

ORLANDO DIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
January 16, 2017
Southern Deanery Report

Our Lady of Grace, Palm Bay: Ida Ryan, President

- Christmas Bake Sale
- Participated in parish Ministry Fair – gained 2 new members and 1 potential member.
- Pray the Rosary each First Saturday.
- Operate the parish Gift Shop after each Mass.
- Participate in the Flea Market each second Saturday.
- Held a “Baby Shower” in December benefiting Pregnancy Resources.
- Will attend a corporate Mass on January 15 in honor of CCW & celebrate afterward.
- Will be responsible for the used book stall at the annual “Heritage Festival”.
- Making plans for a Bunco Party and a trip to the Holy Land Experience in Orlando.
- Will host the February 25th SDCCW Board Meeting.

Divine Mercy: Vilma Williams, President

- Held a Christmas Celebration Dinner. Baby items for Birth Rite, toys for Catholic Charities and food for St. Vincent de Paul were donated.
- Celebrating CCW Sunday by attending Mass together with celebration lunch afterward.
- Attending “A Woman's Day of Reflection” sponsored by our parish.
- Fashion Show/Card Party/Luncheon planned for February 10.
- Service Commission working on funds for “Water For Life”. Also participating in NCCW program “Over the Toes and Under the Clothes” and FCCW's “Hugs for the Homeless”.
- Fr. Martin will be presenting the program about the Basilica Shrine in Washington, D.C. at our February general meeting.
- Hosting the SDCCW General Meeting on March 11.

Holy Spirit: Jackie Hackbarth, President

- Held a “Friendship Tea” in November to kick off the year. Many wore hats & gloves and everyone had lots of fun.
- We distributed brochures at the Ministry Fair and recruited 2 new members.
- Supported the Knights of Columbus by donating to “Christians At Risk”.
- Attended a corporate Mass on December 11 for deceased HSCCW members.
- Rummage sale is scheduled for January 13 & 14, 2017.
- Sheriff Wayne Ivey will be the speaker at our upcoming meeting.
- Fashion Show is scheduled for February.
- Supporting Devereaux House with \$300.00 donation

Our Lady of Lourdes: Susan LaPierre, President

- At our December meeting, we donated non-perishables, new toys, and gift certificates to the Sharing Center.
- Held our annual Christmas raffles of a beautiful Nativity Set; a lovely framed Christmas Madonna and Child, cross-stitched by one of our members, Rosemary Smith; and a basket of cheer.
- Held a bake sale as part of the Christmas Extravaganza hosted by OLL School.
- Coming up on 2/11, a Valentine raffle of candy and cheer; fashion show on 3/11; and a bake sale at the annual Rummage Sale for the benefit of OLL School.

Ascension: Georgette Hoppenbrouwer, President

- Hosted a complete Thanksgiving Luncheon for foster and homeless children and their families. There were crafts and games to entertain as well as the Balloon Man. Each child received 2 books and there was so much food that some had take-out.
- Our annual “Advent Tea” was an afternoon filled with holiday spirit and friendship.
- Lunch with Santa was also lots of fun. There was pizza as well as crafts and face painting.
- The annual Christmas Homemade Articles and Religious Articles Fair along with a Bake Sale was held after all Masses on December 4. Bake Sale proceeds will be donated to “Hugs for the Homeless”.
- Future plans: Martin Luther King Bunco & Card Party, January 16; “Saints Alive, February 11; Fashion Show & Luncheon at the Hilton Beachside on February 18 (all proceeds to Genesis House); Pasta with the Pope, March 19.

I have been in touch with a parishioner at St. Joseph's parish in Palm Bay. A few ladies there are interested in starting an affiliation. She will speak with their new pastor, Fr. Jeremiah, and get back with me.

Discussions and meetings are being held at Holy Name of Jesus, Indialantic, as they get ready to revive their affiliation.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Paternoster
President