

NEWSLETTER

Dayton Catholic Women's Club

October – December 2024

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Save These Dates

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 8, 2025

Spring Celebration Luncheon

2025 TBD

Day of Recollection

2025 TBD

2024 Day of Recollection

by Sandy Reed

This year's Day of Recollection started with Fr. Gregory Konerman saying Mass in Church of the Ascension. During the Prayers of the Faithful, our members who died during the past year were remembered. After Communion, Father blessed the Miraculous Medals that were distributed to all in attendance at the end of our event.

After Mass we convened downstairs for a light breakfast of pastries and coffee, tea and juice. President Gail Brockman welcomed the members and then introduced Sandy Reed, Chair of the event who had several announcements and explained the Patron envelopes on the table. Carol Graham, Co-Chair, then introduced our speaker Jeanne Hunt who spoke about this kind of Sacramentals. After a break, she continued to share some of her personal experiences using Sacramentals, including the Miraculous Medal that she wears every day close to her heart.

A fabulous buffet lunch was served including fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, fruit and veggies trays from Kroger and a meat tray and green beans from donors. Desserts of brownies and cookies from Sam's Club were served as well. A great big thanks goes to Marguerite Krein, our food coordinator and her helper Diana Koogler.

After lunch, Jeanne Hunt spoke again about prayers and Sacramentals. At the conclusion of her presentation, in a solemn procession members came forward to receive their Miraculous Medals from Carol Graham and her helper Theresa Warych.

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President's Message

by Gail Brockman, President

Hi Ladies,

I hope you all are well. Here we are and it's already the middle of October. The year is passing as quickly as the changing of the leaves. For this newsletter I would like to focus on our devotion to Mary, our intercessor. October 7th was The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Mary, not fully understanding the circumstances of her being the mother of Jesus, fully trusted God. She also believed that the Child she was to have would result in great good. Praying the Rosary can help us focus on the Life of Christ and His sacrifice for us. Mary spent her life saying yes to God. Following and trusting in His plan for her son. The Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous mysteries take us through the Life of Christ and God's plan for our Salvation. Like Mary we need to say yes to God in all areas of our lives, trusting in His plan for our salvation.

October was also our DCWC Day of Recollection. Jeanne Hunt, our guest speaker, spoke about the Miraculous Medal. Like the Rosary, it is a sacramental. The Miraculous Medal is a Catholic symbol that represents Mary's love and desire to help people and is meant to be worn with trust and love. The Medal is a visual reminder of our salvation through Jesus Christ. The medal's many symbols have specific meanings. On the front side, Mary stands on a globe, crushing a serpent under her feet, and rays of light come from her hands. This symbolizes Mary's role as Queen of Heaven and Earth, and the graces she gives to those who ask. The year 1830 commemorates the year Mary appeared to St. Catherine Labouré. On the back side, a cross and the letter "M" are featured on the back of the medal. The cross represents Christ's sacrifice, and the "M" stands for Mary. The two hearts represent the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. The medal is also surrounded by twelve stars, which can represent the twelve Apostles. I would like to reflect on Mary as we pray, "Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." I left with the wonderful knowledge that Mary teaches us to come to her, she listens and wants a relationship with us. Stay close to Mary. Have a personal relationship with her, the signs are there! Learn from her the value of every human life, working to know God's Love, and to pray for all those in any kind of need.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Boutique. Bring a friend, bring lots of friends! It will spark that Christmas Spirit!

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Gail's Hails

Take time to not only enjoy the beauty of Fall, but also to find a peaceful place to say the Rosary or take a meditation walk outside.

God bless!

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for us!

Your Servant Leader,

Gail

Memorials & Membership

By Sandy Reed, Membership Chair

Deceased Member

DCWC has lost the following member due to death since the last newsletter:



Phyllis Campion 10/3/24

Carol Woodward 10/19/24

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; may they rest in peace. Amen

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 Barb Kreuzer (937-901-9446).

New Members

- Patty Beckstein 2512 Bending Willow Dr.
Kettering, OH 45440
937-613-8949
- Jean Henderson 4638 Kingview Ave.
Dayton, OH 45420
937-672-4203
- Lois Keil 3722 Tiffany Dr.
Dayton, OH 45420
937-299-0257
- Diana Koogler 26 Summerhaven Rd.
Beavercreek, OH 45458
937-320-6240
- Lauree Lawler 1169 Timberhawk Trail
Dayton, OH 45458
937-829-5177
- Melissa Leiher 1287 Eagles Way
Xenia, OH 45385
937-545-9124

Changes of Address

- Cindy Currell 5920 Lake Villa Circle
Commerce Twp, MI. 48382
- Diana Thorstenson 4144 Tulip Tree
Dayton, OH 45440
- Ruth Wiles 800 Grayson Lane Apt.128
Beavercreek, OH 45430
- Mary Winner 1537 Northfield Dr.
Coldwater, OH 45828

Lost Member

Maryellen Van DeGrift -- Maryellen's mail has been returned to us. If anyone has information about her location, please contact Sandy Reed at foursreed@aol.com or 937-890-1375. If I'm not available, please leave a message and I will return your call.

Membership Dues

If the year above your name, on your address envelope, still says 2023, then you still owe \$15 for 2024. 2024 Dues must be paid by December 20, 2024, in order to continue your membership into the new year.

Yearly dues are \$15, or you may have a lifetime membership for \$150. You may mail your dues to:

DCWC P.O. Box 1677 Dayton, OH 45401,

or pay them in person at the Christmas Boutique & Luncheon. When paying in person, please have the correct amount in cash or pay by check.

Please check your information in the current member's book for accuracy. If any changes need to be made, email those changes to Sandy Reed at foursreed@aol.com. The new member book is in the planning stages now for 2025 – 2027.

Patrons for the 2025-2027 DCWC Membership Book

Later this fall, work will begin on the new 2025-2027 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 Christmas Boutique & Luncheon and the St. Patrick's Card & Game Party. 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.

POT O' GOLD RAFFLE – DAYTON DRAGON LUXURY VIP SUITE!

by Carol Graham

Again, this year we are looking forward to another great day at the ballpark. That's right, the Dayton Dragons at DayAir Ballpark. We will be raffling off 3 chances to win 4-seats in a Luxury VIP Suite + \$40 in baseball bucks for just \$25 a chance at our St. Patrick's Day Bingo, Card & Game Party which will be on Saturday, March 8, 2025.

The Dragon Game will be on Thursday, April 24, 2025. Please look for the flyer and your playing card (which is your ticket) in the next newsletter for all the details. You can also attend the game by purchasing stadium seats for just \$14 each of which \$7 will go back to the DCWC (Limit of 20 seats).

If you have any questions about this special event, call Carol Graham at 937- 475-5258.

Hope to see you at the ballgame!



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Then Mary Reid from Catholic Social Services gave a brief presentation and passed out materials about the Refugee Resettlement Program, which DCWC members contributed to with a variety of goods or financial gifts. The day ended with closing announcements and thanking all for their support and help preparing for the Day of Recollection.

from Chair, Sandy Reed

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!

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

DCWC BOARD MEETINGS 2024-25

6:00 pm in the Spirit Center, St. Albert the Great Church, 3033 Far Hills Ave., Kettering. All members welcome!

- *Mon, Nov. 11, 2024*
- *Mon, Dec. 9, 2024*
- *Mon., Jan. 13, 2025*
- *Mon., Feb. 10, 2025*
- *Mon., March 10, 2025*
- *Mon., April 14, 2025*
- *Mon., May 12, 2025*

2025-26 monthly meetings begin August 11, 2025.

Dear Ladies,

It is hard to believe but the Dayton Catholic Women's Club Christmas Boutique is almost here. The event this year is DECEMBER 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. for shopping. Lunch will be served promptly at 12:35. Vendors have the option to stay until 3:00 p.m.

After lunch is served, we will begin our raffle. Tickets for the large raffle will be in the flyer you will receive in the mail. Chance raffle tickets can be purchased at the event. There are many great prizes this year, CASH, GIFT CERTIFICATES, AND OVER 40 GIFT BASKETS.

The reservation information will be mailed out November 4th. This will include raffle tickets, lunch reservation & meal choice., etc. Please invite family & friends to our signature event.

If you have any questions, please call or text Margene Robinson at 937-371-4521.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT



Message of Inspiration – Message Two National Eucharistic Congress – Indianapolis, IN

by Carol Graham

My Sisters in Christ

As I wrote in the previous newsletter, 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. It was an opportunity I'll never forget and felt called to share with you what we took away from our experiences.

The precipice for this event stemmed from a 2019 PEW poll that found a majority of Catholics doubted that the true Body and Blood of Christ Jesus is present in the Eucharist. As this is the core tenet as well as the Source and Summit of our faith, the council of Bishops formulated a 3-year plan for a Eucharistic Revival. The first year was a Diocesan focus on leaders who held firm to this tenet and could help bring it into the parishes at a deeper level. Year two was the Parish focus with the Eucharistic Congress being that moment and momentum to carry into Year three which focuses on Mission to the entire church as well as the world. The Eucharistic Congress is not a new idea. It originated in the 1800s and the US has hosted two international Congresses. The first was in Chicago in 1926 with almost a million people attending the closing mass and the second in Philadelphia in 1976 where hundreds of thousands of people attended.

In 1930, a National Congress was held in Omaha in which lay people, like ourselves, were invited to attend and approximately 60,000 did. A second national congress in Cleveland in 1935 had 60-80 thousand attend and this summer, another 60,000 came to gather in Indianapolis.

One of our attendees commented on what an interesting experience it was being around so many who believe in Christ. He said, "Thousands of people were everywhere, yet everyone was kind and patient. We always felt safe, people smiled and were generally happy even after the two plus hours in the check-in line. Wouldn't it be great if the world was like this all of the time?" Another attendee commented on the joy of those around us....strangers greeting each other with a smile and hello, clergy stopping to pray with or for someone who may have approached them; "gaggles" of Nuns we called them who were laughing and singing while they walked. It was truly inspiring.

This year, we were there to pray, go to Mass, and listen to the Lord through music. Then each of us had our own breakout sessions, in which we heard speakers giving us the message that we were meant to hear in our own way. Then we all came together again at the end of the day to spend more time with our Lord in Adoration. Please go to this link to hear what the youth of Catholic say [Youth discover the beauty and magnitude of the Catholic faith in the US \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...). In the last message I asked you to ask yourself honestly...Do I truly believe that Jesus is present, body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist? No

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matter how you answer this, we are encouraged to think of the Eucharist with more reverence and adoration, by attending adoration at your local church as the Lord is always waiting for you to come and visit with Him. It is his way to share his Love to you.

Go to this link to find this Love: [Candlelight Eucharistic Adoration at the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress \(youtube.com\)](#), Something that Bishop Robert Barron stated really resonates with me is ..."what God says, IS". God said, "Let there be light and there was light (Genesis 1:3). In Isaiah 55:11, He says "As My word comes forth from me, it does not return without accomplishing its purpose". Through God the Father, Jesus spoke and revoked demons, healed ailments and raised the dead. While at the last supper with his apostles, He spoke again...This is my Body....This is the chalice of my Blood. How powerful to know that what God says, IS.

Again, thank you for letting me share more of my story and know that I continue to 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

Spiritual Resources

- Scriptures of the Day found at [Daily Bible Readings, Audio and Video Every Morning | USCCB](#)
- Center for Action and Contemplation – Daily Meditations ([Daily Meditations — Center for Action and Contemplation \(cac.org\)](#))
- Abby of the Arts - [Prayer Cycles | Abbey of the Arts](#)
- Spirituality and Practice [Spirituality & Practice: Resources for Spiritual Journeys \(spiritualityandpractice.com\)](#)

Traditional Catholic Thanksgiving Prayer

*"Good and gracious God,
we give You thanks today,
as we do all days,
first and foremost for the gift of creation
and the gift of life.*

*We ask You to bless this food,
that it may nourish us and sustain us,
and strengthen our ability to do Your will.*

*We pray in thanksgiving
for all the hands involved
in bringing it to our table.*

*You tell us, Lord,
that to whom much is given,
much is expected.*

*May this meal and the fellowship we enjoy
not only serve as clear reminders of Your love of us,
but of Your call for us to share Your love
and to serve our brothers and sisters,
especially those most in need.*

*We ask this as we ask all things, through Christ, our Lord.
Amen."*

Prayer Source: [Hallow](#)



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