

## Letter from our President

Dear members,

April is always a month of hope for me. A hope that winter is gone for another year, and the warmer weather is here for good. I always look at my garden with renewed interest and hope. The hope of new growth as I see the first green of the daffodils, purple blooms of the crocus and the white buds on my apple tree. I'm also hopeful that this is the year I will actually tend the garden and that growth religiously, all the while knowing that I tend to lose interest by mid-summer....but I can hope this year is different!

There is also the hope that this Lenten season has renewed and strengthened my relationship with Christ and a hope that the spiritual work I endeavored over these last few weeks will blossom into a deeper love for Him and for others. I hope that your Lenten journey has been fruitful as well and that as we move toward Holy Week and Easter we live our lives with that expectant hope of good things to come.

An Easter Prayer

Good and gracious God,  
Our most glorious Creator,

As we greet the signs in nature around us:

Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom,

In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted,

We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son,

Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time...

...We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen.

, president of Catholic Charities USA

Lisa

## Our Mission

**“Offering women of all ages spiritual growth, philanthropic endeavors, volunteerism, and friendship through personal involvement in projects and activities that have a focus on helping women and children in our community.”**

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# CINCINNATI CATHOLIC *women*

## *Upcoming Meeting*

**APRIL MEETING- Mon. April 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**

Tour of Williams Chapel at Xavier University.

Anyone that wants to carpool should be at the CCW house no later than 6:15

If going to the chapel directly, there is a map attached-

Park in the Alumni Center lower lot. The chapel is across the street.

We will begin the program at the chapel at 6:30.

The presentation will be about 40 minutes.

We will then go back to the house for dinner.

Anyone with questions can call Carol at 513-807-1769

Here is a link to information about the chapel to watch prior. <https://www.xavier.edu/now/our-lady-of-peace-chapel.php>

### **Dinner Menu:**

**Fresh vegetable tray with cilantro ranch dip**

**Beer braised beef brisket with onion jam**

**Au Gratin Potatoes**

**Grilled green beans with bleu cheese crumbles and chopped red peppers**

**Romaine salad with strawberries, mandarin orange, red onion**

**French and poppyseed dressing on the side**

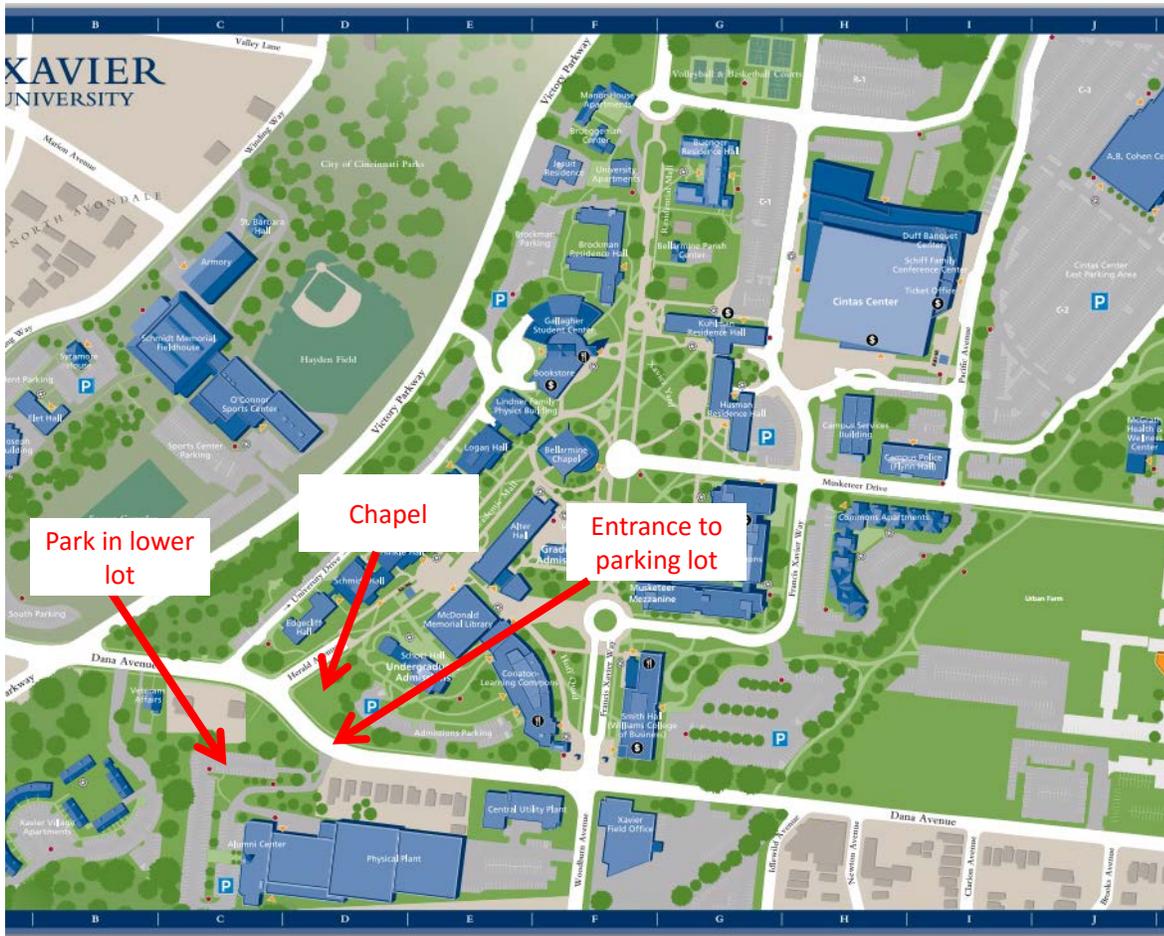
**Dessert: assorted homemade cookies**

**Dinner: \$15 Wine \$5 (endless pour)**

**Please feel free to bring guests, just let us know.**

**RSVP TO TEDDIE CURRY ([TEDDIE@FUSE.NET](mailto:TEDDIE@FUSE.NET)) BY APRIL 11TH.**

**Please see Map below:**



## *Calendar of Meetings and Activities 2018-19*

Meeting Dates/Activities. A tentative outline of our monthly meeting is as follows:

- **APRIL 15** — Meeting at the CCW House. **HOWEVER**, we will meet at Xavier University to tour the Williams Chapel on campus.
- Please contact Carol Turchick at [carolhelmick2012@gmail.com](mailto:carolhelmick2012@gmail.com) for details.
- **MAY 20** – MAY CROWNING – CCW House May Crowning, Dinner and year-end meeting activities (Assisting-Pat Evans and Maria Carver )

## **BOARD POSITON NOMINATIONS**

The Nominating Committee has received two nominations from the membership and are submitting their Bios below. We have opened this up to the general membership by announcing it in the newsletter and presenting it at the February and March meetings. While we will accept write-in nominations the day of voting at our May meeting; nominations are now closed. We thank those below and others who considered serving as a Board Member.

Thank you.

The Nominating Committee: Suzy Dorward, Shannon O'Toole and Carol Turchick

## Nancy Brockhoff

I have been married to my husband Brad for 28 years. Our daughter Ali is 24 and lives in Hyde Park and our son Jake (22) is graduating from The University of Kentucky in May. We have been Parishioners at Saint Gertrude for 25 years, but recently we have been going to Saint Cecilia in Oakley.

I was lucky to be a stay at home mom and now work part time for Midwest Fleet Services.

I joined CCW a little over a year ago, thanks to Michelle Jones and have enjoyed getting to know all of the wonderful ladies. It is nice to be part of a fun group of women who share The Catholic Faith. I feel that being a member of the board would allow me to get more involved and also grow in my Faith. I hope to bring some fresh ideas and help grow the membership.

## Terri Lessnau

My husband Bob and I moved to Greater Cincinnati five years ago. We are members of St. Rose of Lima parish in Columbia-Tusculum. I have worked in the non-profit arena since 2005, primarily in health and human services. Currently, I serve as Grants and Government Relations Manager for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati, Inc. I am a lifelong and passionate volunteer, serving most recently at the Mary Magdalen House in OTR, assisting in providing services for homeless men and women in Cincinnati. I joined the CCW to find fellowship with other women through a shared faith and have found the members to be a very warm and welcoming group of women. I would like to join the board of directors to become more involved in the organization, to help the CCW make a deeper impact on the agencies the CCW supports and bring some new ideas that will enhance the great work the organization has done in the community over the decades.

VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MAY MEETING.

## Announcements

### Pennies From Heaven



**PENNIES FROM HEAVEN – WE NEED YOUR HELP!  
WE MAKE OUR MONEY WITH THIS ONE FUND  
RAISER SO PLEASE HELP US OUT**

- 1.) Review attached mailing list for accuracies - send all updates to Teddie BY APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>
- 2.) Add any new names to the list. We really need **new names** to make this a success. Please send to Teddie by APRIL 8.

Thank you again to Maria Carver who is chairing this fundraiser and Teddie Curry our information manager for all their hard work!

# PROPOSALS FOR DONATION RECIPIENTS



The Board would like YOU to share your thoughts. We are asking paid members to submit a nomination form for an organization they feel exemplifies our Mission -- *“Offering women of all ages spiritual growth, philanthropic endeavors, volunteerism, and friendship through personal involvement in projects and activities that have a focus on helping women and children in our community.”* Please contact Carol Turchick for form. The Board will review all submissions and the membership will vote on 4 or 5 organizations who will share the proceeds from the Pennies From Heaven raffle.

## Minutes from March Meeting

Stations of the Cross CCW Dinner Meeting  
March 18, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes

- I. Reception and Dinner. Vice President Suzy Dorward recited the prayer “Live and Work” as grace before our meal.
  - II. Financials. Our net worth as of 3/18/2019 is \$343,646.40. Report details can be viewed at the CCW home office.
  - III. House. We currently have a roof leak affecting the third floor. An estimate to repair it will be coming shortly. A representative from Wes Cowan’s Auctions evaluated our home’s belongings. We have very nice but very common Victorian furnishings that should stay within the house. However, we are in need of a “spring cleaning” and a possible tag sale of items in the attic and basement. We will schedule this sometime in May. Teens who need service hours are also encouraged to join us.
  - IV. Nominations. We have two Board positions open. Nancy Brockhoff and Terri Lessnau have agreed to run. If there is anyone else interested in running for election to the board, please notify Suzy before March 31. The board term is three years.
  - V. Fundraising. Our annual fundraiser, Pennies from Heaven will be mailed out shortly. If you have any names you want added to the mailing, contact chairwoman, Maria Carver. The winner receives \$2,000.00. Regarding the distribution of our funds, Carol Turchick has produced a CCW Distribution Recommendation Form. This allows all members to nominate a charity that is a 501 3C and is in alignment with our mission. Carol is forming a committee to help choose the charities. Distributions will be between \$500.00 and \$1,000.00. Complete the forms by the April meeting so we can vote in May.
  - VI. Announcements. Our April 15 meeting will begin with a tour of the Williams Family Chapel at Xavier University. We will meet at the house at 6:15 pm to carpool. Parking is available at the Alumni Center’s lower lot and those that need assistance can be dropped off. Carol will provide directions and a map in the newsletter. We welcome several guests this evening. They are Joyce Reverman, Fran Acito, Sue Pendergast, Jonna Copley, Mary Ann Mathais, Tricia Meyer, Pam Staun and Kim Winston.
  - VII. For the Good of the Order. Lynne Kraemer updated us on Ursula Hassel’s condition since her surgery. She is recuperating at home. Lynne also recommended the movie “Unplanned” regarding Right to Life issues. We welcomed our newest member, Josephine Riley. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM and games of Bingo followed.
- Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Ellen Sullivan

## ***Special Prayer Intentions***

Please keep Joan Knechtly in your prayers. She is scheduled to have laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy surgery [on April 11](#). hopefully in preparation to be put on a kidney transplant list.

## ***Board Members for 2018-19***

Lisa Odenbeck, President  
Suzy Dorward, Vice President  
Maria Carver, Treasurer  
Marty Cunningham  
Teddie Curry, Advisor to the treasurer  
Pat Evans  
Liz Glassmeyer, Corresponding Secretary  
Kathy Hosking's  
Julie Ross, Newsletter  
Mary Ellen Sullivan, Recording Secretary  
Carol Helmick Turchick

***May the joy of the Easter Season be with all of you!***

