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OF THE
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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:

April:

Baby Shower for Pregnancy Options/Pillow Cleaning

May:

May Crowning Program & Pilgrimage to Schoenstatt in Sleepy Eye

June:

Priest Appreciation/Salad Luncheon

July:

No meeting

August:

Pillow Cleaning/Potluck Picnic



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COURT SACRED HEART #1424
WASECA, MINNESOTA



APRIL 2023

Next CDA Meeting: Tuesday April 11th at Treanor Campion Dining Hall at Sacred Heart Waseca 7pm to socialize and make business decisions. Rosary at 6:45pm. Baby Shower for Pregnancy Options of Faribault.

Ham and Pie Raf- fle and Pie Sales for East- er Fund- raiser

On March 11, 12, 18, and 19, we sold raffle tickets for a ham and pie and sold pies for the Easter season as a new fundraiser. We held our drawing after 10 am mass on March 26th and Deb Wobschall is our winner.



Letter from our Regent.....

Dear Sisters in Christ:

I pray that your Lenten Journey has been a fruitful journey, as you journey towards the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. These are special days of preparation and to feel the love of God by our sides, leading to the celebration of HIS Resurrection.

The new fundraiser, Easter Ham and Pie Raffle along with pie sales seems to have made a big hit with the parish. Make sure to let us know what you think of it and if you would have any suggestions to improve this fundraiser. We want to thank Morgan's Meats for providing the ham for us at a reduced cost. Make sure to thank them next time you stop at the meat market. And we want to thank The Pheasant Café for providing a place to store the pies.

Our next big project is making tie blankets for the Confirmation Students. This year Sacred Heart is welcoming the Tri-Parishes of Janesville, Waldorf and New Richland for confirmation which is being held at Sacred Heart. Court Sacred Heart has members from all those parishes. There will be 39 students receiving the Holy Spirit in Confirmation this year. That's a lot of blankets to make. We will be having a "Tying Fest" later in April. Please watch your email for the date and time and then come and join us. If you want to join us and do not receive email, please call Pat Foley (507-461-5095) and let her know of your interest and she will keep you up to date.

Remember to check your calendars and keep the date open for the Sacred Heart Catholic Daughters Retreat at Schoenstatt on the Lake on May 6th. Please let me know no later than April 11th if you plan to attend. This will be a wonderful day of prayer, celebration, and community. If you have never been to Schoenstatt on the Lake, be ready to be surprised. It is a beautiful, spiritual, and amazing place. Remember there will be carpooling available so you don't have to drive there yourself.

Wishing you a blessed Easter,
In Unity and Charity,
Pat Foley, Regent
Court Sacred Heart #1424

Catholic Daughter's Retreat

Court Sacred Heart #1424 is going to have a retreat for our Catholic Daughter members at Schoenstatt On The Lake in Sleepy Eye MN on May 6th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The cost to attend this retreat is \$25.00. There are scholarships available, if a CDA member wants to attend but cannot afford it. Contact Pat Foley for confidential information about the scholarships. We will carpool from Waseca. For more information or to register for the retreat contact Pat Foley at 507-461-5095 before April 11th. Please consider spending the day with your CDA sisters in the beautiful atmosphere of Schoenstatt on the Lake.

PILLOW CLEANING

Hear ye! Hear ye! It's again that time of the year when we like to clean out the cobwebs of winter. Don't be embarrassed by your pillows. We have seen it all. We even once found a rusty nail in a pillow!! Carlson's Pillow Cleaning will be at Sacred Heart on Saturday April 15th from 8am to 1pm. Bring in your pillows to be cleaned, sanitized, deodorized, and fluffed. Then they are covered with a new ticking of your choice. This is sponsored by Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Sacred Heart #1424. There are also feather, down and microfiber pillows available for purchase. Profits from this event support Sacred Heart school, Bethlehem Inn, Pregnancy Op-

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CDA Minutes March 14, 2023

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 then served (treats provided by Shirley Skorczewski and Judy Pipke).

The meeting was then called to order by Regent Pat Foley, with opening prayer by Spiritual Enhancement chair, Deb Wobschall. Silent roll call of officers was taken. There were 3 officers, and 9 members present.

A motion was made by Connie Ockwig to approve the February minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded and approved.

Correspondence received this month was a thank you note from the residents of Bridgewater Assisted Living for the CDA members and their grandchildren who came to play BINGO with them.

The treasurer's report was prepared by Carmen Battenfeld. We have a balance of \$10,310.58 in available funds. Carmen was asked what the difference is between the profit of this year and last year is from the pie and pop sales at the KC burger fry. Last year we made \$335.00, this year we made \$604.00. We just received a check for \$700.00 from the Knights of Columbus for our help with the fundraiser. This is similar to what we got from the KC's last year. The total profit from this fundraiser then, was \$1327.00.

Reports of Chairmen:

Ham and Pie Raffle and Pie Sales – So far, we have sold 50 raffle tickets and 20 pies. Members purchased pies at the meeting. CDA will be selling raffle tickets and pies after Masses again this weekend, March 18 and 19. It was suggested that CDA ask Father to announce the sale when Mass ends. There has been positive response received from parish members. Discussion was held that we may increase this to twice a year, doing a Turkey and Pie Raffle in the fall for Thanksgiving.

Holy Communion Gifts – Geri Kassel reports that she purchased rosaries needed for the gifts given to the First Communicants. She was asked to inform CDA if she needs help putting the gifts together. Gifts are given to all of the First Communicants from the parishes represented by Court Sacred Heart

Confirmation Blankets - Connie Ockwig. Confirmation will be May 21st. It appears that Sacred Heart will be hosting the Janesville Tri-Parishes for confirmation. It was questioned if CDA should also be providing blankets for those parishes, because we have CDA members from Janesville and New Richland. Some material was brought to the meeting for blankets. Linda Groh took this material to use when she has the residents from Bridgewater assist putting blankets together. Linda will check with Lake Shore Inn to see if they would like to participate and will let us know if she gets a date set up. A date has not been set for Court Sacred Heart to put blankets together yet. It was felt that there was still time to do this, with confirmation in May, because then more of the Blanket Committee can be present to make the decision.

Pillow Cleaning – Pat Foley reports that pillow cleaning will be April 15th. A sign-up sheet was passed around so those interested in working could sign up.

Unfinished Business:

First Aid Kits - tabled until April's meeting.

New Business:

Silent Auction Basket for State Convention – The State CDA board has asked for donation from each court of Silent Auction Basket(s) totaling \$50.00. Patty Masburg and Shirley Kern each volunteered to put a \$25.00 basket together and bring to the next meeting for the convention.

National CDA Fall Retreat – A CDA retreat is being planned for November 10-12 to be held in Bel Aire KS. The retreat director is Fr. Shenan Bouquet. The theme is: "Put Your Nets Out Into The Deep – Moving Mountains". Cost is \$300.00, including room and meals.

March Legislative Update: emailed to the Regent from the State Circle of Love Legislative Chair, asking that it be shared at our meeting. Bills supported by CDA are: establishing a refundable child credit for parents of children attending parochial schools, expand the exemption of taxes on certain baby products, allow parents to use the funds from the education savings accounts for qualifying expenses and an act to provide earned sick and safe time to employees. Bills that are opposed include: legalizing cannabis, modifying rates for certain disability waiver services and adult care, allow notary publics and past or current Minnesota elected officials to be authorized to perform marriage and a bill that would repeal certain statutes regulating abortion. Please let your elected officials know how you stand on these issues.

MEETING MINUTES TO BE CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

CDA Minutes from March 14, 2023 (Continued)

Earthquake Assistance for Syria and Turkey - National CDA sent a letter stating that there is no current assistance being supplied by CDA. If any court is interested, they should get in contact with their local diocese. It was the opinion of the members that were present that they would like to see the money spent locally, such as for the school, rather than send it internationally.

Business from the floor:

There was discussion about the recent added tuition for Sacred Heart School. This will be \$1800.00 a year, with reduction if more than one child from a family is attending. 85% of donations from church go to supporting the school.

Financial Secretary's Report: Patty Masberg reported she is getting members dues in, with less than 16 members outstanding. She is working on contacting members.

Announcements:

Judy Pipke is leading the Martha's Ministry at Sacred Heart Church. This is a parish wide ministry. There will be a thorough cleaning of the church March 26th, to prepare for Easter. After that, Martha's Ministry will clean the church once a month on the third Friday of the month at 7:00am. CDA members are asked to help.

A coffee pot was donated by Lori Mickelson and labeled for CDA use.

Geri Kassel complimented the Ham and Pie Raffle Committee stating it is well organized.

REMINDER: SAVE THE DATE: remember to save the date for the Court Sacred Heart's Retreat to be held at Schoenstatt on the Lake on May 6, 2023. Cost is \$25.00. There are scholarships for those who want to attend but cannot afford it. Please contact Pat Foley (507-461-5095) if you need a scholarship. **PLEASE SIGN UP BY CONTACTING PAT FOLEY BY OUR NEXT MEETING, April 11th.**

NEXT MEETING: will be April 11th. The speaker will be Gina Little from Pregnancy Options in Faribault. We will be having a baby shower. A list of their needs will be printed in the newsletter.

Ending Prayer was led by Deb Wobschall.

Door prize winners were Linda Groh, Shirley Kern and Deb Wobschall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

GIVING ALMS

By Pat Foley, Regent

It is still the season of Lent, and we hear a lot of talk about giving alms. I wanted to know more about almsgiving, to dive deeper into its meaning.

The dictionary defines **almsgiving** as the practice of giving money or food to poor people and performing acts of charity. But what does that mean for us? **Almsgiving** is our response to the teachings of Jesus that encourage us to reach out to people in need - not just with money - but with our time and talents. **Almsgiving** helps us to experience giving freely, which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing, and the freedom from the fear of losing what we have.

I have thought a lot about **almsgiving** and what it means to me as a member of The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Sacred Heart #1424. Of course, we pay our dues, which supports many good projects and lends to our **almsgiving**. When we have fundraisers, we try to participate by purchasing something of what is being sold. That's all pretty easy when it comes to **almsgiving**. But let's take it a step farther. I think that **almsgiving** is more than just opening up our wallets and handing out money. I think that helping out by working at the fundraiser or other event is also a form of **almsgiving**. I think that participating in activities and events is part of **almsgiving**. In fact, all of this just might be a more difficult form of **almsgiving**. Sometimes it's much harder to give of our time rather than hand out money.

Next time there is opportunity to volunteer for an activity or event, please don't wait for someone to call you and ask if you will help. Call the chairperson of that event and volunteer. Or if you have an idea of something that you would like to do, a speaker you might like to hear, an activity of service to others, etc., let one of the officers know. Or just attend our meetings and add your opinion to the mix. These are all opportunities for **almsgiving**. It might not be the typical way of **almsgiving**, of opening the wallet and handing out money, but it can be just as, if not more, satisfying. I hope to see you soon.

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

EASTER PRAYER

(Taken from The National Quarterly of the Catholic Daughters)

Thank You for this Lenten journey of walking with You in the desert for forty days.
Holding Your hand as we walked with You knowing how much You love us.

We have come to know You as Love.

For we have struggled with You through burdens, obstacles, anger and resentment
that we were otherwise unable to let go of.

Comforting us and making the hurt go away.

Giving us the confidence to believe in Your word and love of mankind.

By using Your gifts to help others and see You in them,

We can follow the light of love out of the darkness and sadness to the joy and peace with YOU.

Amen. Alleluia.

UNITY AND CHARITY

For those of us in a certain age group (older?), we might remember back in the early 70's a very popular song, a rock version of "The Lord's Prayer". This was sung by Sr. Janet Mead. (Go ahead and look it up on YouTube or Google it. You will enjoy hearing it again, or maybe, for you younger ladies out there for the first time.)

All of the money that Sr. Janet Mead earned from her music went to charity, but she recalled this period of fame as a "horrible time". She eventually walked away from her musical career. She protested the Viet Nam War, marched against welfare cuts, and supported striking workers. She was an ardent advocate for aborigines and refugees, and for her decades spent caring for the homeless she was named South Australian of the Year in 2004. For Sr. Janet it all went together. On the liner note of her first album she had written "I believe that life is a unity and therefore not divided into compartments. That means that worship, music, recreation, work and all other little boxes of our lives are really inseparable" She died of cancer on January 26, 2022.

LIFE IS UNITY AND CHARITY. Our CDA motto.

CDA Membership Prayer

Remember us, O Dearest Mary, Our Mother and Patroness of Catholic Daughters

We offer you our works, joys, and trials,

We ask your intercession as we reach out to women with love

And enthusiastic invitations to increase our membership.

Help us, O Most Holy Virgin, to be faithful to your rosary,

For peace in our homes, our nation, and the world.

We ask you to bless and protect our families and guide the unity and charity.

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APRIL SHOWERS BRING.....
A baby shower for Pregnancy Options!!

For the past few years in April, Court Sacred Heart has been collecting items needed by Pregnancy Options in Faribault. Pregnancy Options is a clinic for women with unplanned or unexpected pregnancies. At the clinic they can receive pregnancy testing, an ultrasound to see their baby, education about what abortion is, education about caring for themselves and baby and someone to walk the walk with them. There are no abortions performed or recommended at this clinic. No referrals for abortions are made at this clinic. The clinic also supplies items for the mother and baby, including diapers, clothing and most anything they might need. That's where Court Sacred Hear can come in. Below you will see a list of items that Pregnancy Options needs right now.

In addition to collecting items needed by the clinic this year we will be having a speaker, Gina Little who is the current director of Pregnancy Options in Faribault. We will present her with a check from Court Sacred Heart for our annual donation which is in our budget each year. Please come to hear Gina speak. She is so knowledgeable about preventing abortion and is a very upbeat person. Let's make her trip to Waseca worth the drive with many members showing up.

If you can't make it to the meeting and have items to donate, please contact Pat Foley at 507-461-5095. Also feel free to drop by before the meeting on April 11th to drop off your donation.

- Baby sunscreen
- Plastic locking bags-sandwich, quart, and gallon
- Infant formula
- Batteries-Sizes AA, C, D, AAA
- Toilet Tissue-Please not Charmin
- Paper Towels-C Fold Commercial
- Facial Tissue
- Infant Pain Relievers
- Diaper Rash Ointments
- Cleaning Supplies-Toilet cleaner, sink cleaner, dusting, general cleaner, cleaning wipes
- White 13 gallon trash bags
- Black trash bags
- Financial contributions to provide for operations
- **Volunteering your time-receptionist, events, nurse, sonographer, please talk to Gina as there is always something to do. (Pregnancy Options-507-332-7644)**



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