

Council of Catholic Women

Spiritual Fellowship for Women of All Generations

St. Mary Catholic Church, Rockledge, Florida

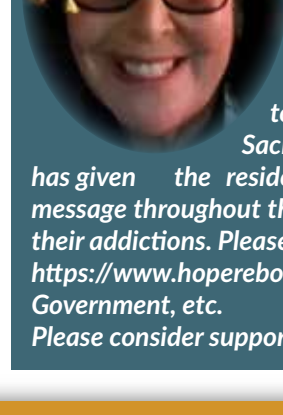


Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for us
St. Joseph, pray for us

Know About Us

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Jina Chaplow



Dear ladies of the CCW,
I wish to thank you for all your continued prayers and support for the CCW and its continued mission of spreading God's healing grace. St. Mary's was greatly blessed by the Cenacolo Community. Residents came, including one of the Sisters who lives in Italy, for Cenacolo has 72 houses worldwide. Sister Jennifer, and the other residents shared their hellish darkness, chained to their addictions, to the Light, due to the Holy Sacraments, daily rosaries, and openness to each other, which has given the residents Hope, Joy, and true Freedom. They spread their message throughout the world, and have had a huge success rate in conquering their addictions. Please find their link where one can buy the wares made by the residents to support their community: <https://www.hopereborn.org/shop>. They are supported solely by God's Divine Providence, no monies from the Government, etc. Please consider supporting their mission of hope.

Jina



Thank you

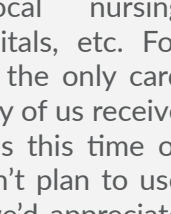
COMMISSIONS

"Dignity of Life"

St Mary School

Spirituality

Christmas Cards Needed!



The CCW will be again distributing Christmas cards to residents in local nursing homes/rehab hospitals, etc. For some, this may be the only card they'll receive. Many of us receive cards from charities this time of year and if you don't plan to use them yourselves, we'd appreciate having them donated to the CCW. We gave out more than 150 cards last year and will be grateful for any donations. Boxed cards from the dollar stores are also welcome. They may be left at the Parish Office for Marie Bonner, CCW.

Thanks so much for your help!

Also, we are in need of someone to chair this commission; please prayerfully consider whether you may be called to serve in this way.



St. Mary Breakfast with Santa is Sunday December 4th after the 8:00am and 10:00am masses. Tickets are \$5.00 each and include: pancakes, sausage, fruit and beverage.

Come bring your whole family (especially your grandchildren) and enjoy meeting Santa and all of the fun. There are many ways we can help make this event a huge success.

The most important is to pray, but we could also use donations of wrapping paper, bows and ribbon.

We are calling all elves who can volunteer to help the children wrap their treasures purchased at the Christmas Shop to contact either **Jeanne Rousseau** (321) 632-1263 or **Mary Alice Leinbach** (321) 961-4325

or sign up on the sign-up genius link provided here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45AFAD29A6FF2-breakfast>

Also provided is the registration form to purchase your tickets.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another" Proverbs 27:17

- Thank you all for your prayers for families in the month of November! In December, please pray for those who are struggling with illness or depression.

- We've compiled a wonderful list of books that would make great children's gifts for Christmas, please be sure to scroll down below!

- For families looking to increase in faith through community, we learned of a wonderful app compiled by Greg and Lisa Popcak, called "CatholicHOM". This app can be downloaded on any Android or iPhone, or also the via their own website <https://www.catholicom.com>.

"CatholicHOM stands for Catholic Households on Mission. What's the mission? To help each other love like Christ. CatholicHOM is the first-ever digital platform dedicated to helping Catholic families encounter Christ more meaningfully at home and draw closer to each other by living the Liturgy of Domestic Church Life"

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Find the forms at the School and Church offices!



WOMEN'S BUNCO NIGHT

Bring a friend!

Join the CCW on Monday, December 5th at 6:00 in the Parish Hall for Bunco!



Join us every Wednesday 8:00 am at The Prayer Hut for morning prayers.

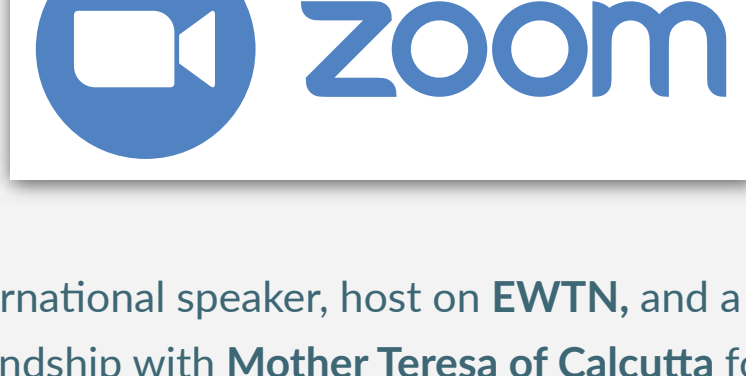
- There will be 40 hours of Adoration for Advent.

- There will be Mission Mondays during Advent.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

There will be a speaker at our January 9 th meeting at 9:30 am via zoom.

Her name is **Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle**.



She is a national and international speaker, host on EWTN, and a prolific writer of over 30 books. She had a friendship with Mother Teresa of Calcutta for over 10 years, and will be speaking about her relationship with this well known saint of the gutters!

Please mark your calendars, for you will not want to miss the opportunity to hear Donna Marie.

Mother Teresa's Movie "No Greater Love"

can now be purchased through Ignatius Press on DVD.

This movie would make a great Christmas Gift!



Christmas Book Gift ideas!

We've been inspired by a variety of children's books that are rooted in the beauty of our Christian faith, and wanted to share them with you!

Inspire your children, friends, Godchildren, grandchildren, nieces and nephews this Christmas by gifting them one of these wonderful books!

They are available on many online sites like Ignatius Press, Amazon, or Catholic Company.

Brilliant: 25 Catholic Scientists, Mathematicians, and Supersmart People. By: David Warren

The book introduces children to many of the Catholics behind groundbreaking discoveries in science and math. Children will embark on an adventure through history and meet faith-filled pioneers in every field from anatomy to astrophysics. They will also learn how brilliant they can be when they unite faith and science!

The Weight of a Mass: A Tale of Faith (The Theological Virtues Trilogy) By: Josephine Nobiso

When a poor devout widow begs for a scrap of bread from a rich faithless baker, she promises to participate in the king's wedding mass as payment for the baker's generosity. The baker writes "One Mass" on a scrap of paper and places it on his scale to determine how much bread it is worth. To his and the entire town's surprise, nothing in the shop, not even the gigantic wedding cakes made for the king, outweighs the simple piece of paper representing the true worth of a mass. Luminous old-world watercolor paintings grace the interior of the book and gold foil artwork lends an air of solemnity and sacred beauty to the story. This has been a best-selling children's book since it was first published.

The Little Flower: The Story of St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Saints Lives) By: Windieatt

See the life of a saint from her own eyes. Culled from her autobiography Story of a Soul, The Little Flower tells the story of the life of Saint Therese of Lisieux from her own perspective in a way better suited to children. Learn about the Little Way from St. Therese herself and see how her Little Way that led her to love God with all my heart can make you as easily into a saint too. Age 7 and up.

Little Convent in the Big City: The Unsolvable Problem. By: Mother Clare Matthias

The brand-new children's book by Mother Clare Matthias, CFR! Mother Clare is on a mission to introduce religious life to Catholic kids who may have never even seen a sister—and to do so with humor, verve, and imaginative story-telling. The Unsolvable Problem introduces kids to Sr. Mary Andy and her lovable convent of sisters, who encounter a big dilemma as they plan a patriotic picnic for the poor. Along the way, kids will learn about convent life, little prayers to Jesus, why to obey the convent bells, and learn what to do when they encounter life's problems, big and small.

Little Star. By: Anthony DeStefano

Tonight a king will be born, and all the stars in heaven are competing to see who can shine the brightest for him. But when the stars see the poor family huddling in the shabby stable, they begin to think that this baby couldn't be a king after all!

That is, all the stars except the smallest, loneliest star in the sky, Little Star. He recognizes the baby Jesus as the King of kings and understands His special message of love. Read on to discover the extraordinary way Little Star serves his King on that cold, dark night. Age 5-8 years

The Winged Watchman. By: Hilda Van Stockum

This acclaimed story of World War II is rich in suspense, characterization, plot and spiritual truth. Every element of occupied Holland is united in a story of courage and hope: a hidden Jewish child, "an underdiver," a downed RAF pilot, an imaginative, daring underground hero, and the small things of family life which surprisingly carry on in the midst of oppression. The Verhagen family who live in the old windmill called the Winged Watchman are a memorable set of individuals whose lives powerfully demonstrate the resilience of those who suffer but do not lose faith. Ages 10 and up

The Catholic Comic Book Bible: Gospel of Luke

The Catholic Comic Book Bible series features colorful, engaging drawings, along with the full text of Scripture. The engaging illustrations help Scripture come alive and capture the importance of the events and the dignity of the characters. The frame-by-frame narrative makes it easy—and entertaining—for everyone to discover the entire Gospel of Luke.

Other Titles Suggested!

Receiving Jesus for Little Ones

Divine Mercy for Children: A Guided Tour of the Museum of Mercy

Heavenly Hosts: Eucharistic Miracles for Kids (Catholic Stories for Kids)

How the Angels Got Their Wings

The Spider Who Saved Christmas

The Grumpy Old Ox

Joseph's Donkey

Jack Giorgio's Future Priest



BE TRULY GLAD
THERE IS
Wonderful
JOY AHEAD
PETER 1:6