



St. Vincent de Paul CCW Newsletter

Practice stewardship of time, talent, & treasure.

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President's Corner

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Are you prepared to enter this penitential season of Lent? Have you planned how you will enhance, enrich, and expand yours and your neighbor's life with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving?

So many opportunities...just check the February 25-26 bulletin [Don't forget if you don't have a chance to receive a paper bulletin, you can always go online to read it (visit www.sumtercatholic.org)]. There are so many StVdP programs scheduled for Lent: from our Mission to Stations (and join us for soup & fellowship after Stations); from the multi-purpose FORMED website to the 40-day Lenten calendar suggestions....there's NO excuse for letting this opportunity to allow our Lord to become a bigger part of your life slip by. AND, if you've never participated in Dynamic Catholic's "Best Lent Ever" program, you don't realize what you are missing: the daily emails they send can be eye-opening and life-changing (go to www.dynamiccatholic.com).

Our March Fellowship Meeting (on March 28) will feature a presentation concerning human trafficking....you'll definitely want to learn more about this horrific situation in our society. Because your National CCW believes that this appalling state of affairs should be a high priority of our focus, we'll hear a diocesan expert explain what we should know and how we can help.

Thanks to.....

- † The entire StVdP CCW Executive Board for their loyalty to, patience with, and support of your CCW President
- † All CCW sisters who helped to make the Marian Servant/Mark Forrest Concert such a memorable, moving, and profitable (for charity!) parish event with their ticket selling/taking, social hall setup/serving/clean-up, and contributions of delicious treats
- † Everyone who helped to make our 2nd annual Lenten Preparation - Morning of Reflection such a divine success, especially,
- ◆ Kathy Yost & Roz Bauer for their leadership, organization, and spirituality
- ◆ Patti O'Connor Allen, Gerri Rubico, and Ethel Porpora and their setup & clean-up teams for coordinating a bountiful breakfast and social

REFLECTIONS

The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. The LORD watches over all who love him. Psalm 145: 18-20

Leadership Commission

Patti O'Connor-Allen

We currently have a CCW membership of 107, and we are still growing. Thank you to all our current members who welcome and nurture our new members.

Our next focus is on our Lenten Soup Suppers, starting March 3. Please contact Nancy Guarneri at 352-205-7848 if you are interested in helping.

The Day of Reflection was just wonderful!! It was fabulous to see the various women's groups in our church coordinate efforts to produce a very spiritual event. Thank you to our Special Events Committee and Hospitality Committee for organizing and getting the food, and working both set-up days. Thank you to all who baked and brought in delicious fruit and pastries and helped with clean-up.

The last day to order our CCW name badges for this session will be March 28. Please contact me for details.



Happy Birthday!

Donna Fleming.....	3/1
Eileen McGuirk.....	3/2
Karen Kehres	3/4
Marjorie Martin.....	3/4
Patti O'Connor-Allen.....	3/5
Cheri Price	3/18
Merly Lavengco	3/23



- ◆ All those who contributed the delicious fruit and homemade treats to our breakfast
- ◆ Greeters & program distributors for keeping the crowd orderly, informed and feeling welcomed
- ◆ Dawn & Becki for their musical impact during the program
- ◆ StVdP's Marian Servants, Women of Grace contributors (Sue Garza, Nancy Elhajj, and Imelda Giglio), and Emmanuel Prayer Group's Marge DeBuc for their inspiring, insightful, and spiritual contributions to the program
- ◆ Todd, Chip, Tracy, & Tim for their hard work in setting up the social hall and their technical/expert input to the whole program
- † Our hard-working Fashion Show ticket sellers and prize collectors for the long hours they are logging to make the 2017 Fashion Show a success

Service Commission

Laurel Fassino

The Service Commission is starting to finish their projects for this year. We are growing in the number of things that we are making.

The knitting ladies are making prayer shawls, lap blankets, small cross squares caps for infants. They are both knitting and crocheting.

The sewing ladies are making the pillow case dresses and have now started making dresses from children's tee shirts. We continue to make the shorts for little boys and will be hoping for donations of children's tees that we can send with them. We have also received a request for Fidget blankets from a nursing home. These are small quilt like and made of various fabrics of different textures. We then adorn them with buttons, zippers and whatever else you may want to use. They tell us some people will fidget with their clothing and ruin them. Fidget blankets will give them something to do.

The Parish has been very generous this year in their donations of pillowcases, tees, yarn and sewing supplies. We are very grateful. We are hoping to be able to display what we make so they can see what their gifts have made.

We wish everyone a prayerful lent leading to a joyous Easter.

Spirituality Commission

Kathy Yost

Many thanks to all those who attended the 2nd Annual Lenten Morning of Reflection. Over 200 women came together to focus on preparing for Lent. They experienced God's love through the Mass, scriptural rosary, fellowship, and a series of presentations. These included very practical suggestions that Elsie shared about her plan for Lent. A witness was given on conversion, healing and God's amazing grace and another presentation on hearing God's call and how to discern his will then step out in faith to do it as in the song The Summons. "Little soul" and Mary returned this year as they and community members of the Marian Servants dramatized the process to learning what God really wants of us and how His love can heal and set us free so we can then Fly Like A Bird. Special thanks to my co chair Roz Bauer, Elsie & the board, our Spirituality Committee, Leadership and Patti O'Connor Allen and all who brought fresh fruit or baked goods as well as to our many, many volunteers. Special thanks to Women of Grace, Emmanuel Prayer Group & Marian Servants Ministries for their YES and sharing their witnesses and their gifts for this beautiful time of Reflection. May you each be blessed this Lent with the grace to know God's love, hear His voice and do His will.

God, you want me to do what? Really?