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Regent's Reflections Marlys Knuth, State Regent

Greetings CDA Sisters,

Happy 2020! Happy Valentine's Day.....

Thank You all for the many Christmas greetings, gifts and messages sent to me and the Board during the 2019 Holiday season. Your thoughtfulness and generosity was overwhelming.

Feb. 26 is Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent begins. As a child growing up, Lent was always about 'giving up something'. But as an adult, listening to a sermon and reading, I realize that Lent is about letting Jesus change us so that we can follow Him more closely..

I realized from reading a Dynamic Catholic book, that "Lent is not about what you give up....It's about who you become.....Who will you Become?"

Let us all commit to reflect on this. quoting again "once one understands that God has an incredible dream for each of us, once one grasps that HE wants you to become the best-version of yourself and help others do the same, start to listen to the prayers of Mass..." These words make me think of Father Tim's inspirational posts on Facebook....."listen to the Lord—He's got your back". (I am paraphrasing) Many non-Catholic friends tell me they look forward to his messages, because the message is for everyone.

Father Tim, is our CDA State Chaplain,check it out .

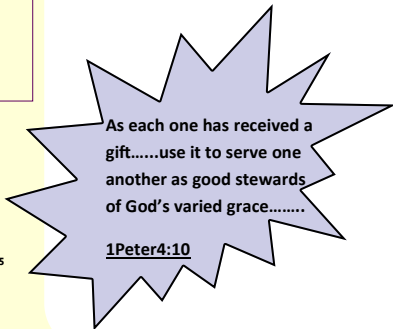
Another challenge to do.....increasing membership in our organization, was one of my goals last May. So, this Spring, or NOW, start to recruit new members. Be creative in your recruitment efforts, for it is the job of each of us, if we want the organization to survive! Let's get to work.....

I hope that many of you will make the trip to Dallas this summer. July 16th is MN State Night, and the State Board will be planning a fun evening. Hope to see you there!

Love God, Serve God : everything is in that....from St. Claire of Assisi,



Marlys Knuth



◆	Did you know:	◆
◆	In December Marlys was interviewed by Real Presence Radio, from the Fargo area, about Catholic Daughters.	◆
◆	By coincidence, Cindy Bullerman, from our Adrian Court was listening, and soon after, I got an email from her, saying "Good Job".	◆
◆	Thanks, Cindy!	◆

Regent's Tidbits

An act of kindness.....on Jan 29,2020, I received a letter from Hiawatha Homes foundation in Rochester...I quote "Thank you for supporting the 34th annual Festival of Trees, a celebration of Giving by donating two Grandparent's Toy treasure gift baskets. The goal of the Festival of Trees is to continue to make a difference in the lives of those we support, individuals with disabilities at home and in their community."

Thank you CDA Sisters.....

Minnesota CDA Habitat For Humanity 2020

The State Board is pleased to announce that Court Winona #191 has been awarded the grant for our 2020 Habitat build. Court Winona will be partnering with their local affiliate, Habitat for Humanity Winona-Fillmore Counties. Court Winona was involved in a Habitat build several years ago. They are excited to partner again with Habitat and hopeful that new members to their court will feel called to become involved with this project. Colleen Peplinski, Regent, will keep us updated on the progress and potential dates and times we could assist. Congratulations!

Upcoming Summer Workshops

Summer workshops will be held in August or early September..... The State Board will be bringing you news from the National Convention and also leadership responsibilities for new Local Court Officers for the 2020-2022 biennium, plus other important information. Please watch for more info to come!

The Importance Of Leadership

It is that time again when we will be electing a nominating committee to bring forth a new slate of Officers for our Local Courts. The nominating committee has a tough, but important job. The committee needs to encourage our silent leaders to step up and support our organization by becoming an Officer, but also to ensure that they choose women whose skills fit the position. For example, pressuring a member whose has no interest or knowledge of numbers or accounting to be a Treasurer is not good for this member nor the organization. Please take the job as a 'Nominating Committee Member' seriously, put in the footwork, make as many contacts with members as you can, and be as encouraging as possible, but also sensitive to our members wishes.

AND, for you members who are secretly thinking that you maybe would like to try an Office, please take the leap and let your nominating committee know that you might be interested! Being an Officer of Catholic Daughters has so many great benefits, spiritually, mentally, and physically. You get a better look at what good things our organization does, locally and nationally—you get to meet and know so many new and wonderful women thru your participation in Officer duties—and yes, sometimes it seems that you run, run, run, but isn't it great to be busy! Remember, if you get asked, consider saying YES!

1. Leaders are able to inspire other individuals to achieve a high level of success.
2. Leaders set the tone for their businesses or organizations.
3. Central leadership is essential to ensure that everyone is on the same path.
4. Leaders are needed in order to select the right people for the right jobs.

Where did they go, you ask?



The rosaries from our State Convention Memorial Mass were donated to the 'Walter Reed Military Hospital' in Bethesda, Maryland. The Chaplains in the Pastoral Care Department will be giving them out to injured soldiers. Thank you for donating!

Save the Date!

For our next State Convention

The 49th Biennial State Convention will be held April 23 and 24, 2021. Court St. Mary #509, Moorhead will be our hosts. A block of rooms has been reserved for the Catholic Daughters at Courtyard by Marriott in Moorhead.

Adoration, convention business sessions, silent auction, fun night and banquets will be held at St. Joseph Church, Moorhead. Looking forward to seeing you there!

National Convention News—First Call

- July 15-19 National CDA Convention in Dallas, Texas at Sheraton Dallas hotel
- July 17 Fun Night Friday, Sheraton Downtown Dallas, Enjoy a night out—Texas Style!
- July 16 Minnesota Night—plans to be announced
- July 14 Workshop Day at the convention and evening concert (free) by Donna Cori Gibson, a renowned Christian singer
- July 10-13 Pre-convention tours
- June 1, 2020 Last date to make reservations . Room rate is \$159.00. Call 888-627-8191—Marriot Central Reservations and ask for Catholic Daughter rate and block of rooms.

Parking is \$25.00 per day. The hotel does not have a shuttle, but the Dart Light Rail stops at the hotel as well as taxis, Uber, Lyft, and Premier Transportation that are available at the airport.

April 15, 2020 Deadline for submitting request to join and sing in choir....email: musicaltunes4me@yahoo.com or contact: Carolyn Ritchey @ PO Box 1360, Sealy, TX 77474

All convention activities will be held in the Hotel/Convention Center except the Installation Mass, which will be at the beautiful Cathedral Santuaria de Guadalupe. The Cathedral is 2 blocks from the hotel and a bus will be available. NOTE: Robes are worn only in procession when you get to church; robes are NOT worn on the street.

Additional info will be available in Second Call to Convention which will come out in March.

Reminder: Minnesota Courts return your 'delegate form' to National and please send a copy to your State Regent—Marlys Knuth



**God has
chosen you
for greatness!**

**Join us on the
Journey!**

**Fr. Tim Biren,
Pastor**

Father Tim Biren, State Chaplain

This is the Time of Conversion

The Lord be with you!

Several years ago, while walking with my brothers along a bike trail in southwestern Minnesota, I learned a valuable lesson on conversion. As we walked and chatted, another man, approximately my same age, approached us and asked with great fervor: "Are you saved?" Slightly taken aback by the question (and with my grinning brothers looking to me for help) I responded after a brief pause, "Sure, I think I'm saved." But immediately he responded, "Are you certain?" Again, I hesitated but answered, "Yes, I am a Catholic, and I believe if I live my life properly and that my personal relationship with Jesus is strong and yes, I will be saved." But the man was persistent: "How do you know? When were you saved? It is essential that you be certain." By this time I was getting a bit frustrated, but answered, "I cannot tell you a particular date and time; I've always tried to live my life as a Catholic." While it was clear that my answer did not completely satisfy the man, he left us and went on asking, I suspect, the same question to others on the trail.

This incident reminded me that conversion is not, for most people, a single event or incident in their life. Certainly, we can point to dramatic one-time conversions. St. Paul was literally transformed instantly when Jesus challenged him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" (Acts 9:4b). Paul's conversion, like many other famous people in history, and even people today, was immediate, as it seems was the experience of the man on the bike trail. However, for most, conversion is a daily process.

The sacred season of Lent challenges us to see conversion in our lives as a daily process. Each and every day, we have the opportunity to be converted, to draw closer to Christ, and to better, and more fully understand our Christian responsibility to complete Jesus' work in our world. This daily conversion process challenges us to remove ourselves from the great temptations of the world and seek, in their place, the things of God. Specifically, we need to be converted from our fascination with the three major temptations of power, wealth, and prestige.

Lent is the time to renew our relationship with God through prayer. We know of our need to pray, both to speak, and to listen to God. We are all very busy people and, seemingly, always find some excuse why we cannot pray, why we cannot take sufficient time to be in conversation with the source of our life. But, we all need to pray and, as St. Paul says, to do so at all times (Colossians 4:2). We can consider praying the Rosary, spending time reading the Bible, Praying the Stations of the Cross, attending additional Masses and making an effort to think of others in our daily activities. In short, we need to take the time that is necessary to be in communication with our God. We might not see tangible, nor immediate results from our time in prayer, but God listens to our requests, and speaks to us, generally in the silence of our hearts. Lent is a time to be converted, an opportunity to be transformed away from the great temptations of the world—power, wealth, and prestige—and to be converted toward our need to fast, be reconciled, give alms and pray. If we, as individuals and as a community, can make this season of grace a time of our personal and collective conversion, then our own lives, and those of the community of faith, will be made better, and we will be properly prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of our faith, the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

God loves you!

Fr. Tim Biren, MN State Chaplain

Upcoming Court Anniversaries

Court St. Anne #1840, Medford—60 Years—04/10/1960

Court Plainview #497, Plainview—100 Years—04/25/1920

Court St. Justin #2020, Mahnomen—50 Years—05/24/1970

Court St. Mary #509, Moorhead—100 Years—06-29-1920



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT PLAINVIEW #497

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020 | 1:30 PM (see back for details)

ST. JOACHIM CHURCH | 900 WEST BROADWAY | PLAINVIEW MN 55964



Court Plainview #497
100th Anniversary
April 25, 2020

- 1:30 PM - Welcome | Social | Hor d'oeuvres, dessert, beverages
- 2:30 PM - Program
- 4:30 PM - Mass | St. Joachim Church | 900 W Broadway | Plainview

Cost: \$10/person

Please RSVP and mail payment by April 15 to:

Rita Young
10229 County Road 41
Plainview, MN 55964

rita.e.young@gmail.com

Save the date!

Court St. Mary #509 Moorhead, will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary Sunday, June 14th. Mass at 10 a.m. with lunch and program to follow.



PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE

50th Anniversary
OF

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Court #2010 Bishop Schenk

Saturday, April 25th, 2020

Five o'clock Mass

(FORMAL ROBE CEREMONY AT MASS)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

702 SUMMIT AVENUE
CROOKSTON, MINNESOTA



Dinner and Program to follow

CHURCH DINING ROOM

- \$10 PER PERSON -

TO ACCOMMODATE THE CATERER
WE NEED YOUR REQUEST BY MONDAY, APRIL 6TH

Please RSVP JoAnn Ranum
32748 State Hwy. 102 SW, Crookston, MN 56716
or Phone: (218) 281-6953
or Email: jranum59@gmail.com



Spouses and significant others are welcome.

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Lent is as easy as 1-2-3 – Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. It is important that we, as a family, walk with Jesus in all 3 areas not only during Lent but throughout the year. During this Lenten season may your family work together to find ways to **GIVE: thanks, forgiveness, compliments, encouragement, hope, attention to virtue, time for prayer, respect, help to others, and time for God.** May you, as a family, strive to **GIVE UP: sin, harsh judgment, revenge, complaining, negativism, despair, wasting time, prejudice, selfishness, and whatever keeps you from God.**

~ Bev Philion, State Family Chair



Greetings to all the Gummi Bear Chairwomen, volunteers, and those of you who bought these little creatures!! The 2019 Gummi Bear sales surpassed the preceding year, with the sales being \$15,364.90. The funds raised from the Gummi Bears supports our Habitat for Humanity program. The State awards a \$10,000.00 grant each year to one Court that applies and meets all of the criteria. The State Court donates that money to the particular Habitat affiliate upon 'completion of the house', at the dedication ceremony. In a few months we will start all over with our 2020 campaign. Again I will ask you to be generous with your time and talents. I will be contacting The Regents and the immediate past Gummi Bear chairmen. When you receive it, please pass the information along if you need to. Again, thank you all for contributing in any way and for your patience "Take care, stay warm and stay healthy"

~ Carol Bertrand, State Gummi Bear Chair



Fourth Annual Caroling at Planned Parenthood



Left: Eight of us from St. Charles met on the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in Rochester, MN on Sunday, Dec. 15, from 1-2 PM to share the love of God and the joy of life as we sang Christmas carols in honor of the Christ child. Planned Parenthood is closed on Sunday, so there were no clients arriving at the facility. It was just we singers promoting our JOY, PEACE, and HOPE of Christmas to others, to add some shining light to the darkness of abortion.

Court St. Charles #1791

~ Jan Hansgen, State Legislative Chair



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas **Court St. Joan of Arc #1291** from Marshall sponsored a bus trip to Trinity Heights, Queen of Peace Shrine in Sioux City, Iowa. On September 16, 2019, a charter bus departed from Marshall with 45 CDA members for the day trip; we picked up additional CDA members at Garvin, Slayton, and Worthington. Once at the Shrine, members enjoyed a detailed, personal presentation of the Shrine's history and viewed a life-sized carving of the Last Supper and two magnificent statues (the Immaculate Heart of Mary Queen of Peace and the Sacred Heart of Jesus). We also viewed many interesting displays and spent time in the gift shop, followed by Mass and a delicious catered lunch. Members were then given free time to stroll the Shrine's inviting green spaces and winding walkways for prayer and reflection.

On the trip home, a short detour to Le Mars, Iowa, allowed members to indulge in some spectacular Blue Bunny Ice Cream at the Blue Bunny Museum. We can't wait for the next trip!



Above: Left to Right- Kathy Eveslage, Margie Dahl, Louise Van Leeuwe, Terry Hennen, and Madonna Cinkle.



Above: Left to Right- Kathy Eveslage, Margie Dahl, Louise Van Leeuwe, Madonna Cinkle, and Terry Hennen, along with the children's teachers.

On November 3rd, Catholic Daughters of Ct St. Joan of Arc #1291 gifted 75 children at the Lyon County Head Start in Marshall with quilts. Head Start has 4 classrooms, 18 children in each, that attend weekly. The children will be using their quilts to snuggle with and stay warm while taking their naps.

Pictured are several of the quilters with the very happy children. This is one of the Circle of Love Projects: Family-Leadership-Quality of Life-Education-Spiritual Enhancement.



Left: Members of **Court St Charles #1791** Prayed the rosary for peace by the stop light in St Charles to bring awareness to this important petition.

Below left: Court St Charles CDA members pose with the Christmas pails before they headed out to deliver them and visit with recipients.

Below: CDA member Fran Henry (left) and her daughter Jackie Ihrke (middle) baked small loaves of bread for our Christmas baskets. Pictured with regent Margaret Gall.



Below: Community members eagerly pick out their favorite holiday treats as Ct St Charles hosts their annual Sweet Treat Sale.



Below: Mark & Bernice Hauge are ready to attend the Daddy Daughter Dance sponsored by Court St Charles on Feb. 1

Middle: Fathers & their daughters danced to music provided by the DJ
Right: Winners of prize drawings – lucky gals.





Ct. St Margaret Mary #605 International Falls set up this display of pro life information in memory of the lives lost to abortion since Roe v Wade. All information and supplies are free. It was located in the gathering space at St. Thomas Catholic Church, from January 19th through January 31st. We also have one set up during the whole month of October, for pro life month.



Several members of **Ct Queen of Peace #1558, Slayton**, gathered at the nursing home to visit Margaret Konkol to bring holiday cheer during the Christmas season. Pictured are Jan Bryan, Margaret Konkol, Joanne Halbur, Doris Carda, Jake Konkol, Rita Lear, Bev Schreier, Joyce Risacher



On December 16th Court St. Mary Peter celebrated their new member installation, officially welcoming six members. The ceremony was officiated by Court Chaplain Deacon Paul Tschann. *Left:* Court members posed for a picture following the ceremony.

L to R Seated: Johnnie, Rose, Jo, Mary, Nita, Zonda. 1st standing row: Regent Joan, Financial Secretary Linda, Mary Lou, Andrea, Reghann, Liz, Denise, Ann, Kathy, Anne, State 2nd Vice Regent Monica Capra, Financial Secretary Sue. 2nd Row: Patrice, Cecelia, Marie, Laurie, Mag, Rita, Marie, Louis, 1st Vice Regent Beth. 3rd Row: Marlys, Laurie, Pam, Jeanette, Kris, Shirley, Pam, Janet, Dani, Court Chaplain Deacon Paul, Recording Secretary Ellen. Not Pictured: Kathi, Char, Bev, Joan and Gloria



On Wednesday, December 11, 2019 **Ct St. Margaret Mary # 605** celebrated Christmas with the residents at the Good Samaritan Society in International Falls. We assist with bringing residents to the Fellowship Hall to say the rosary followed by a communion service. We sit with a resident as their companion for the service. Afterwards, the Catholic Daughters hosted a Christmas party that included a Christmas music sing along, cookies, small gifts for all and fellowship. The Catholic Daughters donated the cookies and gifts besides along with our Christmas spirit. Some of the residents at the Good Samaritan Society are former members of Catholic Daughters. It is truly a blessing to share our Christmas with others.

Catholic Daughter members who attended are: Judy Potter, Sharon Everett, Carolyn Youso, Sandy Skary, Sandy Orgas, Jenny Krzoska, Linda Vellieux, Mary Wilson, Julie Hindman and Paula Forpahl.

Above: the Catholic Daughters joins the Communion Service with residents at the Good Samaritan Society at Christmas

Court Santa Maria #247 of Adrian collected personal care items in December to be distributed by the Manna Food Pantry in Worthington, MN. Shampoo, soap, deodorant, toilet tissue, kleenex, toothbrushes/paste/floss, and feminine hygiene products were donated by the court and St. Adrian parish. Over 200 items were collected. Food drives are plentiful but personal care products are always needed and in short supply.

Ct. Santa Maria also celebrated Christmas with the Day Activity Center (DAC) in Worthington by caroling with the clients and enjoying a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus as well as one of the elves! Treats of party mix were handed out and everyone had root beer floats. It is such a heartwarming day when we connect with our friends at the DAC.



Left: **Court St. Bernard #886** of Lismore served "tacos in a bag" to the Faith Formation students on a recent Wednesday night. Students are able to come straight from school or extra curricular activities and have a good meal, then attend Faith Formation classes. Organizations in the St. Adrian Parish Cluster take turns serving the meals. Pictured L to R: Stephani Diekmann, Mary Metz, Lisa Diekmann, Mindy Kemper, and Deb Lutmer.

Court St. Justin #2020 Mahnomen, MN Handed out soldiers with prayer cards Veterans Day weekend to all at St. Michael's—pictured: Ann Lindblom, Betty Revier and Tina Starkey. Thank you for your service.





Right: Court Holy Rosary #1916 Detroit Lakes donated five quilts to the Compassion House, a men's shelter.

Left: Holy Rosary Court Officers with birthday bags donated to the Becker County Food Pantry for children who can't afford birthday party supplies. Bags are filled with frosting, cake mix, balloons, crepe paper, birthday plates and napkins, and other items members wants to give.



Left: Court St. Rita #409, Perham, Catholic Daughters of the America's sponsored the 33rd annual Celebration of Life Mass on January 31st, 2020 at St. Henry's Catholic Church. The celebrant was Father Matthew Kuhn, assisted by Deacon Randy Altstadt. St. Henry's school students participated at Mass as musicians, servers, lector's, gift bearers and rose presenters. Catholic Daughter Financial Secretary, Renee Doll, presented the narration of the representatives of the sanctity of life from before birth to death. They were presented a red rose, a symbol of life.

The life stages represented were sanctity of life before birth, infant, youth, young adult, senior citizen, special challenges and the right to life of all people.

Honored were Tara Moenkedick, before birth, Noah Schwanke, infant, Sam Lafond, youth, Isaiah Blickenstaff, young adult and Jerry Guck, special challenge. Jackie Lachowitz, our senior citizen was unable to attend.

Presenting red roses were Isabella & Emerson Schultz, Maya Schultz, Juliette & Maverick LaFond, Boone Ditterich, Rhagen & Cassi Sazama and Norah Tusow. Presenting the final rose was Kallie Bachman to be displayed in church before the Holy Family as a reminder of the right to life of all people. With each rose we are met with the challenge to accept life as God's gift.

Court St. Justin #2020 Mahnomen, MN Shown the movie "Unplanned" at St. Michael's Church with both an afternoon and evening session. A table was set up with information from Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life along with fetal models. Pictured is Speaker Linda Svenby in this session.



The many ways you can pray the rosary!



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Above: Before the November meeting of Ct St. Mary #509 Moorhead, they said a cupcake rosary. The luncheon committee had cupcakes made with a few special colored frostings. They arranged them to look like a rosary along with a statue of Mary and some flowers. We prayed the rosary from the CDA booklet for deceased members and specifically prayed for our members that have died during the past year. After the meeting we enjoyed the cupcakes for lunch!

Balloon Rosary

Court St. Justin #2020 Mahanomen, MN Prayed a Living Rosary while creating a helium balloon one. The Rosary was then used by the school children for their Living Rosary, and then placed at the Altar. In the end it was split in parts and sent home with some of the kids.

Human Rosary

Below: Holy Rosary Court #1916 in Detroit Lakes held a Living Rosary at Holy Rosary Church. We gathered to pray for ProLife.



What a Lifting Experience

Pictures are from our Oct 14 meeting where we prayed a Living Rosary while we created this helium balloon Rosary and processed outside to float it.



Winter 2020, Court St. Margaret #1888, Eveleth, MN

We are looking forward to beginning the next decade with a Day of Recollection. It will be held on March 21 in our own Resurrection Church, led by Father Elias Gieske. We will be given an opportunity for Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and a two-part educational session, as well as lunch. This is a good way to refresh our own spiritual minds so that we can share with others. Women in the surrounding communities are invited to attend.

Right: The Pro-life Baby Shower is celebrating the 10th year of very generous giving. A collection tree has been placed at Resurrection Church of Eveleth. Pastel tags shaped like baby items are hung on the tree branches. These tags contain suggestions of needed items and are selected by parishioners. Members of both Resurrection and St. Joseph parishes are invited to participate and donate. Diapers and much needed essentials are appreciated. Those items are delivered to the Family Life Center office in Virginia to be distributed to families with needs. This has been a very successful and rewarding effort.



Fergus Falls Court St. Cabrini #1466

After the state convention last year, our court was excited to start a new book club. The first two books chosen were: the *Pewter Angels* from the Angelic Letters Series that our sisters in the Moorhead court had recommended and *The Collar and the Gun* about Fr. John Kaiser.

The first book we read was about Fr. Kaiser which was written by Rep. Dean Urdahl, a former Social Studies teacher and state legislator. He was a missionary priest who was murdered in Kenya. His home parish is quite close to Fergus Falls.

We met at the newly remodeled Fergus Falls Public Library for the book discussion. They have a great room for book clubs to use. Shirley Seyfried who helped develop the Kenya courts was able to give us insight into Fr. Kaiser's parishes in Kenya. Women not in our court (yet) came to the discussion. This may be a great recruiting tool, as well as a Court team builder. We plan to continue our CDA Book Club.



Pictured above: Mrs. Averbeck and Mary Buschette.

Court Holy Rosary #1916, Detroit Lakes honored our Holy Rosary School teacher, Mrs. Debbie Averbeck (First grade), for being named '2019 Teacher Of the Year' in our Crookston dioceses. We invited her to have lunch with us and gave her a salvation bracelet. Mrs. Averbeck teaches the love of Jesus, the love of reading and makes great chocolate chip cookies!

Thanks Mrs. Averbeck!



Above: Dean Urdahl, author of *The Collar and the Gun*



Above: Members of Court St. Cabrini, discussing the book.

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*- A great way to
encourage our
youth, our future!*



Junior CDA

A few words of wisdom, we need to remember that kids have thoughts and opinions all their own and they don't always agree with our own plans. Our jobs as adults is to guide them and help to mold them into the best versions of themselves. Kids are not carbon copies of family members, but individuals that want to find their place in the world.

For example: today at supper, my children and I were discussing the day and as conversations do, they led into other topics. Our discussion and their questions led us to magic, angels, demons and mermaids. Now I know what you are thinking, WHAT? Why would you be talking about those subjects; but let me reassure you I have studied each of these topics. I explained what I knew that yes demons and angels are both real, real magic is not from God and mermaids. There is not proof that they exist or don't exist just as there is for the existence of God and other mythical creatures. Just because we have never seen God's face, doesn't mean he doesn't exist. We know that he is real because we have faith and it's that faith that guides our daily lives. Now, this may seem a round about way to talk about God and faith with kids, but sometimes you let kids lead the conversation and how it connects to God. As far as kids go, as their family and friends, let your kids guide your talks, and be honest with them. Find your own ways to talk to the youth in your homes, families, parishes, but let them lead you to where they are in their faith journey. As I find from most of my family discussions, I learn more from my kids than they do from me. I see them growing in their faith and wanting to learn more about how it connects to God. They ask questions that I occasionally have to soul search for and dispel misconceptions about Catholicism. Children really are our future, if only we have the courage to let them lead us and to learn from them.

By: Emilee Olstad, State Youth Chair

Did you know:

Sunday, Feb 16, 2020 is designated

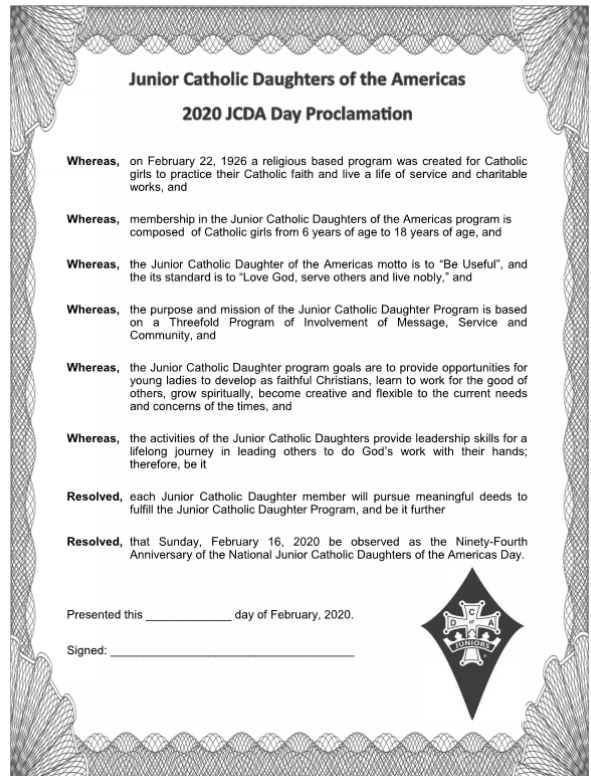
National JCDA Day.

A proclamation is on the National website at:

catholicdaughters.org

and can be printed out. I would like to hear about your celebrations, with pictures!

Marlys



Sometimes, we probably don't mean to, but we forget our manners. When we invite a speaker to present at our meeting or even when our district deputy comes to do a financial review, appoint a member to greet them at the door and walk with them through the church. Offer to carry things for them, or to hang up their coat. Ask them how their drive was and if they found the church alright? Ask them if you can help set up and pass out information to members. Offer them something to drink or bring them a glass of water before they begin to speak. Anything to make them feel welcome. Remember they are your guest. They are taking time out of their busy lives to come spend time with you and your court, so we need to "remember our manners".



Court St. Justin #2020 Mahanomen, MN Had a Soup Cook-Off in January. Members voted for their favorite soup. Contestants: Karen Ahmann, Carol Buschette, Sandy Kaster, Darlene Spaeth, and Jane Kemper. Not pictured Diane Spaeth and Nancy LaDoux. The winner was Jane Kemper!



Annually in October (which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month), the Catholic Daughters **Court St. Rita #409 of Perham**, sponsor a fundraiser to benefit 'Someplace Safe'. Our Court Chaplain, Deacon Richard Quistorff, placed a wicker trunk in St. Henry's Church narthex and invited all parishes to participate in donating items for the women and children at Someplace Safe. It was a huge success, with car loads being delivered to Someplace Safe and the Bridge Pantry (at Someplace Safe's request). In addition recently a check was delivered to Someplace Safe.



Above: Janel Toppari, Someplace Safe Crime Victim Advocate and Catholic Daughter Court St. Rita Court Chaplain, Deacon Richard Quistorff.





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Welcome New Members!!

<u>Ct. St. Bernard #886, Lismore</u> <i>Shelby Reker</i>	<u>Ct. Owatonna #1180, Owatonna</u> <i>Joyce Quimby</i>	<u>Ct. Winona #191, Winona</u> <i>Michaela Peplinski, Paige Peplinski</i>
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<u>Ct. Holy Rosary #1916, Detroit Lakes</u> <i>Carol Tharaldson</i>	<u>Ct. Bishop Schenk #2010, Crookston</u> <i>Cecilia Raymond</i>	<u>Ct. St. Anne #1840, Medford</u> <i>Virginia Jones</i>
<u>Ct. St. Theresa #973, Currie</u> <i>Louise Gorman</i>	<u>Ct. St. Margaret Mary #605, Intl Falls</u> <i>Sylvia Engbretson, RoseAnn Morin, Patt Thorpe, Gladys Wimmer, Shirley Demarchi</i>	<u>Ct. St. Bernard #886, Lismore</u> <i>MaryAnn Spieker</i>
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<u>Ct. St. Cecilia #2025, Red Lake Falls</u> <i>Darlene Eisbrener</i>	<u>Ct. Sacred Heart #1424, Waseca</u> <i>Gen Roessler, Mary Reimann, Delores Mulcahy</i>	and may perpetual light shine upon them.