**La Crosse Deanery Report --- Spring 2016**

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Mary McDonald reporting

* Thirty women participated in a Holy Hour January 9th which included Mary’s Way of the Cross
* Sponsored Enchanted Evening on Feb. 14, a fundraiser that brought in $900.00\
* March 2 was Women’s Club Meeting that featured Deacon Bob Skemp, Chaplain at the City Jail
* March 12 and 13, held an Easter Bake Sale which earned $256.00
* April 6 Women’s Club Meeting with a Fashion Show that features clothing from “Resale Shops”

Holy Trinity Parish, Bonnie Murray reporting

* Approximately 25 women from our parish set up and serve funeral luncheons for the families of deceased members of our parish.
* Bimonthly, one of the co-chairs attends the Parish Council Meeting.
* DCCW events have been posted in the bulletin 3 weeks in advance and fliers have been posted in the main entrance of the church.
* Three members from St. Anne's attended the March 19th Day of Reflection.
* St. Anne's offered soaps and lotions for the "Mother's Day Basket" to be raffled in April at the LDCCW Convention.
* On January 7th, St. Anne held an appetizer potluck inviting women of the parish to join us in hopes of attracting new active members.  We played Bingo and offered gift cards as prizes. We gained one new active member.
* St. Anne's purchased tickets for our Lord and Lady to attend the Mardi Gras Ball held on January 23rd.
* On February 4th, St. Anne's hosted a Wine Tasting Presentation by the Wine Guys of La Crosse. This was held in Leo Hall and was offered as an opportunity to get to know more personally members of the parish in a social setting.  This was not a fundraiser.
* In coordination with our parish Religious Education Director, 12 women from St. Anne's each wrote a personal letter of support and encouragement to one of the 12 Confirmation students from our parish.  The letters offered prayers and a personal story of her faith journey. These letters were given to the students at their retreat on February 14th.
* On March 3rd, St. Anne's hosted Crystal Steigen, Social Worker with the La Crosse Family and Children's Center, who presented a program on "Teen Homelessness in Our Community".  She explained her work with the Host Family Program and took questions from those attending. 20 attended including 3 students from Aquinas High School and 2 students from Central High School as well as a family from Minnesota.  As a result of Crysta'ls presentation, St. Anne's Afternoon Gathering Group is collecting blankets and toiletries for homeless teens in the Host Home Program. Also one of the Confirmation students and her friend volunteered to greet those attending this presentation.
* During Lent, St. Anne women were encouraged to attend the Stations of the Cross which the Middle School and High School Students of our parish offered.  Attendance increased over the course of three services.
* Officers of St. Anne's have copies of our old By-Laws and will begin to revamp them in April.
* St. Anne's has 4 women for each of the four Masses on Low Sunday to collect money for the DCCW Collection, April 2-3rd.
* St. Anne's also has a Prayer Circle for our parishioners in need of God's strength and protection.

St. James the Less Parish, Carol Paterson reporting

Mary Mother of the Church Parish, Maureen Spencer reporting

* The first group meeting of 2016 was January 6 followed by a social with the Men's Club. The social is a collaborative effort with the ladies providing snack food, and the men providing beverages.
* A Packer/Badger reversible quilt sale was coordinated with the MMOC Stitch-A-Bit quilters making the quilt.  Quilt expenses and proceeds were shared with the Men's Club.  The winner was drawn at the Men's Club Pancake Breakfast on February 7.
* The Wisconsin Right to Life Signature Ad was supported with signatures and donations.
* The Executive Committee met on February 15 to discuss upcoming activities and to plan accordingly.
* Crucifixes and decade rosaries were purchased again this year for RCIA candidates.
* The Executive Committee jointly attended a Servant-Leadership retreat on Saturday, February 27.
* The MMOC parish mini-retreat was conducted February 28-29 and March 1-2.  The PCCW provided hospitality for the first two nights, and the Men's Club provided hospitality for the last two nights.
* Semi-annual church cleaning was conducted on March 12 with good participation.
* Good Deed Beads (inspired by St. Therese) are being assembled for First Communion children.
* Bylaws continue to be refined and will soon be ready to share.
* The PCCW group met on March 14.
* Planning is in process for the final two fundraisers of the year--Spring Rummage Sale and Brat Barn.

St. Joseph Ridge Parish, Lori Clements reporting

* St. Joseph Ridge PCCW hosted coffee & donuts for parishioner fellowship on Jan 17 and Feb 27
* We will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on April 3rd- open to all
* Quilts are being made to be given to our Confirmation candidates
* We will be hosting the Spring Assembly on May 9th

St. Joseph Cathedral Parish, Sandra Gonia reporting

St. Leo Parish, West Salem, Marianne Barta reporting

* January -- Spaghetti Dinner/Raffle Basket Fundraiser. (Funds raised to help fund for Summer Catholic Camp)
* New Members Bags and New Baptized Baby Baskets handed out.
* February -- Updating of Circle Lists with Chairs is ongoing.
* List of deceased members of St. Leo's submitted to have Masses said and paid by PCCW.
* New Members Bags and New Baby Baskets handed out.
* By-laws reviewed and will discuss at a later date. Wine and Cheese served
* St. Joseph Table (collection of food for the needy)
* New Baby Baskets handed out.
* Update of Spirituality Day!
* Planning for upcoming First Communion, May Crowning, & Graduates Brunch. Grasshoppers served.

St. Mary Parish, Bangor, Kay Kesler reporting

* The St. Mary's Ladies of Bangor worked with the Religious Education classes to send made from scratch Valentines to 40 of our shut-ins in West Salem, Bangor and Rockland. Member Sara Langhehr provided the materials and expertise for grades 1 - 5 to make over 125 Valentines. Next year we hope to double our card production to 250.
* At our March meeting, the ladies decided to streamline the fall dinner menu, seek more donations for the dinner and update thier membership list.
* The date for the graduation &  confirmands reception for May 1. The ladies will again present the confirmands with annotated bibles.
* Our next meeting, April 19th, we will have a meatball cook off.

St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley, Mary Humfeld reporting

St. Peter Ridge Parish, Pam Benzing reporting

* Tues. Mar. 1. PCCW officer's meeting
* Mon. Mar. 7 PCCW meeting--craft night, made fleece baby blanket for baby gift
* Sun. Mar. 13. Cabin Fever Fest--annual luncheon/euchre/fundraiser party hosted by PCCW and Parish Council
* Sat. Mar. 20. Fellowship following evening Mass hosted by PCCW