

Dear Ladies of Our Lady of the Prairie Parish:

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.

Our 2018-2019 Five Goals are:

- *Funerals/Altar/Prayer
- *Donate to Southwest Deanery and ACCW Events
- *Fundraisers for other groups (Community/Cancer Home/Alpha Women's Center
- *Help Liturgy Committee (receptions/flowers). Donut Sundays
- *Give back to the PREP and School Programs

Service Groups:

Funerals: St Martha Pray for us: The CCW helps serve meals. They will set up, serve and clean up at 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, 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 acknowledged 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 13th, 2018. (Note: the envelope says Dues \$10.00. Only if you sign up for a Service Group) If you do not get envelopes, please send the form and your payment in the envelope provided, and mail it back 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:** _____