WAUSAU DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Events from October 2015 into February 2016

Hands have been busy with numerous bake sales, crafting for shows as well as items to give away for pleasure or comfort. The Warming Center run by Catholic Charities and the Women's Community are favorites among the Parishes. Also included are organizations such as Hope Pregnancy, the Neighbors Place, Salvation Army, and many food pantries.

Some of us have done Spaghetti Dinners, Potato Bakes, and Tailgate Fundraisers. Smaller "gift-worthy" items were donated to the grade schools for economical yet exciting shopping for siblings and parents. You know that there were baskets a-plenty for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Jesus takes care of us and we take care of them! Trees with notes attached contained names and "wishes" of those who simply wanted a gift for the season. Name tags were gone in no time! Other trees were adorned with mittens, caps, and scarves for warmth on the outside and love on the inside. Many items were handmade from the heart!

Carolers strolled areas and spread joy. Some Parishes made home visits and sang for a cup of tea and a cookie or two. Did you have Oplatki at your Church? A few of us did and recalled traditions learned from our great-grandparents.

And what about that unusual rummage sale, did you hear of it? All items had to be decorative in nature and pertain to a holiday celebration. Yes, there was Christmas, but think of St. Patty's Day, Easter, Valentine's Day, the Fourth of July and all the rest. It was hard to pick just one article.

We're coming up on Epiphany Walks and events to support the Madonna Plan. The Super Bowl "Souper" Bowl always warms tummies and helps projects. Mardi Gras events are getting quite the reputation, many supporting soldiers in need. Did we mention "Mary's Way of the Cross" for Lent? And then there's the usual Stations on Friday nights and the glorious, bulging cheeks we'll have after tasting the Lenten Lunch Specials, Soup Wednesdays, and Fish Fries.

Can you say, "talented, beautiful ladies of Jesus Christ???" They're God-sent!