box typically includes: toys/games/crafts, a cinch bag, toothbrush, school supplies: tablet, crayons, 8 pencils, erasers, pens, markers or colored pencils (for older kids) Let's keep spreading joy—one box at a time!

New Project: Head Start Cot Sheets

We're also kicking off a new initiative to support Head Start, who have requested 255 cot sheets. We're putting together cozy sheets using fun animal and tractor fabrics that the children are sure to love. If you'd like to help with sewing, we'd love your support!

Read Aloud Volunteers Needed!

We're expanding the reading program for Head Start—and we're looking for volunteers!

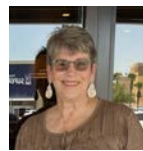
Spend time reading stories to children, sharing joy through books and imagination. Whether you love silly stories or sweet tales, your voice can make a big difference in a little one's day. Hours are very flexible, and your time is truly appreciated. Interested? Let Tillie know if you'd like to sign up!

Harvest Fair - October 24 - Head Start

Bingo - October 17 - Clermont Rehab Center

Thank you for all you do! Whether you're packing boxes, sewing sheets or telling stories, you're helping bring joy, comfort and care to children near and far.

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September 16 - First General Membership Meeting of 2025

Former members were joyously welcomed back and new members were greeted with a welcome lei. We even played Catholic Bingo after the meeting! It was fun and set the tone for a new year of friendships and camaraderie.



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



***Spirituality - Connie Brewer,
Donna Butwell***



People of Faith - Sept 24 - Living Hope Church

Ten CCW members attended the People of Faith presentation hosted by Living Hope Church. It was an excellent, informative and inspirational session about "The Impact of Food Insecurity". Speakers were Pastor Michael Hopewell, Director of Well of Hope Thrift Shop & Food Pantry; Trish Kry, Director of Neighborhood Center of South Lake and Dallis Wehr, Director of Food Services at Living Hope Church. We walked away with a whole new understanding about people in our community suffering from food deprivation.

NORTHERN DEANERY UPDATE

Please join the Northern Deanery General Meeting on Saturday, October 25 at Blessed Sacrament Church Social Hall. The meeting begins at 9:30 am with refreshments and the business meeting starts at 10 am. If you've never attended before, here's your opportunity to meet other CCW members from our other Northern Deanery CCWs.

The ODCCW has arranged for transportation and hotel recommendations to attend the Catholic Days at the Capitol on February 10-11, 2026. If you are interested in attending or desire more information, please contact our Northern Deanery Legislative Commission Representative, Loretta Terrana.



Stephanie from Head Start and Nancy Pittman displaying the sheets cot sheets for Head Start.



Legislative - Loretta Terrana

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) is observed every October to raise awareness about domestic violence and support survivors. During DVAM, people are encouraged to wear purple, the color of awareness and peace for this cause, and participate in community events to advocate for survivors' needs and promote prevention. The month also serves as a time to educate the public on healthy relationships and to highlight vital resources like national and local hotlines for those affected by abuse. Go online and visit Domestic Violence Awareness Project (www.dvawareness.org).

Here are examples of just "one thing" we can do:

- 1 Be a caring & consistent adult in the life of a child;
- 2 Talk with loved ones about violence and oppression;
- 3 Create a culture of consent in my home;
- 4 Speak out when I notice microaggressions;
- 5 Write to my legislators &/or newspapers;
- 6 use social media to raise awareness among my peers;
- 7 Reach out to my local domestic violence program to learn how I can help.

This month CCW has invited Brenda Crellen from the Lake Sumter Children's Advocacy Center to talk about what the facility does and how we can help.

BSCCW Cookbook Fundraiser - Linda Lauletta

Please send your three favorite recipes to CCW member Valorie Stone at vstone9246@gmail.com by November 1. Asking for 3-4 members to assist Valorie with entering and proofreading recipes emailed to her from members. The last cookbook in 2006 from all the Circles was a success. Let's make BSCCW 2026 Cookbook another member success. You can also enter the recipes online yourself; ask for our Morris Press Cookbook contributor's access code.

Hello God,

I called tonight to talk a little while

I need a friend who'll listen

To my anxiety and trial.

You see, I can't quite make it

Through a day just on my own ...

I need your love to guide me,

So I'll never feel alone.

I want to ask you please to keep

My family safe and sound,

Come and fill their lives with confidence,

For whatever fate they're bound.

Give me faith, dear God, to face

Each hour throughout the day,

And not to worry over things

I can't change in any way.

I thank you God for being home

And listening to my call,

For giving me such good advice

When I stumble and fall.

Your number, God, is the only one

That answers every time.

I never get a busy signal,

Never had to pay a dime.

So thank you, God, for listening

To my troubles and my sorrow.

Goodnight, God, I love you too,

Upcoming Events

Mary's Handmaidens - 1-3pm
Oct 7 - Social Hall

Board Meeting - 1-3pm
Oct 14 - Adult Ministry Bldg

General Meeting - 11am
Oct 21 - Social Hall

CCW Mass 8:30am second Thursday of month
Blessed Sacrament Church

Important Dates to Remember:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Respect Life Month - October - wear purple

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

Annual Project Recognition Report due - 2/28/26

10/2 Barbara Blaskey

10/28 Janet Gauthier

10/9 Diane McCue

10/31 Helen Spinogatti

10/13 Amy Bell

10/18 Pat Ganley

10/21 Kathleen Miller

