



CATHOLIC
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MISSION STATEMENT

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

YEAR AT A GLANCE:

June:

Priest Appreciation/Salad Luncheon

July:

No meeting

August:

Pillow Cleaning/Potluck Picnic



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COURT SACRED HEART #1424
WASECA, MINNESOTA



JUNE 2023

Next CDA Meeting: No June or July Meeting. Salad Luncheon June 23. Treanor Campion Dining Hall at Sacred Heart Waseca. 11-1pm. 10:30 am Anointing of the sick at church. **August Meeting** will be 6pm at University Park, Waseca, MN on Tuesday August 8th. It will be a potluck picnic.

Tying Our Communities Together through Tie Blankets

Our CDA court individually and in collaboration with the residents of Lake Shore Inn of Waseca and Bridgewater Assisted Living of Janesville tied blankets for the confirmation students of Waseca Sacred Heart and Janesville St. Ann for a total of 39 blankets. Students paraded through the church for confirmation practice and got to select their very own blanket as a gift from Catholic Daughters to remember their Catholic Faith.



Letter from our Regent.....

Dear Sisters in Christ:

Dear Sisters in Christ: After our May meeting, I asked Linda (our wonderful magazine editor) if she wanted to put out a newsletter in June so the minutes from our May meeting could be sent to everyone, along with information about the retreat that was taken to Schoenstatt on the Lake. She said, "Go for it!" So here we are.

As the members have time to relax and not think about CDA, the officers will be meeting to plan the next year. I am including a short survey with this newsletter. I would appreciate it if everyone would complete the survey to let us officers know what you would like to see accomplished by Court Sacred Heart. We also need to hear about any changes that you would like to see happen. Do you have a favorite project you would like CDA to participate in? Do you have someplace that you would like our group to travel to? Do you have an idea for a speaker that would be of interest to the court? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!! So, take a couple of minutes, fill out the survey and either email or snail mail it back to me, or leave it in the CDA mailbox at the rectory.

You will find information in this newsletter about the different spokes of the Circle of Love. Please read these. If you are interested in being a chairperson for one of the Circles of Love, please let me know. If I don't hear from you, you might be getting a phone call from me asking if you could help out. Please be open to this opportunity.

In the information published for the Minnesota State Convention, there was a letter from Darlene Moritz, the former national director of our region, and is currently the CDA National Secretary. I would like to quote her: "To say you will join something means you will give all you can to help that club, business, or organization. Here in the Catholic Daughters organization, there are so many opportunities to be involved and connected. Our Circle of Love programs are an example of where you can put your most interest in to assist." She went on to say that many members put their "boots to the ground" to help, while others, who are no longer physically able to help are "prayer warriors". We need both of you!

Wishing you a safe and fun-filled summer.

In Unity and Charity,

Pat Foley, Regent

Court Sacred Heart #1424



ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON AND ANNOINTING OF THE SICK



The annual salad luncheon will be held on June 23, 2023 from 11am-1pm at Nativity Hall (The church basement at Sacred Heart, Waseca). The committee chairpersons Deb Perreault and Pat Foley have been busy planning the event. As you will remember, because the Nativity Hall is licensed to serve school lunches, all food that is served there must be made there or catered in by a licensed facility. Instead of asking for members to donate salads, we must ask for cash donations to offset the cost of groceries so we can make the salads and cookies. Feel free to mail your donations to Patty Masberg (624 6th Avenue SW, Waseca), leave them at the rectory in the CDA mailbox, or you can give them to the receptionist when you attend the salad luncheon. If you would like to volunteer to help either prepare for or serve at the salad luncheon please contact Deb Perreault at (507-461-4726). This is one of our major fundraisers of the year. Invite all of your friends, neighbors and relatives. Offer rides to those who need them. Let's make this a big success!

A half hour prior to the Salad Luncheon at 10:30am on June 23 at Sacred Heart Church Waseca there is an important opportunity. Father The is having a prayer service and offering the sacrament of "The Anointing of the Sick" for those who need it.

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May 9, 2023 CDA Minutes

Rosary was led by [Deb Wobschall](#) at 6:45 pm prior to the start of the regular meeting of Court Sacred Heart #1424, Waseca.

Lunch was served by Bea O'Brien.

Prayer and Crowning of Mary was led by Spiritual Enhancement chair, Deb Wobschall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Regent, Pat Foley. Silent roll call was taken. There were 5 officers present and a quorum.

Minutes from the Apr 11, 2023 meeting were read. There is a correction of the anonymous donor of \$100 to naming Chuck Johnson as the donor. Lori Mickelson motioned to amend and approve the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved.

Newsletter correction on page 5 under MN State Convention - the 2nd Vice Regent is Lisa Ouderkirk.

Reading of Correspondence by Lori Harris.

The Treasurer Report was printed and given by [Carmen Battenfeld](#). Funds paid out for the following:

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Date	Ck#	Description / Pay to		Amount
4/11/2023	5840	Patty Masberg	State Convention Basket	\$ 25.00
4/11/2023	5841	Pregnancy Options	Donation	\$ 200.00
4/11/2023	5842	Shirley Kern	State Convention Basket	\$ 25.00
4/15/2023	5843	Carlson Pillow Cleaning	Pillow Cleaning	\$ 2,022.50
4/20/2023	5844	CDA	National Dues, Liab Insur, Magazine	\$ 980.00
4/26/2023	5845	Sacred Heart School	Marathon	\$ 300.00
5/5/2023	5846	Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary	Donation	\$ 200.00

\$200 to Schoenstatt for a new front door

CDA made \$575.00 from pillow cleaning.

\$390 was collected from member donations towards the Confirmation blanket supplies.

At this time our CDA account balance is \$10649.16

Reading of Bills: Patty Masberg

Pat Foley spent \$84 on CDA pins and forms for membership sign up.

Sue Harguth motioned to reimburse Pat for the \$84 in CDA expenses. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Speaker: Ayla Todd from Sacred Heart Faith Formation - 2023 St. Felix Cantalice Campaign

During the months of February-May, Sacred Heart Faith Formation is campaigning for community support for the upcoming fiscal year's youth ministry activities:

Totus Tuus

Camp Summit

Steubenville Rochester Conference

Confirmation Retreat

Middle School-High School Service Projects

Monthly Youth Fun Nights

The campaign goals are to raise:

\$6,700 in monetary donations

580 hours of volunteer time

433 hours of prayer for Sacred Heart youth, families, volunteers, and staff

Ayla asked for prayers and financial support from the CDA.

Sue Harguth motioned to give the \$400 in our budget reserved for Faith Formation and the \$100 donated to the CDA by Chuck Johnson designated for the youth of the parish. The motion was discussed, seconded, voted on, and passed unanimously to donate a total of \$500 to the Faith Formation programs.

(Meeting Minutes to be continued on Next Page)

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Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2023 (Continued)

Reports of Chairman:

Confirmation Blankets - [Lori Mickelson](#) reported 41 blankets are needed for St. Anne's, Janesville, and Sacred Heart, Waseca, Confirmants. [Lori Mickelson](#) will present the blankets to the students on May 20 during Confirmation rehearsal. The cost of blankets averaged about \$14. A member donated the purple ribbons to sew on the blankets. A member donated Sacred Heart prayer cards to be given with the blankets. There was enough in the budget along with the extra monetary and fleece donations to cover the cost of this service to our youth.

Pillow Cleaning - It was reported that \$575 was raised from this project.

State CDA Convention - Pat Foley, Lori Mickelson, and Sue Harguth attended the convention. Our CDA received Honorary Mention for Leadership AND Membership for the fundraising efforts of members that went to Sacred Heart School. We received third place for Circle of Love Education for Funerals and Catholic Doctrine when having Sam Steffel speak at the January meetings. State Dues went up \$1.00 per year and State Fundraiser went up \$1.00 per year/ per member. National Dues did not go up this year. Total dues between National and State will be \$30.00 per year per member. The officers and budget committee will discuss this during the summer to determine if we will raise local dues and by how much. Membership is down across the state. Sue Harguth shared it is recommended that the Legislative Chair come to meetings to update our local CDA. Also, an idea of supporting students in the fall by filling backpacks with school supplies for those in need.

CDA Retreat at Schoenstatt - 8 women from our court attended. Patty Masberg spoke of the experience, being filled with grace, and increasing her faith and trust in God. She felt the power of starting every day with the "Morning Offering" prayer and gave out prayer cards to members present at the meeting. We are asked to increase our prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. "The Kindness Crusade" was shared. The idea is to do the following 3 each day: pray for, do something kind and say something nice to someone. \$200 is our annual donation as our court's support to them. Pat Foley had applied to MN State CDA for a grant, after asking the Sisters what they needed. The \$500.00 grant that we received is designated for repair of the chapel door.

New Business:

Priest Appreciation - Judy Pipke - This June is Father The's 5th Anniversary of his Ordination. He has asked for prayers. Those present signed a card and offered a prayer bouquet. The 7 Sisters praying for Father The need someone to take Sundays to pray for him.

Seminarians - Shirley Kern purchased cards and gifts for one seminarian being ordained and another a Transitional Deacon in May. She will submit her receipts for reimbursement from the court.

Court Winona is celebrating the 110th Anniversary

New State CDA Website - Check out the new website and pray for new leadership.

Business from the Floor

*Betsy Petsinger volunteered is going to be on the planning team for the church for the Fall Festival. Catholic Daughters will continue to be in charge of the Country Store. The committee volunteers: Connie Ockwig, [Lori Mickelson](#), Shirley Skorczewski.

*We will say a Rosary at the wake for Connie Ockwig's father who passed away.

*Betty Hager - newsletter pictures: Betty Hager our District Deputy had called Pat Foley to expand on the information given in the newsletter with the pictures of the dolls. Betty said that in the "old days" when someone wanted to join CDA, it was voted on by the members with white and black marbles, and if someone got a black marble they were not allowed to become members. The reception of new members took an entire Sunday afternoon. There were several stations that they had to go through during the afternoon to learn about CDA. There were monitors at the doors. Women dressed up for meetings. It was a very big event. Deb Perreault - The salad luncheon will be Friday, Jun 23, 2023. Watch your email for volunteer opportunities.

Geri Kassel asked if we should amend our meeting schedule to include a June meeting so we can discuss the salad luncheon. The Salad Lunch Committee said that a June meeting is not necessary to assist with planning.

[Lori Mickelson](#) - We are losing members. She encouraged members to reach out and invite women to our meetings and events. You can get membership materials from Lori Mickelson to share with others to tell them about CDA.

Financial Secretary's Report - none

Announcements

Congratulations to Rosalie Grams who was awarded a 50 year member certificate. This was presented to Rosalie along with a 50 year member pin at the meeting.

Next meeting will be Aug 8, 2023 with a potluck picnic at University Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Pillow Cleaning Fundraiser!

When: Saturday August 5th 8am-1pm

Where: Sacred Heart Waseca Emmaus Room

Tell your family and friends! Feather pillows are also sold there as well!

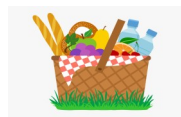


Annual CDA Potluck Picnic

When: Tuesday August 8th 6pm

Where: University Park Waseca

Bring a lady friend, a dish to pass, and your own beverages.



Schoenstatt Sisters on the Lake Sleepy Eye, MN

By: Linda Groh, some photos by Patty Masberg

On Saturday May 6, 2023 the Catholic Daughters went on a very special spiritual retreat. It was in Sleepy Eye with Sister Marie Day of the Schoenstatt Sisters. The Schoenstatt Sisters are a religious order of sisters that originated in Germany and are the group that Catholic Daughters have spiritually adopted. The retreat began with a light breakfast, and then we dug right in to learning. We were given a refresher about how Schoenstatt began and how it came to Sleepy Eye. Then we went into our main topic of the day which is "Grace". We learned about different types of graces God gives. There is "Saving Grace" which is the grace that gets us to eternal life, and there are many "actual graces" they are nudges that bring us closer to God. We can pray for graces for ourselves or others during this lifetime to help bring us closer to God. It is important to ask our Mother Mary to intercede to help us on our journey. Praying three Hail Mary's each day invites in to have the anointing of the sick, communion, and last rites before our death. After humans die we can pray for the souls in purgatory. We can also offer suffering and even good things, such as enjoying a good donut for the added grace or salvation of others. It does not guarantee salvation but it allows for more actual graces or nudges to bring the person closer to God, even in purgatory. Sister Marie had a serene, sincere manner of speaking and was very easy to listen to. She was so easy to listen to and our group was so eager to learn that it took Sister Marie saying she needed a break to get us to take a break.

We had lunch and then went over to the chapel. Sister Marie explained that this chapel is a Shrine to Blessed Mother Mary. It is a replica of the one made in Schoenstatt Germany that used to be a tool shed but was converted as a place for Mary. There are several replicas of this Shrine throughout the world and they are all identical. Since it was the voice of Mary instructing the placement of the Shrine, through the church replication is allowed. If Mary would have appeared as an apparition and set foot on the ground replication would not have been allowed. As a court we prayed the rosary together and sang Marian praise songs.

After the Shrine visit, we went back to the retreat center and heard about Sister Marie's campaign for kindness. She emphasized the little things such as smile and small good deeds and thoughts to make our world a better place. She asked all of us for help in the mission of kindness to the world. We had snack and toured the gift shop. There were religious items at modest prices. From the retreat Sister Marie did give each of us a keepsake though, it is the book: Miracles through our Lady, True Stories of Everyday People that can Change your Life Forever. On the way back from the retreat we stopped at a church in Sleepy Eye named, "St. Mary's". It was a historic church with elaborate architecture such as three dimensional statues hanging from the walls as stations of the cross, and the gifts of the holy spirit written in Latin on the ceiling among several special features. It was a day that brought much unity to our court and hopefully will be a tradition we can continue each year.

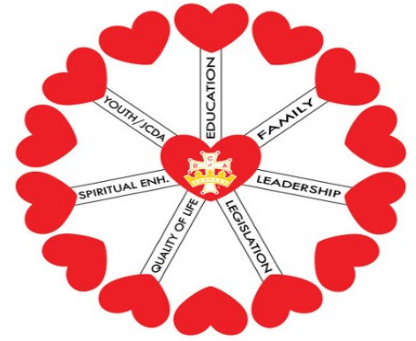


The pictures from top to bottom and left to right are as follows: Our group ready to learn, Schoenstatt Marian Shrine exterior, and then the next two photos detail the interior, and then the outside of the retreat center with Sister Marie Day, then our group in the Mary Shrine, then our group with Sister Marie, and a picture of the interior of St. Mary's church in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota.

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What is the CDA Circle of Love?

The seven points of the Circle of Love indicate the needs of the Church and community best served by the Catholic Daughters. The program itemizes these needs with suggestions on how Catholic Daughters can effectively serve. The "CIRCLE OF LOVE" program portions are gathered to assist Catholic Daughters in working with the Church and community. We are indeed very aware of the needs in society that are deeply affecting today's generation, the elderly and human life. If we are to be "Jesus hands and feet" as is pledged in the Act of Consecration during the Installation Ceremony, then we must use the talents He gave us, become educated in new fields, volunteer our services and provide financial assistance where needed.



The Seven Circle of Love "Spokes"

EDUCATION It has often been said that education literally means "a drawing out" of a person's talent as well as a "putting in" of knowledge or instruction. Education is a key ingredient which significantly impacts the long term success of our organization. Education helps bring us to fulfillment and helps improve attitudes. Education should include programs or activities that assist members to learn about CDA, its history, its charitable projects and charities, as well as the programs on the spokes of the Circle of Love. This could include topics of a spiritual nature, safety concerns and medical issues. Education may lead to higher participation. The CDA scholarships and Education Contests are a part of the education spoke.

FAMILY The family is often called the principal cell or building block of human society. The family is the place where the Catholic faith is handed on and lived. Families may include one or two parents, and other family members such as grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. Courts should continue to strengthen family relations by interacting with families. Projects for family should include programs or activities that assist and support the family. Families praying together, working together, and playing together will fully encompass the Circle of Love Program.

LEADERSHIP Dedicated and inspired leadership over the last 100 years in the Catholic Daughters has kept CDA the largest Catholic women's organization in the world. You, as a member of CDA, have the opportunity to learn the skills and techniques of leadership and implement your talents as a future leader. You will be the wind beneath the wings of others. Consider becoming a leader in CDA!

QUALITY OF LIFE Quality of Life is social awareness. Issues of our national program are the heart of our ministering to the needs of all people. We are called to reach out with compassion and support, to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow, and sickness. This Circle of Love includes many areas, such as family life issues, domestic abuse, human trafficking, restoration of family values, and protection of life from conception to natural death. These are just a few of the areas of the quality of life.

SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT Through the spiritual program in each local and state court, we help our members to nourish and develop their relationships with God. Our service, then, becomes the way we witness our faith and share God's love with a hurting world. Because of His guidance and support, we can serve with joy and faithfulness. In the Spiritual Enhancement section of the Circle of Love, you will find ways to provide opportunities to spend time with God. You will find ideas for enhancing personal sanctification as well as suggestions for becoming involved in the spiritual life of the parishes and communities.

LEGISLATION Our obligation is to become better informed on public issues, addressing morals, while supporting church teaching on human life, human rights, justice and peace. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas DO NOT ENDORSE CANDIDATES NOR ANY POLITICAL PARTY!

YOUTH It is the mission of the Youth program to nurture personal and spiritual growth in our youth. Tomorrow's promise lives in today's youth. In responding to their needs today, we help to shape a better future for all. We can fulfill the goals of the Youth Program by committing to supporting, sponsoring, and / or participating in at least one youth activity. This can be accomplished by working together with the youth ministry, Sacred Heart School, and /or sponsoring a local Junior CDA group.

This is just a brief explanation of each Spoke of the Circle of Love. If you go online to the National CDA website, and click on "Circle of Love", you will find much more information about each area.

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!!!!!!!!!! IMPORTANT CDA Survey 2023 !!!!!!!!!!!

Would you be interested in starting our meetings earlier in the evening? (For example 6:00PM)

Would you attend meetings if they were held on a Saturday morning in the winter?

What speaker(s) would you like to have at a meeting?

What special projects or events would you like Court Sacred Heart to be involved in or support?

Are there projects or events that you would no longer like Court Sacred Heart to participate in or support?

Do you enjoy having a snack at our meetings? Would you prefer the snack at the beginning or end of the meeting?



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