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## Regent's Reflections Mary Pufall, State Regent

Greetings Dear CDA Sisters!

I am looking forward to the next two years as State Regent of Minnesota, working with all of you to continue our work of service to others. I feel very blessed and grateful for the opportunity to have served with Marlys, Monica, Bonnie and Vera the past two years, and am excited for the next two years serving with Monica, Cathy, Jeaneen and Vera. We are here for you!

2020 and 2021 have been challenging to say the least, but through it all, you never gave up. I had the privilege to speak with a number of CDA Sisters during the pandemic, and am touched by their stories. Courts continued to reach out to their members and communities, despite the restrictions imposed by Covid. The care and love shown to others truly inspired me. I hope that many of you had the opportunity to read the Circle of Love reports that were included in our virtual convention booklet. They demonstrate that, even in the midst of the pandemic, CDA sisters across the state continued to be the hands, feet, heart and soul of Jesus.

Our 49<sup>th</sup> Biennial, history making, hybrid State Convention was a success and each moment is a treasured memory. I am still in awe. Everything fell into place and transpired just as God had planned. I am grateful to the State Board for their hard work and perseverance; for our National Representatives, Darlene Moritz and Connie Dronette; for State Chaplain Father Tim Biren; for our hosts, Court St. Mary #509, Moorhead; for our Convention Chairperson, Lisa Ouderkirk; the CDA Sisters who travelled to Moorhead to serve on various committees and all of you who joined us virtually. God bless you. How wonderful that we were able to celebrate 98 years as Catholic Daughters of Minnesota! Your presence was a true gift.

Next week, Monica, Cathy, Vera and I will be traveling to the Franciscan Retreat Center in Arizona for the State Officer Leader Conference. We promise to bring back new information and look forward to sharing it with all of you at the Summer Workshops in August. Our theme is "Staying Strong Through Service and Sisterhood." Please plan to attend and bring a friend! **All** Catholic Daughters are invited and welcome.

Please keep our State Chaplain Father Larry Delaney in your prayers, while he is on leave of absence this summer. We look forward to his return to the ministry in the near future. Also pray for all those affected by the pandemic, those we have lost and their loved ones. Enjoy the beautiful summer days! May God always bless you,

**Mary Pufall**



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Dear CDA 'Sisters',

Although I've already been blessed to meet many of you through our Catholic Daughter activities, I look forward to meeting many more of you and to getting to know you better in my role as Second Vice State Regent! With that in mind, let me start by sharing a little more about myself. I was born and raised in Sioux Falls, SD to loving parents, who throughout their 73 years of marriage have always been the best role models of God's love to my three siblings and me. My home parish was St. Joseph Cathedral and I attended Cathedral Grade School, O'Gorman High School, and the College of St. Teresa in Winona. I always loved school and still enjoy learning so my 35 year career with UM Extension in Steele County was the perfect job for me. As Administrative Assistant, I was able to keep learning everyday about a range of topics from agriculture and gardening, to home, family and youth development while also developing my secretarial and organizational skills. But now, setting my own schedule, exploring my interests, and experiencing new challenges and adventures in retirement can't be beat!



Greg, my best friend and husband of 27 years, is my sounding board and cheer leader. He and I share interests in bird watching, gardening, reading, golf and love classic movies and traveling. I also enjoy sewing and a variety of crafts. Our greatest blessings are our four children, their wonderful spouses, and our four fantastic grandchildren. I joined Court St. Anne #1840, Medford in 1982 when I was a member of Christ the King parish. When I moved from Medford to Owatonna, I kept my membership with Court St. Anne as I wanted to stay in touch with the wonderful women of that Court while building other relationships in my new parish of St. Joseph's in Owatonna. I have served as Court Historian, Vice-Regent, Regent and District Deputy. I have been so impressed with the faithful, hard-working, and generous women in our Court and in all the Catholic Daughters I have encountered. I find it a great honor to serve as Second Vice State Regent. Thank you for your confidence, your prayers and your patience. I pray, with God's grace, that the work we do together will give Him glory and show His light to the world.

Blessings, *Cathy Nelson*



Greetings to CDA Sisters!

My name is Jeaneen Nelson and I'm your new MN State Secretary.

I grew up on a farm outside of Marshall as the oldest of 5 children in our family. My first husband and I were married for 10 years and were blessed with 4 children before he and our oldest 2 children died in a car train accident. I became very involved in Beginning Experience, (BE), a support group and retreat weekend for the formerly married. I remarried 6 years later, moved to Slayton and was blessed with 2 beautiful step daughters. After 32 years of marriage, my husband passed away and I have remained in my home since.

In the first years of my marriage, I was a Tupperware dealer and then a manager. After moving to Slayton, I worked as a bank teller and then for a nonprofit. I have been involved at my church serving on the church council, Faith Formation teacher, co-chair for the funeral committee, and lay Chaplain visitor at the Hospital. I have been a member of Court Queen of Peace, #1558, Slayton, at St Ann's parish

for 30 years and have served as Regent, Secretary, Financial Secretary, District Deputy and State Quality of Life Chair.

My son, Mike and family live in Slayton; son, Ryan and family live in Marshall; daughter, Brenda and family live in Minneapolis; and daughter, Deb and family live near Waconia. An adopted family friend, Becky from Kenya, lives in St Paul. I have 6 grandsons and 5 granddaughters. I really enjoy my time at the cabin in the summer, golfing, traveling and mostly, spending cherished time with my family and friends.

I am excited to be working with the other State Officers, and look forward to meeting many members from across the state at our Fall workshops and other Court functions when possible!

I am honored to serve as your State Treasurer for the 2021-2023 term. I will continue to work hard to keep your monies secure and your ledger books in order.

I was raised on a farm in northeastern Minnesota. I loved the woods with the beautiful White and Norway pines. I enjoyed working outside on the farm, fishing, hunting, gardening, training horses, and learning to play the piano and playing in church. I went off to college to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree. My husband, Deacon Dan, and I have been married for nearly 40 years. We are both retired educators. My husband began his career as a social studies/history teacher, but then became a high school principal. I was a high school mathematics teacher. We both have been employed in public and Catholic school systems having a wide variety of experiences. 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 of the year and as a Deacon at St. Anthony of Padua in the Diocese of Tucson, AZ, for five months of each year. My husband's main ministry is in jails and prisons. I am very appreciative of my husband to offer his knowledge and assistance in my faith journey. We have two sons who are married. James and Kaylyn live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. James is the Pedestrian and Bicycle Coordinator for the City of Milwaukee. Kaylyn will soon have a Master's Degree in Community Psychology. Donovan and Sara live in Redford, Michigan. Donovan is an architect in the Detroit area. Sara is a histotechnologist in Detroit.

After I retired from teaching, my husband and I moved to Crookston. Soon after this, I was invited to join the Court Bishop Schenk Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Little did I know that I would be asked to be the local court treasurer, and later to be nominated for the position of State Treasurer. I thank the past officers in their guidance for this position. We truly have a wonderful group of sisters in faith.

I look forward to working with you and with our new team of officers. I hope to see many of you at workshops and events.

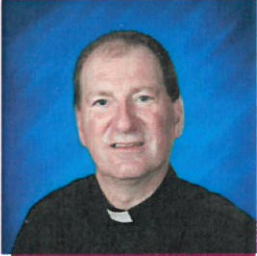
Blessings to you all! Vera



## Father Larry Delaney, State Chaplain

### Prayer for Priests

*Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



Fr. Larry Delaney,  
Pastor

Mary, Mother of Jesus throw your mantle of purity over our priests. Protect them, guide them and keep them in your heart. Be a mother to them especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and let them belong completely to Jesus. Like Jesus, they too are your sons, so keep their hearts pure and virginal. Keep their minds filled with Jesus, and put Jesus always on their lips, so that He is the one they offer to sinners and to all they meet. Mary, Mother of Jesus, be their Mother, loving them and bringing them joy. Take special care of sick and dying priests and the ones most tempted. Remember how they spent their youth and old age, their entire lives serving and giving all to Jesus. Mary, bless them and keep a special place for them in your heart. Give them a piece of your heart, so beautiful and pure and immaculate, so full of love and humility so that they, too, may grow in the likeness of Christ. Dear Mary, make them humble like you and holy like Jesus. Amen.



### Spreading the Word about CDA

Shout! Shout! Spread the word about CDA as Fall would be a good time to recruit new members. Ways you can get the word out are through the church bulletin, local newspaper, flyers, bulletin boards, radio, a talk at a Sunday church service, Facebook, Court newsletter, Church or Court website. Publicity creates awareness of what we have to offer our members, our faith community and the general public. I hope all Courts have a local Publicity Chair to help get the word out about CDA.

**Bonnie Hein, State Publicity Chair**

Greetings to all of my Minnesota CDA sisters! It's been a few years since I've been active on the state level but some of you might remember me from my work with the SOS project back at its conception in 2015. Much has happened since then but our need for priests still remains and I encourage everyone to support that program. Today, though, I am here to promote and to encourage participation in our Family Program, which is the newest of our CDA Circle of Love programs.

What does the word "Family" really mean? It is defined as the basic unit of our society consisting of a father, mother, children, etc. It is true that this is viewed as the original definition, but in this modern and changing world that is no longer the case. Today, I believe that the "Family" consists of anything one chooses. We have broken homes with either no father or no mother or even a lost child. We have families which include just the husband and wife and no children or some with extended relatives and sometimes even friends. We have families that have no blood relationship at all but choose to live together in a household. Whatever the situation of a given family, the one thing that should remain consistent is that there be a deep caring, love and respect for one another. This is imperative to be able to function and live together in harmony.

Love and respect are the basics for a "Happy Family". Everyone loves a newborn baby but as the child grows and the parents become busier with work, etc., life becomes more hectic. That is when the need to focus more on love and respect become necessary. I believe that this is best accomplished through communication. There are various forms of communicating but taking time for direct conversations is imperative. There are two primary aspects of conversing: speaking and listening. The other important means of communicating is through your actions. Everyone knows that children imitate their parents. Be careful to be good models for your family members.

It is then through these forms of communication that we stress to our loved ones the importance of prayer. God, Himself, initiated the concept of "Family". So, as individuals, we need to build our families into units that model what He meant a family to be. As Catholic Daughters, perhaps we can work together to model this in our families and communities. I would like to suggest to our Minnesota courts and CDA members that the following prayer be said daily in our homes and at our court meetings to ask the Lord to bless our families:

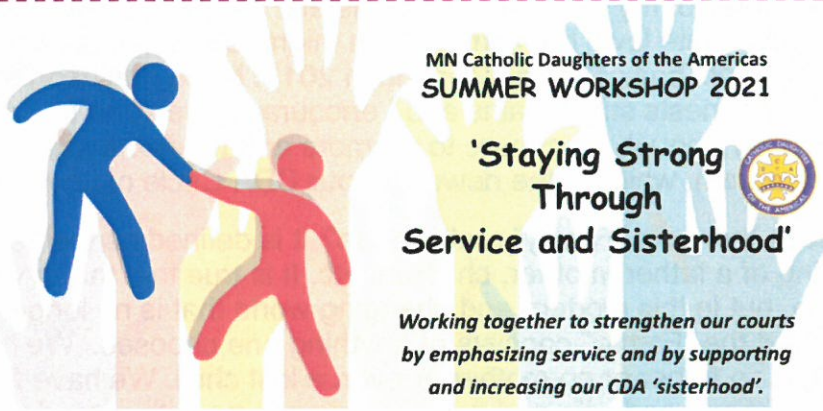
Lord, bless our family, all of us now together, those far away, all who have gone back to you. May we know joy. May we bear our sorrows in patience. Let love guide our understanding of each other. We have all made each other what we are. O Family of Jesus, watch over our family. Amen

I would also like to suggest a project for our members to do in their homes. Simply wrap a small box and write on it "Things I Am Thankful For". Put it in a prominent place in your homes along with some pieces of scrap paper and a pen. Encourage your family members to write down whatever they feel thankful for on any given day. After a week or two, sit down as a family and read and discuss what was written. This can be a fun, uniting experience and lessons can be learned. Try it!

In conclusion, I would just like to thank my family, all of those with me and the dear one who has "gone back to our Lord" for all their love and support for me during the years. Thanks to all of those special CDA sisters who have put their confidence and support in me and thanks to the Holy Spirit for guiding me in this new endeavor of promoting the Family Program.

**Your CDA Sister, Kathy Bastianelli**

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Come and learn how to keep our Courts strong, participate in officer breakout sessions, and share your ideas for strengthening our CDA 'sisterhood'. All Catholic Daughters are invited!

2021 Workshop Details

\* Mass times are listed for your convenience and are NOT part of the workshop.

<b>Saturday, August 14</b> (Mass 5:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.)*	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch provided	<b>St. Thomas Catholic Church</b> 810 5th St., International Falls
<b>Sunday, August 15</b> (Mass 10:30 a.m.)*	12 Noon-4:00 p.m. Lunch provided	<b>St. Michaels Catholic Church</b> 120 W. Jefferson Ave., Mahanomen
<b>Saturday, August 28</b> (Mass 10 a.m. Sun.)*	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch provided	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul Catholic Church</b> 222 1st Ave S., Mazeppa
<b>Sunday, August 29</b> (Mass 10:30 a.m.)*	12 Noon-4 p.m. Lunch provided	<b>St. Leo Catholic Church</b> 415 S. Hiawatha Ave., Pipestone

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Registration fee is \$30 per Court. ALL CDA members are invited! Courts with 6 or more attending receive a \$15 rebate!!
- Meals are \$5 per attendee - except for District Deputies and State Chairmen, whose meals are covered by the State Court.
- Host Courts pay registration only - no meal fees are assessed.
- Please arrive 30 minutes before the workshop for registration.

**NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 20**

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS MEMBERSHIP PRAYER**  
From Dawn Fortenberry, National Chairman of Membership and Development

Heavenly Father, as we venture into growing our membership, we come before You asking for Your guidance, wisdom and support.  
Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make contact with others.  
Remind us that all we do, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of your kingdom, and for the service of humanity.  
Guide our hearts...our words...our actions, to be a shining light for all to see.  
May the face of Christ shine through.  
We ask Your Mother, our patroness, by her powerful intercession, to be with us as we witness to others.  
We ask all these things in Your most Holy name. Amen.

Suggest this prayer be included with every workshop, state newsletter, at court meetings-their newsletters--similar to what Pope Francis has asked in saying the Prayer to St Joseph.

## Quality of Life

Greetings:

Quality of Life (Social Awareness) – issues of our national program are the heart of our ministering to the needs of all peoples. It is one of our spokes of the Circle of Love. We are called to reach out with compassion and support, to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow, and sickness. It emphasizes social concerns in our parishes, state, and community. It is the ministry of being there with helping hands where there is pain, poverty, and sickness. Quality of Life encompasses the following areas:

Family Life Issues, Restoration of Family Values, Personal Identity Theft, Family Health Issues, Community Issues, Worldwide Issues, Protection of our Earth and Health and Wellness. In the next newsletter I will expound further on these areas.

For the next two years I will be serving as your Quality of Life State Chair. Thank you for the appointment from State Regent Mary Pufall.

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## HABITAT HOUSE NEWS

Five Court St. Anne members attended the May 2nd groundbreaking for the 2021 Habitat Quad home being built at 2444 Cotton Lane, Northfield. It was a moving experience to join with so many other faith community partners and to meet the four families who will be enjoying their new homes in 2022. Court St. Anne was awarded the \$10,000 grant from the State CDA Board to support this build and has applied for a National CDA grant as well.

**CDA members around Minnesota are encouraged to join in this CDA sponsored build!**

How can YOU help with the 2021 Habitat Build?

- ♦ **Pick a day to pray** for the success of the build by signing up at [www.habitatricecounty.org](http://www.habitatricecounty.org)
- ♦ **Sign up for the email newsletter** on the Habitat website to keep up to date with the build progress.
- ♦ **Help provide meals** Sign up on the Habitat website or respond to Court St. Anne's request when received.
- ♦ **Sign up to give hands on construction help** Hands on construction will be held on Saturdays beginning in late August through February 2022. Court St. Anne and the State Board will send out word when the CDA build day(s) will take place or you can check the Rice County Habitat website anytime to schedule a time when you can help.
- ♦ **Sign up to serve as a Site Host** Site Hosts help volunteers by welcoming volunteers to the site, making sure they are aware of safety procedures, offering coffee, beverages and making sure the provided lunch is available to workers etc. If you are interested in serving as a Site Host, contact Habitat Volunteer Coordinator, Jodi at 507-403-6878.



*Right:* The keynote speaker at the Minnesota State Convention, Renee Rongen, has seen the sadness and struggles with women across the country, who often flee in the night for a safe place away from their abuser. Renee's goal is to make sure that every woman and child who must leave in urgency get to sleep in a new pair of pajamas. She challenged each court to have a pajama party, collect new pajamas of every size and donate them to a local shelter. Pictured above with donations from **Ct. St. Bernard #886-Lismore** are: Ellen Henning, Lisa Diekmann, Pearl Wieneke, Julie Brake, Deb Lutmer, Melissa Einck, and Mary Metz.



*Left:* Pajama Party-May 3rd With the Blessed Mother Mary in the background and St. Francis to their left, Regent Dianne Rohde-Szarke, along with her husband Jim, set off to do God's work. At the Minnesota State virtual convention held on April 23-24 in Moorhead, the Key Note Speaker Renee Rongen encouraged everyone to have a pajama party. Renee has seen the sadness and struggles with women across the country, who flee in the night for a safe place away from their abuser. Her goal is to make sure every woman and child who flee get to sleep in a new pair of pajamas. She challenged each court to have a pajama party, bring a new pair of pajamas and donate them to a shelter in the area. **Court St. Rita #409-Perham**, donated many pairs of PJ'S which Dianne and Jim are delivering to the Women Crisis Center here in Perham. God Bless every one who donated to this cause and God help those who are in need. Pictured left is Jim Szarke and Regent Dianne Rohde Szarke.

*Right:* In response to the request of keynote speaker Renée Rongen, **Court Plainview #497** hosted a pajama party for its members on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and collected 27 pairs of pajamas for this worthy cause. Pictured with donations from Ct. Plainview #497 are: Karen Reinschmidt, Donna Bennett, Rita Young, Trish Iverson, Janet Rahman, Jeannie Speedling, Linda Schmidt, Mary Lou Petit, Monica Thompson, and Jean Klavetter.







*Left: Court Bishop Schenk #2010-Crookston presented Father Vincent Miller, Father Ilango, Deacons Dan Hannig, Dan James, and Denny Bivens each with a platter of homemade cookies made by court members.*

*Pictured; Court Bishop Schenk #2010 members Virginia Stainbrook and Margee Keller with Father Vincent Miller.*



*Below: Amy Kathman was installed as Vice Regent on March 2nd with the State Regent, Marlys Knuth, and the Officers of Court Queen of Peace #1558 present.*

*Pictured are Amy and our Court Chaplain Father Thien Nguyen*



**Court St. Margaret Mary #605-  
International Falls**

**Educational Awards**

*Above: On Wednesday, February 17, 2021 our Court presented Educational Awards to the students at St. Thomas Catholic School after the 9:00 AM Mass. Presenting the awards to our students at the back from left to right are our school principal Jerry Hilfer, Regent Julie Hindman, Fr. Thomas Galarneault and Marnie Kostiuk our CDA Educational Chair. Awards and monetary gifts were presented to our first, second and third place winners. Honorable mention was given to all the students who participated in the Educational Contest and shared their artistic imagination and originality.*

*Below: On Sunday, May 2, 2021, Paula Curry ( Vice Regent), Mary Pat Middleton, and Vicki Meulebroeck (Regent) from Court St. Joan of Arc #1291-Marshall,*

*presented a Mass kit to Father John Hayes of Church of St Pius X, Glencoe.*

*It was a wonderful trip for all.*



**Court St. Margaret Mary, #605, International Falls**, celebrated a 100th Anniversary of their Court (January 9, 1921 - January 9, 2021), with a special Mass on April 6th for CDA Members past and present, officiated by Father Thomas Galarneault. A special table was set up which included our original framed 100 yr. old Charter, and congratulatory plaque from National. Our Regent, Julie Hindman, was recognized as our Catholic Daughter of the Year, and Judy Potter was thanked for her invaluable help to all. Door prizes were drawn and cupcakes were served.



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Above: Judy Potter, Father Thomas Galameault, and Julie Hindman



Above: On May 13th **Ct. St Margaret Mary #605** put on their boots and yellow vests and worked 2 hours to cleaned their section of Hwy 53 south of town. Pictured left to right are Judy Potter, Linda Vellieux, Sandra Orgas, and Julie Hindman; missing is Mary Wilson. We have been doing this project every year for about 30 years. If you travel to our town on highway 53 you will see our name on the sign.



Above: **Ct St. Margaret Mary #605** held a Rosary Rally on May 15th, in front of Church, from noon to 1:00. We prayed for World Peace and an end to the Co-vid19 virus. Pictured from left to right are: Jeanine Alich, Mary Wilson, Judy Potter, Julie Hindman, Sandy Sakry and Betty Ericson. Sandy Orgas was our picture taker.



Above: State Regent Mary Pufall – Back row Rita Plante, Nancy Cournia, and Mary Cavalier

Front row: Marilyn LeBlanc, Cis Plante, Kay Miller and Mary Tuset

Due to covid19 in 2020, **Court Bishop Schenk #2010-Crookston** was finally able to observe their court's 50 yr. Anniversary on Monday, June 21, 2021. Our Minnesota State Regent is pictured with seven of the original charter members.

Each charter member received their 50 year pin, a corsage, a rosary, a CDA clock, a special 50 yr. pin from State Regent Mary and a fresh vase of flowers. Each of them reminisced of events that happened over the years and how they came about joining our court. Many laughs were had. Local Regent Elaine Sylvester was the master of ceremonies.

Other special guests included: State Treasurer Vera Hannig, District Deputy Alana Kuznia and Past State Regent Margee Keller

Upcoming Court Anniversaries

Court Joan of Arc #691, Blue Earth—100 Years—11/21/1921

Court Sacred Heart #1424, Waseca—75 Years—12/1/1946

Court St. Peter #1601, St. Peter—70 Years—2/24/1952

National Awards

**Court Queen of Peace #1558-Slayton** Regent Joanne Halbur presented the first place award to Joyce Risacher for her work at establishing a burial marker for six Native American women at the Rose of Lima Cemetery in Avoca, MN . Rita Lear received recognition for her efforts as Publicity chair.

Right: Pictured left to right are Rita Lear, Joyce Risacher, Regent Joann Halbur and Father Thien Nguyen





On March 12, 2021 **Court St. Mary Peter #1864** and the Bellechester American Legion presented hand-made patriotic and community dignity quilts to Zumbrota Health Services. ZHS staff Laura Erickson (Administrator), Lacey Boesen (Activities Director) and Catherine Keller (Activities Staff) accepted the quilts. The Catholic Daughter members are from Belle Creek, Bellechester, Goodhue, Lake City, Mazeppa, Pine Island and Zumbrota Catholic Churches. These quilts will help protect the dignity of deceased care center residents while being escorted out by funeral home staff after they have passed, and were our Quality of Life Circle of Love project.

The Community Quilt is made following a stained-glass window design. The Patriotic Flag Quilt embroidered with "Duty-Honor-Country" will be used for deceased Armed Forces Veterans. Both quilts are embroidered with "Property of Zumbrota Care Center donated by Catholic Daughters of America #1864 and Bellechester American Legion Post #598".

Funds for the quilts were donated by American Legion & Sons of the American Legion of Post #598 in Bellechester. CDA members designed and sewed the quilts. Volunteers Lora Keller embroidered the personalization and Cindy Arndt did the long arm quilting.

*Above:* Patriotic Quilt (starting lower left corner): Danielle Welscher, Beth Arendt, John Huneke, Bellechester American Legion Post #598 Commander, Anne Varner, Nita Gadiant, Patrice O'Reilly, Marlys McNamara, Margaret Tri, Laura Erickson (ZHS) and Catherine Keller (ZHS).

*Right:* Community Quilt (starting lower left corner): Danielle Welscher, Ellen Huneke, Beth Arendt, Anne Varner, Marlys McNamara, Nita Gadiant, Patrice O'Reilly, Margaret Tri, Laura Erickson (ZHS) and Catherine Keller (ZHS).



**Court St. Rita #409, Perham** sponsored Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Henry's Catholic Church on April 11, 2021, the second Sunday after Easter. Father Matthew Kuhn opened the 3 o'clock Divine Mercy celebration with the Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The sacrament of Confession was available by Father Matt and Father Arlie to earn plenary indulgence. Scripture Readings were read by Debbie Blickenstaff, Jackie Hager, Phil Moenkedick and Sue Martodam. The Divine Mercy Chaplet was sung by Jeff Blickenstaff and Karla Bell. Deacon Richard Quistorff, court chaplain, presided over the Holy Hour ending it with Benediction. The message of Divine Mercy was entrusted to a Polish Nun from the Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy, now known as Saint Faustina. The message was to reiterate the death of Jesus on the cross, that his passion and death was to be mercy from the Father for the world.

*Right:* Divine Mercy Sunday committee member Tara Moenkedick



*Left:* Megan Bolduc and Leah Johnson as scholarship winners.

Scholarships Winners Announced

Two members of the Stephen-Argyle Central (Stephen, MN) Class of 2021 were awarded scholarships sponsored by **Court Our Lady of the Fields #2107-Argyle**. Megan Bolduc, daughter of Jeff and Julie Bolduc, was announced the winner of the Florence Yutrzenka Memorial Scholarship. Florence Yutrzenka was an active member of CDA serving in various offices throughout her lifetime. Applicants

had to describe their church and community involvement, discuss their future plans, the importance of family, and how cancer affected them or their family. Leah Johnson, daughter of Ken and Kim Johnson, was selected the winner of the Sister Mary John Sperl Memorial Scholarship. Sister Mary John was active within the St. Rose Church for several years; her love of the children and youth was evident to everyone. Applicants wrote about their church and community involvement. Besides being a three sport athlete at Stephen-Argyle Central, Leah was also involved in many activities; and she also spent Wednesday evenings teaching religious education to 4-5 year olds. Our Lady of the Fields Court has been sponsoring these scholarships for several years. Congratulations to Megan Bolduc and Leah Johnson!

**Court Plainview #497**

Three Plainview-Elgin-Millville High School students were awarded a scholarship sponsored by Court Plainview. This annual scholarship contest has been a Circle of Love project (education) for many years. An important component of the scholarship application is writing an essay about what the mission statement of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas means to the student and how they can apply this mission in their own life. This year there were 18 applications submitted and the top three were selected for scholarships, which were presented at the Baccalaureate masses.

**Court Queen of Peace #1558-Slayton**

*Right:* Kennedy Jackels, daughter of Lon and Jodi Jackels, was awarded the CDA scholarship based on involvement in church, school and community.



Addison Graves & Kael Lamb - St. Joachim Parish in Plainview



Monica Evers - Immaculate Conception Parish in rural Plainview



## Junior Catholic Daughters Court St. Maria #839

in Wilmont, Minnesota hosted the first (hopefully) annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3, 2021.

Due to the pandemic, some of the activities that they had previously planned had to be cancelled, but the girls still wanted to do something as a group for the community. Wilmont is a very small community and hasn't had a local egg hunt in some years, so this was the perfect opportunity to be together outside in the fresh air. The Minnesota weather even cooperated!! The girls packed eggs at their March meeting and made plans for extra games for the kids to play when the egg hunt was over. Children could participate in games like; "guess how many jelly beans", hop like a bunny (sack races), egg and spoon race, bean bag toss, and pin the tail on the bunny. The event was well attended and the kids seemed to love the games! It is something we hope we can continue in the future for sure.



### New Members!

What better way to celebrate summer, new members, and the tail-end of a pandemic other than dessert?!? On June 6, 2021, **Court Madonna #839** hosted an Ice Cream Social. Ice cream, toppings, cookies, and beverages were served on a very hot day! Our Court invited all the active members, potential new members, as well as state and national representatives of CDA. The best part of the day was installing 5 new members. Some of these ladies are 3rd and 4th generation members of our Court, which we think is just wonderful!! After eating, members were invited to stay and visit or play any number of board or card games at the park. We hope to do this again in the future!

*Right:* Pictured from left to right are: Darlene Moritz (National Director), Lisa Diekmann (District Deputy), Ellen Huneke (State Representative), Kristina Blackwelder, Shari Joens, Kayla Rodenberg, Taylor Schettler, Jena Joens, Jeaneen Nelson (State Officer), and Nancy Bambanek (National Director).



## Minnesota Catholic Daughters to Sponsor Pilgrimage Shirley Seyfried, Pilgrimage Chair

I would like to invite and encourage all Minnesota Catholic Daughters to consider the pilgrimage to Germany and the Oberammergau Passion Play from September 9-17, 2022. Our new State Chaplain, Father Larry Delaney will be our spiritual leader. The tickets for the Passion Play have already been purchased so it is important that we know if we have enough Catholic Daughters, family and friends from Minnesota who are interested in the trip. If not, we will want to open the trip to others so we can fill it. If you and any friends or relatives are interested and thinking strongly of or planning to go on the trip, but haven't signed up yet, please send a note to me at [Shirley.seyfried@gmail.com](mailto:Shirley.seyfried@gmail.com) or give me a call at 218-862-3493 so we can get a rough idea of the number of people who might be going.

In addition, LeAnn Brand from our travel company, has sent a prayer card and asked that courts and members please pray the prayer for the success of our pilgrimage. It is below, and a copy is attached. The brochure for the trip and the application can be found on the Minnesota Catholic Daughters website or I will be happy to email one to you. Just send me a request via email or give me a call and I will send one to you. Looking forward to hearing from you.



### PILGRIMAGE PRAYER

Throughout the centuries, Christians have been on pilgrimage to witness the Oberammergau Passion Play, to strengthen their faith and grow in holiness.

Lord, as members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, we petition to you on behalf of St. Expedite the patron saint of 'quick help' to motivate our members to sign up for this pilgrimage of faith.

### And so we pray:

Saint Expedite, you lay in rest. We come to you and ask that our petition be granted--To motivate our CDA sisters, family members and friends to sign up for this pilgrimage. We also pray for a successful pilgrimage, to bear the fruit of getting closer to the Lord and grow in holiness of life.

Expedite now what we ask of you. Expedite now what we want of you, this very second. Don't waste another day. Grant us what we ask for. We know your power, we know you because of your work. We know you can help us.

Do this for us and we will spread your name with love and honor so that it will be invoked again and again. Expedite our petition with speed, love, honor, and goodness.

St. Expedite-- pray for us!



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Eternal  
rest grant  
unto her  
Oh Lord,



...and may  
perpetual  
light shine  
upon them.