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## MISSION STATEMENT

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

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## Regent's Reflections Marlys Knuth, State Regent

Dear CDA Sisters, I am humbled and blessed to serve as your State Regent. St. Claire of Assisi says "Love God, Serve God, everything is in that" and Peter 4:10 states "As each one has received a gift....use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace". These statements will guide and inspire me and the other State Officers as we proceed into the next two years. I challenge myself to strive to live my life accordingly.

I have been married to my husband, Ken, for 53 years. We have four children and nine grandchildren. Our children are living throughout the US and abroad. — our daughter and family live in Arlington, MA; a son and family live in Sebastopol, CA,; another son, in Paris, France and our youngest son and family live near Baltimore, MD. Being a Minnesota native and living here most of my life, visiting them gives us a great opportunity for travel. A highlight of our life-- hosting the Harvest Mass for the Winona Diocese on Aug. 15, 2014. We raise Shire horses as a hobby, so Bishop Quinn was driven to the altar by horse and carriage.

I have been a Catholic Daughter for 34 years in Ct. Queen of Peace #1558, St. Ann's parish, Slayton, MN. I have served in many local Officer positions, also as State Education Chair and as State Second and First Vice Regent.



Minister and Lecturer in our local parish. I have also taught Faith formation classes. Since I have retired from teaching, I find that volunteering, and CDA activities fill much of my time. I am a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts and have been involved in that organization on the local level and on the State Board.

I look forward to working with You and this great team of Officers, serving you, (my CDA Sisters). My desire is to bring good leadership as we work together to increase membership, sustain a close relationship with God and enjoy and participate in CDA events and activities.

**Marlys Knuth**

I have worked in the education field for over 25 years, I have worked with at-risk youth and special needs youth, which was a challenge, but rewarding, because there were occasions where you could see that you made a difference in their lives. I serve as a Eucharistic

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DELETE the old one!!



Our new  
Minnesota State  
Board

## Mary Pufall, First Vice State Regent

I would like to introduce myself as your new First Vice State Regent. I am Mary Pufall from Moorhead, MN. My husband Mike and I have been married 45 years and I am celebrating 44 years as a Registered Nurse. We are blessed with one daughter Sara, and enjoy living close to her and her husband Victor and our three delightful granddaughters, Rosetta, Isabella and Sophia. I was born and raised in Minneapolis, MN. We have lived in Duluth, Cloquet, Crookston and now call Moorhead home. Currently, I am working at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit Lakes, in the ER and also Essentia Health in Ada. I love my work and find it very fulfilling, making a difference for my patients and their families every day.

I have been a member of CDA for 23 years, first with Court Bishop Schenk in Crookston

and now as a member of Court St. Mary's in Moorhead. I have served as Court Secretary, Vice Regent and Regent in Crookston. I transferred to Court St. Mary in 2014 and love spending time with my CDA sisters, working on committees and projects with them. Over the past two years I served as your Second Vice State Regent. It was a great experience, expanding my leadership skills, working together with amazing women, and traveling the state meeting new sisters.

I am very excited for this new adventure and challenge serving as your new First Vice State Regent. I have much to learn about my new role and am fortunate to have some great mentors. I welcome your ideas, suggestions and support. I feel

very blessed to have such a great team to work with on the State Board. Thanks Evonne, Marlys, Bonnie and Jackie! I am excited to work with Marlys Knuth, Bonnie Hein, Monica Capra and Vera Hannig on our new board. I would also like to thank the Past State Officers and all of you for all of your hard work and dedication to the Catholic Daughters. We will keep building on the rich legacy you have entrusted to us. Sharing your unique gifts, talents and enthusiasm is a blessing to our organization and for that I am very grateful.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Summer Workshops and continuing the important work of the Catholic Daughters. Until then, enjoy this beautiful summer! God Bless you,  
**Mary Pufall**

## Monica Capra, Second Vice State Regent



"To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, in you I trust"- Psalm 25

Praise to God for He is good and I am truly blessed. I'm your new 2nd vice Regent and I am humbled by this honor of being able to serve my beloved Catholic daughter sisters.

My name is Monica Capra and I have been a member of Court Saint Mary-Peter in Mazeppa-Bellechester since 2009. I must admit I have never been a Regent before; I do not have Robert's Rules of Order memorized, and I haven't even read through the Tools of the Trade from cover to cover! But I do, however, have a great love for our Lord Jesus Christ; I have a great love for the Catholic Daughters and I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength!

Although I have only been a member of Catholic Daughter for ten years, they have been an important part of my life for much longer. In 2002, my husband, Deacon Paul Tschann (Chaplain of Court St. Mary-Peter) and I, and our four children, moved to Honduras for mission work for two years. Court St. Mary-Peter was a pillar of support (both in prayer and financially) during our mission years.

Three years after returning from Honduras, we adopted a 16-year old boy, whom we had met there. We now have five children;

Juan has three little girls and lives nearby, Isaac just got married in July and lives at home with his wife Chelsey, Emma lives at home and will be getting married in September to Kendahl, Jacob is a FOCUS missionary on the campus in Oshkosh, WI and will be getting married next August to Sarah, and Rachel will be a senior at Minnesota State Mankato. I work as a special education teacher with the Goodhue County Education District specializing in Physical Impairments, Health Disabilities, and Traumatic Brain Injuries.

Mission has always been an important part of our lives and Paul & I have led many youth mission trips. We also took a small group of youth to Poland for World Youth Day in 2016 and to Medjugorje in 2018. Many graces have come from these pilgrimages. I will be remembering each of the courts in my daily prayers and look forward to serve you as your 2<sup>nd</sup> vice regent. **Monica Capra**

## State Project/Fundraiser

### Report on State Project Results

You voted as your State Project for 2019 – 2021, continued support of the Support our Seminarians and Women's Religious Programs financially and spiritually and to be financed by a fee increase by \$1.00 per member per program per year.

### Report on State Fundraiser Results

You voted for your State Fundraiser for 2019 – 2021 Continuation of \$4.00 per member per year.

## Vera Hannig, MN State Treasurer



I am honored to accept the challenge to serve as your State Treasurer for 2019-2021. I will be diligent and take the position very seriously.

My husband, Deacon Dan, and I have been married for 37 years. Beside being married for these years, we had a journey that included being educators on the same staff a couple times, raising two wonderful sons, and leading a faith centered life. I am so thankful for my husband to help me to grow in our Catholic faith.

My husband was ordained as a deacon in the year 2000. He serves as a deacon at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston, MN, for seven months and at St. Anthony of Padua in Arizona for five months each year. My husband's main ministry is in jails and prisons.

Our two sons, James and Donovan, live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Redford, Michigan, respectively. James is the Pedestrian and Bicycle Coordinator for the City of Milwaukee. Donovan is an architect in the Detroit area, and his wife is a histotechnologist in Detroit.

I grew up on a farm near Orr, Minnesota, a small town in northeastern Minnesota. My family moved there from Chicago when my father retired from the US Coast Guard and before I was two years old. I enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, training horses, and working outside on the farm. My parents brought to our family unique histories. My father, born in 1906, was the last of fifteen children, coming from a paternal line of blacksmiths. My mother, born in Ger-

many, came to the United States through Ellis Island in 1925 at age thirteen. My parents provided me the opportunity to take piano lessons for ten years. This led to my playing piano/organ for church for several years. My parents encouraged me to attend college to obtain a degree. I chose to major in mathematics and minor in biology in the education field. I never regretted my decision.

I was a mathematics teacher for twenty-nine years, working in both public and Catholic high schools. The last five years of my career was teaching at Cass Lake-Bena High School on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation. I have so many fond memories of my students. Retiring was not easy.

I look forward to seeing and meeting new friends in the Catholic Daughters and in working with your state officers.

Thank you very much.

**Vera Hannig**

## Bonnie Hein, State Secretary



Greetings CDA Sisters, I'm happy to serve as your State Secretary for another two years with a great team of Officers. I really enjoyed coming to your Court activities and hope to continue to do this to get to know more of you even better.

I'm single and grew up on a farm at Browns Valley, Minnesota. I have 9 siblings as well as lots of nieces and nephews who live in various states. In 1979 I move to Fergus Falls and worked in the Education field for 30 years as a Special Education Teacher with the

Fergus Falls Public Schools teaching at all grade levels a variety of developmentally and physically disabled students. After retirement from teaching I worked part time as a Direct Service Provider for 6 years working with 4 developmentally disabled adults living in their own apartments and just needing help with certain tasks and activities. I have been fully retired for 3 years and have enjoyed having more time for travel, going for walks, riding bike, reading, doing cross stitch and embroidery. At our local church, Our

Lady of Victory, I sing in the choir, volunteer on various committees and have been a Catholic Daughter member for 36 years with Court St. Cabrini #1466. I have served as Regent for 4 years, Recording Secretary for 2 years and Treasurer for 2 years. I have been Gummi Bear and Scrapbook chairperson for several years and also served as Youth chairperson. I look forward to seeing you at Summer Workshops and your various court activities.

God Bless and thank you for electing me as your State Secretary.

**Bonnie Hein**

## State Resolutions passed at the Convention

Resolution "Participation in Adoration" submitted by Regent Kathy Eveslage and approved by Court St. Joan of Arc, #1291, Page 42 of the Convention Program was unanimously approved.

Resolution "Understanding and Acceptance of Our Unity and Charity for One Another" submitted by State Regent Evonne Seivert and approved by State Court, Page 43 of the Convention Program was unanimously approved.

Resolution "Giving Our Service to God through Catholic Daughters" submitted by First Vice State Regent Marlys Knuth and approved by State Court, Page 44 of the Convention Program was unanimously approved.

Resolution "Continue to encourage Court Pals Program" submitted by State Secretary Bonnie Hein and approved by State Court, Page 45 of the Convention Program was unanimously approved.

Resolution on four Mission Courts on Page 46 of the Convention Program submitted by Regent Missy Hermes and approved by Court St. Cabrini, #1466, was unanimously approved.

## Father Tim Biren, State Chaplain

The Lord be with you!

Anytime I am asked to write a column about myself (this usually occurs when receiving a new assignment) I find the task difficult. The primary reason I find it difficult is because my goal in life is to lead other people into a relationship with Jesus Christ ... not into a relationship with me. I know that seems harsh (because I do get to work with and meet many wonderful people along the way) however, my ultimate goal is to help people form and strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ within the Sacramental life of the Catholic Church.

As the incoming Catholic Daughters of the America's Chaplain for the State of Minnesota, I will do my best to continue the Lord's mission with this important task that we have been given by the Lord himself: "Go, make disciples." Discipleship ministry is an integral part of the lifeblood of the CDA within the greater context of the Catholic Church. We must always be pointing the way to the Lord. While we can do great things for the CDA, ultimately all glory must be given to God and then, like St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta would often say, "I pray not to be successful but faithful." So may we all!

Now, with all of that said, let me still give a brief introduction. ☺ I am the second oldest of seven children. My parents, LeRoy and JoAnn (my Mom is a CDA Member in Court Queen of Peace, Slayton) gave us a tremendous foundation in the faith which was instrumental in my vocation and call to the Priesthood. I attended Fulda Public School, later St. John's University where I received a degree in Music and Secondary Education, then I attended St. Mary's University of Minnesota receiving a degree in Philosophy and finally attended and received my Masters of Divinity at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester on June 15, 1999. My first assignment was in the Austin, Minnesota area, I later served 15 years in the greater Mankato, Minnesota area. One of the joys of serving in this area was in the planning, fundraising and building the St. Thomas More Newman Center on the campus of Minnesota State University, Mankato. Upon the completion of the building project and a brief sabbatical, I was assigned to my current assignment of St.

Charles Borromeo in St. Charles, Holy Redeemer in Eyota and St. Aloysius in Elba. In addition to my parish assignment, I am the Director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester where I direct the missionary activity and financial stewardship throughout the Diocese.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be a Spiritual Father to the CDA. Never hesitate to contact me with prayer requests, questions on the faith or any other ways I can be of assistance. I know you understand that all priests these days are spread thin, so I am grateful for your understanding if I am not able to fulfill all of your requests in a timely manner, but will do my best, with the help of God, to be a good steward of God's gifts and how I can best serve you! I look forward to what we can do together! The best is yet to come!

May the Lord continue to abundantly bless you for your work and ministry in the CDA and beyond. We are blessed because of you! Thank you!

God loves you!

**Fr. Tim Biren, Chaplain**



**God has  
chosen you  
for greatness!**

**Join us on the  
Journey!**

**Fr. Tim Biren,  
Pastor**

# Priest Appreciation Sunday

On Sunday, June 9, **Court St. Charles** acknowledged Priest Appreciation Day by praying a special prayer for priests, and hosted fellowship after the masses. Parishioners enjoyed treats, beverages, and had an opportunity to write Fr. Tim Biren, also MN CDA Chaplain, a note of thanks and gratitude.

*Court St. Charles members (Left to right) Maria Salas and Alyssa Anguiano stand by a sign made for Priest Appreciation Day to let Fr. Tim know how amazing his "flock" thinks he is and appreciate all he does.*



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

**COURT ST. RITA #409**

**PERHAM, MINNESOTA**

**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**CELEBRATION**

**SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**



*Father Alan Wielinski*

The members of **Court St. Cabrini** threw a party for their priests and deacons on Priest Appreciation Day, June 2, 2019. It just so happened that the date corresponded with the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of their Our Lady of Victory parish priest, Father Alan Wielinski.

To celebrate, the members of the court served cake, coffee,

juice, mints and nuts between the two Sunday Masses. This allowed for a large number of parishioners to participate in blessing our wonderful clergy with good wishes.

In addition to the special lunch, members of the court gave our clergy cards and Mass bouquets.



## 2019 Anniversary Dates

**Court St. Rita #409 – Perham**  
 100 years                      11/09/1919  
*(Celebration on September 15th)*

**Ct Our Lady of the Fields #2107 – Argyle**  
 45 years                         11/10/1974

**Court St. James #1820 – St. James**  
 60 years                         11/22/1959

**Court Santa Maria #247 – Adrian**  
 105 years                        12/06/1914



*Pictured are Mary Carstensen, Vicki Meulebroeck, Fr. Mark Steffl, Kathy Everslage, and Sharon Kinker*

Father Mark Steffl was all smiles as the board members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Joan of Arc #1291, Marshall, presented him with a check contributing to the "Raise the Roof" campaign to repair the roof on the Rectory/Parish Center of Holy Redeemer Church in Marshall, MN. Members voted to contribute the money raised at their latest Pizza Ranch fundraiser, plus a matching contribution from a member. Amount contributed was \$1,000.00!!!!

## ANNOUNCEMENT

## 2020 Education

## Contest Themes:

“Blessed are the  
Peacemakers”

and

“Living in Harmony  
with others”

More info will be given at  
the Summer Workshops—  
OR—detailed instructions  
are on the National CDA  
website:

[catholicdaughters.org](http://catholicdaughters.org)

# Summer Workshops-Coming Soon

Workshops in the North will be in Eveleth on August 17th and in Detroit Lakes on August 18th.

Workshops in the South will be in Medford on September 28th and in Marshall on September 29th.

Watch for more info and the registration form to come.

## National winners just announced!

Education contest: Art Div. 3 2nd. Place - Savannah Dobrenski, Ct. St. Joan of Arc #1291, Marshall ,MN

Computer Art 1 - 3rd. Place - Trey Swedenburg, Ct. Cabrini#1466, Fergus Falls, MN

Newsletter contest: Local Courts, Cat. 1, Div. 1 - 1st Place - Ct. St. Bernard #886, Lismore, MN, Regent Stephani Diekmann

During the Fall workshops—the comments, awards and checks will be given to Local Court Regent.

## May 2019 St. James Court #1820 Birth- Day Shower

Members share new and slightly used items that new moms can use. Diapers, wipes, toys and cash are included. We enjoyed a shower, lunch and the meeting followed.

Our totes of treasures were delivered by Vivian Helget to First Choice Pregnancy Services in New Ulm, MN.

Our Thank you from First Choice Pregnancy Center shared two special messages: A new ultra sound machine has arrived and They had their 100<sup>th</sup> baby born at the center.

**A true Blessing to be a part of this great organization!**



*Pictured: from left to right: Kathy Spitzner, Lori Koch, Judy Hanson, Rita Neisen, Dianne Tetzloff, Margaret Fuhr, Evie Hermoe, Ruth Mikkelsen, Pat Nordstrom, Mary Sandmeyer, Jeannie Sinclair, Vivian Helget, Nancy Hoscheid, Marie Lindquist, Rosie Winters*

## Summer 2019, Court St. Margaret #1888, Eveleth, MN

On March 30, we participated in our second annual Day of Recollection. We shared Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, and a shared presentation by our own Fr. Michael Garry and visiting Fr. Anthony Craig. We look forward to making this a regular event. On June 9, we were invited to share in an afternoon Mass, celebrated by Fr. Flynn and Fr. Bolland. It was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

of their Ordination into the priesthood. In the past years we were fortunate to have enjoyed the service of both of these wonderful priests, not only in Eveleth but, also in Gilbert. The Mass itself was followed by a brief program reviewing the lives of both, as well as their friendship which began in Ireland. A reception followed. Early in the spring, we were informed that we had been awarded the grant for

the Habitat for Humanity build for this summer. We will be responsible for a number of meal dates for workers, including a group of 30-40 bike riders on July 16. A number from our court will also be involved in some “hands on” assistance on Saturday, August 24. This is the all CDA workday and CDA members from all courts are invited to come and help.

**We look forward to hosting the Summer Workshop on August 17!**

## PUBLICITY by State Chair Margee Keller

**Public Relations  
– How did you  
increase  
awareness of  
Catholic  
Daughters in  
your  
Community?**

Local website- Radio or newspaper	Church Bulletin	Mailed minutes
Court website	Church bulletin board	Flyers
Telephone Tree	Court Pals	Posters
Emails	Diocesan Paper	Membership Drive
Word of Mouth	Visiting other courts	One on one asking
Local newspaper	Working on Habitat	CDA Sunday
Local radio	State website	Each of these is just one way to increase the awareness of CDA in your community.
Court newsletters	Co-sponsoring events	

## GUMMI BEARS by State Chair Carol Bertrand

Thank you to all Courts for your response to my questionnaire regarding this years Gummi Bears. I'll be contacting our Gummi Bear Distributor to make arrangements for this years delivery and then contacting each Court regarding the delivery date, time and place. If you need to contact me, my email is: [cjbert@yahoo.com](mailto:cjbert@yahoo.com), phone number is 507-360-2982, and mailing address is 501 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Wilmont, MN 56185. Have a great rest of the summer!



## Circle of Love QUALITY OF LIFE by Jeaneen Nelson

Quality of Life covers a large wide area generally relating to something that is valued as a positive addition to everyday life. Quality of Life is part of the Circle of Love program that covers a number of social awareness issues.

One of the areas under that umbrella is Health and Wellness. Women often are the nurturers and caretakers for family and friends and when challenged with a health issue, frequently ignore their own body's signals. Many women put themselves last as far as taking care of themselves. Coronary

heart disease is the leading cause of death for American Women. It is estimated that nearly twice as many women in the United States die of heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases as from all forms of cancer, even including breast cancer.

The more risk factors each woman has is a greater risk of having a heart attack or stroke. The American Heart Association identifies several factors that increase the risk of having a heart attack or stroke and some of these risk factors can't be controlled but can be modified to lower the risk. As we age, the risk begins to rise and

keeps rising with age. If there is a history of close blood relatives having heart disease there is a greater risk.

It is up to each woman to take steps and reduce the risk of heart attack by not smoking, being active and walking more, eating a heart-healthy diet and maintain a healthy weight. Seeing your doctor regularly helps identify problem areas.

Please review any new information related to health issues that pertain to you to help live a healthy life. Catholic Daughters needs each one of us!!

## Circle of Love FAMILY by Bev Philion

There were 22 out of the 28 courts (78.5%) who submitted a project for the Circle of Love area of Family this year. Each submitted project touched my heart  and made me smile. All were unique and so interesting to read and see all the different ways the Courts are serving the Lord and their neighbor!! Great job, Ladies!!!  
It's always fun to try out new recipes during the summer. This one works well any time of the year:

**\*Recipe for Family\***

- Ingredients:**  
 3 cups of love  
 2 cups of loyalty  
 2 cups of forgiveness  
 1 cup of friendship  
 ½ cup of laughter

**Preparation:**  
 Mix love, forgiveness and loyalty until well blended.  
 Add friendship and laughter. Bake for a lifetime. Serve daily!

# Local Court News



*Court Our Lady of the Fields, Argyle, #2107 spent an evening with the Residents and Staff at the Marshall County Group home in Argyle on February 13, 2019. Members of the court provided an evening meal and dessert, along with Valentine cards for each resident. Entertainment was provided by a resident who played his keyboard. This is an event that is held annually.*



## Court St. Justin #2020 Mahnomen, MN Lunetta Goldsmith Scholarship

Court St. Justin #2020 Mahnomen, MN awards a \$250.00 annually to a High School senior. The money is awarded after completion of at least one quarter of college classes. Last year's recipient was Isaac Benson.



← Scholarship Recipient:  
Isaac Benson  
Presented by CDA member:  
Gina McLaughlin-Worms



## Catholic Daughter Scholarship Winner

Sofia Jane Bock of Marshall has been awarded a \$500.00 scholarship from the Catholic Daughters of the Americas local Court St. Joan of Arc # 1291.

Sofia plans to attend the College of Saint Benedict towards a degree for becoming a high school teacher.

# May Crowning



*Pictured in the procession of flowers are Jaxon Spartz, Kason Spartz, Caelan Bertrand, and Isaac Bertrand*



*Emily Zemler crowns Mary*

*Beautiful reasons for celebration!!!*



*After Mass, Court Madonna invited everyone to a brunch. The First Holy Communicants had a special table set to honor them! A silent auction was also held.*

On Sunday, May 5th, Court Madonna #839, Wilmont, hosted May Crowning before the beginning of Mass. Children, dressed in their finest, joined in a procession, bringing flowers to honor Mary! The First Holy Communicants and the Senior class were special guests as they carried Mary's crown and placed the crown upon Mary. After the Crowning of Mary, three of the First Holy Communicants led the whole congregation in praying the Hail Mary. The Holy Mass was then celebrated!



*Above: 'Living Rosary' ceremony performed by Court St. Peter #1601, every year in January.*

## Surprise Birthday Guests

Eva Clauson of Ct. St. Theresa #973 celebrated her 80th birthday with an open house at her home in Currie on July 4th. CDA "sisters" Deb Lutmer of Ct. St. Bernard #886- Lismore, Lana Olivier of Ct. St. Theresa #973- Currie, and Cindy Bullerman of Ct. Santa Maria #247-Adrian joined the party and had a great visit.

**Happy Birthday, Eva!!**



Education Contest Winners



Left to right: Chairmen Leanne Stoll & Lisa Hemmelgarn, participants Olivia Reed, Miranda Poser, Sam Lafond, Trystan Larson & Kacie Riepe, Regent Dianne Rohde-Szarke

Court St. Rita #409, Perham, met on March 5th, 2019 to honor the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in our annual education contest, chaired by Leanne Stoll and Lisa Hemmelgarn. The themes this year were, Here I am Lord, I come to do Your Will or Doing my best to do Good. The entries were their original ideas chosen from these themes. 1st place winners in Division 1 were: Poetry-Trystan Larson, Essay-Sam Lafond, Art-Kacie Riepe, Division 11, Poetry-Miranda Poser, Essay-Natalie Rooney, Art-Natalie Rooney, Photography-Natalie Tusow. 2nd place winners in Division 1 were Poetry-Lee Lou

Novotny, Essay-Stella Hunt, Art-Olivia Reed, Division 11, Art-Miranda Poser. 3rd place winners in Division 1 were: Poetry-Gabby Scrapper, Essay-Ty Rooney, Art- Stella Hunt. The winners received a monetary stipend for their entries. 1st place entries will be entered in the State and possibly National competition.



Regent Dianne Rohde-Szarke, chairman Lisa Hemmelgarn, participant Natalie Tusow, Chairman Leanne Stoll



Above: Heidi Wenner, Court St. Peter #1601 Education Contest Chair, is pictured with the winners from this years entries.

Just Announced—2020 Education Themes  
“Blessed are the Peacemakers”  
And  
“Living in Harmony with others”

Medford Court St. Anne 1840 was so proud to hear that the CDA Educational Contest, Photo Division winner at state level was Cheyenne Fedder. Good luck to Cheyenne at National competition! You make Medford proud!!

Court St. Justin #2020 Mahnomen, MN CDA Education Contest Winners

Members of Court St. Justin #2020 Mahnomen, MN participated in the CDA Education contest. Certificates were presented during an All School Mass at St. Michael’s.



Pictured: Education contest winners



Pictured: Receiving her certificate is Bridget Mille from CDA Education Contest Chairperson Doris Eynck along with Peggy Darco



## Ct# 2107 Scholarship Winners Announced



Three Stephen-Argyle Central students were awarded a scholarship sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Ct.# 2107, from Argyle. The Court has been sponsoring two memorial scholarships for several years including the Florence Yutrzenka Memorial Scholarship and the Sister Mary John Sperl

Memorial Scholarship. Florence Yutrzenka, a charter member of the Court, was very active in the Argyle community and St. John Baptist Catholic Church of rural Argyle. Sister Mary John Sperl served at the St. Rose Church for many years; she had a great love for the youth of the church. The winners of the scholarships were announced at the school's Awards Day Program in early May.

Mikayla Bolduc, daughter of Jeff and Julie Bolduc, was selected as the winner of the Florence Yutrzenka Memorial Scholarship. In the scholarship application, Mikayla wrote about how cancer had impacted her family, her church and community involvement, and her importance of family. Mikayla will be attending Minnesota State University Moorhead this fall majoring in Pre-medicine Studies.

Savannah Riopelle, daughter of Brent and Jill Riopelle, and Abbey Johnson, daughter of Ken and

Kim Johnson, were both selected as winners of the Sister Mary John Sperl Memorial Scholarship. The applicants discussed their church and community involvement; both girls were religion teachers for the preschool students at St. Rose Church. Savannah has been an altar server for many years too. Savannah will be attending Northland Community & Technical College in Thief River Falls to complete her General Studies and Abbey Johnson will pursue her education at North Dakota State University for a degree in Math Education.

## THE ANGELIC LETTERS SERIES

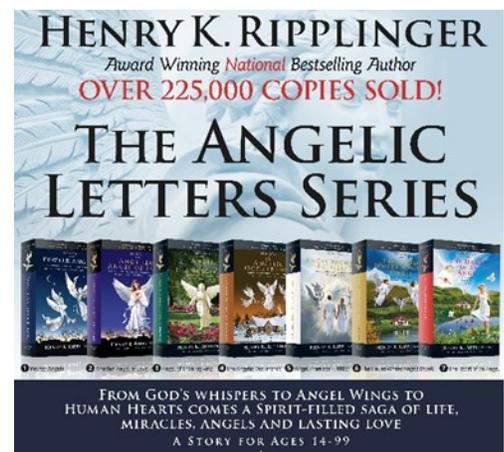
The Angelic Letters series is a seven book series written by Henry Ripplinger. This tender-hearted story follows the lives of Henry Pederson and Jenny Sarsky over five decades. The Series is much more than a love story. It is deeply inspiring and will awaken your faith. It is a story of a chaste love firmly rooted in Catholic teaching and principles. The challenges faced by Henry, Jenny and the other characters are similar to



those we have either experienced or will experience in our own lives. Perhaps the reason why these books have touched so many readers is that we identify with the challenges of sin, anger, and unforgiveness as portrayed through the characters. The story not only reaches us intellectually, but spiritually and emotionally as well. You will laugh, cry, pray and cheer for the characters who reveal to us many insights into life and the obstacles which prevent us from living a joy filled life with Jesus. As the truth of God's word is lived out, the series shows us just how lukewarm our Christian faith is and our great need for the

Holy Spirit in our lives.

Court St. Mary #509 in Moorhead is so excited about this series that they are promoting it and selling them among the faithful. The books are \$20 each. Please contact Lisa Ouderkirk if interested.



Local Court News continued;

An annual activity for members is to pray for the youth preparing for their First Holy Communion. As in the past year, the focus is on praying for the youth and cultivating friendships with the students as they prepare to receive our Lord in the Eucharist. It also is an opportunity to make CDA more visible to our youth and our faith community. The CDA members that participated in this event, were

encouraged to have frequent correspondence with the student such as sending letters or meeting the youth for mass. The response from the students (and their families) has been overwhelming positive, and encouraging to know that our prayers do make a difference!



Court St. Charles youth chair, Alyssa Anguiano displays gifts to be given to the youth making their First Holy Communion.

# 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Tri-parish of St. Ann, Slayton; St Mary, Lake Wilson; and St. Columba, Iona celebrated the 30th anniversary of Father Thien Nguyen with a complimentary roast beef dinner hosted by Court Queen of Peace. Five members of Father's family were also in attendance.



Pictured are a family friend from Egan, MN; brother Thanh; Father Thien; brother, Father Thinh; sister, Nga; sister-in-law, Hien. The relatives came from California and South Carolina.

# Haiti Projects

Marcie Cowan, youth chair, gathered her students to cut t-shirts which were then sewn by CDA members to make diapers to be sent to Haiti.

*Pictured are: Jaden Aamodt, Father Thien Nguyen, Joyce Wynia, Eliese Meyer, Rita Lear, Marcie Cowan, Dawson Blankenship, Celeste Aamodt, Ryanna Schreier. Two hundred three diapers were sewn by CDA members to be sent to Haiti.*



# New Members



Denise Lynn is shown filling out her application for membership in Ct. St. Bernard #886. She was installed at a Mass for New Members on Sunday, April 7 at St. Anthony's in Lismore. Ct. St. Bernard #886 hosted a reception to honor new members and 50+ year members. Ct. Madonna #839 of Wilmont and Ct. Santa Maria #247 of Adrian joined in the festivities.



Court Madonna #839 - Wilmont receives new members at formal reception

## Reception of new members-Court St. Rita #409



**Pictured: Top row, Father Matthew Kuhn and Deacon Randy Altstadt**  
**Row Two From top, Lynn Schwanke, Janel Altstadt, Helene Johnson Bonnie Hein Dianne Rohde- Szarke Row Three, Lorie Curtis, Marlys Knuth, Mary Pufall**  
**Row Four Karen Hammers and Mary Mercer Flag Bearer, Leanne Stoll and Cathy Doll, Banner Bearer**

Court St. Rita #409, Perham, Minnesota of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas held their Eucharistic Liturgy for the Reception of new members on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at St. Henry's Catholic Church, with celebrant Father Matthew Kuhn assisted by Deacon Randy Altstadt.

The procession was lead by Candle Bearers Miranda & Courtney Poser, Color Guard Leanne Stoll, Banner Bearer Cathy Doll and Membership Chairmen Karen Hammers with candidate Mary Mercer. Following were Court Officers: Treasurer Lorie Curtis, Financial Secretary Janel Altstadt (proxy for Renee Doll), Recording Secretary Lynn Schwanke, Vice Regent Helene Johnson and Regent Dianne

Rohde-Szarke. Next in the procession was State Secretary Bonnie Hein, Fergus Falls, State First Vice Regent Mary Pufall, Moorhead and State Regent Marlys Knuth Slayton, followed by the Clergy.

Members and Court Officers participated in the Mass as Sacristan, Choir Members, Organist, Gift Bearers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers.

Our new member Mary Mercer was installed by Regent Dianne. Mary was presented a Rose and proceeded to light a candle at the image of the Blessed Mother Mary our Patroness. Each new member of Court St. Rita is assigned a big sister. Karen Hammers, Mary's big sister assists her by answering questions, giving encouragement and helps her get acquaintances with our organization.

Two new members were unable to attend they were Michelle

Westland and Melissa Price. Their big sisters were Renee Doll and Ann Dardis.

After the recessional, a reception was held in the Church Hall. Regent Dianne introduced our newly appointed District Deputy, Lorie Curtis, who was then installed by First Vice Regent, Mary Pufall and State Regent Marlys Knuth. Father Matt blessed our newly installed District Deputy, he then lead us in our meal prayer and added a prayer for our 50 year honoree, Rosie Altstadt, who was absent due to Illinois. A pot luck was furnished by members of the Court followed by a short meeting by Regent Dianne.

Court St. Rita is excited as we are planning our 100th Anniversary celebration on September 15,

Local Court news continued.....

Medford hosts joint Reception of New Members



Three State Officers attended the joint reception of new members on June 18th at Christ The King Church in Medford. Ct. St. Anne #1840 in Medford hosted Ct. Owatonna #1180 of Owatonna and Ct. Sacred Heart #1424 of Waseca. Marlys Knuth, State Regent; Monica Capra, Second Vice State Regent; Bonnie Hein, State Secretary; and District Deputy, Betty Hager were in attendance and over 40 new members participated from the three area courts!



Save the Date

Sunday November 3, 2019

Come Celebrate Our 60th Anniversary

Mass at 10:00am

Sharing time

Meal

CDA

Court #1820

St. James, MN

Formal invite to follow

Court St. Justin #2020 Mahnomen, MN

Rosary at Mahnomen Area Assisted Living, also before all Masses in May & October

Court St. Justin #2020 Mahnomen, MN has the pleasure of leading praying the Rosary at the Mahnomen Area Assisted Living Chapel once a week. Also during the months of May & October CDA members lead praying the Rosary before all Masses at St. Michael's Church.



Leading the Rosary: CDA member Eloise Kettner

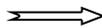


Praying the Rosary: Residents of Mahnomen Area Assisted Living



CDA member Aitha Spaeth

CDA Court of St. Joan of Arc #1291 had an abundance of beautiful baby items and cash donated in April with our Birthright Shower. These were gifted to the Birthright Office in Marshall MN, we are very proud and fortunate to be able to help the girls/women in our area. Birthright has volunteers that aid with compassion, support and information for pregnancy, parenting and saving their babies.



Pictured Left to Right:

Madonna Cinkle, Mary Jo Eick, Evonne Seivert, Louise Van Leeuwe, Margie Dahl, Pat Gawarecki, Joyce Persoon, Bev Schroeder, Pat Schmidt, Yvonne Sontag, Mary Striegel, Gin Windy, Arlene Lesewski, Betty Krogman, Carolyn Boerboom, Shirley Kerkaert, Eunice Herrick, Diane Doom, Jackie Doom, Phyllis Taveirne, Lil St. Aubin, Sharon Kinker, other Catholic Daughters not present were in the kitchen.



## New JCDA Court coming In August!

Court Queen of Peace #1558 is happy to announce that on August 10th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, the new Junior Catholic Daughter Court will participate in the Institution ceremony! The paperwork is completed and has been sent to National. The formation of the group is organized with 15 members, elected officers and three adult leaders.

**This will be the fourth JCDA court in MN!!**



*Pictured left are soon to be JCDA members:*

*Grace Nelson, Michelle Zenk, Olivia Kathman, Sophia Nelson, Hanna Herig, and Vanessa Herrig.*

*St. Cecilia is the name chosen by the JCDA Court in Slayton*



*During the Easter season the nursing home residents and shut-in members who are CDA members are remembered with a flower. Pictured are: Regent Joyce Risacher, Vonnice Deyonge and JCDA member Rachel Huso.*

**JUNIOR  
CATHOLIC  
DAUGHTERS OF  
THE AMERICAS**  
- A great way to encourage our youth, our future!



**Father Luis Buitron is photographed with the volunteer students, parents and some CDA members who worked on fleece blankets. Many thanks to everyone for a successful evening!**

Brooke Clausen, daughter of CDA member Jeanne Clausen of Argyle, wanted a community service during her junior year at Stephen Argyle Central School. Brooke attends Religious Education class at the Assumption Catholic Church of rural Strandquist. She organized the RE students, asked for parent volunteers, purchased fleece materials (with the help of grant money), and notified the Court of Our Lady of the Fields (Court #2107 of Argyle) that February 27 was the evening selected for making fleece Prayer Blankets. Prayer Blankets are distributed by Court Lady of the Fields to anyone going through challenging times and has been very popular for the past several years. Over 150 fleece blankets have been given since the program started (approximately 8 years ago). On the evening of February 27, 19 fleece blankets were completed in an hour. Father Luis Buitron blessed the blankets during Mass on March 3.

# Catholic Daughter Legacy

What will be YOUR legacy in Catholic Daughters? Clara Fuerstenberg of Court Madonna #839 of Wilmont, Minnesota is leaving a GREAT one. Clara has been a Catholic Daughter for 51 years and her daughter, Joan Joens, is currently the Court's Regent with 41 years of membership to her credit. Joan has been instrumental in moving the court forward with her outstanding leadership and their membership continues to grow. Ct. Madonna "gave birth" to a JCDA court, St. Maria, which includes six of Clara's great granddaughters as charter members. Ct. St. Maria recently celebrated their first anniversary and these girls are already on their way to following in their grandmother's and great grandmother's footsteps! The JCDA court attended the Minnesota State convention where they handed out roses to the 50 year members who were attending. Great Grandma Clara was one of those honored. To see that kind of tradition being passed along was so heartwarming. Thanks, Clara and Joan, for your fine example of leaving a legacy of Unity and Charity. The future of Courts Madonna and St. Maria look very bright.



Left to right: Clara Joens, Joan Joens, Tarryn Joens, Macy Joens, Addison Joens, Clara Fuerstenberg, Chloe Joens, Jena Joens.

## Court St. Margaret Mary # 605 Plant & White

From left to right:  
Julie Hindman, Judy  
Potter, Ruth  
Magnuson and  
Sandy Sakry



The weekend of June 8 & 9 Court St. Margaret Mary of International Falls held their Plant & White Elephant fundraiser. The sale was on Saturday from 9AM till noon and after both the Saturday and Sunday masses. The idea and planning came from our secretary, Sandy Sakry. Our parishioners and community donated plants and various items for the sale. CDA member, Helen

Patterson, welcomed us to dig up plants from her flower garden and Orin Simon (parishioner) donated a large variety of tomato plants. Additional, we had baked goods for sale along with fresh cut rhubarb. Left over White Elephant items were given to the Servants of Shelter for their fundraiser the next weekend. Servants of

Shelter is our community organization that provides housing for the homeless in our area. Extra plants were given away to parishioners after the masses the following weekend. Thanks to all the help of our CDA members our fundraiser was a success and a service to our community.



## Minnesota Catholic Daughters

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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!!

<u>Ct. Caledonia #555, Caledonia</u> <i>Ruth Esch, Debra Reed, Ann Schmitz</i>	<u>Ct. St. Mary #509, Moorhead</u> <i>Patricia Drysdale, Barbara DeConcini</i>	<u>Ct. Madonna #839, Wilmont</u> <i>Pamela Einck, Lisa Flores, Jane Janssen</i>
<u>Ct. Holy Rosary #1916, Detroit Lakes</u> <i>Cathy Herman, Sadie Herman</i>	<u>Ct. Owatonna #1180, Owatonna</u> <i>Dina Atkinson</i>	<u>Ct. Winona #191, Winona</u> <i>Julie FitzGerald, Terri Kersting, Betty Singer-Towns</i>
<u>Ct. St. Cabrini #1466, Fergus Falls</u> <i>Mary Drake, Mary Earle, Kristi Kugler</i>	<u>Ct. St. John #1371, Pipestone</u> <i>Delores Perkins</i>	
<u>Ct. St. Bernard #886, Lismore</u> <i>Denise Lynn</i>	<u>Ct. Queen of Peace #1558, Slayton</u> <i>Deanna Konkol, Deborah Hagen</i>	
<u>Ct. St Mary Peter #1864 Mazeppa</u> <i>Sophie Holm, Laurie Opseth</i>	<u>Ct. St. Peter #1601, St. Peter</u> <i>Deb Sandquist</i>	

### Blessed Be Their Memory

<u>Ct Santa Maria #247, Adrian</u> <i>Kathleen Cox</i>		
<u>Ct Joan of Arc #691, Blue Earth</u> <i>Catherine Mino</i>	<u>Ct St. Margaret #1888, Eveleth</u> <i>Marjorie Forte, Mary Vuk</i>	<u>Ct St Mary #509, Moorhead</u> <i>Theresa Cahoy, Caroline Wettstein, Polly Krogen</i>
<u>Ct St. Joan of Arc #1291, Marshall</u> <i>Anita Van Overbeke, Vivian Gregoire</i>	<u>Ct Owatonna #1180, Owatonna</u> <i>Harriet Jirousek</i>	<u>Ct St. Rita #409, Perham</u> <i>Kathryn Perszyk</i>
<u>Ct Queen of Peace #1158, Slayton</u> <i>Marianne Kerr</i>	<u>Ct St. James #1820, St. James</u> <i>Alice Cantril, LouAnn Lofgren</i>	
<u>Ct St. Peter #1601, St Peter</u> <i>Marilyn Bresnahan, Louise Johnson, Marion Kienlen, Ruth Miller, Bernita Seitzer</i>		



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