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Regent's Reflections Monica Capra, State Regent

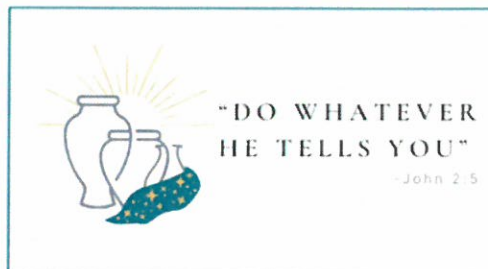
My Dear Sisters,

Last month I attended the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. What an amazing experience! We gathered from the four corners (4 pilgrimage routes), experienced Jesus's healing love and were sent forth to "bring the message of the Father's tenderness and mercy" to the ends of the earth. At the closing Mass there were close to 60,000 pilgrims, 200 bishops, 500 seminarians, and hundreds of priests and deacons. The entrance procession took 30 minutes! It gives me great hope to see so many people worship Jesus in the Eucharist and encounter Him in a powerful way. At one of my sessions, a Vocation's Director talked about what kind of men make good priests. They should be humble, grateful, generous, and joyful. As he talked about each of the qualities, I couldn't help but think that this is what also makes a good Catholic Daughter. Shouldn't we be humble, giving all glory to God, as without Him we can do nothing? Shouldn't we be grateful as we have been given so many blessings (being a Catholic Daughter is just one of them)? How about generous? Most Catholic Daughters that I have met are very generous with their time, talents, and resources. And lastly, shouldn't we be joyful? After all, we have the love of Jesus in our hearts. When we are humble, grateful, generous and joyful, we draw others to ourselves and maybe even to our Catholic Daughters courts!

I hope to see many of you at our Summer Workshops where anyone who attended the National Eucharistic Congress will be able to share personal highlights. It is an exciting time to be Catholic and a Catholic Daughter. A spark from Indianapolis is spreading fire to all the ends of the earth!

Your Sister in Christ,

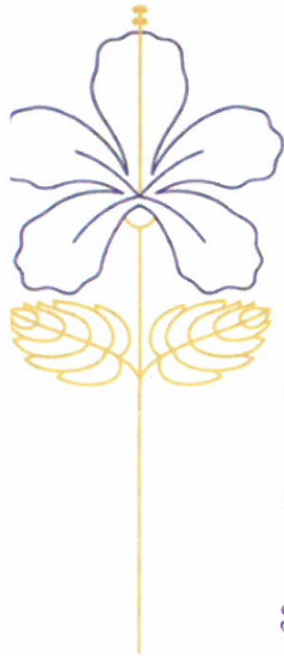
Monica



"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire" – St. Catherine of Siena



SAVE THE DATES



CDA SUMMER WORKSHOPS



"Do whatever He Tells You" - John 25

SEPT. 7 ST. PETER & PAUL
BLUE EARTH, MN

SEPT. 8 ST. ~~MARY'S~~ Stanislaus Kostka
WINONA, MN

SEPT. 21 RESURRECTION
EVELYTH, MN

SEPT. 22 OUR LADY OF VICTORY
FERGUS FALLS, MN



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*Mark your calendars!
Details to follow.*

MN Catholic Daughters of the Americas

SUMMER WORKSHOP 2024

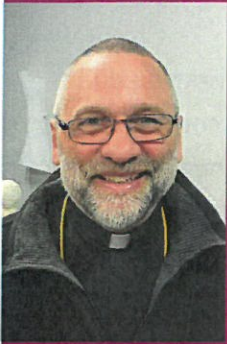


"Together in the Eucharist"

"The Eucharist is My Highway to Heaven".

Carlos Acutis





**State
Chaplain,
Deacon
Paul**

Dear Beloved Catholic Daughters,

I pray each of you is having a blessed summer and having time to enjoy God's creation all around us in so many different ways. I am writing to you from Indianapolis, IN at the conclusion of the National Eucharistic Congress. It has been such a special blessing to be on this journey with Jesus that started at the headwaters of the Mississippi River at Lake Itasca earlier this May. A total of 4 routes, each with Jesus in a Monstrance, started from Minnesota, California, Texas, and Connecticut and crossed our country over the past two months forming a cross over our great nation.

So now that this event is done, what impact will there be on each one of us? Will the Catholic Daughters see a surge in their membership? Will individual courts heal especially where there has been conflict? Will families resume attending Mass on a weekly basis? Will there be a deeper belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?

The answer to these questions and many more like this is YES based on two conditions. The first is if each of us seeks true repentance, softening our hearts to do the will of God in our lives. This is not an easy condition because it may involve needing to take of some things that we have done or thought that hold us back from being a daughter of Christ. A good starting point is the Sacrament of Reconciliation followed by at a minimum a weekly reception of Holy Eucharist. The second condition is to love. That is where charity of being a Catholic Daughter is put into action. An easy recipe for the future of our church and God's promise to be with us every step of the way.

I will be left with so many God moments of encouragement from this very special time that the Church has put forth especially in nature. From the beginning of the outdoor Mass at Lake Itasca watching the giant bald eagle soaring above Bishop Cozzens to the farm animals along the procession route from St. Charles to Lewiston who became silent and reverently still when we processed by. It was like all of God's creation was playing a part in this pilgrimage celebrating His son Jesus, the real presence. May your hearts be transformed, and your lives exude the Christ to all in your midst. God bless you!

— Deacon Paul Tschann, State Chaplain

Dear CDA Sisters,

I hope you've been enjoying a beautiful summer. If you're like me, I am looking at the frequent rains we've received as a blessing - in that I have not had to worry about watering my potted plants or the small garden this year. If the rains have caused you more anxiety because of flooding or the effects on your livelihood, our prayers are with you. I hope each of us is able to reflect and identify our daily blessings because in God's goodness, each day brings us something for which to be grateful!

One of the things I am grateful for, is your dedication to your CDA court and the work you do in your courts, parishes and communities! What you do, even the mundane tasks of court business and paperwork, reflects your dedication. With our Summer Workshops approaching I'm writing now to remind you of some of those tasks which make our organization run smoothly so that what we do can be more effective. Here are some of those tasks:

- Courts should complete the form listing 2024-2026 newly elected court officers to National and State CDA. And, if your court regent has changed, IRS Form 8822B should be completed and sent to IRS as indicated on the form. This is a form stating the contact person (Regent) for your court and does not involve any tax info but helps us keep our non-profit status. Contact your DD or the State Board if you have any questions.
- Regents should request a current court roster from National, review it for accuracy and send in any corrections to National by the end of September so you will be billed for the correct amount of dues and so all members receive CDA communications
- Review the Financial Review process and contact your District Deputy or a State Board member if you have any questions. Be sure to invite and work with your DD to set up a Financial Review date in October.
- Attend one of the Summer Workshops - these are open to ALL MN CDA members so contact your Regent to let her know you want to attend - Registration is due to the State Secretary by August 20, contact a State Board member if you have any topics that you would like addressed at the State Workshops.
- Reply to Gummi Bear Chair, Sara Miller to let her know how many cases of Gummi Bears your court would like to receive. We plan to distribute these at the Summer Workshops so we ask Regents to contact Sara ASAP.

Blessings to you all until we see you next - hopefully at one of our Summer Workshops!

Cathy Nelson

1st Vice State Regent

Upcoming Court Anniversaries

Court St. Rita #409, Perham—105 years—11/09/1919

Court Our Lady of the Fields #2107, Argyle—50 years—11/10/1974

Court St. James #1820, St. James—65 years—11/22/1959

Court Santa Marie #247, Adrian—110 years—12/6/1914

Education

Education is an everyday process. We never quit learning.

As of now, I don't have the new themes for the upcoming Education Contest. I'm sure they will be shared at our upcoming workshops. Also, the winners at National Convention and the State Education Contest will be recognized.

For this article, I'm going to share some information from National Education Chairman, Darlene Moritz. This year she had received some very good questions, concerns, and suggestions regarding the Education Contest that we sponsor annually.

- They do not have videos with QR codes for the judges. We will not be allowing any entries using AI (artificial intelligence) or any plagiarism which we have seen in the past.
- You can enter in more than one category but only one entry in each category.
- Photography – will clarify the use of words in photos. The rubrics and rules will change for next year for this year.
- Following all rules is mandatory.
- Poetry is still not to exceed eight (8) lines. Background pictures or attachments not accepted to be attached.
- All CDA chairman are not eligible to enter the contests.

Also, remember the three (3) Fr. Leonard Bachmann Graduate Scholarships. Check out on our CDA website.

Also, Darlene shared an article "Planting the seeds of faith" in the Spring Edition on Page 13. Please take the time and read and share with your members.

Margee Keller

MN Education Chairman

Publicity

Thanks to everyone who sent me their Publicity reports this past Spring. Keep up the good work of spreading the word about CDA and all the fun, interesting fundraisers, projects, and events your courts do. It helps keep the church community and general public aware of our Catholic Daughters courts and what we have to offer for perspective new members, our faith community and general public. It's great that some courts advertise events in their local newspaper or Shopper, on the local radio station, Facebook or website, and post flyers on church and store bulletin boards. Continue to be active courts to help keep our Catholic Daughters organization strong and to increase membership.

Bonnie Hein, State Publicity Chair

Court St Bernard #886, Lismore

HOUSEHOLD COLLECTION

Members of **Ct. St. Bernard #886** of Lismore decided to promote a different kind of contribution to the local food shelf. In honor of March Madness, members of the parish cluster were invited to donate "household staples", which included sugar, flour, spices, laundry or paper products. March is a "matching grant" month for the Manna Food Pantry in Worthington, MN where the items were taken. The facility was very appreciative of the 70 pounds of items, as they seldom receive those kinds of donations. Pictured with the items are Deb Lutzer, Lisa Diekmann, Mary Metz and Julie Brake.

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Ct. St. Bernard #886-Lismore continues to collect "birthday bags". The bags are filled with the makings of a "happy birthday" to be given out at the local food shelves. The thought behind the project was that if people are utilizing the food shelf, it is very unlikely that they are able to purchase any extras for a birthday celebration. Some of the items in a birthday bag include: cake mix & frosting, paper plates, and candles. Optional items include plastic forks, balloons, party hats, etc. District Deputy Lisa Diekmann challenges the three courts she oversees to a friendly competition in March (matching grant month). Ct. St. Bernard came



out on top with the most bags donated! The Catholic Daughters hope to bring the "happy" into someone's birthday.

Pictured with birthday bags: Julie Brake, Mindy Kemper, Roxanne Kemper, Deb Lenz, Donna Dew, Pearl Wieneke, Mary Metz, Joyce Erdman, and Lydia Diekmann.

Court St. Rita #409, Perham

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Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2024, St Henry's Church Perham

Over 150 worshippers gathered to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at St Henry's Church in Perham, MN. The gathering was hosted by **Court St Rita #409** of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas based at St Henry's.

The afternoon of prayer and reflection began at 1:00 p.m. with the Exposition of the Consecrated Body of Christ, immediately followed by the reciting of the Stations of the Cross by Deacon Randy Altstadt processing around to each station. There was quiet Adoration until 2:00 p.m. when a Scriptural Rosary was led by CDA member Cathy Doll, followed by more quiet Adoration. At 3:00 p.m. the Holy Hour of Divine Mercy began with scripture and meditation readings by CDA members Dianne Rhode-Szarke and Lynn Schwanke. The reciting of The Praises of Divine Mercy, Litany of the Precious Blood and The Divine Praises were done by Deacon Randy Altstadt. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy was sung by Heidi Kalina, accompanied by CDA member Gina Cavanagh on piano.

The service ended with Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Reposition of the Consecrated Body of Christ. During these 3 hours of prayer and adoration, confessions were being heard by Fr. George Michael and Fr. Tom Skaja. The Catholic Daughters of Court St Rita would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to all who participated and helped us provide this beautiful day of prayer.

Divine Mercy planning committee: Cathy Doll, Lynn Schwanke and Mary Kerekes

Spiritual Presider: Deacon Randy Altstadt

Altar Servers: Ava, Levi and McKenna Marsh

Readers: Dianne Rhode-Szarke and Lynn Schwanke

Scriptural Rosary: Cathy Doll

Pianist: Gina Cavanagh Vocalist: Heidi Kalina



Pictured L-R, Lynn Schwanke, Judy Christopherson, Cheryl Keller, Cathy Doll, Fr. Tom Skaja, Deacon Randy Altstadt, Gina Cavanaugh and Fr George Michael, Court Chaplain.

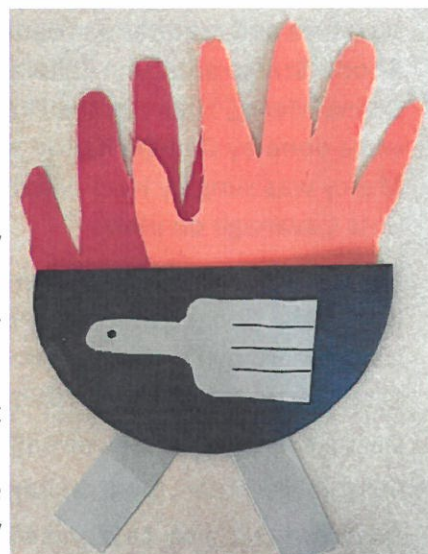
Court Santa Maria #247, Adrian

Ct. Santa Maria #247 hosted the installation of officers and new members at St. Adrian on June 13th. This was a joint installation with courts Santa Maria #247 of Adrian, St. Bernard #886 of Lismore, and Madonna #839 of Wilmont. Monsignor Richard Colletti, chaplain for the three courts, and State Chaplain Deacon Paul Tschann presided. We were blessed to have our State Regent Monica Capra at our celebration. Courts St. Bernard and Madonna received new members as well. Welcome to Samantha Voss and Kadence Entinger!



Court Santa Maria #247 of Adrian hosted a picnic for the DAC (Day Activity Center for disabled adults) on June 11th. Grilled pork burgers, beans, chips, deviled eggs, taco salad, several pasta salads, watermelon, and an assortment of cookies were on the menu.

The clients were so excited to see us and made us thank-you notes that looked like little outdoor grills/using their handprints (cut out of yellow and orange paper) for the "flames". They were so cute. They and the staff were very appreciative. We served about 45 clients and 18 staff. We are the only organization that host parties for the DAC. This tradition goes back over 50 years! We also celebrate Christmas with them by bringing treats and making sure Santa finds his way there. The smiles are priceless!



On June 10th Court Holy Rosary #1916, Detroit Lakes celebrated their 60th Anniversary, and installation of new Officers. We also said farewell to our chaplain Father Chuck as he retired on July 1st. The installation Mass was followed by fellowship, a light meal and cake before having a short meeting. It is also the start to a busy summer for our court. In July we will have a float in the water carnival parade. We will help serve the meal at the community picnic before music in the park, a fundraiser for the Fuller House Foundation. In August we have a fundraiser selling parking tickets and parking cars at the county fair.

Back row: Chaplain Father Chuck, Regent Tracy Bohner

Middle: Treasurer Barbara Schmidt, Financial Sec Karen Bursaw, District Deputy Mary Buschette

Front row: Vice Regent Janet Reller, Secretary Cheryl Knopf, State Sec Linda Schons

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Court Queen of Peace has collected clothing items for the Bishop Dudley House in Sioux Falls, SD which is an emergency shelter serving Sioux Falls and surrounding communities. Jennifer Powell, a representative from the Dudley House was the featured speaker at our monthly meeting. Pictured left: Back - Barb Minnehan, Lee Crowley, Betty Palmer, Barb Neilson, Jeaneen Nelson, Jan Bryan. Front - Rita Lear, Amy Kathman, Jennifer Powell, Rita Kirchner (hidden), Mary Meaden

Right: Scholarship Awarded—

The CDA/CCW dual scholarship award recipient was Hannah Frisk, daughter of Brian and Angie Frisk.



Left: CDA Court St. Peter #1601 held a Baby Shower in February to benefit Birthright and Options for Women. The shower was open to all members of the Church of St. Peter in St. Peter, MN. Over 230 Baby Items were collected along with over \$230. The money and items were divided between the two organizations which are located in Mankato, MN.



Catholic Daughters reach out to help Bethlehem Inn in Waseca

Bethlehem Inn is a short-term transitional home that provides a living environment for women and children in transition, opening in January of 2019. Father Greg Leif and other faith and community leaders saw a need a couple of years prior as homelessness was becoming a growing issue in Waseca and had fallen under the radar. Catholic Charities lease the brick building on the Sacred Heart Campus, (formerly occupied by nuns) free of charge. Operating costs are funded by grant money and private donations.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Waseca Court Sacred Heart #1424, reached out to program director Sue McIntosh and shelter manager Angie Rodriguez to see how we could help. We ran a plea to our parishioners in our church bulletin asking for help with the items they were most in need of. We then hosted a shower for them at our May meeting. Members came generously with items to fulfil the many needs they mentioned. Personal items were included for women and children, diapers, baby wipes shampoo, conditioner, toiletries, paper products and food items requested that only needed water for a meal. Waseca Catholic Daughters also gave a monetary donation to Bethlehem Inn to help with operating costs. Prior to the shower they received many donations of rugs, area carpets, table lamps, blankets and many other items.

In conjunction with this fundraiser, Jay Sopaowiak (who is also a Catholic Daughter) as a Thrivent member, requested a Thrivent Action Team. She received a \$250 visa card in which she purchased shampoo, conditioner and body wash for all the women and children to have their own supply.

Bethlehem Inn currently has 13 residents, 8 women and 5 children. They house senior citizens who have fallen into tough times and need temporary housing, the eldest one being 78 years old. Residents generally stay up to 6 months. There are rules and a respectable curfew they agree to. Affordable housing in Waseca

contributes to the problem of homelessness.

If you are looking to donate items to the Bethlehem Inn, currently they need dry erase board erasers, anti-bacterial wipes and are always in need of paper products, such as toilet paper, tissues and paper towels. They will always accept monetary donations if that is your preferred way to give.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to this

mission of charity. So many contributed to the shower at our meeting, and the many members from our parish who took contributions directly to the Inn. They are so grateful for our generosity and to know we are remembering them with these gifts.

By Sue Harguth



MIRROR MIRROR ON THE WALL, THERE'S A LEADER IN US ALL

Ct. Santa Maria #247-Adrian, Ct. St. Bernard #886-Lismore, and Ct. Madonna #839-Wilmont, held a joint installation of officers and reception of new members on June 13th at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. The new officers will provide leadership for 2024-2026. State Regent Monica Capra of Zumbrota represented the Minnesota State Board. Fr. Richard Colletti and State Chaplain Deacon Paul Tschann celebrated Mass, installed the officers, and bestowed a blessing upon them. Fellowship followed in the lower hall hosted by Court Santa Maria. Congratulations!

Pictured right: Ct. St. Bernard officers with their new member: Monsignor Richard Colletti, Sam Voss (new member), Lisa Diekmann, Mary Metz, Julie Brake, Lydia Diekmann, Laura Lorang, Deacon Paul Tschann, and State Regent Monica Capra.

**100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Ct. St. Bernard #886-Lismore celebrated its 100th anniversary on June 23. The court was instituted on June 24, 1924 with 35 members. The festivities began with Mass con-celebrated by State Chaplain Deacon Paul Tschann and Monsignor Richard Colletti, followed by lunch and a program in the church hall. On display was a commemorative 100th anniversary plaque as well as the original charter.



Pictured left; members of the court with State and National officers. Front: Bette LeBrun, Mary Ann Loosbrock, Joyce Erdman, Roxanne Kemper. Middle row: Deacon Paul Tschann, Deb Lutmer, Donna Dew, Nancy Wolf, Melissa Einck, Lisa Diekmann, Lydia Diekmann, Mary Metz, Julie Brake, First Vice State Regent Cathy Nelson, National Director Nancy Bambenek, State Regent Monica Capra, Monsignor Richard Colletti. Back row: Pearl Wieneke, Raevette Loonan, Denise Lynn, Sam Voss, Jen Brake, Brenda Lynn, Mindy Kemper, Ellen Henning.

Court St. Charles #1791, St. Charles



Pictured left (l-r): Deb Rowekamp, Bev Puterbaugh, Phyllis Speltz & Tina Lewis. Decorating team for annual St Patty Day Dinner.

Pictured right: Our resident leprechaun checking out the food line.



Pictured below: Quality of Life Chair Brenda Hansen presented a CDA comfort quilt to veteran Ed Hansen.



Right: Court St Charles CDA members Bev Puterbaugh and Sandy Larson work at the Spring Fest Bake Sale.



Left: Pam Beirne mans the "Ham Drawing" table for Court St Charles.



New officers of **Court St Charles #1791**. Pictured below (l-r): Tammy Volkman - Financial Secretary; Tina Lewis - Secretary; Tara Miller - Regent; Irene Novak - Vice Regent and Vicki Gathje - Treasurer.



Above: Vice Regent Ashley Polzin presents an appreciation gift to outgoing Regent Tina Lewis for her two years of service to Court St Charles #1791.



Above: St Charles CDA member Bev Puterbaugh posing with her CDA First Communion Prayer Partner, a favorite spiritual activity of the Court.



Above: Ct St Charles Treasurer (right) presents a check to Kathy Schumann at Front & Center Food Shelf from monies raised at CDA card parties. Another check was presented to St Charles Resource Center.

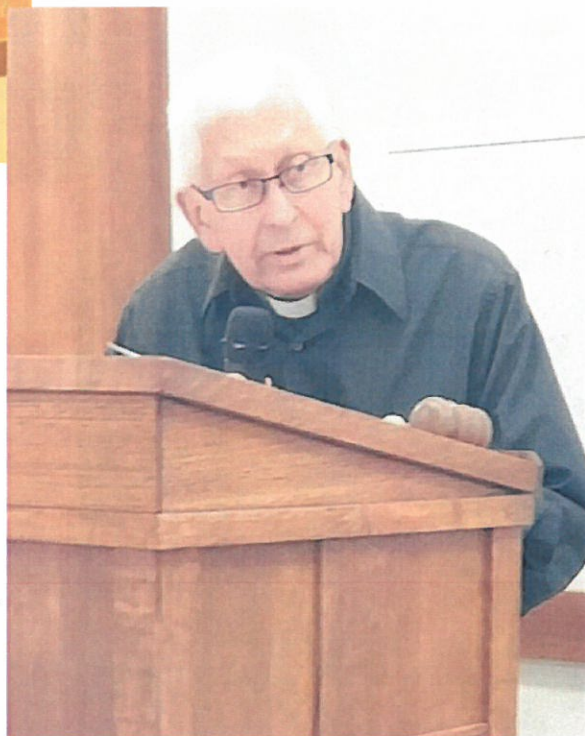


Installation of Officers for 2024-2025 on June 10, 2024 after the CDA Mass we installed our new officers: Regent-Susie Sammons, Vice Regent-Diane Louwagie, Financial Secretary Lois Henkel, Recording Secretary-Deb Louwagie, Treasurer-Mary Tate.

Picture of Officers: Lois Henkel, Diane Louwagie, Susie Sammons, Deb Louwagie and Mary Tate.

Fr. Paul Schumacher gave a presentation on Blessed Dorothy Day. Pope Benedict XVI has purposed her to be canonization as a saint for her "Service for the Poor". She was named Servant of God in 2000. Her whole life she was a rebel, devoted to social justice, human rights, particularly for the poor, exploited workers, and socially marginalized. In 2015 Pope Francis said in his speech to the U.S. Congress that Dorothy Day is an Inspiration and an example to us in this arduous but compelling pursuit. Our CDA has donated 30 quilts to the Dorothy Day Home on 8th Street in Moorhead, MN.

Picture of Fr. Paul Schumacher



CDA 2024 Scholarship Award to our local MHS Senior, Mary Lanoue. Mary will be attending the University of Minnesota for Agriculture Communications and Marketing. A committee of 5 judges chose Mary to be the recipient for the CDA \$1,000.00 Scholarship.

Picture: Mary Lanoue with Scholarship, gifted by Paula Curry and Colleen Frye



**Court St. Joan
of Arc #1291,
Marshall**

CDA members served a beautiful reception for 40 Holy Redeemer's candidates that Celebration of the Sacrament of **Confirmation**. *Picture of Reception servers:*

Left to right: Diane Louwagie, Cindy Sanders, Susie Sammons, Pam Pavot, Paula Curry, Gerri Labat, Mary Striegel, Mary Carstensen, Karol Kopitski, and Vicki Meulebroeck

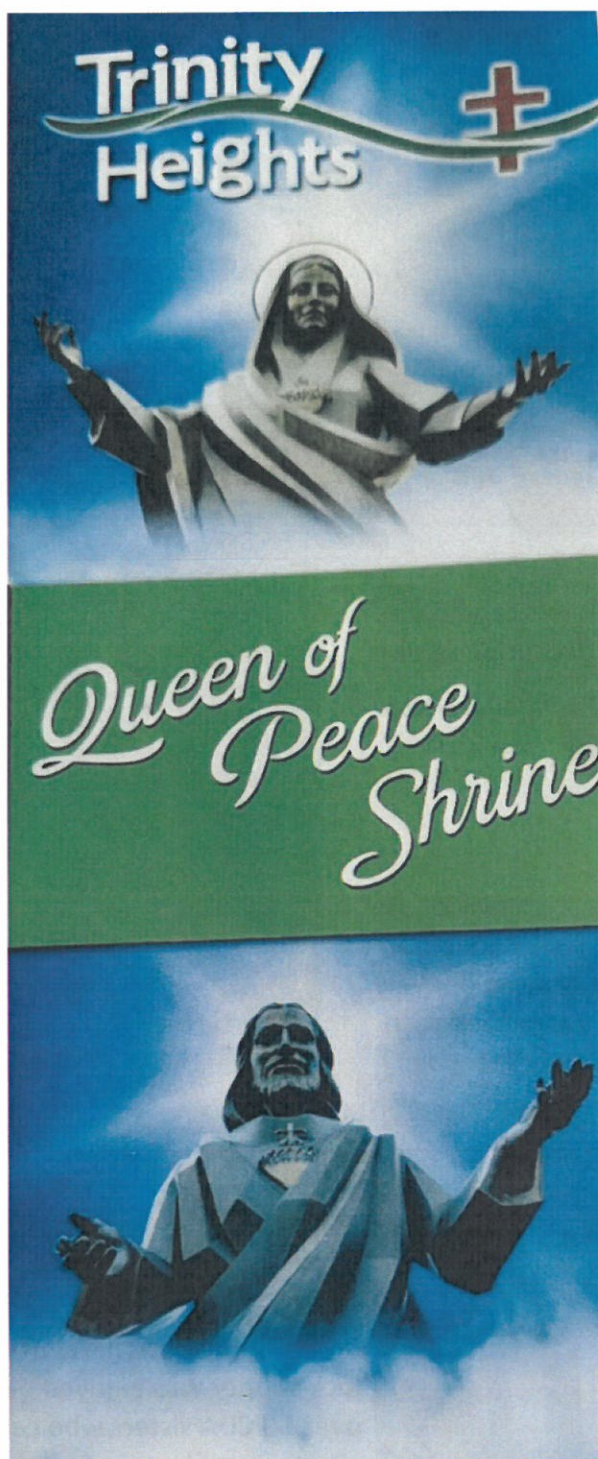
Fr. Tony 's Rosary Jar : In April our priest passed away from cancer. He was our priest for the last four years and had been at Holy Redeemer years ago. He was so loved by all! CDA organized the praying of over 2,896 Rosary's for Fr. Tony. We used large clear glass vases filled with pink rose buds for each rosary said, so he was able to view them daily while fighting his terrible cancer.

Picture of one of the many jars for Fr. Tony's Rose Bud Rosary's.



Priest Appreciation: A Pot-luck supper was enjoyed by over 50 CDA sisters who celebrated and honored our priests: Fr. Andy Michels, Fr. Paul Schumacher, Fr. Shawn Polman and Fr. Dennis Labat..speaking at the podium. We all feel and are so very blessed!!

Picture of our reception.



Field Trip to Trinity Heights On June 11th we traveled on a Southwest Coach bus to Sioux City, Iowa to spend the day at Trinity Heights Queen of Peace Shrine. We would encourage everyone to go visit, view and enjoy these very special grounds. So much to view and have meditation time. We also stopped at LeMars, Iowa, the Ice Cream Capital of the World for an awesome treat. It was a great day!!!

Picture of the Shrine and CDA gals at the Ice Cream Parlor Stairwell.



THANK YOU

Ct. St. Bernard #886 of Lismore would like to thank the MN courts for their anniversary wishes and gifts as we celebrated 100 years of Unity and Charity. It was a great day of worshipping, visiting, and sharing memories. It's the friendships we've made through the years that make CDA the special "sisterhood" that it is! We are grateful!

Court St. Rita #409 held their election of officers on June 4, 2024. Pictured below are State Secretary Linda Schons; Court St. Rita ritual coordinator Sherryl Holzer; and re-elected officers: Rosie Altstadt- Treasurer, Pat Hager-Financial Secretary, Jackie Hager- Recording Secretary, Lynn Schwanke -newly elected Vice Regent, and Leanne Stoll re-elected Regent. The evening began with a potluck social, followed by election of officers and monthly business meeting.



Right: Court St. Rita #409 newly elected Vice Regent Lynn Schwanke during election ceremony with State Secretary Linda Schons.



Members and guests present: back l-r Sherryl Holzer, Sue Martodam, Mary Mercer, Rosie Altstadt, Dianne Rohde-Szarke, Cathy Doll, Lynn Schwanke, Janel Altstadt. Front l-r Pat Hager, State Secretary Linda Schons and guest Pat Johnson, Jackie Hager, Fuzz Hammers, Diane Lorentz, Leanne Stoll.

Court St. Mary Peter #1864, Mazeppa Bellechester

Visit with Joan Hannasch



On March 1, 2024, Ellen Huneke, Jan Ryan and Regent Linda Kazmierczak visited member Joan Hannasch, as she was unable to attend St. Mary Peter #1864 Mazeppa Bellechester milestone celebration and new member ceremony on Dec. 18, 2023. We presented Joan with a certificate and flower arrangement for celebrating 70 years as a Catholic Daughter. We visited close to 2 hours and had apple pie with whipped cream. She moves well for being 96 and her mind is still sharp. Joan reminisced about Catholic Daughters and still has a copy her application and transfer card. She filled out her application for CDA on Sep. 4, 1953, and was officially accepted to Court St. Rose of Lima #6 (Carroll, Iowa) on Nov. 15, 1953. Joan spoke of how Catholic Daughters was kind of a secret society as there were passwords to attend all meetings. Joan moved to Bellechester in 1987 and transferred to Court St. Mary Peter #1864 on Nov. 5, 1987. Joan shared that after meetings,

they would stay and play Euchre. When Joan moved to a townhouse in Rosemount in 1998, she still drove to meetings in Bellechester and would stay overnight with Odel Majerus. As Joan aged, she was no longer able to drive and in May 2023 she moved to assisted living. Joan may not be able to attend meetings, but is an active member praying for our court and reciting the Rosary. Joan also spoke fondly of her family. Joan's oldest sister passed away at age 97 and her second sister, Sister Pauline, age 98, is a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration in Lacrosse, WI. There is longevity in Joan's lineage, as she will be turning 97 in November. Joan's apartment is decorated with pictures of her family and she shared stories about her two husbands, her twelve children (nine boys and three girls), grandchildren and great-grand children. For our next visit with Joan, I hope to bring more members and a peach pie, which is Joan's favorite dessert .



Court St. Mary Peter #1864 had a white elephant auction as a court fundraiser at their April 22 meeting. Our very own Joan Welscher and Ellen Huneke were the auctioneers. We had several mystery bags and boxes, many containing wine and baked goods. One mystery bag contained hand soap to "Wash Away Your Sins", which had the crowd laughing. There was a bidding battle between two members for a quilt, which brought in a significant amount of money. At the end of the night, close to \$700 was raised!



Court St. Mary Peter #1864 was awarded the 2024 Habitat for Humanity Grant. We have been working with **Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity** and have selected to help with the home being built on 5th Street in Red Wing. This will be a twin home built with Insulated Concrete Forms (ICF). Through this partnership, **Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity** has asked our court to help promote **Habitat for Humanity** at community festivals and to help feed volunteers. So far we've been in the *Goodhue's Volksfest* and *Wanamingo's 4th of July* parades. We also provided a meal to Peace United Church of Christ volunteers on June 13, in Red Wing. Thanks to our members and their families for walking in the parades and feeding the volunteers

Standing left to right: Jeanette Richardson, State Chaplain Deacon Paul Tschann, Ellen Huneke

Sitting left to right: Linda Kazmierczak, Isaac Tschann, State Regent Monica Capra holding grandson Gabriel Tschann



Here is the picture of Court St. Mary Peter #1864 and the Habitat for Humanity volunteers from Peace United Church of Christ. Our court prepared and served a meal on June 13 in Red Wing.

Court members pictured along with Peace United Church of Christ from left to right are;

Marlys McNamara, Wanda Schafer, Ellen Huneke, Rick Ryan, Jan Ryan, and Ray McNamara.

Court St. Mary Peter #1864, Mazeppa Bellechester



Court St. Mary Peter #1864 provided sponsorship for the First Choice Clinic 2024 5K Run/Walk for Life on Saturday, June 15th in Red Wing. A few court members participated in the Run/Walk along with their families before it started to rain.



Get to Know Our Seminararian



Court St. Mary Peter #1864 Mazeppa Bellechester program at their June 24, 2024, meeting was titled "Get to Know Our Seminararian." Deacon Ryan Sustacek was our guest Seminararian. Deacon Ryan was unable to be with us in person so the court submitted questions to Deacon Ryan and he created a video answering our questions, which was shared with the court via email. At our meeting, we watched YouTube Videos that Deacon Ryan created. Videos watched were Deacon Ryan's vocation story, his priest hero and his summer experience as a hospital chaplain. Not only does Deacon Ryan create content for YouTube videos, but he also has a podcast. Deacon Ryan started his priestly ministry at St. John Neumann Catholic

Court St. Margaret #1888, Eveleth

Our Catholic Daughters will be welcoming fall with new officers and new goals. The cluster of churches in our area will also make some changes. Responsibilities will be shared with a team. About 9 months ago Father Babu from India was assigned to Resurrection and St. Joseph's Parishes. He was quick to begin learning as much as possible in a short time. He was very interested in Catholic Daughters. He has been recently reassigned. He will now begin his assignment at the Nashwauk Parish. We had a wonderful sendoff for Father Babu. All of the groups in our parishes helped in the planning and preparing of foods both from India, as well as America. It was a delicious array of colors and tastes. Knights of Columbus from both parishes, KSKJ, Women of St. Joseph and the Catholic Daughters worked together to make his sendoff celebration a success. Time with him was pleasant and productive.

On Monday, June 17th **Court St. Mary Peter #1864 Mazeppa Bellechester** and **Court Plainview #497** held a joint ceremony for Installation of Officers with Mass at St. Joachim's Catholic Church in Plainview. Father Tom Melvin officiated with the assistance of State Chaplain Deacon Paul Tschann. State Regent, Monica Capra, and District Deputy, Beth Arendt, were also in attendance. A reception was held following the ceremony at St. Anne's Hall.

Front row: Rita Young, Debbie Blattner, State Regent Monica Capra, Jeanette Richardson, Jackie Eggenberger, District Deputy Beth Arendt.

Second row: State Chaplain Deacon Paul Tschann, Diane Speedling, Jessica Andring, Jean Klavetter, Pam Befort, Teresa Buck, Donna Bautch, Father Tom Melvin.



Right: Court Plainview #497

Front row: State Regent Monica Capra, Vice Regent Rita Young, Regent Debbie Blattner, District Deputy Beth Arendt

Back row: State Chaplain Deacon Paul Tschann, Treasurer Diane Speedling, Financial Secretary Jessica Andring, Recording Secretary Jean Klavetter, Father Tom Melvin

Left: Court St. Mary Peter #1864 Mazeppa Bellechester

Front row: State Regent Monica Capra, Regent Jeanette Richardson, Vice Regent Jackie Eggenberger, District Deputy Beth Arendt

Back Row: State Chaplain Deacon Paul Tschann, Recording Secretary Pam Befort, Financial Secretary Teresa Buck, Treasurer Donna Bautch, Father Tom Melvin



We were surprised and entertained on May 7th at our meeting when the State Leadership Development committee, Nancy Bambanek and Ellen Huneke, stopped by for a Court visit! Their energy came with the message to remember to have fun in our meetings and activities. We were happy to have them stop by! When they left they gifted us with a large amount of small quilts and we are gifting them forward in our community! Thank you Nancy and Ellen for your leadership! We enjoyed visiting with you both!



SAVE THE DATE

55TH COURT ST. RITA #409 STYLE SHOW!

OCTOBER 26 2024!

Theme: Fall is in the air! Join us for a morning of fun!



Right: JCDA Ct St Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Charles, pose in the Mary Garden at their Mother/Daughter Spring Tea.

Below: JCDA Court St Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Charles, pose in front of the Adoration area they decorated for Good Friday.



Upcoming Anniversary

JCDA Ct St. Cecilia, Slayton

5 years—8/10/2019

On June 9th after mass at St. Henry's Church in Perham, Ct St. Rita#409 and **JCDA Ct St. Teresa of Calcutta** hosted the Priest and Deacon appreciation Sunday fellowship, celebrating the ordination anniversaries by serving coffee, lemonade and cookies. Fr. George Michael, Fr. Tom Skaja, Deacon Richard Quistorff and Deacon Randy Altstadt serve the Northern Cross Area Catholic Community.

Pictured below:

Sherry Holzer, Sue Martodam, Jackie Hager, Pat Hager, 2 JCDA girls. Second picture: 2 JCDA girls with Cathy Doll.





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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 to our New Members

Ct. St. Joan of Arc #1291, Marshall

Jan Healy

Ct St. John #1371, Pipestone

Nancy Siebenahler

Ct. St. Charles #1791, St. Charles

Silvia J. Sanchez, Pauline Schriever

Ct. St. Bernard #886, Lismore

Sam Voss

Ct. Winona #191, Winona

Kristina Perez, Theresa Evans



Blessed Be Their Memory



Ct. Santa Maria #247, Adrian

Carol Rupp

Ct. Winona #191, Winona

Mildred Wachowiak

Ct. Owatonna #1180, Owatonna

Maggie Klaus

Ct. St. Charles #1791, St. Charles

Mary Connelly

Ct. Queen of Peace #1558, Slayton

Ivy Gergen

Ct. Holy Rosary #1916, Detroit Lakes

Elvira (Sam) Mattioli

Ct. St. Margaret Mary #605, International Falls

Sandra Sakry, Jeanine Alich

Ct. St. Cecilia #2025, Red Lake Falls

Virginia Martinez

Ct. St. James #1820, St. James

Phyllis Westman

Ct. St. Anne #1840, Medford

Betty Manderfeld



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