



# CCW Newsletter

Every tree is known by its own fruit (Jk 6:44)

## President's Corner

### Elsie 552-4432

I've been perplexed for many years with the concept of Thanksgiving: I can't figure out why we make such a big deal of giving thanks and why it's only one day long. Don't get me wrong.....I enjoy gathering with family, eating turkey and stuffing and pumpkin pie, shopping, watching football. But, like other holidays, the underlying purpose gets lost in so many one-day, material preparations, traditions, habits.

Several years ago, I revamped my morning devotions to begin each day with what I call "Daily Appreciation". Of course, I start by thanking our Lord profusely by reviewing the abundance of blessings I received over the last 24 hours. There were times, early on, when I couldn't think of much for which I was thankful, but, now, it seems like I could go on all morning with my list of people, things, abilities, opportunities, etc. for which I'm grateful. God is teaching me to be so much more appreciative of everything: a beautiful sunrise, the smell of brewing coffee, the comfort of my new "prayer chair", yesterday's lunch with a friend, a chance to help an elderly fellow with a runaway shopping cart, even some new ache that slows me down a little.....the list can be endless and can have a powerful impact on you.

Part 2 of my "Daily Appreciation" is to remind myself to say "Thank you" out loud to someone every day. I used to be amazed at how hard that could be at times, but it's getting much easier, and it feels great!

Have a truly blessed Thanksgiving Day, but find a reason, however tiny, to be thankful at least every day! You only have one chance at this life....this isn't a "dress rehearsal"...so appreciate all that He has given you, even the crosses you've been given to bear: they make you a stronger, more resourceful, more focused, more determined individual, striving to follow His path to eternal life in heaven.

Don't forget to sign up for and to attend the NDCCW Fall General Meeting on November 11 (and earn your Advent gift!) AND the December 9 CCW Winter Trip to the Singing Christmas Trees. I think you'll find both events worthy of copious thanks!!!

## Service Commission

### Laurei Fassino

The Service Commission is working. The knitting and sewing ladies are busy with their various projects. We are ready to start the potholders we are making for the Deanery to give away at the ODCCW convention this spring. We will be making 100 potholders.

The knitting ladies are very productive. We are proud of the beautiful blankets and shawls they are making. If anyone wants to learn these skills the ladies will be glad to teach them.

We have heard from the Sisters in Sri Lanka and they are happy to have received the dresses we sent. They are waiting to distribute them when school starts.

New members are always welcome We meet the second and fourth Friday each month at 9:30 AM until noon in the social hall. Anyone is welcome to attend and need not be a CCW member. Almost all the materials we use are donated by the parish and for this we are very grateful.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

## Spirituality Commission

### Kathy Yost

As we experience the "change of seasons" and upcoming celebrations with family and friends, let us pause now to reflect on our many blessings during this season of Thanksgiving. Do we thank our God enough for His unconditional love and faithfulness in good times and bad? Do we come to him just as we are, wounded and broken, not polished and perfect? Do we give Him our whole hearted YES or is it a maybe, a later or a no? He gave us His all - His Son Jesus. And He continues to give Him to us at every Mass in the Eucharist! We are richly blessed! Thank you to our God! Upcoming events: Monday, Nov. 13 8 am - Mass & Rosary at SVDP (wear your CCW name tag) Tuesday, Nov. 28 1pm - CCW Meeting - Fr. John speaking on Eucharistic Adoration and Roberta Cheever speaking on Legislative issues & Catholic Days at the Capital Thursday, Dec. 7 1 pm - Spirituality Commission meeting at home of Roz Bauer Saturday, Feb. 10 8 am - Lenten Morning of Reflection with Deacon Dana speaking

## Leadership Commission

### Gerri Rubico Ethel Porpora

So happy to say that our October fellowship meeting was a great success. Our speaker from the "Haven" was very informative. We had 61 members in attendance and as our new year begins we have welcomed 10 new members: Fran Rinaldi, Norma Jean Ballinger, Jeanette Thomas, Denise Anderson, Sharon Pollino, Karen Smith, Virginia Falco, Maureen Pollino, Jerilyn Keeley, and Nancy Stryker. We look forward to getting to know each of you. We are truly blessed to have so many volunteers who help with check-in, 50/50, photography, contact tree, and hospitality. Remember that Karen Kehres is our Sunshine coordinator who will reach out with a homemade card to our friends who may need their day brightened. Thanks to all of you who contribute to the success of the Leadership Commission. Please remember to check in at every meeting, record your service hours, and wear your badge. Also, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to get in touch with your contact person. Ethel and I are also here for you. We are currently working to complete the 2017-2018 membership directory which will be sent to all members. Please be sure to let us know of any changes to address, email, or phone numbers. Our Lenten Soup Suppers will continue under the direction of Nancy Guarneri. She will have a sign-up sheet at our November meeting. Please check your calendars and find a Friday during Lent when you can help out. They are fun and rewarding.

## November Birthdays

- Bernadette Butler 11/11
- Darlene Rutkowski 11/14
- Jean Diller 11/16
- Linda Gramlich 11/18
- Gerri Buono 11/20
- Dawna Thomas 11/23
- Sue Miller 11/25
- Lou Ann Finnucan 11/29

