

Christian Mothers of Sacred Heart Newsletter 2023

Our Mission Statement

The purpose of our Christian Mother's group is getting together for prayer, which will consist of Rosary and Benediction, personal prayer intentions shared and an exchanging of name with the intent of praying for particular member until we meet again in prayer.

May, 2023

Greetings Christian Mothers of Sacred Heart!

Isn't spring the most wonderful season! Especially here in Minnesota after a very long, very wintry winter! I hope this greeting finds you energetic and in good health! If not, our prayers for you. :)

In the past 12 months we've changed things up a bit. We did *not* meet in the months of Nov., Dec. Jan. or Feb. - too cold, too dark, etc. We have been meeting and will continue to meet on the 2nd TUESDAY of each month at 7 p.m. - March through October, in the Lower Level, (not in the church) saying the Rosary and other selected prayers, sharing a few 'business' updates, ending the hour with a topic of interest – all contributing to the discussion. Prayer, cares and shares! It's a fun evening's meeting. We'd love to see the numbers of members at these 'meetings' increase. Please consider attending. :)

For the first time ever our Lenten retreat, scheduled for March 11th was canceled due to snow; rescheduled for April 1st. Again, on April 1st lots of snow and wind and again we canceled. But we persisted, and a 'Morning of Reflection' was held April 15th - as '*A Resurrection Retreat*'! God is Good! Dr. George Jay, our presenter, gave a passionate and enlightening presentation on '*The Bread of Life*'. It was a beautiful, meaning-filled morning of prayers, being engaged with Dr. Jay's message and moments of sharing.

The 'Crowning of Mary' at Sacred Heart took place on May 7th with a procession of children presenting flowers to Mary and of course the placing of the crown and adorning the statue of Mary with a rosary. After Mass the Christian Mothers provided coffee, juice and rolls/donuts in the narthex. Students served with donations accepted towards the cost of an upcoming conference for these students. Lots of precious pictures taken – view below.

The Christian Mothers contributed to the funding of "Rekindle Marriage", an event orchestrated by the Moms of Faith group of Sacred Heart that took place in February at the Lakeside Ballroom in Glenwood. We are blessed when we have the opportunity and the means to support family and family values.

Coming in Sept. an Enrollment Mass for new members! It's been a few years so it's time to recruit and welcome new members! Watch, read, 'the bulletin'!

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.

** 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!

** Please consider leading the Rosary before Mass! Rosary leaders are always needed! Simply show up 25 minutes before Mass begins and start saying the Rosary! Those present will join in responding. (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 for

Sunday September 24th and Saturday, October 14th. ** 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.stclouddccw.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. ** Call Leaders are no longer calling you with a reminder of the upcoming meeting. Did you notice? I share so that you know you're not being 'left out'. Watch the bulletin for notices and announcements!

Dues are due in June - 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.

“Thank You!” to-Jan Mellgran. Eileen Moe, Doris Morris, Gloria Thelen, Cindy Buysee, Phyllis Nagel and Marilyn Lysen for being ‘the callers’ for many years; to Cindy Buysee for sending cards; to all who joyfully lead the rosary before Mass; 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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Crowning of Mary, May 7th, 2023



