

Dear Ladies of the Parish Of Our Lady of the Prairie:

Greetings to you from the president of the Council of Catholic Women (CCW)!

The CCW is a vital part of the parish's support network. All registered women of Our Lady of the Prairie are members of the CCW. The National Council of Catholic Women Mission Statement is: The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in Spirituality, leaders and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

We here at OLP will take care of the altar and sanctuary and maintain them as fitting places of the worship of God. Second to assist with funerals and to maintain the Kitchen and Kitchenette. Third to promote Spiritual interest of the parish, the community, the SW Deanery and the Archdiocese.

Change is coming for 2017. Embrace the change. We are cutting back to 2 Service Groups and The Madonna Group.

Funerals: St Martha Pray for us: The CCW helps serve meals. They will set up, serve and clean up at a parish funerals. Time Commitment: As needed on a 6 month rotation. April-September and October-March with a 2 hour shift if possible.

Alter Needs: St Veronica Pray for us: The CCW cleans the sanctuary, decorates for the liturgical seasons, cares for plants and flowers, washes the linens and altar robes and sews baptismal garments. Time Commitment: Weekly or as needed.

The Madonna Group: Mother Mary Pray for us. These are lifetime members of the council who are unable to financially/physical/mentally participate in an active Service Group. A Member or a family member may call the President to add their name to this list. Members will be acknowledge at a Mass once a year sponsored by CCW.

Please complete the request for information at the bottom of this letter and return it to the Parish office. You may include it in your CCW envelope that you will find in your Mass collection envelopes that you received in March, due on May 7th, 2017. If you do not get envelopes, please mail it to Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church, c/o **CCW, 200 E Church St**, Belle Plaine, MN 56011. Or place in the collection basket any time.

Thank you for helping make Our Lady of the Prairie a vibrant parish community!

CCW President, Georgine Gansen

____I would like to be an Active Member in one or more of the Service Groups and pay my \$10.00 Dues. ____or pay the \$20.00 annual dues

Name_____

Address_____

Phone Number_____Cell Number_____

Email:_____ **Comments:**