

Fragments

JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

ODCCW Mission Statement

*To promote among our Catholic women a greater devotion to Christ and the Church,
as we share the Blessed Mother's role of bringing others to Christ
through spirituality, leadership, and service.*



*So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.*
2 Corinthians 5:17

President's Message

Inez Moss
ODCCW President



HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone!

Thank you all for supporting ODCCW in these past years. How time flies because it is now 2025. With this new year, ODCCW is welcoming new members and will continue to focus on Faith and Family. We have an exciting year planned with our upcoming January "Baby Shower" Gathering focusing on motherhood. In February, we will be holding our annual conference at the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center. ODCCW is so excited to begin the new year with you. Please stay safe everyone and Happy New Year. God bless you.

Inez Moss



FAREWELL 2024 : WELCOME 2025

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"Those were the days my friends, we thought they'd never end..."

As I bid farewell to 2024, I am reminded of the blessings and challenges that many faced this past year and look forward to 2025 with renewed hope.

As we ponder the miracle of Jesus' birth, let us reflect on Him, the center of our lives as we make our New Year's Resolution. First and foremost, let us consider reading and studying the Bible. As you read the Bible, don't separate the two Testaments but view them as a whole.



National Human Trafficking Prevention

Month: This month is dedicated to raising awareness about human trafficking and educating the public on how to identify and prevent it. <https://hopeforjustice.org>



National Blood Donor Month: This month encourages people to give or pledge to give blood at least twice a year. Blood is often in short supply during the winter months. <https://www.shsmd.org/2025>



- **Pray for wisdom.** "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you" James 1:5.
- **Ask God to reveal His goals for you.**
- Rely on God's strength to help you. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13.
- **Trust in God.** "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this" Psalm 37:5
- **Give glory to God.** "My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and honor him" Joshua 7:19.
- **Volunteer at your church.**

January Facts

By Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD



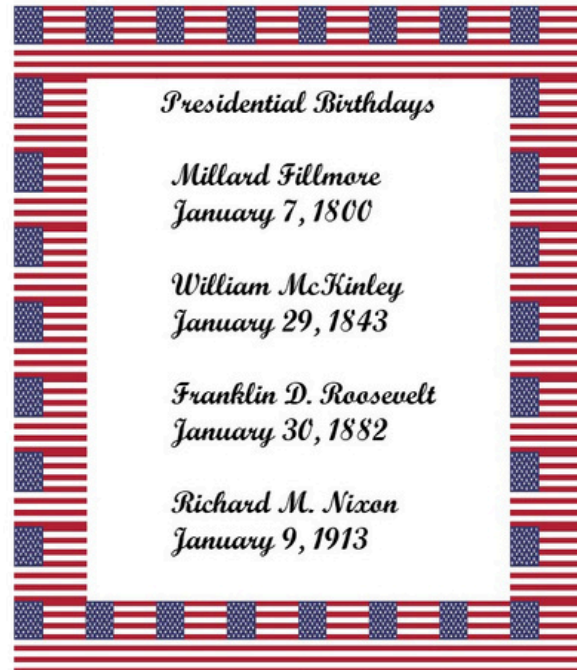
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January is the first month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and the first of seven months to have a length of 31 days.

It is a **winter month** in the northern half of the world and a **summer month** in the southern half.

January is, on average, the **coldest month of the year** within most of the Northern Hemisphere (where it is the second month of winter) and the **warmest month of the year** within most of the Southern Hemisphere (where it is the second month of summer).

January initially had **29 days** and came **after December**, but the Roman year still started in March. In 154 BC, a rebellion forced the Roman senate to change the beginning of the civil year from March to January 1. With this reform, January officially became the first month in the year 153 BC.

<http://justfunfacts.com/interesting-facts-about-january/>
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