

EASTERN DEANERY CCW
PRESIDENT'S REPORT
APRIL 24, 2015

The Eastern Deanery has had a year filled with blessings and service. The Board met in March at the Lenten Retreat held at St. Joseph the worker parish in Chipley, then attended the retreat together. The Affiliates have served their parishes and broader communities in a variety of thoughtful and fun ways.

Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More

Fellowship Sunday (coffee and donuts after Mass) one Sunday.

Assisted with the Parish Picnic

Arranged and funded a Mass intention for each Diocesan seminarian (16) for their birthday in the coming year.

Held a Hugs for the Homeless Bake Sale

Held a "Baby Shower" to raise funds for ODWC

Celebration of Consecrated Life reception

Annual CCW Spaghetti Dinner

Diocese with the Jubilee Mass reception

Diocese with the Rite of Election reception

Catholic Days at the Capitol/Red Mass

Lenten Light Meals (co-host with SVdP)

Bake Sale to fund Seminarian Mass intentions and fund NCCW Conv. scholarships April

Book Sale and contribute some of proceeds to Deanery budget

St. Stephen's

St. Stephens hosted its first fall festival. It was an afternoon filled with games for children, great food and many crafters offering their crafts for sale.

The Women's Guild assisted several families with their Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.

The Women's Guild supported the Crop Walk with donation and participants.

The Women's Guild is instrumental with providing a food pantry at their parish for families in need.

Caps for Love program is going strong. Pounds and pounds are being collected.

The Women's Guild hosted a celebration of their parish patron saint (St. Stephen the Pro-martyr) with a special luncheon after Mass.

The Women's Guild supported a scholarship fund in honor of Monsignor O'Sullivan who recently retired.

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St. Stephens held a sign dedication ceremony and recognized it's benefactor with the Women's Guild providing a special luncheon following Mass
The Women's Guild hosted a refreshment meet and greet with Bishop Parkes during his recent visit to the parish.

Plans for the Spring: Hugs for the Homeless service project, Spring Garage Sale and Easter baskets for the families in need.

Supported Deanery functions: Celebration of Consecrated Life, Rite of Election, Jubilee Mass and attended Catholic Days at the Capitol/Red Mass as well as the Lenten Retreat in Chipley.

Blessed Sacrament

All Circles participated in the Ministries Showcase in Sept.

In October Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle held a Mini-Retreat

St. Theresa Circle hosted a Wine & Cheese Party to recruit new members for the circles.

St. Theresa also organized the annual wreath sale fundraiser in November.

St. Catherine Circle holds a monthly bake sale.

Mother Seton Circle held their annual Jelly sale in Nov.

St. Theresa sold cheese balls in Dec.

Mother of Perpetual Help Circle held a Granny's Corner Sale in Dec. and will do more in the spring.

The Guild will support the Celebration of Consecrated Life, Rite of Enrollment and Jubilee Mass receptions.

Each circle will be hosting a Lenten Light Meal on Fridays in Lent. At these meals we will collect money for Hugs for the Homeless.

The circles will be providing breakfast at a Habitat for Humanity build in March.

Mother of Perpetual Help & St. Catherine circles will host the RCIA reception after the Holy Saturday mass.

Assist at the Parish Picnic

Attend the Lenten Retreat in Chipley.

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Ladies Circle

Coordinated First Saturday Adoration Services
Led Stations of the Cross during Lent
Held CCW Recognition Service
Prepared and served 5th Sunday breakfasts and Lenten soup
Held a parish cookie swap
Had masses said for seminarians for their birthdays.
Made holiday cheese balls with profits going to Blessings in a Backpack program
Collected Back-to-School items, used printer cartridges, soup labels and education coupons for Wakulla County schools
Participated in Wakulla County's Operation Santa by providing gifts for 50 people.
Prepared and distributed food baskets at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter
Volunteered at Wakulla Pregnancy Center, prepared a basket to donate for their silent auction in a fund raiser, and participated in their annual Walk for Life.
Prepared 2 lunches for and volunteered at Wakulla County's Alzheimer's Project
Made "chemo caps" for cancer patients
Participated in the FCCW "Hugs for Homeless" campaign
Made cookies for Jubilee Mass and Rite of Election
Attended Catholic Days at the Capitol
Prepared hospitality bags, favors and center pieces for Friday lunch at DCCW convention
Gave donations to the Madonna plan, Running Strong for American Indian Youth, and a church in Nigeria to help finance a roof
Sent "care" packages to soldiers in Afghanistan
Gave 14 scholarships to high school students
Sponsored a student in Miss Wakulla Pageant
Held 30 day raffle, and a Mardi Gras dinner/dance.
Met 3rd Monday of each month
Visitation of sick and homebound

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March 21, 2015
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Chipley, Florida

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Emmanuel
Sue Steverson led the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance of the Flag of the United States of America.

President Emmanuel welcomed members and guests.

Secretary Cookie called roll and the minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President, Susan Emmanuel read a thank you for the receptions following Jubilee Mass and Rite of Election. National dues need to be sent in.

Vice President Sue Steverson informed us of the death of Hermi Hadi, a long time member.

AFFILIATE REPORTS (see written reports)

St. Thomas More-Sue Steverson

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton-Linda Miller

Blessed Sacrament- Carol Sunderhaus

Good Shepherd

St. Stephens (absent)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

National-Sheila Hopkins reported on the web site, new members brochure, and national convention in Orlando. Motion was made by Sue Wethersbee and 2nd by Carol Sunderhaus to place ¼ page ad in national convention program. Motion carried.

Legislature-Sheila Hopkins reported on Catholic Days at Capitol.

Hugs for Homeless-Peggy Clark reported that \$5696 was the lowest amount we had collected.

DCCW Caps of Love-Sue Steverson reported that her last trip to deliver the caps would be April 14. This project is to be discontinued.

Burse Club will present check at the convention.

NEW BUSINESS

Sheila Hopkins reported on Respect Life Conference in Tallahassee October 23 & 24.

Peggy Clark made a motion to collect beverage tabs for Ronald McDonald House 2nd by Linda Miller.

It was decided to place a full page ad in the DCCW convention program.

CLOSING PRAYER-Susan Emmanuel, Adjourned to Retreat