MISSION STATEMENT

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

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COURT SACRED HEART #1424
WASECA, MINNESOTA



October 2026

Next CDA Gathering:
Tuesday October 13th, 2026
Trainer Campion Dining Hall
6:00pm Rosary; 6:30pm Meeting; 7:15 Speaker-Father Chris Shofner

UPCOMING EVENTS

October:
13th Meeting: Program on Mental Illness
18th CDA Sunday
24th Holy Family: Respect for Life (mini retreat)
Socktober (all month)

November:
10th Meeting
10th 8:30am CDA Memorial Mass @ Sacred Heart Waseca

December:
8th Meeting: Christmas Party
Adopt-a-Family

January:
12th Meeting: Basics of the Mass

February:
9th Meeting: Bread Service
KCs Burger/Fish Fry









Your generosity and service during the Fall Festival help our parish community flourish.





ANY WOMAN 18 YEARS OR OLDER, WHO IS CATHOLIC, AND DESIRES TO BE A MEMBER, MAY JOIN CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS.

Letter from our Regent...

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Thank you all for your hard work and donations to make the fall festival and country store a success! All your unique talents and willingness to serve God made great teamwork! It will help our parish and youth for quite a while.

Prayers for those in New Richland. The flooding impacted 80 percent of the town's homes. It greatly impacted many buildings, and The New Richland Care Center had to evacuate all its residents to other places. We will continue to keep you all in our prayers and in this newsletter, we will include information on how to help.

Do you or anyone you know struggle with mental health from time to time such as anxiety or depression? At our October meeting we will have Father Chris Shofner, come speak about mental illness. He will speak about his own experience with depression, how to tell if someone may be struggling, and things that may help. He spoke last year to the CCW group in Le Center, MN and I found the information to be helpful. He is currently at St. Ann Parish in Le Sueur, MN. I grew up in Le Center and knew Father Chris, so last year decided to attend his talk. Prayers for anyone struggling with mental health. I want to eliminate any stigma people have for it.

October will be a busy month for CDA. We will be collecting socks for Socktober, handing out Gummi Bears while taking donations for Habitat for Humanity, and getting together at 10 am mass for CDA Sunday October 18th. Many blessings to you all this autumn.

In Unity and Charity,
Linda Groh

Father Chris Shofner
of St. Ann's of Le Sueur, MN
will speak during our meeting
around 7:15 pm
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CDA MINUTES SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

The regular meeting of Court Sacred Heart #1424 was called to order by Regent Linda Groh on September 8, 2026, at 6:38 in the Parish Center dining room.

Opening prayer was led by Shirley Skorczewski, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Linda welcomed visitors to our meeting.
Silent Roll Call: 5 officers, 21 members and 2 visitors

A motion was made by Lori Mickelson to approve the August minutes as printed in the newsletter.Jeanne Sexton seconded the motion.Motion carried.

Recording Secretary Mary Knoll read the correspondence and passed them for members to see.

Kristin Strand distributed the treasurer's report for May-August. Current balance is $9,547.17. Pat Foley made a motion to approve, Lori Mickelson seconded. Motion approved.

Financial Secretary Shelly Wetzel reported that no bills had been presented for August.

Reports of Chairmen:

Sacred Heart Staff Appreciation Luncheon – Linda reported the September 2 luncheon was enjoyed and appreciated by all
Sacred Heart Back to School Picnic – Becky Petsinger reported that September 3 had a somewhat smaller attendance. Knights of Columbus grilled the hot dogs and Catholic Daughters provided and helped service the desserts. She brought up a suggestion that we should consider making a banner promoting the partnership of sponsoring the picnic. Bees were a huge issue at the picnic.
Fall Guadeloupe Pilgrimage – Patty Masberg gave a presentation on the pilgrimage on September 3. She constructed a postcard and handed it out showing the 9 people who attended. She said it was a wonderful time and meaningful spiritual tour of the shrine.

Unfinished Business:

Kristin Strand presented a check to Sammie Neff representing Sacred Heart School, to be used for game prizes at the Sacred Heart Fall Festival.

Shelly Wetzel reminded members that annual dues of $35 are now due.
Catholic Daughters will once again be managing the Country Store for the Fall Festival. Connie Ockwig asked for 18-20 volunteers to cover the hours of operations. They are also in need of baked goods, plants, crafts, etc. Drop offs can start on Thursday, September 17.
CDA Summer/Fall workshops are in progress. The northern districts held their workshops on August 29 and 30 in Eveleth and Argyle. The southern region will host theirs on September 26 and 27 in St Charles and Marshall. Waseca will attend the workshop in Marshall on Sept 27. The state board organizes these workshops. News from National is passed along. What is voted on is then share with all courts. The information was shared by Lori Mickelson.
CDA National Convention was held in Coralville, Iowa in July. Lori Mickelson reported that they were at beautiful location. Lots of activities with a musical concert and vendors selling religious items. New National board members were elected. Nominations were held for 2028 committee members with our own Pat Foley being elected to the committee. By laws were looked at. Some of the notable changes were that veils can now be worn.A large discussion was held on the wording of gender in regards to membership. It was finally approved that CDA membership is open to anyone 18 or older who were female at birth. The next National Convention will be held in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 2028.
Habitat for Humanity The home being built in Owatonna is complete. They could not find a Vet as a candidate. They decided to open it to someone else. Applications are being looked over. The dedication will take place later this fall.

New Business:

Standing rules were read to the members by Linda Groh and Jeanne Sexton. There were some good discussions and a few changes made. Connie Ockwig made a motion to approve the standing rules as read after any changes so noted.Carmen Battenfeld seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alzheimer's Walk: Jeanne Sexton will be participating in the walk on September 26 in Owatonna. She made a request for a donation of $100 for this worthy cause. Pat Foley made a motion for CDA to donate $100. Pam Fossum seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Education Circle of Love: A chairman is needed for this position within our Court. Anyone interested may contact Linda Groh.

Court's 80th Anniversary: Court #1424 will be 80 years old in December. We have one charter member. We are looking for potential plans for a celebration. Idea was tabled until October's meeting.

Socktober: JoAnne Earle spoke on the annual socks drive. Socks should be new. Neighborhood Service Center request to give at will. May also send them to schools or the Indian Ridge. The socks will be given at no cost. The drive will begin October 1 with a collection box in the back of church.

Gummi Bear: Carmen Battenfeld reported that money raised will be for the Habitat for Humanity. She is working on a date in October and locations. May be able to stand near Wal-Mart.

Trunk or Treat: Linda Groh spoke on the possibility of have a trunk or treat at Sacred Heart. Discussion was held. The biggest obstacle for the event is that Halloween falls on a Saturday and it could be difficult to hold it while Mass is going on. A chairperson would be needed. Tabled until a later date.

CDA Sunday: Statewide this will be on October 18th.

Holy Family – Respect for Life: Jane Christian reported that a mini-retreat will be held in Waseca on October 24 from 8am to 12pm. Speaker will be Fr. Marty Schafer. A rosary will also be said and there will be time for adoration.

Diocese Retreat: Rochester Lourdes will be holding a retreat on November 7. Beloved Conference/Retreat will cost $60. Look for information on the Diocese website or in the Courier.

"Be Still and Behold Him": Amber Konz spoke on a women's retreat that she is working on to be held at the end of February. Watch for more details to come.

Drawing was held.
Closing prayer

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 by Regent Linda Groh.
Submitted by Mary Knoll, Recording Secretary



After the Summer Workshops, court regents received a Membership Survey to pass along to members. You should have received an email with a link to the digital version of this survey.

If you prefer a printable version of the survey, one has been included in this newsletter. Neither version should take an extraordinary amount of time, but everyone's response is important to the vitality of MN CDA!

Please take the time to provide your feedback.

If you have questions, please reach out to Linda

Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

Minnesota Sisters -

We are utilizing feedback from the survey below to understandthe strengths, needs, and interests of our members and to further develop our recruitment initiatives, leadership training opportunities, and other programs based on your feedback. Please take your time. It will take 10-15 minutes.

Please return your completed survey by mail or email to: Jackie Eggenberger, 41055 215th Ave, Zumbrota, MN 55992 – jackiewelscher@gmail.com by October 15, 2026.

We look forward to your response and thank you for your feedback! MN State Board & Membership Committee

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

1. Court Name or Number * _____

2. Age Group * Mark one only.

___ 18-29 ___ 30s ___ 40s ___ 50s ___ 60s ___ 70s ___ 80+

3. How many years have you been a Catholic Daughter? * Mark one only.

___ 1-10 ___ 11-20 ___ 21-30 ___ 31-40 ___ 41-50 ___ 50+

MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE

4. What do you most value about your CDA membership? *

Rank based on importance – 1 = Most Important, 5 = Least Important - Mark only one response per row.

	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Fellowship						
Spiritual Support						
Activities						
Fundraising						
Charitable Projects						
State Organization						
National Organization						
Other:						

4a. If the rankings of 1-5 under 'Other' applied to you, please describe and explain.

_____

_____

5. What issues cause you to miss meetings, activities, or events. * Check all that apply.

___ Mobility ___ Meeting Length ___ Meeting Time ___ Location

___ Schedule Conflicts ___ Rarely Miss ___ Other: _____

6. Have you held a leadership position in your court? * Mark one only. ___ YES ___ NO

7. YES to Question 6

7a. What did you enjoy?

_____

_____

7b. What would you change that might encourage others to lead?

_____

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8. What projects, charities, activities, and service projects do you find valuable in CDA? *

Check all that apply.

___ Circle of Love Projects ___ Assisting the elderly ___ Assisting the homeless
___ Mothers in Need / Right to Life ___ Community Improvements ___ Supporting youth
___ Assisting church, clergy, religious ___ State – Support our Seminarians (SOS) ___ State – Women's Religious
___ State – Habitat for Humanity ___ National Projects and Charities ___ Other: _____

8a. If you selected National Projects and Charities, list the specific ones in which you find of value.

_____

9. How should raised funds be used? * Check all that apply.

___ For specific projects and charities ___ Member fellowship ___ Member dues
___ To support member attendance at state and national events
___ Other: _____

10. What type of communication do you prefer? * Check all that apply.

___ Court newsletter ___ State newsletter ___ Nat'l Share Magazine ___ Facebook
___ Tik Tok ___ X (formerly Twitter) ___ YouTube ___ Text Messaging
___ Phone calls ___ Mail ___ Email ___ Other: _____

RECRUITMENT AND GROWTH

11. Has your court held a successful membership activity recently? * Please describe.

_____

_____

12. Have you personally talked to someone recently about joining your court? * Mark one only.

___ YES ___ NO

If YES, what type of response did you receive?

_____

_____

13. Do you have a suggestion of a community in which to organize a new court? * Mark one only.

___ YES ___ NO

13a. Do you know the priest? Please provide his name: _____

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13b. Do you have a contact within this community? _____

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14. Last but not least … What change(s) would improve your experience in CDA? *

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SOCKTOBER

A New Sock Collection Drive

Through October 2026



Warm feet. Warm hearts.

Please donate NEW socks for:

MEN • WOMEN • CHILDREN

All sizes and styles are welcome. New socks only, please.

Donations will benefit the
Neighborhood Service Center

Share a pair. Show you care!
Bring new, not used, socks to the October meeting

CDA Sunday will be
Sunday October 18th!
Please wear your CDA
shirts/buttons to mass
or wear purple
and show your CDA spirit!

Have you paid your dues yet?
Get your check or cash to
Michelle Wetzel or put in
the CDA mailbox

Donations of money and food
are being sought for the
New Richland Area Food Shelf
Donations can be sent to:
AFSNR Benevolence Fund
P.O. Box 12
New Richland, MN 56072

Keeping You in Prayer

Our Regent, Linda, on the passing of her aunt and her mother's health concerns.

Ken Earle, husband of member JoAnn Earle. Ken suffered a stroke in Sept. Keep Ken and their family in prayer

Barb Thursdale's grandson who has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer.

All our CDA sisters who also may be having difficult times

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Prayer for Seminarians

God our Father, we thank you for calling men to serve in your Church and at the service of your Son's kingdom as priests. Grant these men the gift of understanding and send your Holy Spirit to help others to know your call. May Catholic Daughters support vocations by prayer and encouragement of our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

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