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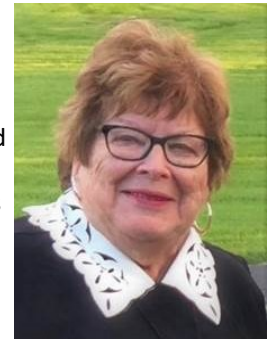
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Regent's Reflections Marlys Knuth, State Regent

Greetings CDA Sisters---Women of Faith,

Reflecting on the past 4-1/2 months brings many realities to me as to how quickly life can change during these unprecedented times. In March of 2020, my calendar was filled with meetings, social gatherings, volunteer activities and family time. My knee surgery was scheduled for March 30. Then Covid-19 appeared and ZAP---lockdown, calendar cleared, surgery non-essential, deadlines extended or ignored, schools closed, businesses shut down, and churches closed---no Mass, no attendance according to an official dispensation from the Bishops. Stay home---Stay healthy!



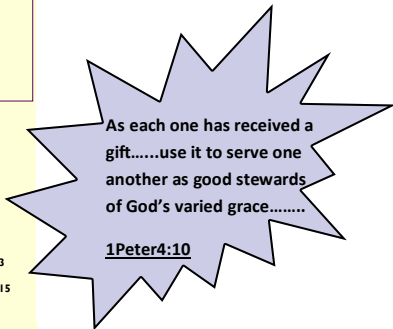
All of these occurrences happened so quickly that it caused stress and anxiety in our lives. At the end of the first week or so, I was asking myself "what day of the week is this?" I thought of you, my CDA sisters and the work you had planned---now, no meetings, no fundraisers, no celebrations, no human contact, social distancing in effect. Then the realization, we cannot live like this for a long period of time, we are resilient, we can pray, we can ask God's help in getting thru this.

I found Father Tim's online Mass and his sermon and a statement that he said resonated with me. "Have Faith, not Fear---God is with us as we cope with the pandemic. As I listened to his daily mass, his message was consistent---"The Lord is walking with us "and "we will get thru this" as we, individually cope with the stress, anxiety and chaos in our life. Let it go---start a new routine, daily schedule---quiet time is good, music is calming, reach out with a phone call or handwritten note to friends, get on with your life within the guidelines of Covid-19.

We are women of faith, we are connected by faith, my heart ached as I talked to some of you; but YOU were resilient---you went on with the business that had to be done in creative ways and completed the tasks. We are thankful for technology---Zoom meetings, Zoom birthday parties, attend online Mass, many choices---locally, state-wide or nationally.

The gift of "presence" is the best thing we can give to another---be creative, and know that Jesus is with you!

Marlys Knuth



National News	
◆	Check out the National CDA Facebook Page! Many posts are shared daily by Father Ed Lamp, National Clergy Consultant and Connie Dronette, National Director and Spiritual Enhancement Chairman. If you are looking for a positive, spiritual and inspiring Facebook page, this is the one for you. Once you join, you can invite members of your court or other CDA Sisters.
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◆	The National CDA page has been refreshed and is very user friendly. Be sure to check out the NEW CDA introductory video. Scroll down to the bottom of the home page, and sign up for notifications and new events.
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Regent's Tidbits

Local Courts , Thank You, for sending me your slate of Officers!

Many of you just sent me an email with the names and addresses and did not use the form in the Tools of the Trade—did you send your list to National??

It is your responsibility to send the list to National at:

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
10 West 71st. Street
New York, New York 10023

Sending your list of Officers into the National office gives them the info they need to communicate with you when they send out mailings and other important info.

Please check this out so you do not miss out on information.

Thank You.

Summer Workshops

Theme: We're Here With YOU-CDA.....a new look

Due to Covid-19 guidelines, we will have one face-to-face workshop and three Zoom workshops

Dates— August 28th, August 29th, and August 30th

St Peter will be the site for our face-to-face workshop from 10 am to 12 noon on Saturday, August 29th.

Social distancing will occur and masks are optional

Aug. 28—Zoom workshop—6:00pm to 8:00pm Aug. 30—Zoom workshop—12:00 noon to 2:00pm.

All job descriptions will be sent to the individuals (local court officers, DD's. State Chairs) prior to the workshop weekend. We will have breakout sessions within the Zoom session.

Monica will send a registration sheet out and also one to Joan for the MN website

State Dues Billing Delay

The Spring State dues billing was delayed due to the National Office being closed because of the pandemic. As soon as I can get current membership numbers (as of March 31st, 2020) from National, which is required according to the Bylaws, I will bill for the Spring State dues.

Bonnie Hein, State Secretary

Women's Religious

With this being our first year for the Women's Religious Grant Project, we weren't really sure what to expect, especially when COVID-19 happened and many courts cancelled their meetings. After extending the deadline by a month, we receive four grant applications.

Court Queen of Peace #1558 made a request on behalf of the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus in New Ulm, who live at the Cathedral in New Ulm and promote personal and communitarian encounters with Christ. They requested financial assistance for the formation and education of their 21 sisters and 5 postulants.

Court St. Cabrini #1466 made a request on behalf of the Sisters of Saint Francis at Assisi Heights in Rochester. Assisi Heights houses both active and retired sisters. They were in need of cushions in the coffee break room. Treasurer Theresa Tomhave wrote, "It will bring some comfort to women who have dedicated so much of their lives to helping others."

Court St. Mary-Peter #1864 made a request on behalf of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará in Mankato. Their mission is "evangelization of the culture" and they work in a parish in Mankato, assisting with education and catechesis as well as teaching at the Minor Seminary and reaching out to college students at the Newman Center. Their request was to replace the old shag carpet in the convent.

Court Winona #191 made a request on behalf of the Sisters of Saint Francis in Rochester for the purpose of sending 10 sisters to Denver to attend the Annual Franciscan Federation Conference. This conference would allow for discernment of the future direction of the Franciscan Federation and allow them to gather with representatives from many branches of the Franciscan Family.

The state board agreed to fund, to some degree, all of the grant applications that were made.

Thank you to all who sent in applications! Well Done!



Above: Servant of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará receiving their check from (Monica Capra) Court St. Mary-Peter #1864 for the replacement of the shag carpet in the bedrooms.

Save the Date!

April 23 and 24, 2021

49th Biennial Minnesota CDA State Convention

Moorhead, MN

We Are Called...To Serve

You won't want to miss out! Court St. Mary #509, your hosts, are looking forward to seeing all of you next April.

Registration starts Thursday, April 22nd at the Courtyard by Marriott, Moorhead at 3 p.m. Hospitality will be on site.

Hotel room rates are \$109.00/night. Please ask for the CDA block of rooms to get the discount rate. You may call the Marriott directly at 218-284-1000. Room registration is open NOW!

The Hotel has a pool, outdoor courtyard, spacious lobby with a small restaurant and bar. Complimentary Continental Breakfast is NOT provided, but the restaurant will be open at 6:30 am.

Mass, Convention business meetings, Adoration, Silent Auction and meals will be held at St. Joseph's Church.

Friday Night, The Johnson 5 Band will be playing—and— Renee Rongen, Motivational Speaker, will inspire and energize you at the Saturday Banquet.

Father Tim Biren, State Chaplain



Welcome back!

That statement might seem a bit odd, yet, there is just something powerful and amazing about meeting together! Especially when it has been many weeks since we met together within our parish families!

These past few months have been quite trying, to say the least for all of us. For Priests, staff and you! Our parishes have felt quite empty every time we walk through it. We have missed the sounds of praise reverberate in the Sanctuary. We have also missed the voices of our children, youth, and adults as we fellowship and worship together.

When something is taken away that we have enjoyed for years like Sunday Mass, we begin to realize what a tremendous blessing it is in our lives! The Bible is quite clear of the value of meeting together: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)

As we move closer to the coming of the Lord, we must keep our focus of seeing souls won into the Kingdom of Christ. I believe it is also vital that we safely meet together (as our personal health allows) for worship and fellowship as we learn more about walking in the love of God. Many CDA groups have been diligent in reaching out to their members, having ZOOM Meetings and online prayer (among other things). If your CDA hasn't, don't be alarmed or upset ... this is new for all of us and your leadership is doing the best they can with the knowledge they have. Ultimately, let us work together to make sure fear is not a driving force in our response but our faith!

Andrae' Crouch wrote a beautiful song by the title "Jesus is the Answer" years ago, which is quite simple in lyrics. The message is as needed today as when he wrote the song.

JESUS IS THE ANSWER

*Jesus is the Answer for the world today,
Above Him there's no other, Jesus is the Way,
Jesus is the Answer for the world today,
Above Him there's no other, Jesus is the Way!*

I encourage you to be a person full of grace as we slowly gather again. There are many different beliefs (and perhaps convictions) about the "way things should be," yet can we be a people who will "major on the majors"? In other words, remember the essential thing is that we draw closer to Christ than ever before.

To be filled with grace in this context would mean that we refrain from being critical of others because their thought process is different than ours. Some are not ready to return to in-person worship, and that's just fine! Others are ready to start hugging and shaking hands immediately, yet we ask that you refrain from that for just a while. That is especially difficult for the "huggers" in our midst!

Our parishes are doing their absolute best to make sure we are in a safe, yet welcoming environment both for people AND the presence of God!

Thank you for giving your leadership an extra dose of grace during this time as well. Pray for your priest – he needs it (just as much as you).

Speaking on behalf of my brother priests, we are excited to have you back!

God loves you!

Fr. Tim Biren, MN CDA State Chaplain

**God has
chosen you
for
greatness!
Join us on
the Journey!**

**Fr. Tim Biren,
Pastor**



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Projects

Court St. Margaret #1888, Eveleth, and the local office of Habitat for Humanity were excited to receive the State CDA grant of \$10,000. This time two homes were built side-by-side in West Eveleth and two families were chosen. Site preparation and construction proceeded well into the fall and winter until most activities were put on hold in March of 2020 because of the COVID19 virus. Work finally resumed in late spring/early summer, with masks and social distancing, and the 2019 Habitat homes will soon be dedicated. Many support groups including the chosen families contributed to the projects. It was especially rewarding to work with the Habitat staff, the bikers for Habitat and the AmeriCorps groups who traveled through. Our court assisted with its time, energy, food and prayers for a successful build. Many thanks to all who helped out. It's good to see the results of those Gummi Bear sales!



Court Winona #191 Sponsors Habitat Home for Winona-Fillmore Counties – MN

HIGH HEELS, HARD HATS AND HOMES
WOMEN BUILD TEAM PRESENTS A...

HUGE GARAGE & PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

Raising funds for the upcoming Habitat for Humanity home build. We'd love your support!

THURSDAY, JULY 23RD 2PM-6PM

FRIDAY, JULY 24TH 9AM-4PM

CSTea House
357 Gould Street
Winona, MN
(located at the former corner of Bank Street corner)

Clearing out your closet? If you'd like to donate, please contact Colleen at 507-426-6724 or colleen@cs-teahouse.org

Our CDA Sisters in Court Winona #191 will be sponsoring the new home being built in Winona, MN with a \$10,000 grant from the Minnesota State Catholic Daughters of the Americas. With a delayed start due to COVID-19, this family of 6 is currently living in tight quarters and is anxiously awaiting the groundbreaking of their new home this summer (Date TBD). Melissa and Tony work for Lutheran Social Services caring for people living with disabilities in a local group home. See the full article in the Winona Post at: <https://www.winonapost.com/Article/ArticleID/68004/%E2%80%98Something-to-call-our-own%E2%80%99>

Several Women's Build Teams from 2010 have decided to participate in building this home this year, including Colleen Peplinski (Court Winona #191 Regent) former team, High Heels, Hard Hats, and Homes who is hosting a Garage / Plant Sale to raise funds for the home on Thursday, July 23 (2 -6pm) and Friday, July 24 (9 am – 4 pm) at the Tea House (our meeting host site each month). Members have been encouraged to bring sale items and shop to help support our family's home build this year.

This year's Habitat 500 annual bike ride has gone virtual and is happening now (check out director Amanda Hedlund)! They are encouraging donations to "The Winona Riders" to raise money for this Habitat build. The team's goal is to raise \$10,000 to help build this home for the Skappel family. We are almost half way there. Donations also welcome to: Habitat for Humanity, c/o CDA Court Winona #191, PO Box 1454, Winona, MN 55987.

We plan to have 2 build days for CDA for sure, and if we have more volunteers, we can always schedule more! As soon as the house is started and the schedule is out, we will book the CDA dates and let you know.



Habitat 2020 Home Build owners-to-be (courtesy of Winona Post):
Pictured from left are Skappel family members Deion, Melissa, Vaniah, Kamareana, Malaycia and Tony.



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News**

Publicity ...in these trying times...Just a new suggestion to stay connected with your members

Using Zoom to Create the Best All-Hands Meeting Experience

Using an all-hands meeting is a powerful way to build organizational alignment. Connecting on video with your members at the same time empowers organizations to provide members with important updates, answer their pressing questions, and create a more cohesive, connected culture.

Traditionally, hosting and organizing these large calls have been challenging and expensive. Here are a few ways Zoom can help your organization create a premium all-hands experience.

Quality is key The quality of audio and video you are delivering is important for live events, and it is critical when you share the recording with members afterward. With Zoom recordings, you have a secure way to play the session back with searchable transcripts, and the versatility to see content and the speaker and gallery views. Viewers can also adjust the playback speed to 1.5 or 2x.

Multiple ways to join and better attendance Attendees can join Zoom Meetings and Zoom Video Webinars in several ways, including on their phones, desktop, and in conference rooms. This flexibility simplifies the experience and improves attendance. Sometimes eliminates traveling.

Balance sharing content and showing the speaker With the webinar platform, you can use “follow the host” to control what your attendees see. You can easily balance between sharing visual content and showing the speaker video to create an all-hands experience that is informative, engaging, and more personal to your members.

Create a secure environment...Give it a try.

~ Margee Keller, State Publicity Chair



In spite of the COVID-19 Virus, we are planning on having our Gummi Bear Drive this fall. I’m hoping that Henry’s Candy will be able to accommodate us again around the 2nd week of September. I will contact each individual court on the exact date and place of delivery. We may need to be a little more creative this year because of the precautions put in place, so I’ll send out some ideas to all of you. I know some of you were a bit unsure if we were still going to do this project this year, so I’m glad to say we are! If there are some of you that decreased your order because of any uncertainty, please know that you can always feel free to give an additional donation too. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me. Thanks for continuing to support this very worthwhile program!

~ Carol Bertrand, State Gummi Bear Chair

Our role in life is not planned that we travel alone. We can be assured of God's unending faithfulness to be with us as we journey daily, especially in these uncertain times. Resting in God's word thru scripture, Mass celebrations by you tube or television, with many options of wonderful priests, or attending Mass for those able to attend in person, gives us the strength and courage that we need. We can add so much quality of life to our Catholic Daughter Sisters by a simple phone call or sending a note in the mail to let them know we are thinking of them.

Jesus promises to hold us close so we can rest in His arms and experience the Peace that surpasses all understanding. Blessings and Peace to each of you!

~ Jeaneen Nelson, Quality of Life Chair



When you're shopping, what should you spend on your family? Studies show that spending TIME with family is most important and has profound benefits. Spending quality time with our loved ones helps children develop self-confidence and self-esteem. Spending time with family strengthens family ties and helps children learn to build on their faith life and relationships with others. Spending quality time with family helps nurture positive behaviors, a healthy lifestyle, and creates lasting memories. May your family be spending time together to grow in God's faith, hope, and love!!

~ Bev Phillion, State Family Chair

A Prayer for Covid19 Times

Dear Lord, You've made us aware
of the tiny Covid virus
That has spread out everywhere.

We're more isolated now
All around the world
Who would have ever thought
A tiny virus could so disturb?

Admittedly we have become
More than a little scared
Would we be the next to get it?
Perhaps our trust in you
Has waned, Oh, God forbid it.

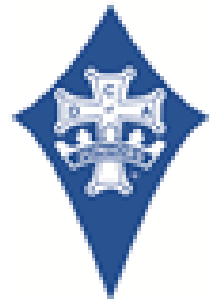
We realize that you'll protect us
If we but keep the faith
You are with us always
In every time and place!
Such a tiny Covid virus
can so affect our lives
It reminds us that even tiny deeds
of kindness can be realized.

A little prayer said more often
A phone call or letter to a friend
A smile of cheer for family
There are good deeds to no end.

We can devote more time
encouraging others,
using telephone, internet or post
We really need each other,
And know we need You the most!

So help us be your kindly heart
to those who need some cheer
And lead us through this pandemic,
As our faith in you grows more dear.

~ Evonne Seivert, Spiritual Enhancement Chair



Junior Catholic Daughters
of the Americas—A great
way to encourage our
youth, our future!

Let's see if we can add a
couple more JCDA courts
this coming year!



Above: Court St. Peter #1601 held their annual baby shower at our February meeting. The picture shows some of the members who were in attendance. Thanks to Mary Grassmann for chairing the event.

Right: Fr. Dennis Labat and Heidi Wenner are shown at our March meeting with our three essay winners.

Court St. Peter elected new officers in March but have not held the Mass of Installation as of yet. Hopefully, we will be able to meet in September. Our semi-annual fundraiser, our salad luncheon, was not held in April due to Covid-19. Stay safe and healthy everyone.



Above Left to right: Lori Curtis, Treasurer, Helene Johnson, Vice Regent, Deacon Richard Quistorff, Chaplain, Lynn Schwanke, Recording Secretary, Renee Doll, Financial Secretary, and Dianne Rohde-Szarke, Regent

Officers, Chaplain and Court St. Rita members would like to honor our 5 deceased members. At this time, in the history of our country and the Corona pandemic, we would like the Catholic Daughters of Minnesota and our National members, to know about OUR court pandemic. In the last 4 months Court St. Rita have lost 5 talented and faithful members of our court. Three of them members for 68 years.

December 7, 2019 we lost Lucille Schmitz a member of our court for 68 years. Lucille was home bound for many years but contributed when she could. The theme for one of our annual style shows was "What's cooking". Lucille called and donated one of those old gray coffee pots, as she was so proud to be able to contribute. Bless her Heart.

January 5, 2020 we lost Lu Knuttilla. Lu was a past Court Regent and District Deputy, a member of our Court since 1975. Even with frail health, assisted by a granddaughter she attended our Courts 100th Anniversary on September 15, 2019. She was a dedicated hard worker in our court. Her leadership will be greatly missed.

January 16, 2020 we lost Deloris Lachowitz a member of our court for 68 years. She was our Cake lady. When ever there was a festivity at our court she made and beautifully decorated a cake for all to enjoy.

We lost a dedicated school teacher at St. Henry's Catholic School on March 23, 2020, when Grace Baumgart was called home. She had been a member of our court for 56 years. All the kids wanted to be in her 4th grade class as she taught not only with words, but also with love. And the Minnesota twins game could always be heard playing quietly in the background.

Another member of our court for 68 years was our member Jackie Lachowitz. She passed away March 30, 2020. Jackie was a regular meeting attendee and great help on many occasions. Even at the age of 86 she was always on hand to help decorate the stage for our annual style show.

We would like to say Thank you to these 5 talented and faithful women for their dedication to Court St. Rita. They are sadly missed by our court, church and community.



Ct St. Charles #1791 hosts the 2020 CDA installation of Officers in June

Pictured below: Ceremonial Coordinator Deb Rowekamp, Deacon Paul Tschann and 2nd Vice State Regent Monica Capra.

Above: (l-r) Deacon Paul Tschann, Treasurer Tina Lewis, Regent Michele Splittstoesser, Second Vice State Regent Monica Capra, Secretary Kathy Schumann, Financial Secretary Pam Beirne, and Chaplain Reverend Tim Biren. Missing from the picture is Vice Regent Maureen Doffing.



Left: Past Regent Margaret Gall and charter member Fran Goodrich.

Court St Charles CDA members were saddened to send our last charter member, Fran Goodrich to her heavenly home.

We also mourn the loss of long time member Bette Guenther.

May they rest in peace.



Right: Ct. St. Bernard #886 hosted it's annual baby shower to benefit Helping Hand Pregnancy Center, a life-changing ministry that is trying to reach more mothers and fathers each year to help them with drama free choices. Ct. St. Bernard has been hosting a shower for at least nineteen years. Members of the parish cluster of St. Adrian, St. Anthony, and Our Lady of Good Counsel support their efforts by generously donating diapers, clothing, laundry detergent, toys, blankets, and much more. The Court also donates dollars to the center.

Pictured are: Raevette Loonan, Pearl Wieneke, Mindy Kemper, Stephani Diekmann, Janine Lorang, Avis Stoffel, and Lisa Diekmann.



Local Court news continued.....



Right: Holy Rosary Court CDA members made greeting cards with cheery notes for residents at Oak Crossing Nursing home during the Covid 19 lock down. Pictured are Jean LeDoux, Bobbie Jo Griffith and Karen Bursaw. May 2020.

Right: Court St. Rita #409 of Perham, Minnesota, lost our oldest CDA member on July 8th, 2020. Lorly Schik (Dolores Delaney) was 95 years old and a Catholic Daughter of our court for 76 years, having joined CDA at the age of 19, in 1944. Lorly grew up on the family farm, the only daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Delaney. Her and her 4 brothers attended rural St. Joe School for 8 years. She and her family also were active members of the nearby St. Joseph Catholic Church. Lorly began her career as a teacher in a rural school. Not able to drive a car, her Dad had to drive her to the school every Monday morning. Lorly then stayed the rest of the week in the homes of the families whose children went to school in her district. She said one of her jobs every morning, was to start the wood fire, so the school room would be warm when the students got there. Eventually she became a full time kindergarten teacher and transferred to the Public School in Perham, MN. In 1947 she met the love of her life, Henry Schik, and together they had 3 children, Mike, Kenny and Shelly. Her other titles were Grandma , Great Grandma and Flower girl. To her delight she was asked to be a flower girl at her Granddaughters wedding. As she proceeded down the aisle, instead of throwing flowers, she smiled and waved from her wheel chair. She was proud of her Irish heritage, so St. Patrick's Day was always big occasion. She would be all dressed up in her Irish green color and have a good old Irish party. The funeral for this proud Irish lady was held at St. Henry's Catholic Church, Perham, Minnesota, on Saturday July 26th, 2020, with Reverend Matthew Kuhn presiding.

YOU CAN HEAR THE ANGELS SING:

According to the Irish Lullaby



In February, Ct Joan of Arc # 691 of Blue Earth presented "Morning Offering" prayer magnets to the Faith Formation classes of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish.

Right: Vice-Regent, Ruth Kastner, explains the importance of praying the Morning Offering.



Above: Students are pictured holding their prayer magnets, with Ruth Kastner seated in their midst.

Court St. Joan of Arc #1291 Marshall



Left: Ice Cream Social at Hill Street Place, Congregative Living

Catholic Daughters wanted to do something for all the residence at Hill Street Place while they have been in LOCK DOWN with the COVID 19 order for the past 3.5 months.

CDA Members; Kathy Eveslage, Vicki Meulebroeck, and Mary Carstensen served 96 (8 doz.) DQ Dilly Bars to the residences in the afternoon. Everyone enjoyed this, there were many smiles and laughs to share. Hopefully everyone felt much better after having and the Catholic Daughters coming to visit and a refreshing treat!

8th Grade Outstanding Girl!

Right: Chosen by the Holy Redeemer School faculty in May of 2020 was Lydia Weverka! She is an 8th grade graduate from Holy Redeemer School, Lydia is an outstanding leader, shares many talents, always kind, successful in academics, and has a very strong Catholic faith. Congratulations Lydia!! Presenting her with a Necklace Medal for being chosen "Outstanding Girl" was CDA Regent, Vicki Meulebroeck and her Grandmother CDA member, Lorraine Weverka.



Upcoming Court Anniversaries

Court St. Theresa #973 , Currie—95 Years—08/30/1925

Court Caledonia #555, Caledonia —100 Years—10/10/1920



Court St. Margaret Mary # 605 held their Annual Valentine Luncheon

Court St. Margaret Mary held their Valentine luncheon on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at St. Thomas Catholic Church Aquinas Hall in International Falls, MN. All hands were on deck for the preparation starting on Tuesday, February 4th. The hall was decorated with hearts and flowers on the tables. The menu included Turkey Soufflé, salad, relishes and a dessert cart. Take outs were available. Additionally, there was a craft table with donated crafts by CDA members. We served a total of 166 guests and were blessed to have Kathy Bastianelli and Amy McNulty, CDA members from Eveleth, attend our luncheon. Our Valentine Luncheon brings together our community with fellowship and food.



Ct St. Margaret Mary also held their annual road side clean-up. We did not take pictures of ourselves with all our garb on for road work; rubber boots, gloves, yellow plastic bags to hold and the vest we wear so traffic can see us. A joyful times was had by all when that yearly job was done. An incentive is one year one of our members did find a \$100 bill in the ditch, but not this year.

As Catholic Daughters we have been doing extra Adoration Holy Hours to cover for those unable to do their Holy Hour during Covid, so we have been spending more time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We are truly blessed to have Adoration during this time and we now can have mass. God is Good.

Court Sacred Heart #1424 Waseca lends a helping hand

In June our Court was approached by our pastor, Father Leif, who asked if our CDA group would be willing to “spruce up” his parish apartment. He was retiring and thought it would be nice for Father The’, our new incoming priest, to have updated quarters.

Lori Mickelson and Jaye Sopkowiak met with Father Leif to go over things that needed to be fixed, cleaned and updated in the apartment. Under their leadership, plans were made and people were enlisted to help.

Despite the challenges of working around a global pandemic, we split the jobs so we could work in smaller groups, and enlisted the aid of the Knights of Columbus to help paint ceilings. New sheets and bath towels were donated, a bathroom ceiling was repaired and repainted, ceilings in the dining room and bedrooms were repainted, and a wall in the dining room was repaired and repainted. Kitchen and dining room dishes were washed and all the cabinets were wiped down. When all of our little groups were accounted for, we had a total of 10 Catholic Daughters as well as 4 Knights of Columbus that had worked together at different times to get the apartment ready for Father The’.



L to R: Lori Mickelson, Lori Harris, and Jaye Sopkowiak

Graduation 2020 at St. Henrys Catholic Church



Court St. Rita #409 of Perham celebrated our 100th Anniversary on September 15, 2019. Still going strong, neither the Corona virus, quarantine nor social distancing has stopped us. We have conducted our meetings and voted our new slate of officers in by email, phone and mail. We also sent out our newsletter and what ever else we needed to do to keep our court functional during the 2020 pandemic. On Sunday, June 7th, 2020, at 11:30 AM, Ct St. Rita sponsored our annual graduation celebration. 27 Catholic high school graduates from 4 cluster parishes received invitations to attend a special outdoor “stay in your car” event. Father Matthew Kuhn assisted by Deacon Richard Quistorff and Deacon Randy Altstadt processed with the Eucharist to each car and blessed the graduate and their families. Catholic Daughter Officers, in their robes, and the color guard stood at attention with the American Flag. Each graduate was presented a gift from Court St. Rita by Regent Dianne Rohde-Szarke and her officers

Pictured above, left to right: Deacon Richard Quistorff, Father Matthew Kuhn, Kneeling Financial Secretary Renee Doll and Regent

Court St. Anne #1840 benefits from a Generous Gift

While Court St. Anne #1840, Medford MN has been holding ZOOM meetings since March because of the coronavirus pandemic, we have also been forced to forego many activities and fundraising efforts that support our programs and projects. However, a recent gift of household goods from Father Clayton Haberman’s estate has boosted our coffers. The Court donated many of Father’s books to the parish and REP libraries and participated in a city-wide garage sale in June to dispose of many of the other items. We are grateful too for items, time and effort donated by Court members Jeanette Wartham, Betty Hager, Gail Heim, Linda O’Connor, Shirley Jenó, Dianne Sammon, Randa Paschke, and Cathy Nelson; for masks sewn and donated for sale by Brianna O’Connor, one of our parish youth; for the help of the Paschke family children, Lucy, Adam, David and Katelyn in setting up the sale; and for the help of spouses Cal Jenó and Phil Heim. Goods that remained were given to the local Salvation Army and Goodwill stores. Needless to say, Father Haberman, who so faithfully served Christ the King parishioners, has continued his good work

through this gift to Court St. Anne. We are grateful for his service to us and for his generous gift which will allow our Court to continue many of the projects that are planned for the upcoming year. Cathy Nelson, Regent





Best State Projects submitted to National CDA

Circle of Love Awards

2018-2020

Spiritual Enhancement

Court St. Madonna #839 Wilmont Seminarian Alb and Spiritual Bouquet

Youth/CDA

Court Holy Rosary #1916 Detroit Lakes Birthday Bags For Children

Legislation

Court St. Charles #1791 St. Charles Candlelight Vigil at Planned Parenthood

Quality of Life

Ct St. Mary Peter #1864 Mazeppa-Bellechester Showing Dignity in Death

Family

Court Queen of Peace #1558 Slayton Memorializing Lost Native American Youngsters

Leadership

Court St. Charles #1791 St. Charles Strengthen Our Sisters, Strengthen Our Court

Minnesota Publicity Awards

Court St. Rita #409 Perham

Minnesota State Newsletter Contest (1st Place winners sent on to National)

Category I/Division I: 1st Place: Court St. Bernard #886, Lismore
 2nd Place: Court St. Charles #1791, St. Charles

Category I/Division II: 1st Place: Court St. Justin #2020, Mahnomen
 2nd Place: Court St. Rita #409, Perham
 3rd Place: Court St. Anne#1840, Medford

Category II/Division II: 1st Place: Court Owatonna #1180, Owatonna



**Minnesota Catholic Daughters of the Americas
2020 Education Contest Results**

CATEGORY	DIVISION	NAME	COURT	LOCATION	PLACE	
Art	I	McKenna Edel	Owatonna #1180	Owatonna	1st	
		Braedyn Aschnewitz	St. Cabrini #1466	Fergus Falls	2nd	
		Josephine Refshaw	St. Justin #2020	Mahnomen	3rd	
	II	Jordan Edison	Owatonna #1180	Owatonna	1st	
		Nora Osowski	Our Lady of the Fields #2107	Argyle	2nd	
		Charlotte Davis	St. Mary #509	Moorhead	3rd	
	III	Hannah Graff	Winona #191	Winona	1st	
		Savanah Dobrenski	St. Joan of Arc #1291	Marshall	2nd	
		Madelyn Groven	Our Lady of the Fields #2107	Argyle	3rd	
	IV	Emilee Olstad	St. Rita #409	Perham	1st	
	Computer Art	I	Allison McCabe	Owatonna #1180	Owatonna	1st
		II	Brayden Thooft	St. Joan of Arc #1291	Marshall	1st
Benjamin Kjielden			St. Mary #509	Moorhead	2nd	
Isabelle Holland			St. Cabrini #1466	Fergus Falls	3rd	
III		Joseph Costello	Winona #191	Winona	1st	
Essay	I	Melissa Dworshak	St. Mary #509	Moorhead	1st	
		McKenna Edel	Owatonna #1180	Owatonna	2nd	
		Josephine Refshaw	St. Justin #2020	Mahnomen	3rd	
	II	Dylan DeMers	St. Mary #509	Moorhead	1st	
		Estephany Niz Chavez	St. John #1371	Pipestone	2nd	
		Kellen Groth	Winona #191	Winona	3rd	
	III	Joseph Costello	Winona #191	Winona	1st	
		Jacob Mayo	St. Mary #509	Moorhead	3rd	
	Photography	II	Taleia Boyer	St. Mary Margaret #605	Int'l Falls	1st
Kiley Krogen			St. Mary #509	Moorhead	2nd	
Drew Fischer			St. Cabrini #1466	Fergus Falls	3rd	
III		Angnieska Kuszaj	Winona #191	Winona	1st	
		Cheyenne Fedder	St. Anne #1840	Medford	2nd	
IV		Pam Beirne	St. Charles #1791	St. Charles	1st	
		Marnie Kostiuk	St. Mary Margaret #605	Int'l Falls	2nd	
Poetry	I	Adelyn Miley	St. Cabrini #1466	Fergus Falls	1st	
		Anna Schieber	Caledonia #555	Caledonia	2nd	
		Molly Simmons	Owatonna #1180	Owatonna	3rd	
	II	Brennen Thooft	St. Joan of Ard #1291	Marshall	1st	
		Jocelyn Hom	Bernard #886	Bernard	2nd	
		Jose Rosas	Owatonna #1180	Owatonna	3rd	
	III	Hannah Casselman	Winona #191	Winona	1st	
		Kya Olstad	St. Rita #409	Perham	2nd	
	IV	Char Harguth	Sacred Heart #1424	Waseca	1st	
		Renee Loehr	St. Mary #509	Moorhead	2nd	
		Alice Brancich	Winona #191	Winona	3rd	
	Music	II	Isabelle Holland	St. Cabrini #1466	Fergus Falls	1st





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- **Deadlines to submit articles: July 10—Nov 10—Feb 10**
- Include your name, court, phone and/or email so we can contact you if we need more information.

Welcome New Members!!

Ct. St. Mary Peter #1864, Mazeppa-Bellechester

Patricia Mensink

Ct. St Margaret #1888, Eveleth

Brigitte Karpik

Ct. St. Justin #2020, Mahnomen

Shurla Newton-Gates



Blessed Be Their Memory

Ct. Joan Of Arc #691, Blue Earth
Vivian Pfaffinger, Marian Faundeen

Ct. St. Anne #1840, Medford
Virginia Jones, Dorothy Steinbauer

Ct. St Bernard #886, Lismore
Evelyn Reuter

Ct. Margaret Mary #605, Intl Falls
Barb Miller, Mary Morrisseau, Marion Wagner

Ct. St. Rita #409, Perham
Grace Baumgart, Jackie Lachowitz

Ct. Owatonna #1180, Owatonna
Evelyn Meese

Ct. St. Charles #1791, St. Charles
Frances Goodrich, Elizabeth Guenther

Ct. Plainview #497, Plainview
Alice Evers

Ct. Winona #191, Winona
Isabelle King, Dorothy Chuchna

Ct. Madonna #839, Wilmont
Alice Persing

Ct. St. Mary #509, Moorhead
Clara Zurn

Ct. St. Justin #2020, Mahnomen
Carol Buschette, Susan Bauman

Our sincerest sympathies to District Deputy Monica Beauchane and family on the death of her husband, Ron. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,



.....and may perpetual light shine upon them.