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OF THE
AMERICAS

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:

May: Crowning of Mary

Bethlehem Inn Supply Drive

Officer Elections

Schoenstatt Retreat

June: CDA Salad Luncheon

Priest Appreciation

July: No Meeting

August: Potluck Picnic and Pillow Cleaning Fundraiser

Sacred Heart School Staff Luncheon

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COURT SACRED HEART #1424
WASECA, MINNESOTA



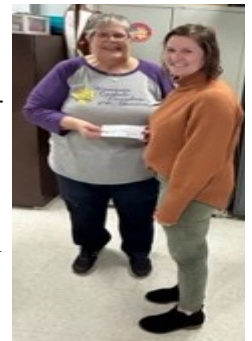
MAY 2024

Next CDA Meeting: Tuesday May 14, 2024. Rosary at 6pm and monthly meeting after. Treanor Campion Dining Hall at Sacred Heart Waseca. Crowning of Mary, Officer Elections, & Supply Drive for Bethlehem Inn

Running for Our School!

By: Linda Groh

Thanks to all who donated food for the Waseca Sacred Heart School Marathon. Over \$46,000 was raised for the school so it was a very successful event with students, parents, and the parish all working hard together. CDA had members bake treats for people to eat upon finishing the run/walk around Loon Lake. Pictured is a photo of third grade teacher Tara Steffel accepting a check from CDA court Sacred Heart to help with the funding of our Catholic school. Pat Foley, our regent is presenting the check to Mrs. Steffel.



April Shower for Pregnancy Options of Faribault

By: Linda Groh

At our April monthly CDA meeting we collected supplies for the Pregnancy Options of Faribault. It is a pregnancy resource center that offers counseling, education, and resources. The supplies we collected at the meeting are part of a program the center offers in which families attend parenting classes to earn supplies they need for their baby. Supplies can range from diapers, wipes, clothing, toys, books, blankets, and other equipment. If you would like to learn more, their website is: <https://pregnancyoptionsfbo.org/>. Their phone number is: 507-332-7644. There are volunteering opportunities available.



Letter from our Regent.....

Dear Sisters in Christ:

Springtime is a season of change. Just step outside and you can feel the air warming, smell the fresh air, see the first flowers blooming and the trees starting to bud. Everything is changing and becoming new again. It is also that time of change with the Catholic Daughters. Time to bring in some new blood. Officers are elected to a two-year term. They can agree to run for a second two-year term if the court supports them. This year we have two officer positions open. It is good to have this change. We don't want to become stagnant. New officers bring in new ideas and help to grow the court into new directions. All members can be part of this process by attending the May meeting and adding their voice to elections.

The officers always welcome your ideas and challenges. An example is Sue Harguth. A couple of months ago Sue proposed that Court Sacred Heart should be supporting Bethlehem in some way. Sue took on the project and talked to people at Bethlehem Inn to find out what their needs are. Sue then brought these needs to a meeting. She got the court excited about the project and it was decided that our court should hold a shower at the May meeting to bring items needed for Bethlehem Inn. Sue put information in the church bulletin to inform the rest of the parish about the needs of Bethlehem Inn.

I was so pleased to see so many women at the April meeting. It has been a long time since we have had that many women attending a meeting. It was especially nice because the District Deputy was visiting our meeting following the financial review and Tara Steffel came to talk to the court to ask for donations of cookies and bars for the Sacred Heart School Marathon. I hope we have that many women and more at the May meeting.

May will be our last meeting for a couple of months. We will not be meeting in June or July. We will then resume our meetings in August with the annual picnic.

In Unity and Charity;

Pat Foley, Regent

Court Sacred Heart # 1424



MAY RETREAT AT SCHOENSTATT ON THE LAKE

By: Pat Foley

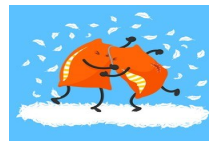
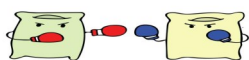


For a reminder of those who registered, on May 18, 2024 Court Sacred Heart will be participating in a retreat held by The Sisters Of Schoenstatt in Sleepy Eye MN. The retreat will run from 9am to 3pm. The cost will be \$25.00, paid to the Sisters at the time of the retreat. This includes the retreat, 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.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING...CLEAN PILLOWS

By: Pat Foley

Thank you to the great crew that worked the pillow cleaning on Saturday, April 13, 2024: Bea O'Brien, Shirley Skorczewski, Geri Kassel, Diane Ytuarte and Cathy Brietbarth. We were like a well-oiled machine... Taking orders, taking the dirty pillows out to the trailer for cleaning and bringing the clean ones in. Then coordinating when people came to pick their pillows up. And helping the older women or those with very large orders get the pillows safely out to their cars. It was a busy morning. As always, Mike from Carlson's Pillow Cleaning is so easy to work with. Mike is very generous. He says he will pay half of the cost of a newspaper ad. But because The Waseca Pioneer gives non-profit organizations a break on their ads, the cost is only \$30.00. Mike pays for the entire ad. Our total profit from the pillow cleaning this spring is \$324.10!!! Again, thanks to the crew who helped me with this project, to Sue Harguth for help with publicity, Thanks to all of the CDA members who brought their pillows in.



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CDA Minutes April 9, 2024

The regular meeting of Court Sacred Heart #1424 was called to order by Regent Pat Foley on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:40 p.m. in the Parish Center dining room.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Opening prayers led by Deb Wobschall.

Silent roll call of officers was taken. There were 4 officers, 19 members, and 2 guests were present. Tracie Peterson, our District Deputy, stayed for the meeting after the financial review. Tara Steffel was present to speak about the school marathon.

A motion was made by Sue Harguth to approve the March minutes printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded and approved.

Correspondence was passed among members.

The treasurer's report was given by Carmen Battenfeld We have a balance of \$12,612.23 in available funds.

C heck #	To	For
5880	Diane Ytuarte	Adopt a Family-\$250
5881	Shirley Kern	Seminarian Gifts-\$125
5882	Cash	Pie and Pop Sales-\$100
5883	Pat Foley	Newsletter Postage-\$68
5884	Pregnancy Options	Donation \$200
5885	Pillow Cleaning Startup	Cash-\$100
5886	Pheasant Café	Pies-\$453.20
5887	Sacred Heart School	Half of Bake Sale Profit-\$817
5888	Sacred Heart School	Donation-\$300
5889	Lori Mickelson	Confirmation Blankets-\$150
5890	Pillow Cleaning	`\$1508.70

Bills were presented by the financial secretary, Patty Masberg: \$150 for Confirmation blankets.

Reports of Chairmen:

Financial Review - Thank you to Judy Thomas, Shirley Skorczewski, and Cathy Briebarth for sitting with our District Deputy for our yearly review.

2023-2024 National Education Contest - Carole Schumacher: There was no participation this year from students or adults.

Ham raffle and pie sales - The officers reported the ham was donated by Morgan's Meat. We netted \$679.80.

Bake sale - Diane Ytuarte and Jaye Sopkowiak thanked everyone who volunteered their time, baked goods and for the support of purchasing goods. The small amount of baked goods left over was taken to the fire department. Half of our profit will be donated to the school at the amount of \$817.25.

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The Nominating Committee of JoAnn Earle, Shirley Skorczewski, and Sue Harguth reported they made several phone calls and were able to get members run for the open offices. The officer elections will be held at the May meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Pillow Cleaning - Pat Foley - Thank you to the volunteers that helped at the April 13 pillow cleaning.

CDA Retreat at Schoenstatt - Pat Foley announced that the retreat is May 18th from 9am-3pm in Sleepy Eye, MN. The Rosary will be the focus of the retreat. All women of All Saints and Sacred Heart are invited to attend with a limited number of 48. The fee is \$25 each which includes 2 snacks and lunch. We will carpool and leave from Sacred Heart at 7:30 am. Contact Pat Foley if you are interested in attending.

New Business:

School Marathon - Tara Steffel 3rd grade teacher at Sacred Heart School spoke about the details of the school marathon on April 24, 2024. The marathon committee asked for baked goods from our court for the meal that will be served after the marathon. Sue Harguth motioned to provide baked goods for the marathon. The motion was seconded, voted, and passed. Any donations need to be delivered to the Sacred Heart school office by 3:00 pm on April 24.

Officer Installation and new member Mass - Pat Foley encourages all to attend the Mass on July 31 at 6:30pm in Owatonna for the Waseca, Medford and Owatonna courts. There will be a snack served after Mass.

Salad Luncheon - The luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, June 20 in conjunction with the anointing Mass. Volunteers will be needed. Look for a sign up to be coming out in May.

Confirmation and First Communion gifts - Sue Harguth motioned for our court to give Confirmation and First Communion gifts to the members of Sacred Heart cluster churches. The motion was seconded, voted and passed.

Business from the floor:

Bethlehem Inn - Sue Harguth contacted Bethlehem Inn to ask if there are any needs that our court can help support. They are in need of sheets, area rugs, cleaning supplies and personal care items. Members are encouraged to check out the Bethlehem Inn Facebook page to get a complete list of items needed and activities held for the residents. A motion was made to bring personal care items to the May meeting to donate to Bethlehem Inn. The motion was seconded, voted and passed.

Announcements: No announcements

Financial Secretary's Report:

Patty Masberg - Dues continue to come in from members all but 4 have paid. Dues are \$35. Several members pay their dues ahead of time and are short the \$5. The court will cover the amount we are short.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2024.
Ending prayer led by Deb Wobschall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



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.

National News

The 2024 60th Biennial National Convention is being held in New Orleans from August 14.– 18, 2024.

The National JCDA Retreat is being held in Albuquerque NM from June 9-12, 2024.

Welcome to five new CDA courts: Queen Mary's Daughters #2794 in Ingleside TX, Sacred Heart of Jesus #2795 in Clovis NM, St. Michael the Archangel #2796, Joyful Ladies of St. Anthony de Padua #2797, and Our Lady of Wisdom #2799 in Brookings SD. Congratulations!

From National Director Michele Bowman... No matter which side of change you are on, we are all sisters in Christ doing the best we can for CDA. Working together we Can Do Anything God needs us to do.

From Operation Morningstar:

Bishops set Priorities at the Polls for Catholics to Follow. which side of the "change" you are on, we are all sisters in Christ doing the best we can for CDA. Working

AT their November meeting, the Catholic bishops of the United States said life issues are their top priority for the upcoming election.

They wrote, "The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone. Other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty and human trafficking. There is also the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom at home and abroad, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, wars and famines around the world, racism, the need for greater access to healthcare and education, care of our common home, and more. All threaten the dignity of the human person. The bishops guide voters "to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ. Conscience is a judgement of reason by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (Catechism #1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling". Conscience, properly formed according to God's revelation and the teaching of the church, is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth. The truth is something we receive, not something we make".

State News Minnesota CDA website: <http://www.mncda.com>

National News website: <http://www.catholic daughter.org>

State CDA News

Grant applications for the Women's religious program are currently being accepted and must be completed by May 15, 2024. \$1959 was collected through the state dues and the state board will make the determination for distribution.

Monica has informed us that all the convention rooms are sold out for the national convention, and alternative hotels have been selected for reservations.

Please keep State First Vice Regent Cathy Nelson in your prayers as she continues her journey through her cancer treatment. God's healing be with you Cathy.



TIME TO VOTE

By Pat Foley



It is that time when Catholic Daughters elect their new officers. This year there are only two offices that need to be filled. Carmen and I have completed four years, and according to the by-laws of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, officers can only hold two consecutive terms, and then they need to step down. These women can take the same office in the future if the court elects them.

The Nomination Committee, Joann Earle, Sue Harguth and Shirley Skorzewski worked hard, talking to many women of our court to find candidates who would be a good fit for the offices that are open. Linda Groh has agreed to run for Vice Regent and Jeanne Sexton has agreed to run for Treasurer.

Lori Mickelson has agreed to move into the Regent position, Lori Harris will continue with the Secretary and Patty Masberg will continue with Financial Secretary. Lori H and Patty have already put in two years of service and have agreed to another two. Lori M took the Vice Regent position to fill an open office. When you see these women, please thank them for their service.

Without women like these who are willing to make the commitment to serve we would not have a Catholic Daughters of the Americas group in Waseca.

Please attend our meeting on May 14th, so you can have a voice in the election process. We will be open to new nominations at that time, so if you are interested in running for office or know of someone who you think would make a good officer, please attend the meeting.

A Letter from The Most Rev Shenan Bouquet (National Chaplain)

The National

As we anticipate a “changing of the guard” at both national and state levels, and as candidates are presented for leadership roles, it is important for us to pause and consider the importance of these offices and of their corresponding obligations. Leadership is a crucial aspect of every institution, community, and society. And to lead effectively, it requires wisdom, humility, expertise, virtue, prudence, and reputable character. Most importantly it requires a willingness to die to self, to sacrifice for the good of others and for their flourishing.

A servant leader within the CDA community entrusted with authority to govern and lead, is called to model her leadership after Jesus. She is called to witness, to inspire others to her shared vision, to challenge those she leads to her vision, to enable them to at by providing tools they will need and to encourage them along each step, assuring them of her support. As a woman of prayer, integrity, compassion and love, she places her trust in God, solely depending upon His will and guidance, committed to and trusting that God is at work in her life and the lives of those with whom she collaborates and shares responsibility and service. Without a doubt the Lord has great things in store for the next group of leaders who will be elected by their peers to serve our CDA family.



SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

By Pat Foley

The annual CDA Salad Luncheon will be held Thursday June 20th from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Deb Perreault and Pat Foley are co-chairs for this event. (In all truthfulness, Deb Perreault is in charge and Pat just smiles next to her!) We will need many hands to make this event a success. We will begin salad prep on Tuesday, June 18th, and Wednesday June 19th. Prep time usually runs from 9:00am to about 1:00pm. On Thursday we finish preparing the salads, serve and then clean up. Please inform Deb or Pat if you are able to help, and on which days you will be available. Many hands make light

Help Support Our Local Women and Children Shelter!

By: Sue Harguth

At our May CDA meeting, Court Sacred Heart will be collecting supplies for the Bethlehem Inn of Waseca. The Bethlehem Inn is a short-term transitional home that will provide a living environment for women and children in transition. Bethlehem Inn operates by a faith-based organization, funded by donations and grants. Their goal is to assist women and children without permanent housing to find the resources necessary for housing and placement.

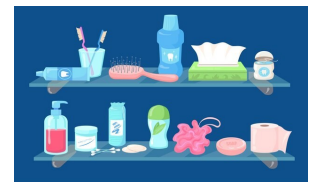
Since their opening in January 2019, they have served 357 people. This consists of 190 women and 167 children. Average stay for women and children is 90 to 120 days. Most are staying longer due to the lack of available housing.

Waseca is fortunate to have this facility for women and children. Please if you have a little extra, consider giving a monetary donation. If you are a landlord with available housing that you can offer to a family at affordable costs, please consider reaching out to the Bethlehem Inn at (507)-833-8310. Anyone can drop off donations at their facility Monday-Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. Calling them to schedule a drop-off time is best. Also, follow them on facebook, Bethlehem Inn of Waseca.

Other items needed at this time are twin and full-size sheet sets, throw rugs (as most flooring are tile), area rugs five-by-seven, bed size lamps, women’s textured hair products, shampoo, conditioner, body wash. Personal hygiene products for women, such as toothpaste, toothbrush, hairbrush, deodorant. Baby items, wipes, baby wash, and lotions. Also, in need of larger diapers, size 5, 6, and 7. They can always use paper products, such as paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, cleaning products. Pantry foods, particularly breakfast cereal and macaroni and cheese that you do not need milk and butter for.



They are also looking for a badminton set as the weather is getting warmer, something for the families to do together outside. Please help if you can!





The sacrament of "First Holy Communion" was held at our local parishes recently and Court Sacred Heart sent gifts. On the left is Janesville, MN parish, and on the right is Waseca, MN parish.



With Gratitude and Honor Prayer

From: <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/memorial-day#:~:text=On%20this%20Memorial%20Day%2C%20we,with%20Your%20strength%20and%20peace.>

Gracious God, on this Memorial Day weekend,
 we remember and give thanks
 for those who have given their lives
 in the service of our country.
 When the need was greatest,
 they stepped forward and did their duty
 to defend the freedoms that we enjoy,
 and to win the same for others.

O God, you yourself have taught us
 that no love is greater than that
 which gives itself for another.
 These honored dead gave the most precious gift they had,
 life itself,
 for loved ones and neighbors,
 for comrades and country - and for us.

Help us to honor their memory
 by caring for the family members
 they have left behind,
 by ensuring that their wounded comrades
 are properly cared for,
 by being watchful caretakers of the freedoms
 for which they gave their lives,
 and by demanding that no other young men and women
 follow them to a soldier's grave
 unless the reason is worthy and the cause is just.

Holy One, help us to remember that freedom is not free.
 There are times when its cost is, indeed, dear.
 Never let us forget those who paid so terrible a price
 to ensure that freedom would be our legacy.

Though their names may fade with the passing of generations,
 may we never forget what they have done.
 Help us to be worthy of their sacrifice,

O God, help us to be worthy.

- J. Veltri, S.J.



Remember -
 our fallen heroes.
 They are the reason
 that we are free.



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