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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: Pillow Cleaning Fundraiser

Pregnancy Options Baby Shower

May: Crowning of Mary

Schoenstatt Retreat

June: CDA Salad Luncheon

Priest Appreciation

July: No Meeting

August: Potluck Picnic and Pillow Cleaning Fundraiser

Sacred Heart School Staff Luncheon

GABRIEL

COURT SACRED HEART #1424
WASECA, MINNESOTA



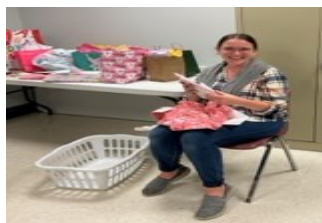
APRIL
2024

Next CDA Meeting: Tuesday April 9, 2024. Rosary at 6pm and monthly meeting after. Treanor Campion Dining Hall at Sacred Heart Waseca. Baby Shower for Pregnancy Options of Faribault, MN.

WELCOME BRIANNA AND BERNADETTE

By: Pat Foley

On March 12th we welcomed a new member and future member to Court Sacred Heart #1424, Brianna Frase and her new daughter, Bernadette. Her family is fairly new to Waseca. Brianna has been attending some of our meetings, but had a busy fall, and so was not able to make joining our court official until now. Brianna had a baby in November. She also has three sons at home, so she is a very busy woman. We are very excited to have Brianna joining us. A surprise baby shower was held for her at the March meeting, with gifts given to her from our generous members. Welcome to CDA, Frase family!



Support our Seminarians Mission

By: Linda Groh

At our May meeting we had a priest from Divine Mercy in Faribault come and speak to us. He was someone Sue Harguth from our court sent letters, cards, and gifts to when he was a seminarian on behalf of

the Catholic Daughters. He is Father Clayton Forner. Sue Harguth and Father Forner are pictured together here. He wants to thank us all for our prayers.

He had a feeling from young on to the priesthood and various family were supportive of him. His calling was numerous small callings through the years, but his most profound call was as a teenager at a Lifeline mass they prayed for vocations. After the mass, a religious sister prayed over him, and he felt it over his whole body. It initiated him praying more about his vocation. He also has studied in Rome numerous times which has helped him to see the Universal church and he is continuing to transform.

His advice for encouraging/nurturing vocations are as follows:

1. Grow in our faith. It has a ripple effect. Show by example.
2. Pray, fast, sacrifice. It is our spiritual artillery.
3. Ask open-ended questions. How must have you considered priest hood? What do you think about religious life?
4. Let the person wrestle or discern vocation. Help pre-dispose heart.

Father Forner finds mass and concessions the most rewarding elements of priesthood. He enjoys being there for the youth and pointing out the gifts a child has.

His talk was very informative and interesting and we thank Father Forner for attending our meeting.



Letter from our Regent.....

Dear Sisters in Christ:

Alleluia! He has Risen! I don't know about anyone else, but this Lent passed very quickly for me. I remember as a child, it seemed to drag on forever, while I waited for whatever it was that I had given up for Lent. I know some traditions allow us to have whatever we gave up for Lent on Sunday, but that was not allowed by my parents. If you gave it up, it was gone for the entire time! I know that it didn't hurt me one bit! Then Easter morning came with the Easter basket full of eggs and candy, and a special day with the family after church. I pray that you had a blessed Lent and a blessed Easter.

Court Sacred Heart is truly amazing. Whenever we have a bake sale you all step forward and make the most delicious goodies. The bake sale was an amazing success this year. I want to thank the Bake Sale Committee of Diane Ytuarte, Jaye Sopkowiak and Judy Thomas for the time put into organizing and making sure everything went off as planned, even when the school cancelled their fundraiser. A big thank you to Diane for driving to New Richland to get sales from there!!!

I also want to thank the officers for the time spent to plan and execute the Ham and Pie Raffle and Pie Sales. This becomes a fun event as parishioners wait to see if they won!! A big thank you to Carmen for letting us use a freezer from The Pheasant and organizing the sold pies to be handed out at church. (Also, thank you to Morgan's Meat Market for donating the whole ham)

And of course, none of those events could be successful without the members who work at them and who buy from them. Thank you to all of the members who give of your time and money to make our group a success.

Has a Catholic Daughter been calling you, asking if you could step forward and be an officer? Please open your heart to this invitation. It may be a Catholic Daughter who is in front of you, but is it **actually God** calling you? The year I joined Court Sacred Heart, the secretary had just resigned. The officers were asking if someone would take the position. There were no volunteers. God pushed my hand up, and there I was, an officer of an organization that I had only been a member of for a couple of months. It was scary and I had a lot of learning to do. I have been an officer in one capacity or another since that day. There have been so many blessings since that time. I don't regret even one day. Give it a try.

In Unity and Charity;

Pat Foley, Regent

Court Sacred Heart #1424

APRIL SHOWERS BRING.... CLEAN PILLOWS

By: Pat Foley

It's the time of the year for spring cleaning!! Gather up all of your feather and microfiber pillows and bring them to the TC Building on April 13, 2024, between 8am and 1pm. Carlson's Pillow Cleaning will be there to clean and sanitize the feathers (or microfiber) and put a new cover on the pillow. It's like getting a brand-new pillow. The cost is approximately \$14.95 for a standard size pillow, and they also do queen and king size. For a small additional charge, they will add feathers and/or down to the pillow. There are also new pillows you can buy on the spot! Mike Carlson gives the Catholic Daughters \$3.00 for each pillow cleaned, and a percentage of new pillows sold. Talk to your relatives, neighbors, and friends and tell them about this awesome service. So get your pillows ready and bring them down to Sacred Heart on April 13th! **I am still in need of two helpers for the 10:30am to 1:00pm shift. Call me if you are interested. (507-461-5095).**



MAY RETREAT AT SCHOENSTATT ON THE LAKE

By: Pat Foley

On May 18, 2024 Court Sacred Heart will be participating in a retreat held by The Sisters Of Schoenstatt in Sleepy Eye MN. The retreat will run from 9am to 3pm. The cost will be \$25.00, paid to the Sisters at the time of the retreat. This includes the retreat, any materials, along with a snack upon arrival, lunch, and a snack before leaving. One of the topics will be The Rosary. We will carpool from Sacred Heart parking lot. We plan to leave around 7:30am. The women who attended the retreat last year really enjoyed their time. The fellowship between the ladies grew at the retreat and during the ride to and from Sleepy Eye. I hope that we can get many of you to join us for the day. **Please RSVP to me (507-461-5095) by April 29, 2024, so I can let the Sisters know how many women to expect.**



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CDA Minutes - March 12, 2024

The regular meeting of Court Sacred Heart #1424 began with our speaker, Fr. Clayton Forner, Parochial Vicar at Divine Mercy in Faribault.

Our court supported Fr. Clayton through the SOS Program during his years in Seminary. Fr. Clayton told us about his growing up years at home in Carver MN through his time discerning the call to Priesthood. He also described many experiences where God was working to put the fire of ministry in his heart, leading Fr. to embrace this call. Fr. Clayton was ordained in 2020 and encouraged us to continue to pray for seminarians. He also asked us to be witnesses of faith showing the youth in our lives how to live as a faithful Catholic, continuing to plant a seed for vocations by asking open ended questions about faith to these youth. Fr. Clayton then gave a special blessing to all of us Catholic Daughters.

At 7:17 the meeting was officially called to order by Regent Pat Foley. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Silent roll call of officers was taken. There were 4 officers present, and 14 members present.

The minutes as printed in the March Newsletters were approved as printed.

Correspondence received was a note from Ken Earle thanking us for the prayers and card during his hospitalization.

Treasurer's report was presented by Carmen Battenfeld. Reports were printed and copies available for members. We have a balance of \$9,833.51 in available funds. One bill was presented – postage due - 80cents for address change.

Reports of Chairmen – Raffle and Pie Sales went well at last weekend's Masses. We have sold 33 Raffle tickets and have gross sales of \$350 in pie sales. Tickets are available for members at tonight's meeting. Sales will also be at next weekend's Masses. Raffle drawing will be held on March 24th after the 10 Mass. Possibly, could draw earlier if all the tickets are sold.

Pie and Pop Sales at the Knights of Columbus Burger/Fish Fry went very well. Approximately 2 cases of pop were left over and were donated to the Faith Formation program, and a dozen slices of pie – which were offered to all the American Legion kitchen workers. Our net sales were \$603 (last year was \$627). The donation from the Knights was \$650 (last year was \$700).

Nominating committee (for election of officers) needs to meet – this includes JoAnn Earle, Sue Harguth, and Shirley Skorzewski.

Spring Pillow Cleaning will take place on April 13. Pat Foley will be looking for volunteers to help at the 2 shifts: 7:30 -10 am and 10 – 1 pm.

Bake Sale report by Diane Ytuarte – they received permission from New Richland parish to sell baked goods on March 24. Volunteers are needed to help at the 5 pm and 10 am Masses that weekend at Sacred Heart. CDA members are asked to bring baked goods before the 5 pm and 10 am Masses at Sacred Heart. Extras will be sold at the Mill during the bingo event on the 24th. Goods should be packaged ready to sell, but not priced – this will be a free-will donation bake sale.

(March 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes Continued)

Second Call to National Convention went out. This will be held in August in New Orleans. There will not be a bus going. The cost to fly was comparable to taking a bus, so the organizers discontinued the bus option.

New Business – MCCL Fair booth at the Waseca County Fair (Pat Foley reporting). Lori Harris was asked by MCCL if CDA would be interested in setting up the booth and taking it down. Brianna Frase and Jane Christian volunteered with Brianna agreeing to have all the literature and pamphlets which will be used at the booth, sent to her address. Lori Mickelson will pass that information along to Lori Harris. K of C's will be paying the fee for the fair booth this year.

Jesus Food (Lori Mickelson reporting) – is a non-profit group which packages food at a location in the Faribault West Mall. They contacted Lori Mickelson and asked if our group was interested in planning a time to help package. If we had enough volunteers, we could arrange any day the Mall is open. Otherwise, volunteers can come and help on their regular packaging day – the 1st Saturday of each month (April 6 and May 4). Lori asked if anyone was interested to please contact either her or Pat Foley. This group is like Feed My Starving Children. For more information Lori gave the website – Jesusfood.org. Members can look at this for more information on the organization. Jane Christian suggested we get the youth involved – she will contact Emily Rux with Sacred Heart Faith Formation to see if we can work with them on a date for food packaging.

New Member – our newest member, Brianna Frase was installed as a member of Court Sacred Heart #1424!

Business from the floor – Pat Foley reminded us to save the date of May 18 for our annual CDA Retreat at the Schoenstat Retreat Center, approximately 9 am to 3 pm. Patty Masberg passed around a metal planter and asked for all ideas to plan a “Mystery Fundraiser event” using this planter.

Financial Secretary's Report: Patty Masberg – Dues have almost all come in. Only 7 members remaining yet to pay. Pat Foley has been sending out letters to delinquent members. All dues need to be in by April – if not received, the member will be deleted from our court roster.

Next meeting date – April 9 beginning at 6 pm with Rosary, meeting will follow.

Deb Wobschall gave a final prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 – those who wanted to stay were welcome to watch our newest member, Brianna Frase open baby gifts. We hosted a surprise baby shower for future CDA member, Bernadette Frase!



QUILTS NEEDED FOR THE FAIR

By: Pat Foley

Jane Christian, one of our CDA members, is working with MCCL to sponsor a booth at the Waseca County Fair this summer. They are looking for some women who can make a couple of baby quilts. Jane actually has material for you, so you would not have to purchase material. If you are interested, please contact Jane Christian at 507-213-1657.



Our Focus and Prayer for the Easter Season

By: Pat Foley, prayer found in a CDA Newsletter of another court



JESUS...
Greatest man in history named
Jesus, had no servants, yet they
called Him Master. Had no
degree, yet they called Him
Teacher. Had no medicines, yet
they called Him Healer. He had
no army, yet kings feared Him.
He won no military battles, yet
He conquered the world. He
committed no crime, yet they
crucified Him. He was buried in a
tomb, yet He lives today.
Happy Easter!



Ham and Pie Raffle By: Pat Foley



During the month of March, Court Sacred Heart held a raffle for a whole ham and pie of choice. There were only 100 tickets sold. The drawing was on Palm Sunday, with Fr. Frerichs doing the honors. **The winner of the raffle was Collette Berg.** Along with the raffle, parishioners were also given the opportunity to purchase frozen pies. This is really a fun project, with so many people getting excited to see who wins. Please check the minutes to find out exactly how much we made from these sales! We want to give a shout out to Morgan Meats for donating the delicious whole ham for the raffle. Next time you stop in there



Bake Sale Success! By: Diane Ytuarte



Catholic Daughters bake sale held March 23rd and 24th, 2024 At Sacred Heart church and All Saints in New Richland. It was a snowy weekend!!! It ended up being the three snows on the robin's toes ALL in one weekend!!!! LOL!!! Should be done with the snow now. Spring Fling at the Mill was canceled due to the weather.

It is with Heartfelt thanks to ALL the Catholic Daughters who baked, or helped out with the bake sale. It was a successful bake sale.

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the CDA For baked goods and help, and support!! Thank you!!!

Also overwhelmed with the generosity of people who purchased items. Both church's members are generous. The total to the date that this was written was \$1567.25. Thank you everyone, this bake sale would not be as successful as it was without any one of you!!!

Diane Ytuarte and Jaye Sopkowiak



Exciting Achievement!

Article by: Linda Groh, and information furnished from newspaper by Bea O'Brien



Fun news to share from our court: One of our Catholic Daughter members, Jeanne Sexton's husband Tom was featured in the Waseca Pioneer for an award for helping our community. The award was: The Exchange Club Book of Golden Deeds Award. The award was for his efforts in keeping the Lakefest on the 4th of July in Waseca going strong. Tom is a Knights of Columbus member at Sacred Heart as well. In the article, he thanks his wife and the community for all their support and working together. Tom wants to support people's talents to succeed. Information about his award is in the Friday March 15, 2024 edition of the "Waseca Pioneer" on page 13. The article is titled, "Community of Volunteers, Sexton honored with 'Book of Golden Deeds'", article written by : Rachael Jaeger.



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