

# **NEWSLETTER**

DAYTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

JANUARY – MARCH 2025

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## **Save These Dates**

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

Presidential Banquet Center  
4572 Presidential Way  
**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

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### **Spring Celebration Luncheon 2025 TBD**

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**Day of Recollection  
2025 TBD**

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## **2024 CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE AND LUNCHEON**

Dear Ladies,

I want to personally thank each of our members who participated in the Dayton Catholic Women's Club Christmas Luncheon & Boutique. This year we had wonderful raffle prizes that were donated by members. Without your donations this event could not be a success.

Our tables were decorated with centerpieces made by Pat Schlangen and company. They were lovely and a big hit. One person at each table won the centerpieces. Holiday shoppers visited the many vendors. The treasures included scarves, jewelry, glassware, books, cards, many Christmas items and delicious baked goods. We gave everyone a little more time to shop at the event this year, hopefully everyone enjoyed the change.

Our meal was delicious and while we ate, Leah Estes provided us with traditional Christmas music on her beautiful harp. It was enjoyed by all. We collected items for women and children at the St. Vincent Homeless Shelter, ensuring they had toys, clothes, personal items, and more for a blessed Christmas. Your generosity filled a van!

After lunch, Lisa Nussman announced the raffle winners, including cash prizes, gift certificates, and wrapped baskets. This year, our board and general members created over 50 baskets filled with the various items. Everyone who donated deserves congratulations; your generosity is greatly appreciated. The funds raised will support Grants for local nonprofits. Thank you.

Let's aim to make our St. Patrick's event as successful as the Christmas Boutique. Your donations and participation are crucial for sustaining the success of Dayton Catholic Women's Club.

God bless you all,  
*Margene Robinson*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** *by Gail Brockman, President*

Happy New Year Ladies!

Hope you had a very festive time with family and friends during the Christmas season as we celebrated our Savior's birth. The Christmas Luncheon and Boutique was a great success this year. We were even featured on WDTN, thanks to Margene Robinson (chairperson). Kudos to her and the members of her committee, Carol Graham (registration), Mary Rogers (bake sale), Lisa Scherbauer (vendors), Gail Brockman (jewelry sale) and all their helpers for hosting another wonderful event. As you can see it takes many hands to organize an event of this size. We are currently looking for a co-chairperson for the Christmas Luncheon and Boutique 2025 committee. We are also hoping to find helpers from amongst our membership for both our St. Patrick's Day event this March and the CL&B 2025 event in December.

Our President Elect, Lisa Scherbauer, is excited about hosting two more Gather & Grow sessions this year. We hope to GATHER our past, present and new members and their guests. Moms, grandmothers, aunts, and siblings are encouraged to bring friends and younger family members to learn about the DCWC. These informal gatherings will be informative and fun. We are also looking for feedback and ideas from all of you as we look to the future GROWth of the DCWC. Stay tuned to our website [www.daytoncatholicwomensclub.org](http://www.daytoncatholicwomensclub.org) for more information about our Gather & Grow sessions.

Remember, we need our members' support for the continued success of our events, scholarships, and grant programs. Without sufficient support for our DCWC events, we might need to consider joining forces with events hosted by our parishes and the archdiocese. Joining these events could help us attract new members. One event we are considering participating in this year is the Year of Hope Pilgrimages offered by our Parishes. As we look to the future, there is much to do to support our Dayton Catholic women and their families. Help us stay focused on the needs of our members and our community. DCWC *"Uniting women across parish families"*

**Gail's Hails:** An excerpt from Angelus, LA Catholics article; *LA Fire captain salvages tabernacle from Corpus Christi rubble* by Ann Rodgers

"Four days after [Corpus Christi Church was incinerated](#) in the Palisades fire, Captain Bryan Nassour of the Los Angeles Fire Department picked his way over a six-foot layer of rubble in the ashen bones of the sanctuary and recovered the tabernacle. "I did it because the whole community has been decimated – it looks like a nuclear

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(continued from page 1) has gone off and nothing is standing,” said Nassour, whose family belongs to St. Francis de Sales Church in Sherman Oaks, and whose brother belongs to Corpus Christi. “My brother lost his home. I have close friends who lost everything but the shirts on their backs, and they belong to that church too. So, if I could save just one thing, let it be this, so they have something to believe in.””

Finding God in the midst of our trouble means sometimes we have to look for the blessings in the midst of the storm. Like Captain Nassour, I pray we can find those moments that give us strength to look up and see God is there as He promised. To read the rest of the article, go to <https://angelusnews.com/local/la-catholics/corpus-christi-tabernacle/>

Your Servant Leader,

*Gail*

## Memorials & Membership

*By Sandy Reed, Membership Chair*

### Deceased Members

- Julie Zink 10/18/24
- Sue Green well 11/12/24
- Joan Flaute-Hill 11/21/24
- Ellie Barhorst 11/24/24



Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord; may they 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 Barb Kreuzer (937-901-9446). 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 Members

- Sarah Bryan, 20 Winding Creek Dr., Springboro, OH 45066 937-287-3793
- Patricia Pecqueux, 967 Reeder Circle, Dayton, OH 45458 937-609-5748
- Mary Ann Schaefer, 4428 Elderberry Dr., Dayton, OH 45440 937-657-2776

### Rejoined Member

- Sandy Liesner, 490 Evergreen Dr., Springboro, OH 45066 937-748-1442

### New Life Member

- Mattie Kimbro

### Change in Address and/or Phone Number

- Paula Baldonado, 6981 Fishburg Rd., Huber Heights, OH 45424
- Marian Paton, 8100 Cloyo Rd, Apt 215C, Centerville, OH 455458 937-439-5179

- Fonda Setters, 1816 Westview Dr., Springfield, OH 45504
- Maryellen VanDeGrift, 1462 Deerland St., Dayton, OH 45432 702-235-5601
- Mary Winner, 937-287-2590

### Lost Member

Frances Duell, last known address was Indianapolis, Indiana. Please help us find her.

### Dues

Reminder that your yearly dues are due now. Yearly dues are \$15 and a Lifetime membership is \$150. If the date above your name on the envelope label says 2024, then you now owe for 2025.

### Dayton Catholic Women's Club Membership Book

We will be publishing our bi-annual membership book in May 2025. The membership book gives businesses the opportunity to reach our membership of over 350 members. If you or anyone you know would like to advertise in our membership book, please contact Lisa Scherbauer at 937-657-1029 or [lscherbauer@yahoo.com](mailto:lscherbauer@yahoo.com). Deadline to advertise is February 28, 2025.

### New Membership Book

We are working on the new membership book now that will come out in the spring. Please check to see if your information is current. If we need to update your information, please email Sandy Reed at [foursreed@aol.com](mailto:foursreed@aol.com), or text her at 937-974-5938.

### St. Patrick's Day Bingo, Card & Game Party, Sat., Mar. 8, 2025

*by Julianne McCain*

Back by popular demand, Cash Bingo is being offered again at the Party to those who normally don't play cards or board games. Bring your family and friends for an event of fun and raffles of cash, designer purses, Longaberger Baskets, Dayton Dragons VIP tickets and much more! Please see the enclosed invitation for more details. Any questions or to volunteer, please contact Julianne McCain at 937-694-2176

### 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 Party on March 8, 2025. The Dragon Game will be on Thursday, April 24, 2025. The flyer and your playing card (which is your ticket) are enclosed with this newsletter and all the details. You can also attend the game by purchasing stadium seats at the St. Patrick's event 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!

## High School Senior Women Scholarship Opportunity from Dayton Catholic Women's Club

Applicants must be women graduating from high school, active members of a Dayton area Roman Catholic Church, and demonstrating financial need. The \$1000 Scholarship can be used at an accredited technical school, junior college, community college or four-year college/university. See our website for more information. <https://www.daytoncatholicwomensclub.org/>

### 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., Feb. 10, 2025
- Mon., March 10, 2025
- Mon., April 14, 2025
- Mon., May 12, 2025

2025-26 monthly meetings begin August 11, 2025.

### Grant and Scholarship Reviewers Needed

We are looking for a few more women to help us out. Each year the money we have raised during our fundraising events and with special donations we are able to give back to our community with grants to non-profits and scholarships to high school seniors (women). We would love to have your help! Skills needed: a willingness to review applications and make funding/scholarship decisions.

#### Grants Timeline:

- Now-Feb: Interested members can meet with Sue to discuss the review process.
- January: Request for Proposals available on the DCWC website
- February: Applications due via email (Average of 10-20 proposals received)
- Feb-Mar: Members will individually review and score applications
- March: Group meeting to finalize awards

Contact Chair: Sue Koverman at [skoverman1@gmail.com](mailto:skoverman1@gmail.com)

#### Scholarships Timeline

- Now-March- Interested members can meet with Christine to discuss the review process
- Mid-March-April: Review entries online or request printed copies from Christine
- April: Meet in-person to compare reviews and make final decisions

Contact Chair: Christine Evans at [cnevans1@gmail.com](mailto:cnevans1@gmail.com)

## Message of Inspiration – Message Three 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. It was an opportunity I'll never forget and felt called to share with you what we took away from our experiences.

This summer, 250,000 people joined for 6,500 miles of the Pilgrimage, from the 4 corners of the US. On Saturday at the National Eucharistic Congress, the Indianapolis Police Department used street cameras to estimate 60,000 processed through downtown. 60,000 passes were distributed for the Congress with an estimated 55,000 folks joining us in Lucas Oil Stadium for a liturgy or session. In the excitement, it was announced that "Jesus is here" and a voice said, "please kneel". We spent 30 minutes, before our Lord.

In the message from Tim Glemkowski on the final night in the stadium, he shared what drove all the planning for the Congress—not just that we were doing something for God, but that He had come for His people. He said "When is an event more than an event? When that is God's plan for it". Please go to this site to see his full speech. ["Tim Glemkowski's Full Speech at the National Eucharistic Congress - Search \(youtube.com\)"](#)

May I again remind you, 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.

This message was taken from a book "I Wait For You" selected and arranged by The Way of Divine Love of Sister Josefa Menendez. When was the last time you made a visit to Our Lord? Jesus told Sister Menendez: "It is this love that keeps Me a prisoner in the tabernacle. For nearly twenty centuries I have dwelt there, night and day, veiled under the species of Bread and concealed in the small white Host." (p. 41-42); "How often should I wait for this or that other soul to visit Me in the Blessed Sacrament...how many nights should I spend longing for his coming...but he would let business or carelessness or anxiety for his health get the better of him...and he would not come!" (p. 33); "Were you weak or ill in body surely you would find time to see a doctor who would cure you? Come, then, to the One who is able to give both strength and health to your soul, and bestow the alms of love on this Divine Prisoner who watches for you, calls for you and longs to see you at His side." (p.18).

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

### **You are invited! 2025 Women's Retreat**

*"Jesus, Walk with Us Today and Always"*

For You are my rock and my fortress; for Your Namesake lead me and guide me. Psalm 31:4

St. Francis of Assisi Campus, Friday evening, February 28 & Saturday, March 1, 2025.

Come experience the connection you crave! Spend time with Jesus in prayer and adoration; Listen to His Word through our guest speaker; Fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

Adoration + Reconciliation + Mass

Guest Speaker: Fr. Ryan Ruiz

Quiet time + Prayer rooms + Small groups

You decide how you want to participate! We have reserved the entire St. Francis of Assisi campus! This will allow us ample space for beautiful contemplative prayer rooms as well as small group discussion areas. Retreat hours: Friday 6-8pm & Saturday 8am-8pm. It does not require an overnight stay (but if you want overnight accommodations, we can help!) All women welcome! Invite your friends!

Call us for a form at 937-345-0101

Your Retreat Team:

Mary, Nancy, Sharon, Paula, Karla, Maggie

[womensretreat@olldayton.org](mailto:womensretreat@olldayton.org)

St. Francis Campus, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH 45459

### **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 \(cac.org\)](#))
- Spirituality and Practice [Spirituality & Practice: Resources for Spiritual Journeys \(spiritualityandpractice.com\)](#)



### **Our Mission:**

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

