

Christian Mothers of Sacred Heart Newsletter 2024

Our Mission Statement

The purpose of our Christian Mother's group is to pray with prayer intentions for all Christian Mothers and their families in our community and throughout the world.

June, 2024

Greetings Christian Mothers of Sacred Heart!

It's June! I wanted to send you a 'welcome spring' greeting, but here we are into the summer, and soon the longest day for having sunlight. (When I was young I longed for summer and hot days for beach time. Now I 'm happy with sunlight in the late evening and the early morning hours. It's an age thing, right?)

I sadly share that we are no longer having monthly meetings. As attendance at the meetings had been low in numbers for quite awhile (4 years) the decision was made last fall (Nov. 2023) to forego meeting in the evening and instead to concentrate on retreat activity, and being present for the saying of the rosary at Eucharistic Adoration on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. (Following the Rosary prayed Father Joe then has Benediction and the reposing of the Eucharist). Your presence is encouraged when possible!

We had our first Advent Retreat Dec. 2nd beginning with Adoration and reconciliation in the church for one hour, followed with an Advent video and discussion in St. Margaret Mary Hall. Another Advent Retreat will take place this year.

The Lenten Retreat, the 'Morning of Reflection' took place March 16 and was well attended. The speaker was Scott Malone shared an amazing testimony on his near-death experience and how it shaped his life.

The 'Crowning of Mary' at Sacred Heart took place on May 5th with a procession of children presenting flowers to Mary and of course the placing of the crown on the statue of Mary with a rosary also presented to her. After Mass the Christian Mothers provided coffee, juice and rolls/donuts in the narthex, served by the students going to Steubenville this year. Donations were accepted towards the cost of their trip.

Our members' numbers are declining. Please encourage someone you know, especially if a daughter or daughter-in-law to become a Christian Mother. We'd

love to commit to doing more, but are limited due to those who are available. Just a call to either one of us (Paula, Barb) and we can make their membership happen!

Updates and reminders - ** Cindy Buysee continues to send out a card of congratulations to the family of a newly baptized child from the Christian Mothers, and ** Cindy is still the 'go-to' when it is asked of the Christian Mothers to lead the rosary at the funeral home, or before the funeral in church. If you would like to participate along with others in this prayer for a deceased loved one, let Cindy know.! We don't get asked often to do this, but when we do it is wonderful that we are available to meet and pray the rosary. We do this for any deceased member of any family. Family's have always expressed their appreciation for this prayer being said. ** Please consider leading in saying the Rosary before Mass! Rosary leaders are always needed! Simply show up 30 minutes before Mass begins and start saying the Rosary, with an announcement to join in for the response. (The organist requests that the Rosary be done 5 minutes before Mass begins.) ... *'pray the Rosary each day to bring peace to the world and to bring an end to the war'*, Our Lady of Fatima ** Masses for the intentions of the Sacred Heart Christian Mothers and their families are scheduled this year for **Saturday, Oct. 19th** and **Sunday, Nov. 10th**. ** We are voting members of the DCCW. Annual dues of \$45.00 are paid by the Christian Mothers. The DCCW (Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) has several events throughout the year and we are always invited and welcomed to attend any event. *'Our Catholic Voice'* the DCCW newsletter is sent out several times throughout the year by the DCCW officers, and is available for your reading on-line –check out the website www.stcloudccw.org. Also, an email of this DCCW newsletter is sent to you via email (it comes from the Sacred Heart e'address). If you are NOT receiving in your inbox please contact us -Paula or Barb. June 20th is the DCCW's Food Fun and Fund event. See the bulletin if interested in attending.**

Dues are due! - Send **\$6.00** to Paula Johnson OR leave the money with Katherine at the church office (in marked envelope please), OR drop an envelope addressed to Paula in the collection basket. Christian Mothers' organizational expenses are minimal: the retreat expenses, dues for DCCW, the two Masses, and other incidentals as decided at meetings. A special 'thank you' goes out to several givers who have given an exceptional amount to the Christian Mothers. Your generosity is appreciated!

“Thank You!” to Cindy Buysee for sending cards; to all who willingly lead the rosary before Mass or are present in joining in the saying of the rosary ; and to each of you, and your prayers for all Christian mothers everywhere. May God Bless each one of you! Together, in prayer, we make it happen!

***"As surely as seeds sprout and grow, The Sovereign Lord will save
His people
and all the nations will praise Him."*** Is 61:11

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