

St. Isidore CCW Meeting

September 15, 2025

President Melissa Ruholl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025.

The meeting opened with prayer and a pledge to the flag.

Brenda Kroeger read the Secretary's report dated May 6, 2025.

Treasurer Lexie Niemerg provided the Treasurer's report noting a current balance of \$8,675.45.

Vice President Ann Edwards reported there were no correspondence items to share.

Ellie Niemerg noted plans to organize the *Box of Joy* program again this year.

The CCW sponsors a young woman from India (Neisha). Christy Repking shared a letter from her expressing her gratitude for the ongoing support.

The ladies will gather on October 13th to sew Christmas stockings. Christy Repking will reach out to potential recipient organizations and welcomed input on additional contacts. Last year stockings were provided to several organizations (Toys for Tots, The Angel Tree program, SEARCH, FISH, Jasper County Home Front), with some delivered overseas. Melissa Ruholl motioned to donate \$100 plus postage toward the Christmas stocking project. Julie Thoele seconded, and the motion carried.

The group discussed annual cleaning of the church rectory. Christy Repking will seek input from Father Juan regarding the matter.

September 28th is Priesthood Sunday. Julie Thoele will organize a spiritual bouquet to be given to Father Juan Carlos on behalf of CCW.

Julie Thoele shared some religious books along with creative and interactive activities that can be used with small children. The resources are intended to help engage children in enjoyable faith-based experiences and create meaningful traditions.

A Trivia Night to benefit the Newton Family Life Center is scheduled for November 14th at St Joseph's Hall. The group discussed donating an item for the silent auction, with Julie Thoele suggesting a Tineco Vacuum and Mop. Noreen Beckman motioned to approve up to \$250 for the purchase of a silent auction item. Christy Repking seconded, and the motion carried.

The group suggested sharing a reminder that all women of the parish, 18 years and older, are automatic members of the CCW. All are welcome and encouraged to be a part of CCW and share in the faith, fellowship, and service.

Judy Repking provided a legislative update and touched on House Bill 3637 and 3709 that was signed into law by Governor Pritzker in August 2025. House Bill 3637 allows access to the medication abortion pill mifepristone and House Bill 3709 requires Illinois colleges and universities with student health services to provide birth control and medication abortion. The pro-life fight continues as these bills promote abortion versus other options that offer broader support for women.

September 24th through November 3rd marks the forty days for life. It is a 40-day campaign to unite the world in peaceful prayer and fasting to end abortion.

A group of individuals will be marching outside the abortion clinic in Granite City on September 24th. Contact Judy Repking if you are interested in joining the group.

October is respect life month.

Representatives from St Isidore will work at the Silk Purse on October 8th. Proceeds from the Silk Purse help support the Effingham Family Life Center.

The diocese annual respect life mass and rosary walk is October 11th.

Karla Sliefer is organizing the family life chain in Effingham on October 5th. Those interested in helping were asked to provide two dozen cookies for the event. The cookies can be brought the day of the event or dropped off at Karla's house or Probst Auto Body.

Eucharistic adoration for life is scheduled for October 21st and October 28th at St Isidore. Signup sheets will be available in the back of church.

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Convention is October 1st. Melissa Ruholl noted that CCW has submitted registration for ten ladies of the parish.

The fall breakfast at St Joseph Hall, Island Grove is October 5, 2025.

Melissa Ruholl noted the 2026 stewardship sign-up sheets will be out soon.

Karla Slifer reported on the Uganda fundraising event held at Bishop on September 14th. She thanked all who contributed and shared that Father Fred Jenga was very appreciative of the support.

Rosina Esker will be sewing First Communion banners and invited others to help with the project.

The meeting concluded with the installation of officers. Ann Edwards was named President, Karla Slifer was named Vice President, and Ann Beckman was named Secretary. Lexie Niemerg will continue as Treasurer.

The next CCW meeting will be held in November.

A door prize was awarded.

The meeting closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Lunch was served.

Prepared by: Brenda Kroeger