

Council of Catholic Women

The St. Mary Magdalen Council of Catholic Women is a united organization composed of multiple circles committed to support, educate, and empower all Catholic Women. Meet the Circles and Commissions of the CCW....

St. Anne

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 10 a.m.

St. Anne's Circle's focus is a spiritual one. Their mission is to learn more about their Catholic Faith in order to pass that knowledge along to their children. St. Anne's fundraiser, along with St. Robert's, is the Seder Meal. They began the Vacation Bible School program in the parish and continue to support it financially.

St. Eamon's Circle

Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

St. Eamon's Circle supports several organizations; Safe House of Seminole County, the Peace Orphanage in Mexico City, Pathways to Care, Coalition for the Homeless, Bags of Hope and the Christian Sharing Center. The Circle also helps with the Habitat for Humanity Dinner Theater. Fundraisers include the Community Fest Italian Booth, Christmas Bazaar and Easter Flower Sales. The circle was founded in September 1985.

St. Theresa

Meets on the 2nd Monday at 10:00 a.m.

St. Theresa's circle supports many charities through the grant money earned by members who work in many areas during the SMM annual community festival. Pathways to Care, Bags of Hope Central Florida, Seminole Safe House and the Saint Mary Magdalen adult center benefit from St. Theresa's circle through personal donations of time and items. St. Theresa's circle serves dinner at the Coalition for the Homeless in Orlando during the spring and we also sponsor the annual Valentines Party for the Adult Center. We are involved in our Saint Mary Magdalen parish and love to give a helping hand.

St. Gerard

Meets on the 2nd Monday at 9:30 a.m.

St. Gerard Circle meets in the Mother Theresa room. Their main project of the year is a St. Patrick's Day card party which has become a tradition at SMM. The proceeds of that go completely to local charities and St. Mary Magdalen ministries. We also contribute time and talent to CCW and parish wide activities.

St. Luke

Meets on the 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m.

St. Luke Circle has been involved in outreach programs including providing Christmas bags with sweat suits and personal care items for the Seminole Mental Health Day Treatment Facility; dinner at the Women and Children's Residential Facility at Coalition for the Homeless, as well as donations to the Peace Orphanage, Doctors Without Borders, World Vision; and many other great causes that come our way through the year. This year we plan to be even more active with our time and talent at the Coalition for the Homeless.

St. Paul

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 am

St. Paul's Circle meets in the Pope John Paul II room. Each year they have made items for the Craft Booth at the Fall Festival. Their charitable contributions support Pathways to Care, Farm Workers Ministry, Peace Orphanage, the Cerebral Palsy School and the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Sanford. In addition they support the charities selected by the Service Commission. They have cooked and served the Women and Children's Homeless Shelter in Orlando. Each year they commit to make monthly in kind contributions to one charity. This year they are collecting items to be sent to Company A of the U S Marine Corps which has deployed a Battalion to Afghanistan. These Marines are all from the Orlando area.

St. Robert**Meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.**

Many of the St. Robert circle members are currently serving and have been active in the past on the CCW Board and its' Committees. They run the Funnel Cake Booth at the Saint Mary Magdalen Community Festival every year. The funnel cake booth has been run by the membership for the last 27 years. St. Roberts annual fund raiser is the Seder Meal. The Seder Meal was started by the St. Roberts members and has been supported by them from the beginning 14 years ago. The proceeds from the fundraising efforts go the Endowment Funds of St. Mary Magdalen Church and the St. Mary Magdalen School. St. Roberts circle also supports the SMM Mothers Group.

St. Vincent de Paul**Meets on the 2nd Wednesday after the 8:30am Mass**

Following their namesake's work with the needy and the poor, they have various projects each year to support their favorite local charities. They collect jewelry all year for the booth at the October CommunityFest. They work the Daily Bread in December and write Christmas Cards and mail them for the homeless. They adopt a family in December presenting them with Christmas presents. They also host the St. Patrick's Day party for the Adult Day Care Center.

Members At Large

Members At Large circle is for those who would like to participate in CCW, but cannot attend monthly meetings. These members will receive all of the monthly news through our web page & bulletins, as well as have the opportunity to minister or participate in all circle activities.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Mission Statement:

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its affiliated organizations to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

About the NCCW:

The National Council of Catholic Women is a nationwide organization founded in 1920 at the call of the Bishops of the United States. NCCW is representative voice of millions of concerned women working together through national program commissions.

About Our Organization:

The Council of Catholic Women unites women, develops their leadership potential, assist them in speaking and acting upon current issues in the Church and society, both domestically and internationally in the solution of present day problems.

CCW COMMISSIONS

Leadership

Organization: Acts as a service bureau and gives supportive services to the other five commissions, officers, and Circle chairs. Its services include organizational development, membership, training activities, public relations, and publications.

Spiritual Commission

Church: Expands the way we look at our faith by leading the Council in programs of study and action in the area of scripture, liturgy and ecumenism. This commission works to reinforce faith and provide resources for spiritual nourishment and development of the faith community.

Legislation: Encourages every Catholic woman to register and vote; provides information about legislative matters, and the "How To" methods of taking action which influences legislators. In other words, it helps individual people and groups to become more politically effective.

Service Commission

Family Concerns: Assists families in achieving welfare of families, women and children's health, and well-being issues. Its programs are concerned with child and parent education, preservation of family unity, care for the aged, and religion in the family.

International Concerns: Promotes responsibility for the world community through the

conviction that our wealth and resources must be shared with all people. Its programs create awareness and action is concerned with peace, education for international understanding, international relief and development, and works of peace and justice.

Community Concerns: Involves the members and all people in working to answer the needs and concerns of their individual communities. Its programs, determined by local needs, includes such areas as housing, minority concerns, environmental concerns, Respite, safety, literacy, education, and work for all.