



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

# WORKERS IN THE VINYARD

MARCH 2021

GRAND ISLAND

*Hebrews 13:15-16 "...let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. <sup>16</sup> And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God."*

**FROM THE PRESIDENT:** Kayleen Lukasiewicz



Where are you this Lent? I think many of us are still so caught up in Covid that it is hard for us to think beyond what is happening now. That is precisely why it is so important, necessary, and strategic to plan a few moments each day to commune with Jesus. Find a spot of comfort where you can sit and relate to our Lord. Talk to him about everything especially your troubles and concerns. Listen for that still, small voice to talk back to you. I always get my focus started by concentrating on a beautiful place, image, or scene. Once I am there and totally into the moment, is when the dialogue can begin. Rest in Him. You don't have to be in a hurry or to expect grandiose things. Just be! Silence, quiet, and resting is where you want to be. Remember the greatest gift you can give Jesus is to love Him back. I start by praising Him for all the good things happening in my life. As I begin to praise and thank Him, I feel such a peace settle over me. This is where I want to be. This is where I hear from God. This is where you need to be! Go do it!!

**FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT:** Lorraine Pozehl



Greetings to all from north central Nebraska! My name is Lorraine Pozehl, and I am your President-Elect of GIDCCW. It is with much excitement, and a willingness to "serve", that I look forward to serving our DCCW in this capacity!

I live in Bassett. I attend St. Pius X Church in Ainsworth. I have served in our parish in various capacities – Catechist, Director of Religious Education, Lector, Music Ministry, Youth Minister, Stewardship Council, and a member of our Council of Catholic Women. I have facilitated Lenten, Advent and Confirmation retreats in our parish and other parishes in the Diocese. The Higher Ground Youth Retreat program in our Diocese is something I have helped staff or direct a week of for many years, since 1991. I served on the GIDCCW Board as Vice President and Service Commission Chairperson for three-fourths of my term. I stepped down to give my husband the care he needed as he battled his cancer.

I have been a widow for two years. My husband, Fred, and I were married for 43 years. We were blessed with three children, a son and two daughters. They are married and live within ten miles of us. We have been blessed with twelve grandchildren and one great granddaughter. They range in age from 2 to 21. I truly love my "ministry" as Grandma!

I am in my thirteenth year as a licensed preschool teacher in Bassett. I love the little ones, and their innocence and eagerness to learn. Like grandchildren, with preschoolers, there is never a dull moment!

Many years ago, I heard this quote from then, Mother Teresa, now St. Teresa of Calcutta. "Not all of us can do great things. But we can all do small things with great love." It is my mantra for my life. I do not "strive" to do great things.... but small things with great love. And with that, I will strive to serve the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women as your President-Elect, with great love. Let us go forward together to "Change the World", one person at a time.

**FROM THE TREASURER:** Judy Wagoner



The pandemic has taken a toll on the receipts for the Grand Island Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

The receipts to date for Dues/Contribution Sunday is \$4,129.00 from 23 of the Parishes in the Grand Island Diocese. This fund is important to fund the activities of the GIDCCW, including the Spring Assembly and Fall meetings, membership fees, 1/3 share of Province Director fees, the four scholarships, and to pay for attendance at the National NCCW Convention.

The Seminarian Fund is at \$1,200.00 from 5 of the Parishes. This Seminarian Fund was initiated in 2009 with the first gift of \$10,000 presented to Bishop Dendinger at the 2010 Halsey Assembly. The 2020 gift to Bishop Hanefeldt of \$10,500.00 reflected a cumulation of gifts for the Seminarian fund of \$108,256.42 in this ten-year period. Recognizing this is a difficult year, hopefully we will receive funds that we can present this year.

24,000 Best Choice Bar Codes were redeemed in November 2020 for \$720.00 for the Haiti II Water project. The next season of giving so far has brought 8,000 trimmed and counted Bar Codes plus another group to be counted. Please plan to bring/send your Best Choice Bar Codes to Halsey. If you are coming in the Spring Assembly, bring your scissors and help trim and count for the next redemption. Many hands are very much appreciated. To date over \$30,265.00 has been forwarded for water projects since this project began in 2007.

Looking forward to brighter days ahead and may you all be blessed with health and happiness.

**FROM THE SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION:** Barb Sack – Chairman

One year later and the Corona virus pandemic continues to upset the lives of people all over the world. Once again, the event, Catholics at the Capital did not take place in person but by Zoom. A year ago, we didn't even know what Zoom was. How we have grown in technology. Have we grown in Spirituality also? Don't let fear keep you from receiving the Sacraments. The church is offering Lenten devotions and speakers in person and online. A speaker I listened to this Lent said to take just 5 minutes daily to sit quietly and let God talk to me. It's making a big difference in my mental health. Try it yourself.

Pope Francis declared this year the year of St. Joseph. He was the protector of the Holy Family. How appropriate for this year. We need the security of knowing we have a Father figure to turn to for protection. Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt is conducting a Novena to St. Joseph, **March 10-18**, 7p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island with a Mass on **March 19** at 7p.m. I encourage you to attend in person or live stream it at [www.gidiocese.org](http://www.gidiocese.org).

Our Diocese has lost one of our most beloved priests. Rev. James Murphy went to be with the Lord on January 21, 2021. Fr. Murphy joined us many years for Spring Assembly and other DCCW events. We shall miss you Fr. Murphy. May you rest in peace, good and faithful servant.

Join us in the beautiful Halsey National Forest for our Spring Assembly, **April 16 and 17**, 2021. Take this opportunity to get away, listen to Jesus speak to you. Open your heart, renew your spirit, and give you peace of mind. I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Until then, peace to you.



**FROM THE LEADERSHIP COMMISSION:** Sheryl Perkins, Chairwoman

As we begin a year of changes, happily many of our events are going to commence. So please visit GIDCCW.ORG to keep up to date. Some events/articles that are currently on the site:

- Lenten Retreats/Talks – Wednesdays through April 7 at St. Mary’s Cathedral in GI; **March 13-14** at Sts. Peter & Paul church in St. Paul.
- Catholics at the Capital – **March 9, 16, & 23.** Registration required for zoom meetings.
- Kayleen Lukasiewicz GI DCCW President-Where are you this Lent?
- Theresa Pavlik Province Director-Legislation message
- Spring Assembly **April 16-17** in Halsey. Registration forms are now available.
- NCCW Walk to Convention Walk-Fundraiser.
- Commemorative Quilt Raffle-NCCW President Elect Pat Voorhes.
- Scholarship GIDCCW deadline extended to **April 1.**
- Seminarian Funds-deadline **April 1.**

Please don’t forget about our resolutions for 2021:

**Resolution #1** → **Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service**

**Resolution #2** → **Passing on Our Faith and Service to Others**

We should be striving to mentor the young moms & pray for those who’ve left the church & to pass on our faith to our children. More details are on the site.

Chairwoman Sheryl Perkins ise45@hotmail.com 308-380-6212

**FROM THE PROVINCE DIRECTOR:** Theresa Pavlik – Omaha Province Director

Dear ladies of the Grand Island Diocese,

Peace be with you as you progress through lent. May your lenten journey be filled with graces that will bring new insights to a growing relationship with Jesus.

There are many things in our society to give alms to, fast for, and offer prayers. It is important for us and all voting citizens to be aware of legislation being considered for Nebraska. A good source of information is available at Nebraska Catholic Conference (NECC) website. The NECC offers us a way to communicate with our representatives. We need to be alert to events at the National level as well. Rice bowls for CRS and poor boxes provide a unique resource for giving alms. There are many missions and food pantries as well. Let us pray for responsible leadership.

God has walked with us for centuries and will not abandon us now. We must remain faithful and steadfast.

Let us pray, fast, and give alms!

Your sister in Christ, Theresa Pavlik - Province of Omaha Director

**DEANERY NEWS:**

**Alliance Deanery:**

ALL CATHOLIC WOMEN OF THE VALLEY ARE WELCOME...

Coming Soon – Speaking on her faith journey and raising a little guy, MATTHEW, who chose to become a priest; is our very own JOANNE NASH of St. Agnes

**Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

St. Agnes Catholic Church, Garden Room, 2314 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. **Scottsbluff**, NE, 1:00PM – 2:00PM Talk with Q & A {Masks are to be worn}

Event is in conjunction with the Spring meeting of the Alliance Deanery of GIDCCW.

Deanery meeting begins at 10:00AM.

Registration - \$10 Reservations call: 308-530-4182 ~ Judy Schwartz

The fall Alliance Deanery meeting was held on Saturday, October 3, at Sidney, St. Patrick's Parish Center. Following the meeting Fr. CP Varghese installed the officers for the 2020-22 term. They are:  
Spiritual Advisor : Fr. CP Varghese from All Souls parish of Bridgeport  
President: Judy Schwartz from St. Agnes Parish of Scottsbluff  
V. President : Deb Kearns from Immaculate Conception Parish of Rushville  
Secretary : DeAnn Ernest from St. Mary's parish of Dalton  
Treasurer : Henrietta Pelster from St. Patrick's Parish of Sidney  
Leadership : Julie Gehrig from St. Patrick's of Sidney  
Service : Joyce Moeller from St. Agnes Parish of Scottsbluff  
Spirituality : Anna Janssen from Immaculate Conception Parish of Rushville

### **Grand Island Deanery:**

Host: St. Libory's Catholic Church March 20th

Registration: 8:30-9:00am

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Sid Bruggeman on the "Graces of the Eucharist". Patriotic Rosary led by Fr. Dave Rykwald. Followed by Luncheon and Business meeting.

### **DIOCESAN ENGAGEMENT**

#### **GIDCCW Spring Assembly:**

See registration form and detailed information below.

#### **Grand Island Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Scholarship Application**

DUE: APRIL 1st (late applications-omitted)

The Grand Island Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring this \$200 Scholarship for Senior Girls who exemplify their Catholic Faith with service, leadership, and faith. This \$200 scholarship is awarded following the submission of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester registration for classes during the Freshman Year at accredited 2- or 4-year college, technical college, or other specialized area of training.

Please see **Your Local Parish Representative or the following Deanery President(s) for an application and details:**

- **Alliance Deanery - Judy Schwartz** 21 Blue Stem Dr, Scottsbluff 69361 308-530-4182 [candjschwartz@allophone.com](mailto:candjschwartz@allophone.com)
- **North Platte Deanery – Sandy Eggert** 84560 Hwy 83, Thedford 69166 308-645-7058 [henry@nebnet.net](mailto:henry@nebnet.net)
- **Kearney Deanery – Imelda Gressley** 77553 473<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Hazard 68844 308-452-3940 [cegressley@gmail.com](mailto:cegressley@gmail.com)
- **Grand Island Deanery - Sheryl Perkins** 3411 E Seedling Mile Rd, Grand Island 68801 308-380-6212 [ise45@hotmail.com](mailto:ise45@hotmail.com)

**UPCOMING EVENTS  
2021 CALENDAR:**

<b>March</b>
<b>9</b> Catholics at the Capital
<b>13</b> Alliance Spring Deanery meeting at St Agnes 10:00 am MST
<b>16</b> Catholics at the Capital
<b>20</b> Grand Island Spring Deanery meeting at St. Libory's Catholic Church
<b>23</b> Catholics at the Capital
<b>April</b>
<b>1</b> Scholarship Deadline
<b>16-17</b> Spring Assembly at Halsey, NE.
<b>May</b>
Nothing to report
<b>June</b>
Nothing to report
<b>July</b>
<b>19</b> Province meeting at Grand Island Blessed Sacrament (Lincoln Diocese is in charge) More info to follow.
<b>August</b>
Nothing to report
<b>September</b>
Nothing to report
<b>October</b>
Nothing to report
<b>November</b>
Nothing to report
<b>December</b>
Nothing to report

<b>GIDCCW Officers for 2020-2022</b>	<b>Commission Chairs et al</b>
Kayleen Lukasiewicz – President	Leadership: Sheryl Perkins; Co-chair: Marie Arendt
Lorraine Pozehl – President-elect	Spirituality: Barb Sack; Co-chair: Vicki Harvey
Deb Kearns – Vice President	Service: Tricia Ferguson; Co-chair: DeAnn Morse
Judy Wagoner – Treasurer	Parliamentarian: Darlene Schulte
Kristin Linton – Secretary	Historian: Maxine Hurt
Spiritual Advisor:	Membership: Carolyn Gusman, Deb Eschliman
	Scholarship: Loye Wolfe
	Facebook: Tricia Ferguson

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<https://www.facebook.com/Grand-Island-DCCW-158768404175245/>

**Grand Island Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Spring Assembly**  
**100 Years of Faith Experiences**  
**April 16 & 17, 2021**  
**Halsey 4-H Camp      Halsey, NE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Years attended \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Options**

Please designate your choice

**Friday & Saturday**

Facility costs, overnight fee, & 3 meals \$100.00. \_\_\_\_\_  
Bring bedding and towels.

Fee for sheets, blanket, towels to be provided \$10.00. \_\_\_\_\_

Facility costs, off-site stay, & 3 meals \$90.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Only**

Facility costs & 1 meal \$40.00. \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Only**

Facility costs & 2 meals \$50.00. \_\_\_\_\_

Accessibility issues: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send reservation and payment to Judy Wagoner, GIDCCW Treasurer, 1411 Walnut St., Wood River, NE 68883 by April 5. Thank you!**

Off-site accommodations—please make your own reservation 2 weeks prior to April 16:

Frontier Inn, Halsey

308-533-2240

Room w/2 double beds--\$79.99

Room w. 1 king bed--\$69.99

Roadside Inn, Thedford

308-645-2284

Room w/2 double beds

1 person--\$62.55+tax

2 persons--\$80.55+tax

Code: GIDCCW

Camping: Bessey Recreation Complex

308-533-2257

20 electrical hook-ups 30 & 50 amp

\$20/night

50% discount with National Park Senior Pass or handicap certificate

## Grand Island Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Spring Assembly



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### 100 Years of Faith Experiences

#### Halsey 4-H Camp

April 16 & 17

#### Mass with Bishop Emeritus Dendinger

Friday: Sister Faustina of the Marian Sisters in Waverly, NE. While studying pharmacy at Creighton University, she encountered the love of Jesus and received the grace to be called a bride of Christ. She will talk about sharing God's merciful love to all souls.

Social Time	Silent Auction Raffle	Prayer Outdoor Trails
Singing	Partners Meditation Time	Divine Mercy Chaplet
Service Projects	Stations of Light	

Saturday: John and Rebecca Lilliman of Kearney, NE. They met and were engaged while at a Christian work study program in Greatham, England. After many adventures in their early lives, they were blessed with 7 children, and currently, 10 grandchildren. They both enjoy retreat settings with time to think, reflect, and share with others. Their talk is entitled "Entering Inn . . .".

#### Bring:

- Dresses with pants/shorts
- Best Choice bar codes
- Scissors for the Mission II Haiti project
- socks and toiletry items for "Tickle Your Tootsies" homeless project

Please come join us.

# NCCW President Elect Commemorative Quilt Raffle



A Message from President Elect Pat Voorhes.

Every quilt is made for a purpose, and often its story goes way beyond the practical need for physical warmth and comfort. Sometimes the story is simple and very personal, sometimes it is a secret story, and other quilts are meant for the world to see, learn from, and remember. This quilt is the story of my coping with the 2020 pandemic quarantine and a way to commemorate NCCW's 100th Birthday.

The color, blue, was chosen specifically and is usually chosen for the patroness of the National Council of Catholic Women, Our Lady of Good Counsel, and NCCW's artwork and branding use of blue.

This commemorative quilt grew out of my need for distraction from the pandemic, my love of council and 3 inspirational sayings I have in my sewing room:

- Gather the Threads of your Life and Stitch them into Joy
- Quilting is my Saving Grace
- Sewing Mends the Soul

During this pandemic, when life got tough, I could turn on my sewing machine and stitch and quilt my cares away. I hope this queen size quilt brings as much joy to you as it did for me to make it.

This Commemorative Quilt is being offered for raffle to benefit NCCW. The winning ticket will be drawn at the NCCW Convention on August 28, 2021. Tickets are available for a donation of \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets are available for download on the NCCW website [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org). Sell as many tickets as you can sell, send the ticket stubs and a check or money order to the NCCW office by August 9, 2021 or bring the tickets with you to convention if you can come in person.

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**10335-A Democracy Lane Unit 201**

**Fairfax, VA 22030**

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