



“Next Generation” Council of Catholic Women St. Mary Church, Rockledge, Florida August, 2020

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for us

A Message from our President...

Welcome to all women of our Parish, as we begin another year of the “Next Generation” CCW of St. Mary. Our team has been praying for you since last spring and planning for opportunities to grow in our Catholic Faith together, while forming friendships within our community. We are excited in the months of August and September to introduce ENDOW Groups as an opportunity to form small study groups centered around learning about our rich Catholic Faith. We will begin the year with our meetings being held online, while praying that soon enough we can reunite in the Parish Hall to meet in faith and love. Please join us Aug 25th at 6:30 pm online for our first meeting.

August ZOOM Meeting

As we prepare for our August meeting on ZOOM, we invite any of you to learn how to ZOOM prior to the meeting. If you are interested in assistance, contact Karen at hiddenpinestables@yahoo.com or by text at 321-698-3972.

There is also a YouTube tutorial. To view:

[Click here](#)

It is with a heavy heart, but a very grateful one that we say farewell to our beloved founding pastor, Fr. Ivan. Thank you, Father, for your inspiration, encouragement, support and unending love for the people of St. Mary, and particularly for the Council of Catholic Women. We wish you the very best in your new assignment at Annunciation Church. We will be praying for you, as we know you will be praying for us.



Upcoming Events

August 25 6:30 pm	CCW ZOOM Meeting
August 26	St. Mary School Resumes
September 15 6:30	CCW ZOOM Meeting

Council News

Tess Lamers has had family illnesses which demand a lot of her time. For that reason she has returned to her previous church near her home in Satellite Beach and has had to resign as our Spiritual Chair. We thank her for the many, many wonderful experiences she brought us to and wish her well. Tess, you will be in our prayers. Linda Heldfeldt has agreed to fill this commission chair and we know she will do a great job.

Michelle Ajdinovich has moved to Amelia Island and has had to resign as Treasurer. As our first treasurer she had the challenge of getting us up and running and she will be missed.

If any of you feel called to consider the job as treasurer, please call or email Karen at hiddenpinestables@yahoo.com and let her know of your interest

If you want to become a beloved sister in St. Mary Council of Catholic Women, please email President Karen Aguilo-Seara at hiddenpinestables@yahoo.com to join.



Spirituality Commission

I am looking forward to being together again as a community (beloved daughters of Our Lord !) , sharing our faith by starting off our new year with a special novena to Our Lady of Good Counsel, the Patroness of our CCW.

There is another very inspirational program that we are eager to introduce and share with you about building intentional and spiritual friendships....come hear about it at our first ZOOM meeting on August 25!

Many thanks for the tremendous outpouring of prayers/ sacrifices of love toward the “spiritual bouquet” for Fr Ivan ! He may not be walking on water but he will certainly be uplifted!

Linda Helfeldt

Service Commissions

St Mary School

We continued to minister to the school last spring by sending small bouquets of flowers and words of thanks to all teachers and staff.

For the first day of school, August 26th, we would like to bake a basket of muffins and some coffee for the teachers and staff. We would also like to make a big welcome back banner for the school at large.

We are looking for help. Are you a baker? Can you draw? Let us know and we will give you a job. Contact Jeanne Rousseau at jmmrous@aol.com

Religious Life

We celebrated Fr. Ivan, Fr. Blake and Deacon Mike's anniversaries last May with some baked goods and words of thanks and gratitude.

We sent notes of congratulations to two seminarians who were ordained deacons on July 25th.

We continue to send birthday cards and notes of encouragement to our seminarians through out the year.

Please pray for all Seminarians as they return for the next year of their formation. And, of course, let's offer special prayers for Kyle McClure who has returned to seminary after blessing us with his presence at St. Mary for a year. We presented him with a gift basket upon his departure. Continue praying for our own Seminarian, Edgar Serrano, and our dear sister, Lexi Buckner, who is discerning a religious life with the sisters of the Home of the Mother.

Dignity of Life

Please pray for an end to the evil of abortion and for respect for all life from conception to natural death.

Pray also, for those on death row that they may turn to Jesus and that their souls may be safe. Pray for the chaplains who serve them.

Devereux

Due to the COVID 19 virus, at this time we are unsure of what types of services we will be able to provide for Devereux this year. Please continue to pray for the staff as they serve the fragile souls residing there.

Help Wanted

The service team is looking for your help. We continue to focus on four areas of service: St. Mary's Catholic School, Religious Life, Dignity of Life, and Devereux. Much of our service can be done from the comfort of your own home or even online. Please send an e-mail to Jeanne Rousseau at jmmrous@aol.com if you would like to help or if you have suggestions.

We are looking for someone (actually a couple of volunteers) who can head up the Religious Life Ministry. If you are good with a calendar (paper or online) and if you don't mind correspondence, this is the job for you. There is not much time involved, just a lot of love. We have an established system. All you have to do is take over.

A Little Christian Humor....

Jesus and Satan were having an ongoing argument about who was better at technology. They had been going at it for days, and finally God said, "OK...I have heard enough of this. I am going to set up a test and settle this argument once and for all. For the next two hours, get busy on the computer and show me what you can do and then I will judge who does the better job.

So down sat Jesus and Satan. They wrote reports; they downloaded; they emailed (with attachments); they created spreadsheets and newsletters; they ZOOMed and did Facetime; they created videos. They did every technology task known to man.

Ten minutes before the end of the test, a tremendous lightning storm cut off the electricity. Satan stared at his blank screen, screaming every curse word he knew (which were MANY). Finally the electricity flickered back on and they both started their computers.

Satan began searching frantically, yelling, "It's gone, everything I did is gone!"

Meanwhile Jesus sits quietly while exhibiting all of his work from the past two hours.

"He cheated," Satan yelled at God.

But God sat back, shrugged and said.....(bet you saw this coming)....."Jesus SAVES."

Prayer Intentions

We offer our prayers of thanksgiving for the return of Deacon Mike to his ministry after a long recovery from a bicycle accident. We thank God that he is sharper than ever and can still deliver a powerful homily. We pray for continued improvement in all aspects of his health

Prayers for our new shepherd, Fr Juan, that he will be welcomed and supported by the St. Mary Community.

For an end of the COVID-19 virus.

For a rich and fruitful year for the women of the St. Mary Council of Catholic Women.

To add prayer intentions to next edition, click here

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Our Gift to Fr. Ivan

Useful Resources

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[Orlando Diocese Web Page](#)

[National Council of Catholic Women](#)

[Diocese Council of Catholic Women](#)

[Endow Webpage](#)

[Council of Catholic Bishops](#)

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