

**Smoky Mountain Deanery CCW
President's Report
Fall 2021**

The SMDCCW had their first in person general meeting on May 1. East Tennessee Catholic charities came and spoke about their programs. In June, we invited the diocese to Sacred Heart Cathedral for the 31st annual KDCCW convention.

Other than a final meeting of the convention committee, the deanery took the summer off. The affiliates, however, did not and their activities are listed below.

The deanery had a board meeting on September 18 and we will be celebrating the 100+1 anniversary of the founding of the NCCW on October 30 at Holy Ghost. Holy Ghost will share hosting duties with Immaculate Conception and St John XXIII.

Starting on October 20 at 7:30 PM and hopefully every month afterwards, the deanery will be having a rosary via a conference call. All of the affiliates will take a month and share the duties.

Holy Cross

CCW Future Activities

- Fall Rummage Sale - October 16, 2021
- Veterans Day Tribute – November 14, 2021
- Isaiah 1:17 House Project – November 27 and 28, 2021 & December 4 and 5, 2021 • CCW Christmas Luncheon – December 6, 2021

Past Activities

- Summer Luncheon
- World's Finest Candy Bar Sale

Past Activities

Holy Ghost

Several women participated in the Consecration to St. Joseph 33 days which ended on March 19)

Several women attended the DCCW Convention at Sacred Heart

We provided desserts and drinks for the Holy Ghost Pentecost Parish Picnic

We provided breakfast after Mass in June for the 8 & 10 AM Masses

July for the 12 & 2:30 Masses, and for August after the 8, 10 & 12:30 Masses

For the Parish Revival : Women participated in providing snacks for all three days (August 1,2 &3), worked at putting up and taking down icons and informational plaques, were docents, and several women participated in the Door to Door ministry.

Regular monthly CCW meetings will start Monday September 20, 2021

ICWG

had a very successful welcome gift that we presented to all folks attending mass that May date. We made 450 boxes and gave away over 350. My girls made over 450 lemon bars and 700 sugar cookies. We gave a box to everyone. Great PR.

We held our Christ the Child Baby Shower in the back of the church. Very successful. Received over 70 individual gifts and \$1,000.00. All donated to Ladies of Charity. Gave a small treat to all you donated to the project.

We have our annual Craft Fair scheduled for November 13-14 if covid does not cancel it for us. We are planning to do the Box of Joy again. Hoping to get 150 boxes this year. May be dreaming.

John XXIII

Will be recruiting at its Festival of Ministries on September 25 and 26, 2021.

Sacred Heart

few important dates/items to note:

- September 19th newcomers reception
- September 24-26 St. Martha mums sale

St Francis of Assisi

Our summer picnic did not happen as hoped. We are planning to hold our Annual Christmas Bake Sale in October when St. Francis will have a Yard Sale (Oct. 15-16--ALL INVITED!).

The fall meeting is planned for Nov. 9 with guest presentation from St. Thomas the Apostle Ukrainian Catholic Mission on Icons.

The Box of Joy project is underway.

Our big project is obtaining drapes for our Parish Resource Center's sliding door entrances, to be finalized soon.

St. Mary Gatlinburg

They have just started back having meetings and the 2nd meeting is Thursday.

They have been able to keep up the financial pledges to various groups and institutions that they have been helping over the years.

Reopened the religious articles cubicle after the Sat. night and Sunday Masses.

Filled hygiene bags for the needy at Christmas

Giving Tree at Christmas for needy school age children from 3 schools in our area.

Removed, sorted, and cleaned entire kitchen items from old kitchen and then moved all into new parish kitchen hall that was just recently opened and dedicated.

Helped with provisions, set-up and staffing for the hospitality room at the diocesan convention.

St. Joseph the Worker

The only thing I've done in regard to our group is - beginning to reorganize after COVID-19 shutdowns.

I've initiated a new list of volunteers on our Bereavement committee-

I've personally attended to business for our group - changing banks as one bank closed and I needed to find another

Also- maintenance on our grotto is women's group responsibility

OLF

The OLOF Officers met in August to plan the year. We will begin in September with "Game Night". This will be followed in October by the manager from Good Neighbors of Blount County speaking to the membership about the services provided. In lieu of a November meeting, "Advent by Candlelight" will be held with our Spiritual Advisor, Father Adam, providing the reflections for each of the Advent Gospel Readings. In December we will hold our annual "Baby Shower for Mary" which benefits the Pregnancy

Resource Center of Maryville. "Rummage in a Trunk" will be held in October as a fundraiser for the scholarships provided along with the Knights of Columbus to a graduating high school senior from the parish.

Respectfully submitted,

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