# **NEWSLETTER**

## DAYTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB JULY - SEPTEMBER, 2024

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# **Save These Dates**

#### **Day of Recollection**

Church of the Ascension 2025 Woodman Drive Saturday, October 12, 2024

#### **Christmas Boutique and Luncheon**

Presidential Banquet Center 4572 Presidential Way Saturday, December 7, 2024

#### St. Patrick's Game Party and Luncheon

Presidential Banquet Center 4572 Presidential Way Saturday, March 2025 Date TBD

Spring Celebration Luncheon 2025 TBD

## **DCWC Information Night**

## by Lisa Scherbauer

On Monday, August 12th, the Dayton Catholic Women's Club (DCWC) welcomed members and prospective members to an engaging information night at Marion's Pizza on Shroyer Road. The evening was dedicated to sharing the mission and vision of our vibrant community, and to explore the many ways individuals can get involved with our club.

About DCWC: The Dayton Catholic Women's Club celebrated its 100 year anniversary in April of 2023. With a rich history serving the Dayton area and surrounding communities, the DCWC is committed to enriching the faith lives of Catholic women throughout the Greater Miami Valley. The object is to promote a spirit of unity and cooperation among Catholic women of the Dayton area in religious, education, civic, social, cultural and humanitarian interests. Our mission is to support and uplift women, children, and families through a variety of programs and services.

#### How You Can Get Involved:

- Fundraising for Charitable Giving: Contribute to our scholarship and grant programs, helping to support those in need.
- 2. <u>Social Activities</u>: Participate in our lively events such as the St. Patrick's Day celebration, the Christmas Boutique and Luncheon, and other enjoyable dinners throughout the year.
- Spiritual Development: Join us for our Day of Recollection in the Fall on Oct. 12. We invite you to also share your ideas as we aim to expand this area of programming.

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# **President's Message**

by Gail Brockman, President

Hi Ladies.

I hope you all have enjoyed a wonderful summer. My summer was what I like to call "blessed busy" with bee keeping, grandkids, a wedding and a new great grandchild! Blessings one and all! As the summer begins to wind down, I begin to refocus on DCWC matters.

The 10th National Eucharist Congress was held in Indianapolis this past July. Over 50,000 people ages 0-93 were in attendance, with over 500 First Communicants in the procession. Confessions were numerous and the priests who attended were called upon to assist in confession. You can stream many of the speeches and events on YouTube and EWTN. I was not able to attend myself but I did go to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church to hear the witness of those who did! I was amazed at how inspired they are now to spread the good news. We would love to know if any DCWC members went and would be willing to share your input. Take a moment to email us at <a href="mailto:dcwc1923@gmail.com">dcwc1923@gmail.com</a> and fill us in on your insights from the event. What inspired you? What speakers really hit home for you with their insights? God willing, I may see the next one!

We are continuing to work on and improve our website. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please feel free to reach out with your ideas at dcwc1923@gmail.com.

#### Gail's Hail

I never thought I would read the whole Bible in 365 days! But I am and I am enjoying it. The series is through Ascension Press and is called *The Bible in a Year* with Fr Mike Schmit.

https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascensionpodcasts/bibleinayear/.

If you have the Hallow app you can also listen to it there. For some, every day is too much, you can also listen at your own pace. Fr. Mike is a very uplifting host. He serves as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Duluth and as Chaplain for the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. He is well known for his popular YouTube videos, released weekly on the <u>Ascension Presents YouTube channel</u>, and he also streams Sunday Mass to a worldwide audience. In addition to hosting the first complete Catholic Bible in a Year podcast, he is also a presenter in Ascension's <u>Chosen</u>, <u>Altaration</u>, and <u>The 99</u> programs, as well as a contributing author to <u>Pray</u>, <u>Decide</u>, and <u>Don't Worry: Five Steps for Disceming God's Will</u>. I hope you enjoy Fr. Mike as much as I do.

God bless!
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for us!

Your Servant Leader,



Gail

# **Memorials & Membership**

by Sandy Reed, Membership Chair

#### **Deceased Members**

DCWC has lost the following members due to death since the last newsletter.



Rose Belt 8/4/2024

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord; may she rest in peace. Amen. (Please note in your membership books and say a prayer for our deceased members as you do so.). Please say a prayer for those who are ill at this time, so they may have comfort and know the care of the DCWC.

We don't always know right away of anyone passing. If you know of any deceased member who has not been mentioned in the newsletter, please advise Sandy Reed (937-890-1375) or Cindy Currell (937-681-9113). We share this information with our membership for prayer and remembrance and send condolences on behalf of the DCWC to the deceased member's family. Thank you for helping us remember our members. Eternal rest grant upon those who have gone before us, and may they rest in peace.

### New Lifetime Member

**Judith Francis** 

New and Lifetime Member

Cathleen Finnegan 9244 Bennington Way

Centerville, OH 45458

937-499-3353

**New Members** 

Susan M. Clausen

Marie Bartels 1690 Glade Valley Dr.

Washington Twp., OH 45458

228-860-7378

Beth Brough 8936 Deep Forest Lane

Dayton, OH 45458

937-260-3185

11402 Kemperknoll Lane Cincinnati, OH 45249

513-218-8942

Mary Ann Frederickson 1073 Princewood Ave.

Centerville, OH 45429

937-293-2436

Cathy Magness 1318 Quail Bend Circle

Kettering, OH 45429

937-231-9853

Shayla Markle 114 Williamsburg Lane

Dayton, OH 45459

206-419-2425

Dodie Munn 3067 Fairmont Ave.

Kettering, OH 45429

937-723-1142

Evelyn Parisi 64 E. Dixon

Dayton, OH 45419

937-294-7270

Olivia Parisi 64 E. Dixon

Dayton, OH 45419

937-294-7270

Lisa Schulte 415 Aberdeen Ave

Oakwood, OH 45419

937-344-2401

Kathy Vail 4209 Lesher Dr. Apt 3

Kettering, OH 45429

937-477-1272

Change of Name and Address

Pauline Olon is now Pauline Baldonado

4170 Ginger Farm Terrace,

Dayton, OH 45414 937-875-1051

Changes of Address/Phone number

Judith Bittner 355 W. Central Ave #224

Springboro, OH 45066

Dorothy Frysinger 2230 S Patterson Blvd #96

Dayton, OH 45409

Julia Goecke 5734 Tinsley Terrace

The Villages, FL 32163

865-396-0131

Karla Hollencamp 1437 Spanish Moss Way

Dayton, OH 45458

Susan Keller 2539 Trafalgar Place

Xenia, OH 45385

Carole McCabe 74 Sunflower Place

Tipp City, OH 4571

Kelly Strickland PO Box 191

Xenia, OH 45385

Mary Veda 1157 Bluewood Lane

Centerville, OH 45458

Nancy Vergamini 1001 Estate Lane

Brookville, OH 45309

Thecla Zech c/o Diane Koesters

1460 Taitwood Dr. Dayton, OH 45459

#### Membership Dues

According to our Constitution, yearly dues are to be paid at the beginning of each year. Please check the year above your name on the envelope. If the year says 2023, please pay \$15 to continue your membership for 2024. We appreciate your continued membership as it helps pay for paper, envelopes, stamps and printing for our communications with you, as well as, other expenses that are needed to run an organization. Besides our yearly dues of \$15, you have the option to become a Lifetime Member for \$150.

### Patrons for the 2025-2026 DCWC Membership Book

Later this fall, work will begin on the new 2025-2026 membership directory. As usual, we will be looking for patrons to help us cover the cost to print and mail this book. Patron envelopes will be available at the Day of Recollection and at the Christmas Boutique and Luncheon. Any amount is accepted and donors will be acknowledged with their names printed in the new book. If you are not going to go to either of these events, you may contribute by sending a check to the DCWC post office address. P.O. Box 1677, Dayton, OH. 45401. Please make sure you mark your donation as Patron money so we don't confuse this with dues.

## **DCWC Information Night** (continued from page 1)

How to Get Involved (continued):

- Educational Programs: Be part of our new initiative to offer educational opportunities. We are looking for ideas and volunteers to help shape this exciting development.
- 5. <u>Community Service</u>: Engage in community service by supporting local non-profits and contributing to the various donations we collect at our events.

**Get Involved!** If you're interested in learning more or getting involved in any of these areas, we encourage you to reach out to our board members or attend one of our upcoming board meetings. All members are welcome!

#### **Upcoming Board Meetings:**

- September 9th at 6 PM Church of the Ascension, 2025
   Woodman Drive, Kettering
- Starting in October Every 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 pm, they will be at St. Albert the Great Church, 3033 Far Hills Ave., Kettering

We look forward to seeing you and working together to make a difference!

#### **DCWC BOARD MEETINGS 2024-25**

#### All members welcome!

- Mon., Sept. 9, 2024. 6:00 pm. Church of the Ascension, 2025 Woodman Drive, Kettering
- Mon., Oct. 14, 2024 6:00 pm. St. Albert the Great Church, 3033 Far Hills Ave., Kettering
- Mon, Nov. 11, 2024 6:00 pm. St. Albert the Great Church, 3033 Far Hills Ave., Kettering
- Mon, Dec. 9, 2024 6:00 pm. St. Albert the Great Church, 3033 Far Hills Ave., Kettering
- Mon., Jan. 13, 2025 6:00 pm. St. Albert the Great Church, 3033 Far Hills Ave., Kettering
- Mon., Feb. 10, 2025 6:00 pm. St. Albert the Great Church, 3033 Far Hills Ave., Kettering
- Mon., March 10, 2025 6:00 pm. St. Albert the Great Church, 3033 Far Hills Ave., Kettering
- Mon., April 14 6:00 pm. St. Albert the Great Church, 3033
   Far Hills Ave., Kettering
- Mon., May 12, 2025 6:00 pm. St. Albert the Great Church, 3033 Far Hills Ave., Kettering
- 2025-26 monthly meetings begin August 11, 2025.

# WE NEED YOUR VOTE on October 14, 2024 AMENDMENT TO OUR CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS

by Carol Graham and Julianne McCain

The Constitution Committee has presented an amendment to Article VI, Sec. 1 of the constitution to the Board of Directors on September 9, 2024 and now it needs final approval by the general membership as stated in Article IV, Sec 1 of the Constitution, found on page 65 of your 2023-24 membership book.

We ask that you attend the Board meeting Monday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Albert's Spirit Center (off the back parking lot of the Church in Kettering on Far Hills Ave.) to vote on this amendment which will be the 1st item on the agenda. This amendment can be found on page 65 of your current book and

is being submitted in writing below (with the italicized text showing the changes) and, if it gets approved, will be published in the next membership book.

The proposed change is:

FROM THIS:

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We look forward to seeing you on October 14. We hope you realize the importance of this meeting and join us to exercise your privilege to vote. If you have any questions or comments before the meeting, please feel free to contact the committee's cochairs. Carol (Martz) Graham 937-475-5258 or Julianne (Boston) McCain 937-694-2176.

## Message of Inspiration National Eucharistic Congress – Indianapolis, IN My Sisters in Christ - Message One

by Carol Graham

I had the privilege to attend this wonderful National Eucharistic Congress, which was held in Indianapolis this summer, with approximately 25 others from my parish, Sacred Heart and my Immaculate Heart of Mary Family from Fairfield, Ohio, of which I moved to 5 years ago. It was an opportunity I'll never forget. I felt called to share with you what we took away from our experiences, and will share my experience in a four part message. Here is Message One.

This year's Congress began with the Eucharistic Pilgrimage that brought 4 different routes from 4 corners across the country to the opening session in Lucas Oil Stadium. Thousands of miles were walked with Jesus by perpetual pilgrims as well as local pilgrims within each diocese. Mile long processions were seen by believers and non-believers alike as Jesus made his way to Indianapolis. These processions took months and months before the Congress even began.

At our opening session, all four pilgrimage routes entered the stadium to cheers as the excitement built around what was about to begin. I'm not sure if any of us there truly knew what to expect, but suddenly in the fervor it was announced that "Jesus is here" and a voice said, "please kneel". And with that, 60,000 people fell silent, knelt and watched as Jesus was processed into that space.

What moments before had been a vivacious gathering was now a sacred space. We spent 30 minutes before our Lord, each of us in our own relationship with Him. Thinking about it still gives me "shivers". Here is the opening ceremony link:

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# <u>Kickoff of the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress | Highlights July 17 (youtube.com)</u>

Each day of the Congress was begun with Rosary, Mass, Music and Speakers, all of which helped to feed the souls and spirits of all those present. We each came away with exactly what the Lord intended for us. Masses were said in multiple languages throughout the week. There were different "paths" for people to participate in whether you were clergy, lay ministers, families, youth or lay participants. Each "path" had speakers that helped to direct your way of life around the focus of the Lord's presence in our lives.

Each evening, all the participants gathered together for a shared experience of music, speakers and witnesses ending with Adoration. There was also opportunity for reconciliation with 50+ priests available. Also, adoration

was 24/7 in the local church. Although all of our individual stories may be unique, I am almost certain that you will hear the theme that Christ was among us there. However, the bigger "take-away" was not that He was there, but rather that He is here with us.

One thing I want to challenge you with is, take just a moment and ask yourself honestly - Do I truly believe that Jesus is present, body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist? This is deeply personal so only you and God will know that true answer. If your answer is yes, then my next urging will be to ask you to prayerfully consider how are you being or can you be Christ to those around you? Are you using or able to use your God-given talents to "feed" others around you? If you answered no, prayerfully consider what it is that holds you back from that belief? How do you need to be fed in order to come to believe?

As we ended the Congress, we were commissioned, just as Jesus's disciples were, to carry forth the message and that is why I'm sharing this with my DCWC Sisters. For the next 3 issues of the newsletter, I'll present you with more that has come from this amazing Congress. I pray that even though you didn't have the personal experience of attending, you may gain some knowledge and grace from these messages.

Carol Graham, Your Sister in Christ



**Prayer Corner** 

### **Autumn Prayer**

O God of Creation,
you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.
As we embrace these autumn months,
May the earlier setting of the sun
Remind us to take time to rest.
May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet
Remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.
May the steam of our breath in the cool air
Remind us that it is you who give us
your breath of life.

May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds Remind us that you call us to follow your will. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.

– Author Unknown (Source:https://www.sistersofthedivinesavior.org/pray\_archive/autumn-prayer/)



#### **Additional Spiritual Resources**

- Scriptures of the Day (found at www.usccb.org )
- Center for Action and Contemplation –
   Daily Meditations (https://cac.org/daily-meditations/.
- Abby of the Arts https://abbeyofthearts.com/prayer-cycle/
- Spirituality and Practice
   (https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com )



Our Mission:

The Dayton Catholic Women's Club
engages in religious, educational,
social and charitable works,
always giving the best we have.