

## CCW Kevin Shirk Memorial Scholarship

Each year, the Council of Catholic Women awards the \$1000 Kevin Shirk Memorial Scholarship to a graduating high school senior who meets the following criteria:

- Must be a fully catechized, confirmed member of St. Anthony's who has been active in the liturgical life of the parish
- Must demonstrate involved community service through church and community activities
- Must provide a copy of the acceptance letter from the university, college, community college, or accredited trade school that he or she will be attending
- Must submit two letters of recommendation, one from a teacher/advisor/coach/mentor/employer and one from a parishioner who can serve as a character reference
- Must write a personal essay of 1.5 - 2 pages (with standard 12-point font and 1 inch margins) following the guidelines below:
  - Discuss your educational plans: What institution are you attending and why did you choose it? What is your intended major and career path? Why did you choose that?
  - Discuss your faith journey at St. Anthony's. What difference has our parish made to you? What plans do you have to continue practicing your faith as you transition to this next chapter of your life?
  - Discuss how you have been involved in community service at St. Anthony's, at your school, and/or within your community.

Applicants must submit a copy of their college acceptance letter, the personal essay, and the two letters of recommendation to the parish office by May 1st to be considered. The scholarship will be presented at the graduation brunch hosted by the CCW and the Knights of Columbus on May 17. The award will be dispersed in two parts, with the first \$500 in October and the second \$500 in January after college attendance is verified.