

# THE WORKS OF MERCY

## **Corporal Works of Mercy:**

- ♦ To feed the hungry;
- ♦ To give drink to the thirsty;
- ♦ To clothe the naked;
- ♦ To shelter the homeless;
- ♦ To visit the sick;
- ♦ To ransom the captive;
- ♦ To bury the dead.

## **The Spiritual Works of Mercy:**

- ♦ To instruct the ignorant;
- ♦ To counsel the doubtful;
- ♦ To admonish sinners;
- ♦ To bear wrongs patiently;
- ♦ To forgive offenses willingly;
- ♦ To comfort the afflicted;
- ♦ To pray for the living and the dead.

## Be a Part of Something Bigger Than Yourself

We are women who:

- ♦ Love the Lord
- ♦ Live our faith
- ♦ Learn together
- ♦ Support each other
- ♦ Pray with and for others
- ♦ Help others in our communities
- ♦ Help women around the world
- ♦ Promote Pro-Life and just laws
- ♦ Combat injustices
- ♦ Provide Scholarships
- ♦ Send youth to Catholic camps
- ♦ Act on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy



### *Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel*

God of heavenly wisdom,  
You have given us Mary, Mother of Jesus,  
to be our guide and counselor.  
Grant that we may always seek  
her motherly help in this life  
and so enjoy her blessed presence  
in the life to come.

O Mother of Good Counsel,  
patroness of  
the National Council of Catholic Women,  
intercede for us,  
that we may be wise, courageous  
and loving leaders of the Church.  
Help us, dear mother,  
to know the mind of Jesus, your son.  
May the Holy Spirit fill us with reverence  
for God's creation,  
and compassion for all God's children.  
May our labors of love on earth  
enhance the reign of God  
and may God's gifts of faith and living hope  
prepare us for the fullness of  
the world to come.  
Amen.



*Women of Faith*

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*Transforming the  
world  
through prayer  
& action.*

St. Joseph Parish  
Menomonie, Wisconsin

## MISSION STATEMENT

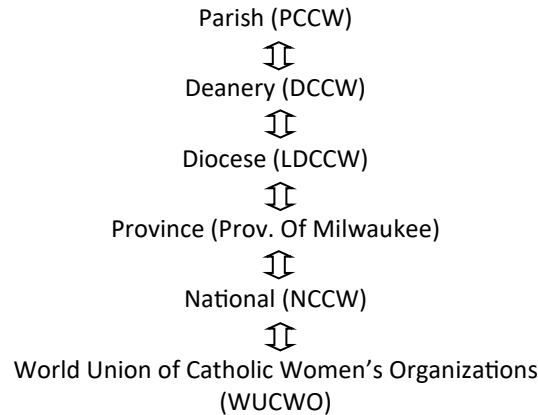
The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) is an organization of the parish in which all women are invited to participate. As the spiritual hearts of our families and homes, they develop their own spirituality while building a sense of Christian community through social functions, spiritual growth, fundraising, and service in the parish and surrounding community.

## MEMBERSHIP

- All women of our parish are members of the PCCW regardless of age and whether or not the annual dues are paid.
- All women of our parish are invited to participate as their time and abilities allow.
- Typically, members are called upon one month each year to serve at a funeral luncheon, provide food/cookies for meetings or our annual Cookie Walk.
- Women age 75 and older or disabled are Honary Members who support PCCW activities through prayer. Many continue to be as active as their abilities allow.
- Many women of our parish choose to be more actively involved in other groups, such as:
  - \* Elizabeth Ministry
  - \* Ministry of Mother Teresa
  - \* M.O.M.S
  - \* Quilting Group
  - \* Tuesday's Table
  - \* *Other????*
- Leadership consists of a President, Vice-President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Leadership Commission, Service Commission, Spirituality Commission.. Current leadership may be found online at <https://www.menomoniecatholic.org/pccw>

## WHY DO WE EXIST?

In 1920, the United States Bishops recognized the tremendous achievements of the Catholic Women in the relief efforts of the Great War and had the wisdom to call for the founding of NCCW to bring these organizations together. This gave U.S. Catholic women a unified voice, a national service program and the ability to reach out to each other through a system of women 's organizations across our nation and reaching internationally.



## GOALS

- To unite all women in our parish.
- To empower women to develop spiritually, in leadership potential, and to inspire them to act upon current issues in the Church and society.
- To establish relationships with other community groups
- To provide a means for all women of the

## ANNUAL EVENTS

- Thrift Sale (May and October)
- Honorary Dinner (June)
- Quilt Show (every other year)
- Cookie Walk (December)

## ORGANIZATION

St. Joseph's PCCW is divided alphabetically into twelve service groups. One group is assigned to each month; the rotation is adjusted each year so the same group does not always have the same month.

We are a part of the Durand Deanery of the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, and members of the National Council of Catholic Women.

A "Deanery" is a group of parishes within a diocese. Deaneries help bishops administer their diocese by providing a way to communicate directives and information to priests across the diocese. Each of the Durand Deanery Parishes has a PCCW. The Durand Deanery itself has a group of officers. The PCCW's of the Durand Deanery gather twice a year (spring and fall) to ???

The groupings below show that there are 13 parishes grouped into eight ???.

