



Our Lady of Good Counsel

St. Isidore Council of Catholic Women

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CCW Officers:

President: Mary Ellen Graf
Rec. Secretary: Joan Lowe
Treasurer: Liz Freund

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Letter from the President

Dear Ladies,

Welcome back! I hope that you enjoyed your summer and experienced some rest and relaxation time.

We begin our new year by not only welcoming back and catching up with each other, but inviting other women to check out and join CCW. Our two opportunities to do that this month are at our Sign-Up Weekend and our Welcome Dinner.

This weekend, September 6-7, is our Sign-Up Weekend in the church narthex. We will be introducing our group to women who stop by our table after all of the Masses, as well as inviting them to our Welcome Dinner.

Thursday, September 18th, is the date for that Welcome Dinner. We have a delicious supper planned and we are blessed to have Deacon John once again lead our prayer service. Like the past several years, there is no charge for this evening.

After the prayer service and dinner, we will be talking about what causes relating to women and children we would like to support this year. If you have a cause you would like to see us support, be prepared at the September meeting to give us a very brief description of the cause. The Board will discern and pray over the causes, and prepare a final ballot to be voted on at the October meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you again.

Mary Ellen

WELCOME BACK DINNER
September 18th 6:30 P.M. starting
with a prayer service and followed
with our meeting.



Invite your friends to join you! A light meal will be provided by the board. If you are coming, please call Michele Miller at 630 293-7072 by September 12th so we are sure to have enough food. We hope to have a GREAT turnout!

Ideas for our cause (related to women and children) will be solicited at the Sept meeting and voted on at the Oct meeting – so start thinking!

In an effort to increase membership, please cut, sign, and distribute the 4 invitations included to friends and neighbors.

Recruiting weekend is Sept 6 and 7 after masses.



Calendar of Events

September 6 & 7	CCW Sign Up Weekend – Church Narthex
September 18	WELCOME Meeting 6:30PM
September 25	Board Meeting
October 16	General Meeting
October 23	Board Meeting
October 29 (Monday)	PADS
November 7 (Friday)	Craft Fair Set-up
November 8 (Saturday)	Craft Fair

September Birthdays: Maureen Guarderas (8th), Pat Baker (10th), Rita Letizia (11th), Donna Franzen (12th) and Joan Lambke (30th)



BELETED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO FR. JERRY! (7/1)



BOARD NOTES/ REMINDERS



- **Craft Fair:** November 8th 9AM-3PM in the Ministry Center. As the tables fill up pretty fast, CCW members are being notified well in advance to assure anyone who wants a table can get one. Booths cost \$45 and applications can be downloaded at our parish website: www.stisidoreparish.org or contact Cathy Medearis at 682-4146 or Liz Freund at 894-1843 for additional information. .

- **Commission/Chair Positions:** We still have the following commission and chair positions that need to be filled. We need members ready to take on the responsibility of our leadership positions. You will not be alone in any endeavor you commit to and the remaining openings are easy and a “get your feet wet” position. Please call Mary Ellen Graf or email her if you might be interested or want more information.

Co-Hostess – share Hostess position which coordinates efforts of monthly hostesses in preparation of each general meeting; first to arrive and assembles supplies, last to leave and lock up supplies

Photographer – responsible for taking pictures of CCW events and meetings; displays photos at meetings; submits photos to Historian

Programs – identifies, selects and contracts entertainment for monthly meetings

Service – will serve on the Pastoral Council’s Service Commission and represent CCW at meetings

- **JDCCW** (Joliet Diocese) Convention is in September. We will place a quarter page ad in the program.



TRIFESTA!

As committee chair, I would like to thank the following members who contributed their time and energy to make the sangria/wine booth a great success: Marilyn Anzelmo, Gloria Hagedorn, Lynda Brauer, Mary Ellen Graf, Mary Christopher, Cathy Scilabra, Toni Sakellaris, Betty Healy, Pat Baker, Charna Parenti, Louise Tomkowiak (2 shifts), Mary Jo Staszak, Michele Miller, Pam Mitchell, Merri Downs, Cathy Jarvis and Liz Freund. And special thanks to Jose` and Father Jerry for all the “running and hauling” they did for our booth! You are all such a pleasure to work with – **THANKS**

Joan Gilleran-Strom

From the **Bingo** chairs, (Dorothy Jaskey and Cathy Medearis) a great big THANK-YOU goes out to the following members: Joan Lowe, Rite Wencel, Ann Gazda, Cathy Jarvis, Corrine DuBois, Louse Tomkowsk, Rose Boyer, Liz Freund, Marie Fuschillo, Marie Kowalski (and hubby), Mary Christopher, Gloria Hagedorn, Denise Dispensa, and Patricia Lopez.

And to non-members (who we would love to see join us): Colleen Arnold, Jo Jansky, Rebecca Salvato and Ann Boruk.

THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU!



CCW would like to WELCOME Father Jerry and Father Mark to St. Isidore's family. We know this can be a hectic place but it has many wonderful people who we hope you will learn to love. You will always be in our prayers as you encounter "the good, the bad and the holy" that makes us a living, breathing, growing community.

God bless you both!

Please Pray For...



The soul of Connie Bonfiglio (member) and mother of Rita Letizia (member)
The soul of Randy Enger – husband of Debbie (member)
The soul of Lucille Schiveger – sister of Marie Fuschillo (member)

The health of Lynda Brauer's cousin, Kathy Brauer and 3 yr/old Aiden Hanley who had a cancerous kidney removed
The health of Geri Byer (member)
The health of Mary Christopher (member) and her family
The health of Rose Cortese, Jo Dabrowski's sister
The health of Andrea Coutu (member) and her family
The health of Corrine DuBois (member) husband, Ray
The health of Jo & Lois Engerski
The health of Liz Freund's brother-in-law, Patrick Freund (brother of Deacon John) and his wife Vicky Freund
The health of Ann Gazda's (member) daughter, Michelle
The health of Gloria Hagedorn's (member) sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Michael Wicnienski
The health of Jo Iacobazzi (member)
The health of Marie Kowalski (member) and her granddaughter Mackenzie
The health of Joan Lowe (member)
The health of Michele Miller's (member) father, Frank Blank
The health of Pam Mitchell's (member) uncle, John Mitchell and sister Jennifer Mitchell
The health of Toni Sakellaris' (member) great-grandson Jack who is autistic
The health of Stella Sanalistro (member)
The health of Cathy Scilabra's (member) son Philip Scilabra and daughter Cathy Scilabra
The health of Mary Sovcik (member)
The health of Madeline Spinello's (member) daughter, Maria
The health of Dorothy Zywtot (member)
The health of Deacon Terry, and his Father Bob
The health of Gina, Daughter of Dolly (parish office)
For all of our CCW members and their families

NOTE In October, this list will start anew. If you wish names to be listed again, let me know. Thanks

Please call Joan Gilleran-Strom at 630 893-2148 email jgilleran@sbcglobal.net with prayer request additions or changes, or any other items to be included in the newsletter.

OUR LOSS – HEAVEN'S GAIN

On August 27th, Connie Bonfiglio joined the saints above and, as Fr. Tony said in his homily, “the Heavens rejoice”.

Connie was a very special lady.

Our CCW has lost a beloved friend and member. Her daughter, Rita Letizia, would bring her to meetings, and she brought cheer to us with that twinkle in her eye and that precious smile. She attended our last St. Joseph Table and her presence warmed our hearts. She was an ever willing helper – a blessing to all of us.

Connie will surely be missed and our prayers of comfort go forth to her family.

We love you, Connie!





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DATE: September 18, 2008
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