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REGENT'S REFLECTIONS

Evonne Seivert, MN State CDA Regent

BECOME A GENEROUS GIVER OF FREE GIFTS

Last year at this time, I suggested several things to give up for Lent. This year I am moving to what you can give to others. Not for the world would I think you are not doing some of these things already, but pick up a new positive trait and find out how meaningful it can be in your life of service.

Be a giver of Praise and Admiration: Praise God, for His many gifts. Be generous with your praise and admiration for others. Tell them of the wonderful qualities you recognize in them.

Be a giver of Consideration and Understanding: We all have feelings that can be injured. Put yourself in the other's shoes. Try seeing a situation through their viewpoint. Have the humility to say, "You are right, I apologize, I am wrong."

Be a giver of Gratitude and Appreciation: People need to be appreciated. Think about how receiving a sincere "thank you" makes you feel. You have it in your power to give these free gifts away regularly.

Be a giver of Acknowledgement and Attention: When the other person speaks, listen attentively. NO texting while someone is trying to chat with you; stop and listen or you are missing out. Ask yourself, what are they trying to tell me?

Be a giver of Acceptance and Approval: Suggest ideas that might spark their feelings of worth. Plant seeds of courage and action in the other person's heart through your kind words and actions.

Be a giver of Joy and Laughter: Share your smiles and happiness. Laughter is contagious, use it often. Joy is so needed. You are being commissioned to share your joy in life with others!

Be an Encourager: Give positive affirmations when they do well. Be the needed someone who assists others in continuing to strive for accomplishments and lasting satisfaction. Suggest they give themselves a pat on the back every once in awhile. We all need to feel needed and important.

These are all gifts each of us can give others throughout the year! Take on the role of a giver in any one of the attributes and become aware of what it does for you and others. We are blessed by our giving and caring. God surely must smile.

MINNESOTA COURTS HELP IMPROVE COMMUNITIES!

Wow! Reports are coming in for the Convention and I am impressed! Catholic Sisters across the state are helping make things better in their communities, their parishes, their Courts and in one another's lives. It is sometimes easy to say, 'I'm too busy,' 'I helped with that last year,' 'I don't have the talent for that,' or 'I wouldn't know where to begin.' It appears that we are not hearing that as much lately as the information filters in on all of the things our Sisters across the state are accomplishing.

Members are stepping up and involving our youth, sewing quilts for seniors and kindergartners, baking cakes and providing salads for funerals, adopting and praying for an unborn baby, providing baby items for places like Birthright, praying and doing something special for the First Communicants and Confirmants, visiting nursing homes, praying for and sending letters to Seminarians, writing to legislators, serving Christmas Dinners, encouraging new members to join, secret pals etc. And there is so much more. Catholic Daughters are truly amazing at caring for others.

Projects don't just happen, this is where you come in, someone has to come up with an idea and then it needs to become an action. Think about all your Court does and ask yourself, "What would our community be missing if we just suddenly ceased all activity?" It would be then that you would notice that our activities have made a difference! Have fun, dig in, and be a part of what is happening in CDA!



Evonne Seivert
MN CDA Regent

MARCH-THE MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH Father Mark Steffl, MN CDA Chaplain

A great, but often missed feast day on the Church calendar each year is the Feast of St. Joseph, which is on March 19. Joseph, the Foster-Father of Our Lord, in a particular way, is given the entire month for us to contemplate his example of doing God's Will and his very unique role in the childhood of Our Lord, Jesus.

Every Catholic Church usually has some image, statue, or painting of St. Joseph. Many churches that are architecturally older, even have an altar of St. Joseph. He is given the title "Patron of the Universal Church" and a few years ago, Pope Francis added St. Joseph to each of the Eucharistic Prayers that are said at Mass. In the parishes where I have been assigned, I usually pray the Litany of St. Joseph at the end of Mass in the month of March.

Over the course of centuries, St. Joseph has acquired many titles of honor. These are all included in the Litany of St. Joseph. Some of the most important, I think, are "Hope of the Sick" and "Patron of the Dying" as well as "Protector of Holy Church."

St. Teresa of Avila, the 16th century Spanish reformer of religious life in the Carmelite Order, had a great devotion to St. Joseph. She wrote:

To other Saints, our Lord seems to have given graces to succor men in some special necessity; but to this glorious Saint, as I know by experience, He has given grace to help us in all; and our Lord would have us understand that as He was Himself subject of St. Joseph upon earth – for St. Joseph, having the title of father and being His guardian, could command Him – so now in heaven Jesus answers all of St. Joseph's petitions.

Therefore, we should not fail to go to St. Joseph for his help in everything that concerns us. In the book of Genesis (chapter 41), and people are starving because of a famine in Egypt, the pharaoh tells his people "Go to Joseph." (Joseph was one of the Patriarch Israel's sons who had been sold into slavery by his brothers, ending up in Egypt as a high-ranking official of the pharaoh.) In the New Testament, the "Joseph" that the Church tells us to approach for what we need is the Foster-Father of Jesus, and the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin. As we prepare for Lent, I would like to encourage everyone to pray the Litany of St. Joseph each day during Lent, and maybe even beyond Lent.



*MN CDA Chaplain,
Father Mark Steffl*

MESSAGES FROM OUR NATIONAL CLERGY

GEOGRAPHY OF THE HEART

*excerpt from Dec 2018 CDA Nat'l Quarterly
Most Rev. Brendan J Cahill, Nat'l Chaplain*

In his Christmas message to Catholic Daughters, Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill, National Chaplain shared these words from the 2007 Christmas homily of Pope Benedict.

Heaven does not belong to the geography of space, but to the geography of the heart. And the heart of God, during the Holy Night, stooped down to the stable: the humility of God is Heaven. And if we approach this humility, then we touch Heaven. Then the Earth too is made new. With the humility of the shepherds, let us set out, during this Holy Night, towards the Child in the stable! Let us touch God's humility, God's heart! Then his joy will touch us and will make the world more

radiant. Amen.

Rev. Cahill remarks, "What a beautiful image—heaven belongs to 'the geography of the heart.' Heaven doesn't exist far away in a distant future, but in the heart that opens up to the simple love of God revealed in the stable at Bethlehem." He stated to us, as Catholic Daughters, "You have been a light bringing Heaven to Earth in many ways throughout the year... let's keep each other in prayer with confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit."

*Watch these boxes for
Fr. Edward Lamp's message of how to
**Live in the Spirit of Christmas
Each Day!***

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS



Olga Samaniego
National Regent

Olga Samaniego, Excerpt from the December 2018 CDA National Quarterly

In the most recent issue of the CDA National Quarterly, our National Regent urged us to give a gift to some very important people in our lives ... our parish priests/court chaplains. In her words, “This is a very difficult time for our Church, and our priests are bearing the brunt of the backlash over what is occurring. Many are nervous and feel like they are walking on eggshells. We know, however, that for every priest who may be guilty of impropriety, there are many others who work faithfully every day to bring us comfort, to bring us the sacraments, to officiate at our weddings and funerals, and who continue to minister faithfully to their flocks.”

She has provided us with a Prayer for Priests and asks us to say the prayer at every meeting for the next term, to share it with others and to pray it at home with our families. As Olga says, “When we pray for renewal-when we ask God to renew us in His image, He is faithful to answer that prayer. A renewed membership following God and God-filled priests **Can Do Anything**”!

*The **Prayer for Priests** can be found on the back/mailer page of this newsletter.*

2019 NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Full articles and details of these excerpts are in the Dec. 2018 CDA Nat'l Quarterly from your Court Regent.

KICKING UP OUR HEELS FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP!

National CDA is announcing a new Court and State Competition from August 2018 through June 2020 ... **to kick up our heels and recruit new sisters!**

Remember, whether she wears flats, tennis shoes, flip flops or high heels, Catholic Daughters is for ALL ladies! There will be special prizes for all courts and states that participate and give recruitment their all.

EMBRACING THE POOR

Carol Bogacz, Nat'l Quality of Life Chair

“Let’s be honest; not one of us has a firm grip on reality as to the world of poverty. Millions go to sleep each night unaware if they’re going to eat the next day ... We know things are wrong, but we don’t know how or what we can do as a group to change the world ... We, the Catholic Daughters can do something... We have a powerful dimension about us that is 65,000 members strong—it is our power of prayer... They (*the poor*) are real people, made in the likeness and image of God. They are people like us who need to experience God’s grace. The grace God poured out on us is what we have to offer.”

IS HE CALLING YOU?

Rose Holschlag, Nat'l Habitat for Humanity Chair

“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” I Samuel 3:9 Is he calling ... you ... to do a Habitat build? In addition to building new homes, Habitat also refurbishes existing homes in many communities...This may be a good option if funds are short for building a new home.

Another option being considered by the national board is the possibility of working with GoServe Global to provide homes for our families in third world countries. GoServe Global has set up SafeT Homes in the countries of Haiti, Guatemala, Peru, Kenya, and more. Now, we need to realize that folks in these third world countries do not use their homes like we do here in the U.S. Their homes are used only to store what few clothes they have and to sleep in safety. They do all of their cooking, washing, and living outdoors. Homes that were set up in Haiti withstood the 145 mile an hour winds of Hurricane Matthew in 2016 with minimal damage... sheltering at least 100 people each ... while other homes were being destroyed... These folks are so grateful for their shelters/homes.”

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THE MOST IMPORTANT GIFT

Bev Phillion, State Family Chair

Greetings and best wishes to all of you for a happy, joyous 2019!!

Last year I attempted to contact each Court Regent or another officer in your court to introduce myself and send the Family - Circle of Love Report Form to fill out and send back to me by March 15, 2019. Time is marching on and that deadline is fast approaching. If there is anything you need, or questions you have, I will do my best to help or find the resources to give you assistance while completing your Family - Circle of Love Report Form. You can send your questions and/or report forms to me either by email at bevphillion@yahoo.com, by postal mail at 518 Champagne Avenue, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750, by calling or texting me at 218-686-9455, or calling me at 218-253-2499 - we have an answering machine. I look forward to hearing from each court in the near future! May the Lord bless you as your Court serves the Lord throughout this new year!

We all know that God is love and the theme for last month. We are reminded in 1 John 3:1 "See what love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called the children of God; and so we are." Let us remember the most important gift we have received - being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, and other family members and friends that you love them frequently.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bonnie Hein, State Secretary

Did you know

- ... that the first Daughters of Isabella Court was established in Utica, New York in 1903?
- ... that this group evolved into the Catholic Daughters of the Americas?
- ... that today there are nearly 70,000 CDA members in 1,250 courts in the U.S. and in the territories of Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands, Mexico, Kenya and Peru?
- ... that in our state we have 28 Courts with a membership of 2,046?
- ... that JCDA was started in 1926 and that there are many JCDA Courts today including three in Minnesota?
- ... that Habitat for Humanity became an annual commitment in 1995 for the Catholic Daughters after a Blitz Build was held in Oklahoma City and
- ... that the National Court has helped with 32 Habitat homes and
- ... that our State Court has helped with 18 Habitat homes?

State News



HABITAT HOUSE NEWS

Marlys Knuth, State 1st Vice Regent

On January 14, 2019, State Regent Evonne Seivert, State 1st Vice Regent Marlys Knuth, State 2nd Vice Regent Mary Pufall, State Secretary Bonnie Hein, and State Treasurer Jackie Svenby, attended the Habitat House Dedication in Fergus Falls.....an inspiring day! Participating in this dedication, one can see that the funds raised from Gummi Bears or individual monetary donations support a wonderful, worthwhile project.

Each year, Courts are asked to consider sponsoring a Habitat Build. MN CDA donates \$10,000.00 to the recipient of the Build at the dedication. There were three applicants for the 2019 Habitat Build. Local courts worked with their Habitat Affiliate

and submitted detailed, organized plans with a narrative stating "why" they are applying. The courts submitting applications were from St. Peter, Medford and Eveleth. Court St. Margaret #1888, Eveleth was chosen as the site for the 2019 Build. Congratulations to the Eveleth Court!

Local Court Regents...now is the time to start thinking about a Habitat Build in your area. The deadline for submission is December 1, 2019. Habitat application and local Habitat Affiliates will be sent to each of you in about a month to apply for the 2020 Build.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Margee Keller, State Publicity Chair

*** What tools is your court using?**

Media relations ... advertising ... social media ... newsletters ... posters ... special events ... speaking engagements ... interviews ... Diocesan paper ... church bulletins, etc.

*** First off, does your Court have anyone designated to be in charge?**

Publicity is not just one person in your court. All members should be responsible for promoting our organization.

*** How do you notify your members about meetings or special events?**

Do you use Facebook, church bulletins, postcards, newspaper, radio, etc.

*** Are you keeping track of what publicity you used to increase awareness of your Catholic Daughter court?**

*** What have you done with your Court Pal?**

*** Do your community or church members know that your Catholic Daughter court exists in your community?**

BOOSTING YOUR LENTEN SPIRITUALITY

Patt Johnson, State Spiritual Enhancement Chair

What will I give “up” for Lent? Maybe take “up” His Word, the Bible, for a change! Just listen in your heart to these words that speak of why it’s a good idea.

Jer. 15:16 “Your words were found and I ate them, and your words became for me a joy and delight to my heart.”

Jer. 29:13 “When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.”

Ps. 119:105 “Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path.”

Let’s make sure that Scripture plays a big part of our Lenten act of fasting, so we gain a hunger and thirst for God’s word, for as St. Jerome said: “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” Make time each day with your Bible and **BOOST** your spirituality.

MINNESOTA HAS A NEW NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Jackie Svenby, State Treasurer

Emily Guilherme, from Corona, California is the new National Representative for the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, Iowa, and Peru. She also holds the position of First Vice National Regent. She is replacing Vickie Feist, our representative for the past four years. We thank Vickie for all of her guidance, and look forward to working with Emily going forward. Emily has been invited to our State Convention in May, so let’s show her how great Minnesota CDA is!



Emily Guilherme,
National Rep for
MN

WELCOME NEW MN CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Ct. Holy Rosary #1916, Detroit Lakes
Theresa Dahring

Ct. St. Cabrini #1466, Fergus Falls
Deborah Forstner, Beverly Miller,
Cathy Woytassek

Ct. St. Justin #2020, Mahanomen
Misty Amberg, LuAnn Durant, Peggy Francis,
Melissa Wetland, Juanita Zimmerman

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

Ct. St. Anne #1840, Medford
Diane Rech

Ct. St. Rita #409, Perham
Michelle Westland, Melissa Price

Ct. Queen of Peace #1558, Slayton
Judith Andrews, Amy Kathman, Susan Zenk

Ct. Sacred Heart #1424, Waseca
Linda Groh, Carmen Pries

Ct. Madonna #839, Wilmont
Carol Johnson, Paulette Sjogren

Ct. Winona #191, Winona
Paula Beyer, Debra King, Lori Nicklay,
Patricia Papenfuss, Sandy Schiltz,
Hannah Uker

Any new members’ names not listed were unavailable at time of publication.

STATE COURT NEWS

THE CONVENTION IS COMING, THE CONVENTION IS COMING

Evonne Seivert, MN State CDA Regent

The **2019 Minnesota Catholic Daughters State Convention will be in Rochester at the Kahler Grand Hotel on Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4.** If you have never attended a State or National convention you may wonder why all of the excitement. There are delegates and alternates but MNCDA members from around the state are also invited to attend. In order to be on the Convention floor, you do need to pay registration, but if not you may attend and check out the other activities, pay for meals and attend with delegates, and be a non delegate member without credentials.

This year will be our Minnesota Catholic Daughters 48th Biennial Convention. Rochester, MN. will be the site and the St. Charles, Plainview and Mazeppa-Bellechester Courts are hosts for this year's big event!

The Kahler Grand Hotel with the Kahler Inns and Suites will house the members who attend. Voting delegates, as well as alternates, officers and non delegates will be present. Mass will be celebrated at the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and be open for all who attend. Rev. Bishop Quinn of the Diocese of Winona will be the Celebrant on Friday. All of the Courts' Officers will be in their Robes for the Masses; impressive! Other activities at the convention will include laying plans for future projects, discussing and voting on resolutions and new business items. It is a time to elect our next state officers and learn which Courts are the winners in the projects and programs submitted to the State's Circle of Love and Project Committees!

We will have some interesting speakers, welcomes by a variety of individuals including dignitaries from Rochester, our National Supervisor and past State Regents, a Silent Auction, tours of the Mayo Clinic and other sites, (advance registration required), entertainment music by Flipside on Friday night, and piano music by Nathan Knuth on Saturday and so much more!

The reason I am raving on is that all members of the various Courts are invited to attend. If you pay a registration fee, you can be on the Convention floor. Registration for individuals who are available to attend only one day on the Convention floor, is \$20.00.

If you are not a part of the delegation, you can purchase meal tickets and attend the meals, participate in the Silent Auction, buy a chance on a quilt, play lucky bucks, get items from the Country store, and meet and chat with your CDA Sisters from around the state. Giving you the opportunity to come without being a delegate, alternate or visitor allows you to experience only a limited portion of the convention but as you see, a convention does have experiences beyond the critical part: the decision making and convention floor activity.

So, gather some members, car pool and come experience some of the events beyond the working action of the convention or register and be a part of it all. In 2021, plan to get elected as a delegate or alternate and come experience it all!

Treasure the gift of Jesus and Reflect on the Faith we share in Him

CELEBRATING COURT ANNIVERSARIES

2019 MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES FOR MN CDA COURTS

Court St. Charles #1791	St. Charles	60 years	3-8-1959
Court Holy Rosary #1916	Detroit Lakes	55 years	4-5-1964
Court St. Bernard #886	Lismore	95 years	6-24-1924
Court St. Rita #409	Perham	100 years	11-9-1919
Court Our Lady of the Fields #2107	Argyle	45 years	11-10-974
Court St. James #1820	St. James	60 years	11-22-1959
Court Santa Maria #247	Adrian	105 years	12-6-1914



LOCAL COURT NEWS

COURT ST. ANNE #1840, MEDFORD HOLDS 'BEDDING SHOWER' FOR 'SARAH'S OASIS FOR WOMEN'

Mary Zabel

In August of 2018, Court St. Anne #1840 of Medford answered the call of their paired women's religious group, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St Paul Province.

One of the Sisters' many focus programs is "Sarah's Oasis for Women"; helping single women in need develop the skills to work and support their families and gain sufficient skills to be independent. The Sisters suggested the program could use sets of new bedding as all newly arrived women are given bedding which they take with them when they are ready to leave the program. Our court's project leader, Shirley Jenö, arranged contact with this organization to host this successful shower which provided mounds of bedding sets for the program from our 70-member court.

This shower, the best ever attended, helped fill a most important need and gave great satisfaction to the givers in return. In addition, our pal court, Court Queen of Peace #1558 of Slayton sent a check for the Sisters in support of our effort! Our thanks to them for their prayers and assistance!



Front l to r: Jessie Beucler, Luella Heim, Gerry Valek, Project Leader Shirley Jenö, Secretary Mary Wencil, Regent Jeanette Wartham, Vice Regent, Cathy Nelson
 Back l to r: Terry Beucler, Sandy Kucera, Helen Kay, Betty Manderfeld, Winnie Hughes, Kaylynn Gordon, LaVonne Cervenka, Diane Sammon, LaVonne Amberg, Mary Lou Davidson, Gloria Dietz, Jackie Dulas, Marge Sehnert, Judy Thomas, Lois Nelson, Diane Rech, Judy Edel, Noreen Giefer, Marie Tuve and Betty Hager

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COURT PLAINVIEW #497 HOLDS CREATIVE FUNDRAISER

Karen Reinschmidt

Do you find yourself using sticky notes or scrap paper to mark pages in your favorite books, magazines, and recipe books? You're not alone, and this inspired Jessica Andring from Court Plainview #497, Plainview to suggest a creative new fundraiser selling these very cute and highly useful magnetic bookmarks. Jessica found a vendor that offered very reasonable prices so we could sell them for \$1 per bookmark or \$4 for a sheet of 4 to 6 bookmarks. We reached out to a local craft boutique and arranged to have a display during their annual Fall Boutique. Instead of charging our court the standard commission and vendor fee, the boutique owners simply asked that some of our CDA members volunteer to work at the boutique during their busy times. It was a fun opportunity and we sold hundreds of bookmarks during the two weekends of the Fall Boutique. We have also sold them during other CDA events like our Fall Brunch. This was a new and different type of fundraiser for our court and we are pleased that it has been so successful.



LOCAL COURT NEWS

COURT ST. CABRINI #1466 CELEBRATES HABITAT HOME COMPLETION

Missy Hermes

The past few months have been very exciting for the Fergus Falls Court St. Cabrini #1466! It really doesn't seem possible that in just 9 short months, the new Habitat for Humanity house was completed. From groundbreaking in May until the dedication in January, members worked tirelessly to make sure that a family had a home. Megan and Little Frank are excited about starting this new chapter in their lives.



National and State CDA officers join Ct. St. Cabrini members to celebrate the completion of the latest CDA Habitat for Humanity home.

L to r: National Regent Elect Sherry Nilles, State Regent Evonne Seivert, Past National Regent Shirley Seyfried, State 1st Vice Regent Marlys Knuth, State 2nd Vice Regent Mary Pufall, National Regent Olga Samaniego, State Treasurer Jackie Svenby, and State Secretary Bonnie Hein

This ceremony was especially thrilling as the National Court had awarded another \$10,000 to the build. National Regent

Olga Salமானiego and National Regent Elect Sherry Nilles flew in to attend the festivities. Their spouses even got a taste of Minnesota ice fishing! Another CDA spouse participated by blessing the home. Deacon Dean Pawlowski, husband of member Sarah Pawlowski, did a wonderful job!



Fr. Bill Gamber, whose mother Margaret was a Charter member of Ct. St. Cabrini, joins the celebration with State and National Regents

Our CDA sisters locally and around the state have been with us every step of the process, from accepting our grant proposal and attending the groundbreaking, to helping with a Blitz Build in September and then celebrating at the dedication on January 14. CDA members from North Dakota also attended the banquet honoring our special guests. We thank everyone for your prayers and hard work! It truly helps us see the miracle of how a bag of Gummi Bears becomes a happy home.

COURT SANTA MARIA #247 TREATS DAC CLIENTS

Cindy Bullerman

Court Santa Maria #247 of Adrian once again treated the Worthington Developmental Achievement Center to a Christmas party. Santa and Mrs. Claus were warmly received and handed out bags of party mix to the sixty clients. Court Chaplain Fr. Rick Colletti brought his accordion and guitar and many Christmas carols were sung. There were lots of smiles and hugs shared! The afternoon concluded with everyone enjoying root-beer floats.



Front row l to r: Cindy Bullerman, Lenore Domeyer, Mrs. Claus, Santa, and Fr. Rick Colletti. Back row: DAC Director Bob Schreiber, Lynnette Domeyer, Donna Lewis, Rita Domagala, Paula Goedken, Vida Konz, and Carol Rupp

*Make prayer
a critical part of your day*

COURT QUEEN OF PEACE #1558 REMEMBERS MEMBERS AT CHRISTMAS

Rita Lear

Each year Catholic Daughters members of Court Queen of Peace #1558, Slayton visit their members at nursing homes and present them with a poinsettia.



Pictured l to r are: Rita Lear, Alice Knutson, Marianne Kerr, Fidelis Hartle

LOCAL COURT NEWS

COURT ST. RITA #409 MEMBERS ATTEND HABITAT DEDICATION

Fuzz Hammers

Dianne Rohde-Szarke, Regent and Fuzz Hammers, members of Court St. Rita #409 Perham, attended a dinner on January 14, 2019 sponsored by Catholic Daughters Court St. Cabrini #1466 of Fergus Falls. The event was in celebration of the dedication and blessing of Minnesota CDA's 18th Habitat for Humanity house which was recently completed in Fergus Falls.



L to R: Catholic Daughters Past National Regent Shirley Seyfried, Ct. St. Rita Regent Dianne Rohde-Szarke, National Regent Olga Samaniego, El Paso, Texas, Past Minnesota State Secretary and Ct. St. Rita member Fuzz Hammers & National Regent Elect Sherry Nilles, Sheldon, Iowa

Honored guests for the dedication and blessing were National Regent Olga Samaniego, El Paso, Texas and Regent Elect Sherry Nilles, Sheldon, Iowa. Also present were Past National Regent Shirley Seyfried, Ct. St. Cabrini, #1466, Fergus Falls, the five Min-

nesota State Court Officers and Habitat Executive Director, Stan Carignan, along with other CDA members, guests and clergy.

New owners Megan Butenas and her son Frank, accepted a check for a \$10,000 grant from Minnesota CDA State Regent Evonne Seivert.

Meg Schmidt and Sharon Stevens from Court St. Cabrini #1466 were recognized for working every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday on the build. They were presented with 'Commanders Coins' for their hard work. The build took 200 plus volunteers, 1800 hours and seven months to complete.

Habitat for Humanity is a Catholic Daughters project, funded by the proceeds of the annual CDA Gummi Bear campaign.

COURT ST. MARGARET MARY #605 HOSTS CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY RESIDENTS

Julie Hindman

On Tuesday, December 11, 2018, ten Catholic Daughters from Court St. Margaret Mary #605, International Falls shared their



Falls shared their Christmas spirit with the residents of the Good Samaritan Society in International Falls. Our program started with nativity readings from the Book of Luke interspersed with

Christmas songs. We played Christmas Bingo followed by decorating Christmas cookies. Each resident was able to select a small Christmas token along with a Christmas bag containing candy, a bible verse, small bell and a tablet. Dessert was angel food cake (how appropriate) and of course decorated Christmas cookies. All ten Catholic Daughters were busy assisting the residents with all the activities. Our joy was being able to serve.

COURT QUEEN OF PEACE #1558 HOSTS LEADERSHIP SPEAKER

Rita Lear

Lisa Kremer, founder of Dream Catchers, spoke at a recent Court Queen of Peace #1558 meeting about this program that encourages leadership in immigrant families for children ages 9-15. The students learn communication skills, teamwork, scripture and a desire to serve and become advocates and activists for those in need as well as issues of immigration relative to the participants.



Lisa Kremer, founder of Dream Catchers Leadership program.

*Continue to read sacred scripture
and the teachings of our Church*

...

*Develop a stronger devotion to the
Blessed Sacrament and the Mass*

LOCAL COURT NEWS

COURT MADONNA #839, WILMONT CELEBRATES 95TH ANNIVERSARY

Joan Joens

Court Madonna #839, Wilmont celebrated 95 years of Catholic Daughters of the Americas on Sunday, December 9, 2018! Since this anniversary date landed on a Sunday, we hosted a Burrito Bar Brunch after mass.

In keeping with the CDA motto of Unity and Charity, we wanted to do something special with the free will donations that we would receive at this brunch.

David Kruse, our parish cluster seminarian came to mind. After visiting with him and then Fr. Colletti, we found out that David had an alb picked out but was trying to get enough funds to purchase it. Perfect! This is where our funds from the brunch would go!



95th Anniversary Burrito Bar Brunch



Scrapbooks highlighting Court Madonna's 95 year history



Seminarian David Kruse acknowledging gifts and prayers received.

We advertised and invited the whole parish cluster. God graced us with a beautiful day, awesome food, and a very good turnout of people to support our CDA court and seminarian David. Needless to say, David was easily able to purchase his new alb! He now wears it at masses and we are so proud to know we had a part in helping him get it!

In addition we passed this **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS our parish cluster has a seminarian in our midst and

WHEREAS seminarians need prayers and

WHEREAS Catholic Daughters are based on prayer and

WHEREAS Court Madonna #839 is celebrating our 95th anniversary on December 9, 2018

RESOLVED that members of Court Madonna #839, Wilmont, present our seminarian, David Kruse, with a "Spiritual Bouquet" at our anniversary brunch. This Spiritual Bouquet will contain pledged prayers to be prayed for David Kruse, our seminarian during the year of our 95th anniversary, beginning on December 9, 2018 through December 8, 2019.

We received 21,273 pledged prayers for David! He was very surprised, grateful, and humbled.

COURT ST. JOAN OF ARC #1291 ENJOYS BINGO WITH ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY

Margie Dahl

CDA Court St. Joan of Arc #1291, Marshall has five volunteers who are involved in visiting and playing Bingo at an Assisted Living Resident Home in Marshall. We visit on the first Monday of each month, arriving by 10:15 am. We gather in their community room with approximately 35-40 residents who come to enjoy playing Bingo and visiting. It is great to see their smiles when we arrive; (they call us the church ladies). We share time with them, enjoy listening to the happiness in the room, and have many winners of a quarter game! And we stay to serve coffee, water and a snack when the Bingo game is finished.



Ct. St. Joan of Arc members enjoy bingo with local assisted living residents.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE MASS SPONSORED BY COURT ST. RITA #409

Fuzz Hammers

Court St. Rita #409, Perham sponsored the 32nd annual Celebration of Life Mass on January 18, 2019 at St. Henry's Catholic Church. The celebrant was Father Matthew Kuhn assisted by Catholic Daughter Chaplain Deacon Richard Quistorff. St. Henry's school students participated at Mass as servers, lector, gift bearers and rose presenters.



In recognition of the sanctity of life from before birth to death, the different

stages in life were recognized and their representatives presented with a red rose, a symbol of life. The life stages and their representatives were Sanctity of Life Before Birth-Kelsey Wischow; Infant-Ruby Hein; Youth-Macey Minton; Senior member-Bernice Bodigheimer; Special Challenges-Jim Szarke & Dianne Rohde Szarke; and the Right to Life of All People.

Presenting roses were Railynn Kratzke, Ethan Kinn, Lucey Minten, Grace & Jack Stoderl, Maggie & Matthew Vickmark. The final rose was placed by Paige Hendrickx in front of the Holy Family Statue as a reminder of our belief and commitment to the right to life of all people. With each rose, we are met with a challenge to accept life as God's gift.

COURT ST. THERESA #973 'SWEETENS' CHRISTMAS FOR MANY

Lana Olivier

Court St. Theresa #973 in Currie prepares Christmas cookie plates to be given to the sick and shut-ins and those who are alone during the holidays.



UNITY AND CHARITY AT WORK!

Joan Joens

Court Madonna #839, Wilmont hosted coffee and rolls after mass on two Sundays in November. To involve the whole community, everybody was invited.

A free will donation basket was set out for all donations to purchase Christmas gifts for a family in need. We collected \$825 so a

second family was added. After determining likes, sizes, etc. of the members of these needy families, Court Madonna members Alicia Entinger, Stacey Morrison, and Jannette Engels started shopping!

They wrapped all the gifts and delivered them to Family Services to get to the proper families. Wish we could have seen the joy when the recipients opened their unexpected gifts!



Alicia Entinger, Stacey Morrison and Jannette Engels (not pictured) co-chaired the Court's Christmas project.

COURT ST. JOHN #1371 CELEBRATES LIFE AND LOVE

Patt Johnson

It's been a busy month for Court St. John #1371, Pipestone! January's focus was "Celebrating Life." A "birthday cake" honored the eighteen children baptized in 2018 at St. Leo, Pipestone and was on display in the concourse throughout the holiday season.

At the January meeting, eighteen members, under

the creative direction of Sharon Wolff, made 80 Valentine Cards for parishioners who are home-bound or living in one of the three local senior care residences. CDA members will distribute them in February.



Making cards from l to r: Patt Johnson, Gen Lustfield, Rosie Fenicle, Marlene Arens, Sue VanMoorelehem, Linda Delany, and Irene DeJong

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COURT ST. JOAN OF ARC #1291 COLLECTS WINTER GEAR

Margie Dahl

Court St. Joan of Arc #1291, Marshall has been involved in an exciting collection for much needed winter gear. We have been busy collecting handmade hats and mittens and purchasing other winter gear. We chose to do this in November as the weather turned cold, and children were in need of winter items at school. Catholic Daughters spread the word of this project; we collected over 300 new and handmade colorful fleece mittens, accented with heirloom buttons to finish the heart-warming look.



L to r: Coleen Frye, Louise VanLeeuwe, Madonna Cinkle, Fran Andrzejewski, Bev Schroeder, Terry Hennen, and Margie Dahl

The hand-knitted, sewn hats, and purchased hats were of assorted sizes and vibrant colors. In January we delivered the winter items to the Marshall Public and Parochial Grade Schools.

COURT BISHOP SCHENK #2010 SUPPORTS MOTHERS IN NEED

Kathleen Shulstad

At our January Meeting, Court Bishop Schenk #2010, Crookston held a baby shower to gather supplies for the layettes that they put together and donate to St Gianna's Maternity Home in Warsaw, North Dakota and other mothers in need.



Items donated for mothers in need by members of Ct. Bishop Schenk

Our long-time member, Clarice Vik, has enthusiastically led this endeavor for many years and has done a wonderful job.

We would like to thank Clarice for her years of service to the little babies and the pro-life movement.

COURT ST. MARGARET CONTINUES COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Marie Peterson

The women of Court St. Margaret #1888, Eveleth entered the winter months by sharing warmth with students of several area schools. We put out collection stations in the Resurrection and St. Josephs parishes. The message on the boxes invited commu-



L to r: LuAnn Gentilini, Kathy Bastianelli, Marge Forte (who passed about a month ago), Heather Burja, Bette Kennedy, Jacki Thompson, Loretta Briski



Project Chairs l to r: Mary Spang, Anita McNulty, Marie Peterson

nity members to "Help Warm our Hands and Feet" by donating socks and mittens. In two weeks, the boxes were overflowing. They were divided and distributed to several area schools.

Our annual Pro-life Baby Shower was again successful. New baby clothing, hygiene items and diapers were brought in and distributed by Options for Women. Families in need were given the opportunity to "shop" in their office/storage area.

We will offer a Day of Reflection on March 30. This event was first celebrated last year, featuring Women of the Bible. The theme this year will be "Finding the Peace of Christ". Keynote speaker of this event will be Fr. Anthony Craig, along with our own Fr. Michael Garry. We will offer Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and a two part program. Women of surrounding area parishes are invited, as well as our court members.

Our annual Salad Luncheon will be held April 6.

We were excited to recently get the news that we were awarded the grant for the Habitat for Humanity building project for this year. We will work in conjunction with the North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity. We look forward to an exciting experience for a worthy family.

Regularly make a self-examination of conscience and go to confession

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COURT ST. JUSTIN #2020 MIXES IT UP WITH FAITH, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

Bev Schoenborn

The Court St. Justin #2020, Mahnomen Reception of New/Current Members Mass welcomed six new members to the court. After the Mass, presided by Father Dave Super, we served supper before having our meeting.

Court St. Justin #2020 comes together twice a year with the parish community to pray a Living Rosary in the month of October & May. We have a chair, and a printed prayer card set up for each bead of the Rosary.

At this year's Christmas party, we held a potluck dinner and then put together some fruit baskets to be delivered to those who could use a little Christmas cheer.



Court members with some of their creations

We also wrote cards and filled decorated jars with candy and brought these to the Mahnomen Nursing Home and Assisted Living residents.

A Christmas Sing Along found members of Court St. Justin joining with the Mahnomen Nursing Home in singing Christmas carols. Members also joined with the Mahnomen Nursing Home to present an Epiphany show for the residents. This included readings, puppetry, music and treats.

Each officer of Ct. St. Justin made their own chili for a Chili Cook-off in January. Members rated each chili from 1 to 5 with the highest combined total being the winner. Financial Secretary Peggy Darco won first place honors with her "white" chili.



L to r: Bev Schoenborn, Sharon Burkman, 1st Place Winner Peggy Darco, Peggy Noll, Megan Askelson



Court St. Justin #2020 also hosted a Potluck Dinner for St. Michael's School, Mahnomen to kick off Catholic School Week!

L to r: Sandy Kaster, Megan Askelson, Peggy Noll, Rose Schlick, Karen Ahmann, Missy Netland, Marlys Johnson, Bev Schoenborn

COURT OWATONNA #1180 SHARES A POCKET PRAYER

Jan McDonald

Court Owatonna #1180 shares this idea to boost our prayer lives ... even in the briefest of moments.



A Pocket Prayer is a little piece of cloth about 3 inches square with a Cross on it. There's a pocket on the back which holds a laminated prayer. It fits in almost any pocket. If you're feeling stressed or need a little

down time, touch the pocket and say a small prayer ~ and may it bring you peace.

*Do good works
for those entrusted to your care
and for those in need*

COURT ST. JAMES #1820, ST. JAMES HOLDS ANNUAL BAZAAR

Terese Hall

The Court St. James #1820 Annual CDA Bazaar, held the first Thursday in November from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm is a total team event! This year's menu included: Our Famous Chicken Hot Dish, Cranberry Apple Salad, "Pickle Lady" Pickles, Round Bread, and Raw Apple Cake with Warm Butter Sauce.

We do take outs and delivery. We served more than 350 guests and shared dish duty with the Knights of Columbus.

We have a Large Raffle, a Bucket Raffle, and Bake Sale. And this year we had eight tables of Christmas White Elephant items!!! Judy Sellner and Penny Andrzejek choose the fabric and design



Judy Sellner, quilt winner Judy Jones, and Penny Andrzejek

to create the treasure we raffle off each year. Winners the last three years have all been CDA Sisters.

Each CDA Sister sells raffle tickets, meal tickets and makes salads or cakes. Income from our Bazaar carries our court for the year!!!! We are Truly Blessed!

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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY COURT PLAINVIEW #497

Karen Reinschmidt

Each year Court Plainview #497 holds a scholarship contest for graduating seniors in the court's three parishes (St. Joachim in Plainview, Immaculate Conception in rural Kellogg, and St. Patrick in West Albany). An important component of the scholarship application is writing an essay about what the mission statement of Catholic Daughters of the Americas' means to the student and how they can apply this mission in their own life. It is truly heart-warming to read these essays and see how God is touching the lives of our youth and how the CDA Mission resonates with them. The scholarships are awarded at the Baccalaureate Mass by one of the CDA officers. Pictured are the most recent recipients.



Past Regent, Rita Young, presenting a scholarship to Ellie Miller at Immaculate Conception

Ellie Miller is a senior at St. Joachim parish in Plainview, MN. She received the CDA scholarship for the year 2018. Her essay was titled "The Mission Statement of Catholic Daughters of the Americas means to me as a student and how I can apply this mission in my own life. It is truly heart-warming to read these essays and see how God is touching the lives of our youth and how the CDA Mission resonates with them. The scholarships are awarded at the Baccalaureate Mass by one of the CDA officers. Pictured are the most recent recipients."



Alyse Sylvester from St. Joachim parish with her CDA scholarship, May 2018

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***Continue making Catholic Daughters
a beacon of Christ's love***

COURT CALEDONIA #555 SUPPORTS PARISH MISSION

Laura Eglinton

Court Caledonia #555, Caledonia is very pleased to be part of hosting three wonderful gentlemen for our parish mission. St. Mary's Caledonia was home to John Angotti, singer/composer/songwriter who is globally known for his ministry through music to reach people of all places and all ages. John resides in Tennessee and has held concerts from World Youth Day in Australia to Carnegie Hall.

Jim Marchianda and his intern, Brother James Pearce Cavanaugh traveled from Chicago, IL



and St. Louis MO, respectively. Fr. Jim and John have been working with parish retreats for over 20 years. Brother James is shadowing as an intern as he learns more about church mission work and preaching the word of our Lord. Their combination of music and Catholic message come through in all that they do.

Court Caledonia provided meals, snacks, beverages and hospitality for the threesome. We also helped defray the costs and hosted receptions both nights that they were there. The gentlemen sold CDs and met and greeted our parish, while the Catholic Daughters donated and served refreshments at the gathering.

What a powerful experience for CDA to be part of this exciting event.

COURT ST. RITA #409 SPONSORED PERHAM LIVING VALENTINE PARTY

Fuzz Hammers

New royalty is reigning at Perham Living. At a balloon filled ceremony on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2019, six residents representing the households were crowned kings and queens.

The ceremony is sponsored each year by the Catholic Daughters of Court St. Rita #409, Perham. Dianne Rohde-Szarke, Regent, and Helene Johnson, Vice-Regent and chairman of the event, welcomed all and served as emcees. Royalty was selected by staff, friends and family. St. Henry's Area School Kindergarteners presented the royalty with their crowns and tiaras. Valentine treats were served in each household following the ceremony.



L to R Royalty from Harvest Glen: Crowning King Roy Hammer was Cade Trout, crowning Queen Elaine Johnson was Madalyn Burkman



L to R Royalty from Prairie Knoll: Crowning King Dale Thompson was Logan Riepe, crowning Queen Emma Rosen was Korie Christensen



L to R Royalty from Timber Grove and Burlington: Crowning Queen Carol Shelton was Natalie Larson and crowning King Joseph Goeden was Levi Wells.

JCDA COURT NEWS

2019 JCDA DAY PROCLAMATION

This year, Sunday, February 17, 2019 was proclaimed as JCDA Sunday. In the proclamation we are reminded that the Junior Catholic Daughters Program

- * was created on February 22, 1926
- * is an action oriented program for Catholic girls from 6-18 years of age to practice their Catholic faith and live a life of service and charitable works
- * reminds each Junior Catholic Daughter accepting the Christian message that she must act on it
- * has a purpose and mission based on the Threefold Program of Involvement of Message, Service and Community, and a Motto of "Be Useful" and a standard to "love God, serve others, and live nobly"
- * provides opportunities for the girls to develop as Christians, learning to work for the good of others, grow spiritually, become creative and flexible to the current needs and concerns of the times and learn skills leading to a lifelong journey of leadership abilities

God bless all our Minnesota Junior Catholic Daughters!

JCDA COURT HOSTS DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Margaret Gall, JCDA Liaison

JCDA Court St. Kateri Tekakwitha #1791, St. Charles hosted their annual Daddy-Daughter dance on Saturday, January 19 at St Charles Borromeo church. The JCDA young ladies (and family members) arrived early to prepare for the fifth annual dance event by setting up decorations, preparing food and beverages. The DJ provided exciting music for a variety of fun dances and the limbo was very popular! At the end of the evening, the winners of the drawing were announced with a few dancers taking home some big stuffed animals!



Fun was had by all and a highlight of the evening was the reciting of a pledge of support and love to the young lady by their accompanying father, grandfather, or uncle.

JCDA president, Allison Hansen, was asked by a reporter of the local newspaper about JCDA and shared that it is different from other youth groups: "It's more focused on a girl's relationship with God. JCDA is something that young girls can come to knowing they'll have a fun time and they'll be accepted."

JCDA COURT ST. MARIA KEEPS BUSY DOING GOOD DEEDS

Ashley Harberts, JCDA Liaison

The JCDA girls of Court St. Maria #839, Wilmont brainstormed about how to help children and families throughout our area and decided to seek donations of hats, gloves and scarves for families and children in need of them this winter. The girls held this successful hat and glove drive from November 18 through December 16.

They have also kept busy the last couple months by making Valentines Day cards for



Front l to r: Regan Penning, Kaitlyn Brunk, Tarryn Joens, Chloe Joens, Addison Joens, Abigail Bertrand, Riese Penning, Alana Steve, Kiera Reetz

Back l to r: Abigail Reetz, Morgan Reetz, Tarren Spartz, Macy Joens, Clara Joens, Jayden Spartz, Quinn Steve

Veterans at our local Veterans home in Luverne. The girls plan to hand deliver them to the Vets home on JCDA Sunday following our post mass brunch.

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A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, our great High Priest
Hear my humble prayers on behalf of
your priest, Father [N].

Give him a deep faith, a bright and
firm hope, and a burning love which
will ever increase in the course of his
priestly life.

In his loneliness, comfort him
In his sorrows, strengthen him
In his frustrations, point out to him
that it is through suffering that the
soul is purified, and show him that he
is needed by the Church, he is
needed by souls, he is needed for the
work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of
Priests, take to your heart your son
who is close to you because of his
priestly ordination, and because of
the power which he has received to
carry on the work of Christ in a
world which needs him so much.

Be his comfort, be his joy, be his
strength, and especially help him to
live and to defend the ideals of
consecrated celibacy. Amen.

BLESSED BE THEIR MEMORY

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

*Please keep these recently deceased
CDA members and their families
in your prayers.*

Ct. St. Mary #559, Caledonia

Lori Thillen

Ct. St. Holy Rosary #1916, Detroit Lakes

Carol Tharaldson

Ct. St. Margaret #1888, Eveleth

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Valery Hudson*

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