



# Parish Council of Catholic Women St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish

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## Meetings:

Time: 7:00 PM  
When: Monthly  
(Second Thursday)  
Where: Library

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## Hail Mary

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

"From the President:"



## Dear Women of the Parish,

Our parish is once again embracing change. The PCCW would like to welcome Father James Kurzynski to be our guide. He has stepped up and is doing a wonderful job leading us in our Catholic faith. Now we are looking for others to do the same. At the Eau Claire Deanery Fall General Assembly at St. Olaf's on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Father Konopa resided over the Liturgy of the Hours, Evening Prayer Vigil of the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi. He asked us not to be the inactive statue that is commonly seen in gardens, but to truly try to be like St. Francis of Assisi and act as God would want us to do. Try not to be on the sidelines of our Catholic faith, but get in the game and live what we believe.

My goal for this year is to get others to be a step more involved than they were last year. By this, I mean:

- If you were unable to attend any PCCW meetings, then my goal is for you to attend one this year.
- If you baked for a funeral or cake walk, maybe this year you can help work at one.

- If you do not know your neighbors, or the people sitting in the pew next to you, say hello (you may be the only one to do it all week).
- If you have been great at helping during events at the church, then now you offer to chair one event. Some events require very little of your time.
- Finally, if you find yourself drifting from the Catholic way of life, or know someone who is, pray... pray a rosary, commit to reading the bible regularly, go to adoration on Thursday night (While you are there, go to confession, it is good for the soul).

Please come join us at meetings and events. Not only will you feel good about being more involved with the church, but you will make a few friends along the way. I am happy to say, many of the women at St. Raymond's have become my friends.

**See you soon!**  
**Donna Kuhnen**

## NEWS:

**BENEFIT DINNER:** A Benefit Dinner will be held at St. Raymond's on November 13 from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. The proceeds will go towards the Diocesan Orphanage in Peru. Fr. James and others have visited there and he is excited to go back next summer. The Knights of Columbus will plan the menu and prepare the meal. Cost will be \$25 plate with \$5 to the KC's and \$20 to the

Orphanage. Fr. Sebastian will do a presentation that evening as well as show a video from Peru. It is estimated that 170 may attend this dinner.

The PCCW would like to have volunteers to help set up for and serve the dinner. If you are available to help out, please let Donna or Elaine know.

## LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Become a NCCW member now. Stand in solidarity with other Catholic women who share in your faith, values and dedication to serving others. By joining the thousands of other women across the nation your voice as a Catholic woman gets stronger.

Your voice gets heard when the NCCW talks to legislators. You also will obtain voting rights in the organization and receive copies of The Catholic Women's magazine. Go to [www.NCCW.org](http://www.NCCW.org) and sign up now for \$30 per year to be heard.

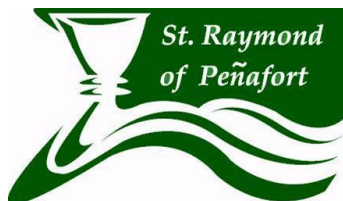


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*Meeting Minutes are  
 posted on the bulletin  
 board and emailed to our  
 members!*



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**NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS:**

We will be using email as our first form of communication. It takes the caller hours to get volunteers for funerals or other activities. If you do not have an email address and want to be called, please let us know so that we can generate a list.



We will be taking the time and talent sheets that were turned in and generate an email listing from that. If you would like to opt out of being on the list, please respond to the email.

When you use the PCCW email group for church business, please use the most recent group email you received. This will ensure you have the most updated list and will not be contacting people that have opted out.

***Please remember Fr. James in your prayers.***



**2011-2012 PCCW Planning Calendar:**

**October**

- All month-**Blanket Drive** for Deanery (Donna Kuhnen)
- All month-**Yunker's Community Day**-Sell coupons (Claire Parr)
- 3-**Fall Deanery Meeting** 6:30 pm at St. Olaf
- 9-**Religious Education Family Day**- Help make Rosaries with families (Mary King)
- 13-**PCCW Meeting** 7pm-(Mary King)
- 30-Fr. James's birthday

**November**

- All month-Thanksgiving Food Drive
- 10-**PCCW Meeting** 7pm (Donna Kuhnen)
- 13-**Benefit Dinner for Orphanage in Peru** 4:30-7pm (Father James, Elaine Welin)
- 13 & 20- **Religious Items for Sale** between Masses (Julie Grasskamp)
- 13-Pick up **Salvation Army Angel Tree Tags** (Jeni Geisert)
- 24-**Thanksgiving Day** (Mass at 9:00 AM)
- 27-**First Sunday of Advent** (Mass changes take effect)
- 27 through 30-**Drop off Christmas cookies** (in kitchen)

**December**

- 1-**Drop off Christmas cookies** (in kitchen) before 6:30 pm for **Holiday Bake Sale**
- 1-**PCCW Meeting** 7pm-Package cookies for **Holiday Bake Sale** (Mabel Breid)
- 11-**Salvation Army Angel Tree Tag** gifts due
- 11-at 11:30 **Church Christmas Pot Luck** (Mary King)
- 17-**Deliver Poinsettias** to shut ins (Bonnie Smith)



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## Calendar of Upcoming Meetings/Activities: (cont.)

### January

- 8-Take down **Christmas Decorations**; Soup and Sandwich Lunch (coordinator needed for lunch)
- 12-**PCCW Meeting**-Quarters needed for Augusta Nursing Home Bingo (Mary King)
- 31-**Augusta Nursing Home Bingo** (Bonnie Smith)

### February

- 5-**Drop Off Cookies** by 11:30 am in the kitchen
- 5-**Package Cookies for Seminarians** at 11:30 am with Spiritual Bouquets (Polly Cox and Nan Falbo)
- 22-**Ash Wednesday Mass** at 7:30 pm
- 24-**Fish Fry Bake Walk** (volunteer needed to sell paddles)
- 26-**Religious Items for Sale** between Masses (Julie Grasskamp)
- 26-**Stations of the Cross/Soup and Sandwich Supper** (coordinator needed)

### March

- 2- **Fish Fry Bake Walk** (volunteer needed to sell paddles)
- 3-**Spirituality Day**-St Mary's Church
- 8-**PCCW Meeting** 7pm-Lenten Reflection (Donna Kuhnen)
- 9-**Fish Fry Bake Walk** (volunteer needed to sell paddles)
- 16-**Fish Fry Bake Walk** (volunteer needed to sell paddles)
- 23-**Fish Fry Bake Walk** (volunteer needed to sell paddles)
- 30-**Fish Fry Bake Walk** (volunteer needed to sell paddles)

### April

- All month-**Diaper Drive for Catholic Charities** (Donna Kuhnen)
- 12-**PCCW Meeting** 7pm (Topic open) (Donna Kuhnen)
- 15-**Low Sunday Collection** at both Masses
- 23-**Host Deanery Meeting** at 6:30pm, Teaching Mass by Father James followed by Deanery meeting, (need volunteers for the Mass, and a coordinator for refreshments) (Donna Kuhnen will chair the evening)

### May

- 10-**PCCW Meeting**-Topic to be determined-vote for Vice President and Treasurer (Donna Kuhnen)
- 13-**Mother's Day**- Hand out carnations to all mothers (coordinator needed)
- 13 Mother's Day through Fathers' Day-**Baby Bottle Campaign for Right to Life** (Angie Frank)
- 20-**Coffee and Doughnut Sunday** (volunteer needed to serve)

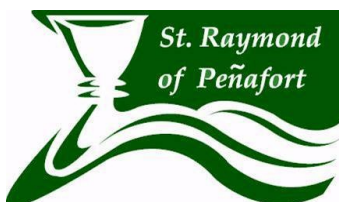
### June

- 9-**PCCW Meeting** 7pm- Installation of Officers, budget for next year (Donna Kuhnen)
- 14-**Fathers' Day**-Collect Baby Bottles

### July

- Please pay **PCCW dues** using your weekly envelop any time this month
- 12-**Garden Party**—Location to be determined (Donna Kuhnen)

*Please give Donna a call if you are interested in attending or helping with any of these events—715.861.5515.*





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### Mission:

#### **Mission Statement:**

To serve as the medium through which the parish women shall participate in the Parish Council of Catholic Women, Eau Claire Deanery Council of Catholic Women, La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the National Council of Catholic Women. The organization shall serve as a medium through which women can speak, educate and act on all matters pertaining to religious and public interest. All women are invited to emulate the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother in Christ, by serving God's people and sharing our resources through prayer and work.

#### **Membership:**

The membership of this organization shall consist of all women of the parish. Honorary membership will be bestowed on those reaching age seventy (70), handicapped or seriously ill. They are not obligated to work or pay dues, if so desiring.

#### **Dues:**

Membership dues in this organization shall be \$10 per year running with the fiscal year July 1 through June 30.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

- **St. Francis Food Pantry:** If you are interested in volunteering with the St. Francis Food Pantry, please contact us at 715-839-7706, or contact us via email [info@stfrancisfoodpantry.org](mailto:info@stfrancisfoodpantry.org).
- **Catholic Charities/Sojourner House:** *Front Desk Volunteers needed* - Call them today to find out how you can volunteer! Eau Claire Office - call 715-832-6644 or email [mbruce@cclse.org](mailto:mbruce@cclse.org).

