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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July:

No Meeting

31st—Officer Installation hosted by Owatonna CDA

August:

3rd—Pillow Cleaning fundraiser

13th—Potluck Picnic

27th—Sacred Heart School Staff Luncheon

September:

7th—State Officer Workshop—Blue Earth

10th—Meeting on 2nd Tuesday

14th—Sacred Heart Fall Festival

October:

8th—Meeting on 2nd Tuesday

Socktober sock drive

Gummi Bear campaign for HFH

November:

12th—Meeting with Memorial Service for Deceased CDA members

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COURT SACRED HEART #1424
WASECA, MINNESOTA



AUGUST 2024

Next CDA Meeting: Tuesday August 13, 2024. 6pm. University Park, Waseca, MN.

CDA Salad Luncheon

By: Linda Groh

On Thursday June 20th, 2024 CDA Court Sacred Heart Waseca, held the annual Salad Luncheon. Prior to the Salad Luncheon, Fr. Frerichs presided at Mass and had Anointing of the Sick at the church.

The salad luncheon involved three days of preparation. There is a list of items that can be prepared each day. The salads served included a rainbow pasta salad, ramen salad, potato salad, a chop-chop salad of vegetables in ranch dressing, cookie salad, pistachio salad, and some other salads as well as baked cookies. Both dine in and take out were available and customers could choose a variety of salads to dine on. We had great attendance and provided socializing for our parish. Here are some pictures from one of the preparation days. We were chopping vegetables, baking cookies, and boiling eggs.



May Crowning

At the May meeting we had the crowning of Blessed Mother.

Photos courtesy of Lori Mickelson.



Letter from our Regent.....

Dear Sisters in Christ:

I want to welcome Lori Mickelson as the new Regent of Court Sacred Heart #1424. Lori is a past Regent, who did wonderful things with our court, so I expect nothing different from her this time around. I would also like to welcome Linda Groh as the new Vice Regent and Jeanne Sexton as the new treasurer. Lori Harris will complete another two-year term as Recording Secretary and Patty Masberg will continue as Financial Secretary. When you see any of these ladies please thank them for their service. All of these women are giving of their precious time for the better of Court Sacred Heart. Let's also thank Carmen Battenfeld, who just completed four years as Treasurer. She did an awesome job taking care of our finances. I am sure there are many other places that her talents will be used within our court.

Court Sacred Heart will not have meetings in June or July. That doesn't mean that the court is stagnant. June brings our Annual Salad Luncheon on June 20th from 11am to 1pm. This will follow the anointing Mass that Fr. Frerichs will have at Sacred Heart at 10am that day. The cost of the luncheon will be \$10.00. Invite your friends and family to come and enjoy freshly made salads and cookies. July will be a quiet month for the court. The annual pillow cleaning will be held August 3rd. Gather your feather pillows together to be cleaned and recovered. We will also have the annual Catholic Daughters Picnic on August 13th. All women of Sacred Heart and All Saint's Parishes are invited. Please come and bring a friend or family member. It's always a great time. To finish up August, Court Sacred Heart will provide a luncheon for the teachers and staff at the end of August, just before school starts.

I want to thank all of the members who supported me during my two terms as Regent of Court Sacred Heart. It was an honor to serve you. It was a growing time for me. For those of you who did not know me well before I took on Regent, you may be surprised to find out that I used to be a very shy person who would never get up and talk in front of anyone. What I learned is that if God calls you to do something, He will give you all the tools that you need to do what He is asking of you.

I hope that all of you have a blessed summer. Stay safe and healthy.

In Unity and Charity;
Pat Foley, Regent
Court Sacred Heart # 1424

Calling all the Catholic Ladies!

The time for the annual CDA Summer Picnic is coming up! It is on Tuesday August 13th at 6pm at University Park in Waseca, MN. Please bring your own beverage and a dish to pass! Be ready for some fun! Feel free to bring your Catholic lady friends! Don't worry we probably won't actually be doing potato sack races, but with how much fun they are having in that picture it kind of makes me want to!



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CDA Minutes May 14, 2024

The regular meeting of Court Sacred Heart #1424 was called to order by Regent Pat Foley on Tuesday, May 14,, 2024 at 6:55 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 5 officers, 15 members, and 2 guests were present. Sue and Angie from the Bethlehem Inn were present to share the mission of helping women and children.

A motion was made by Judy Thomas to approve the April 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 \$12,107.58 in available funds.

Check #	To	For
5886	Pheasant Cafe	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	\$1508.670

No bills were presented by the financial secretary, Patty Masberg.

Reports of Chairmen:

The Nominating Committee of JoAnn Earle, Shirley Skorczewski, and Sue Harguth recommended the following nominations for offices: Lori Mickelson - Regent, Linda Groh - Vice Regent, Lori Harris - Recording Secretary, Patty Masberg - Financial Secretary, and Jeanne Sexton - Treasurer. There were no other nominations from the floor..

Unfinished Business:

CDA Retreat at Schoenstatt - Pat Foley announced that the retreat is canceled due to lack of participation.

Bethlehem Inn - CDA members brought items to donate to the shelter to help with needs of caring for the space and personal care items for the women and children. Bea O'Brien motioned to donate \$500 to the Bethlehem Inn. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved.

New Business:

Salad Luncheon - The luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, June 20 in conjunction with the anointing Mass. Volunteers will be needed to prepare salads, serve lunch and clean up. Look for a sign up to be coming out in May. Monetary donations are also welcomed to help offset the cost of the groceries to prepare the salads. Please come and enjoy the luncheon.

Women's Religious Grant Application - Pat Foley applied for the grant and we are waiting on a response.

Gift for Fr. Frerichs for CDA Priest Appreciation - Judy Thomas motioned to give \$100 in Waseca Chamber Bucks instead of monthly treats from members. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved.

Lori Mickelson motioned to give a CDA Mass card for the Janesville Priest. Nomination was seconded, voted on and approved.

(May 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes Continued)

Donations for National Charities - The members present voted and selected the following charities to receive the budgeted \$20 donation to each of the following: Apostleship of the Sea, Basilica of National Shrine, Disaster Relief Fund, Missionaries of Charity, and the Tutweiler Clinic.

Election of Officers: With no other nominations other than those recommended by the committee, a voice vote was held to approve the election of new officers. All were approved as listed above to start in August of 2024.

The officer installation and new member Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church, Owatonna at 6:30 p.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Business from the floor:

100th Anniversary of Court St. Bernard, Lismore, MN on Jun 23, 2024. Sue Harguth motioned to give \$25 in honor of the celebration. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

Ordination of Josh Miller on June 9. Deb Wobshall motioned to give \$100 from our court to Josh. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed.

Ordination of Alex Rasset - Sue Harguth motioned to give Alex \$25 from our court. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

Announcements:

MCCL Fair Booth - Jane Christian encouraged volunteering to sit at the booth during the Waseca County Fair. You can contact Ruby from MCCL to volunteer. The number is 612-825-6831.

Patty Masberg purchased and donated prayer cards for any member to take and share with others.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Patty Masberg - None

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 13, 2024. - CDA picnic

Ending prayer led by Deb Wobschall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Salad Luncheon Report

June 20, 2024

Co-Chairs; Deb Perreault and Pat Foley

Donations: \$490.00

Intake from lunch: \$815.00 (some attendees left tips)

Total \$1305.00

Cost of Groceries: \$350.30

Total profit: \$954.70

Congratulations are in Order!

Congratulations to our CDA secretary, and member Lori Harris on reaching a milestone in her career. She has been a teacher for 35 years. She teaches 5th grade at Waseca Intermediate School. Thank you for your dedication to helping youth.



State CDA News

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

National CDA News

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

No current updates, but please keep checking back!

Catholic Daughters reach out to help Bethlehem Inn in Waseca

By Sue Harguth

Bethlehem Inn is a short-term transitional home that provides a living environment for women and children in transition, opening in January of 2019. Father Greg Leif and other faith and community leaders saw a need a couple of years prior as homelessness was becoming a growing issue in Waseca and had fallen under the radar. Catholic Charities lease the brick building on the Sacred Heart Campus, (formerly occupied by nuns) free of charge. Operating costs are funded by grant money and private donations.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Waseca Court Sacred Heart #1424, reached out to program director Sue McIntosh and shelter manager Angie Rodriguez to see how we could help. We ran a plea to our parishioners in our church bulletin asking for help with the items they were most in need of. We then hosted a shower for them at our May meeting. Members came generously with items to fulfil the many needs they mentioned. Personal items were included for women and children, diapers, baby wipes shampoo, conditioner, toiletries, paper products and food items requested that only needed water for a meal. Waseca Catholic Daughters also gave a monetary donation to Bethlehem Inn to help with operating costs. Prior to the shower they received many donations of rugs, area carpets, table lamps, blankets and many other items.

In conjunction with this fundraiser, Jaye Sopkowiak (who is also a Catholic Daughter) as a Thrivent member, requested a Thrivent Action Team. She received a \$250 visa card in which she purchased shampoo, conditioner and body wash for all the women and children to have their own supply.

Bethlehem Inn currently has 13 residents, 8 women and 5 children. They house senior citizens who have fallen into tough times and need temporary housing, the eldest one being 78 years old. Residents generally stay up to 6 months. There are rules and a respectable curfew they agree to. Affordable housing in Waseca contributes to the problem of homelessness.

If you are looking to donate items to the Bethlehem Inn, currently they need dry erase board erasers, anti-bacterial wipes and are always in need of paper products, such as toilet paper, tissues and paper towels. They will always accept monetary donations if that is your preferred way to give.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to this mission of charity. So many contributed to the shower at our meeting, and the many members from our parish who took contributions directly to the Inn. They are so grateful for our generosity and to know we are remembering them with these gifts.



Exciting Vocational News!

By: Linda Groh

Two of the four support our seminarians, we have been sending letters to and praying for have taken the next step in their vocation from the transitional diaconate to priesthood! Their names are now, Father Joshua Miller, and Father Alex Rasset. Praise God for answering our prayers about vocations! Of course we will want to keep praying though, for them, the other seminarians, and all vocations.

Father Joshua Miller was ordained priest on June 8, 2024 through the Diocese of Winona Rochester. He said his firstmass on June 9th at Sacred Heart. **Father Alex Rasset** was ordained priest on May 25th with the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis.

West Point Grad Ordained a Catholic Priest in Minnesota - Archdiocese for the Military, USA (milarch.org) in this photo:



Left to right: Father Joshua G. Miller, Bishop Robert Barron, and Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Coffey in Winona, MN, on June 8, 2024.

As of July 1, 2024 Father Joshua Miller is at Sacred Heart in Owatonna. There is an excerpt from the Sacred Heart Owatonna parish bulletin on Sunday June 30, 2024, on the page titled, "Monsignor Cook's Corner" that can be found on parishesonline.com. This excerpt includes:

Effective tomorrow, July 1, 2024, Bishop Barron has appointed **Father Joshua Miller** as the Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Owatonna. The Parochial Vicar, together with and under the authority of his pastor, is given the care of the souls of all who reside within the parish boundaries (cf. *Code of Canon Law*, can. 545 §1 and 548 §3). Father Joshua's assignment letter states that he "will also assist with Sacramental ministry at St. Joseph Parish in Owatonna and Christ the King Parish in Medford." Father has indicated that he prefers to be called "Father Joshua." It is a special blessing for us to have one of the newly ordained priests serving our parishes, bringing – *in persona Christi capitis* ("in the person of Christ the head") – "the Lord to the faithful, and the faithful to the Lord." Please pray that both Father Marreddy and Father Joshua will be holy priests, "faithful servants of Christ, and stewards of the Mysteries of God." (1 Corinthians 4:1)



MEET OUR NEW ASSOCIATE, FATHER ALEX RASSET

JUN 12, 2024

by Jim Thorp

Our new associate is Father Alex Rasset, who was ordained in late May! Father Rasset is originally from Buffalo and St. Francis Xavier parish and served as a transitional deacon with Father Richards at Our Lady of the Lake in Mound. [Learn more about him on the Saint Paul Seminary website.](#)



The Obligation to be Generous

By: Pat Foley

At our May meeting concerns were raised that with dues going from \$30 to \$35 per year and costs of everything increasing, some of our members were feeling we were being asked for too many donations. NEVER EVER feel pressured to donate to anything. Donations are 100% optional. Donations give us a way to express our faith and love of neighbor (and maybe share a favorite treat). Generosity is about sharing your blessings and living your faith. It is an opportunity, not a requirement. If you are on a fixed income or money is tight, there are MANY ways God invites us to be generous that don't involve money.

When you attend meetings, you influence the good we do in our Parish. When you encourage each other, when you smile and are friendly, you are part of the sisterhood that is Catholic Daughters. When you share your time at a bake sale, pillow cleaning, or pie sales, you help your sister who can't be there because of health, work, or family obligations. As a group, we create opportunities for our Parish to get together outside of Mass, which makes people feel welcome and included. If you never contribute money or goods beyond your annual dues, you keep our group active and together. YOU do that. Just that one donation means there's a group that will pray for my soul when I die, a group that has brought the comfort of the rosary at funerals to families who have suffered great loss. Your dues make you part of every donation we make as a group to our parish and our community. If you don't have time or the heart to pray, there is someone praying for you. If you can't donate, there's someone who can. If you don't have the time or health to help out in person, there's someone rolling up their sleeves to take your place. Don't ever feel obligated to contribute money or goods when the call goes out. When you chose to be a Catholic Daughter, you gave us YOU. You have already given the best donation anyone could ever ask for.

An Interesting Article I Found to Follow-Up from Priest Appreciation Month in June. It was on Happy Catholic Woman Facebook Group: The author is: Lori Giovannini

Title: Love Your Priest

According to recent studies, a large number of priests quit each year. They don't give up because they lack faith in God. They don't quit because they don't believe in the calling that God has placed on their lives. Most don't quit even for financial reasons.

Priests quit because they're overwhelmed with mental exhaustion. They are worn out! Until you become a priest, you will never fully understand what it means to carry people's spiritual burdens. Up in the middle of the night, praying for your faith family. Waking up in the middle of the night with someone in your heart. Overwhelmed with concern for a person's absence or distance.

Your mind is continually occupied with the presentation of next Sunday's message: how to preach it, what to teach about, how to apply it. Getting criticized all the time. Being said you need to do better or some areas of the church just need to be improved..

Priests invest their entire lives in people and yet people turn their backs on their pastor at the first sign of a storm, usually without a conversation. The priests are in the midst of a dispute.

Priests are in the midst of gossip. Priests give counsel to broken marriages. Priests console those who have suffered loss. Priests navigate the waters of imperfect people with the desire to see each one prosper in their faith.

They crave spiritual breakthroughs. Your priest longs for the best for you. All this while trying to fight their own flesh and grow in their own relationship with God.

Priests see the publications. Priests listen to whispers. Priests put up with negativity.. Priests are constantly looking after sheep as they scare away wolves. Priest give and give, and seldom receive.

What keeps a priest standing? You!

You: The person who is genuinely hungry.

You: The person who worships with passion and freedom.

You: The teenager who strives to be a follower of Jesus.

You: The single mom who understands the beauty of the hope found in Christ.

You: The one who walks through the door for the first time because you're in search of peace, hope, and community.

Pray for your priest. Serve with your priest. Talk to your priest. Encourage your priest. They are humans. They need you more than you think!

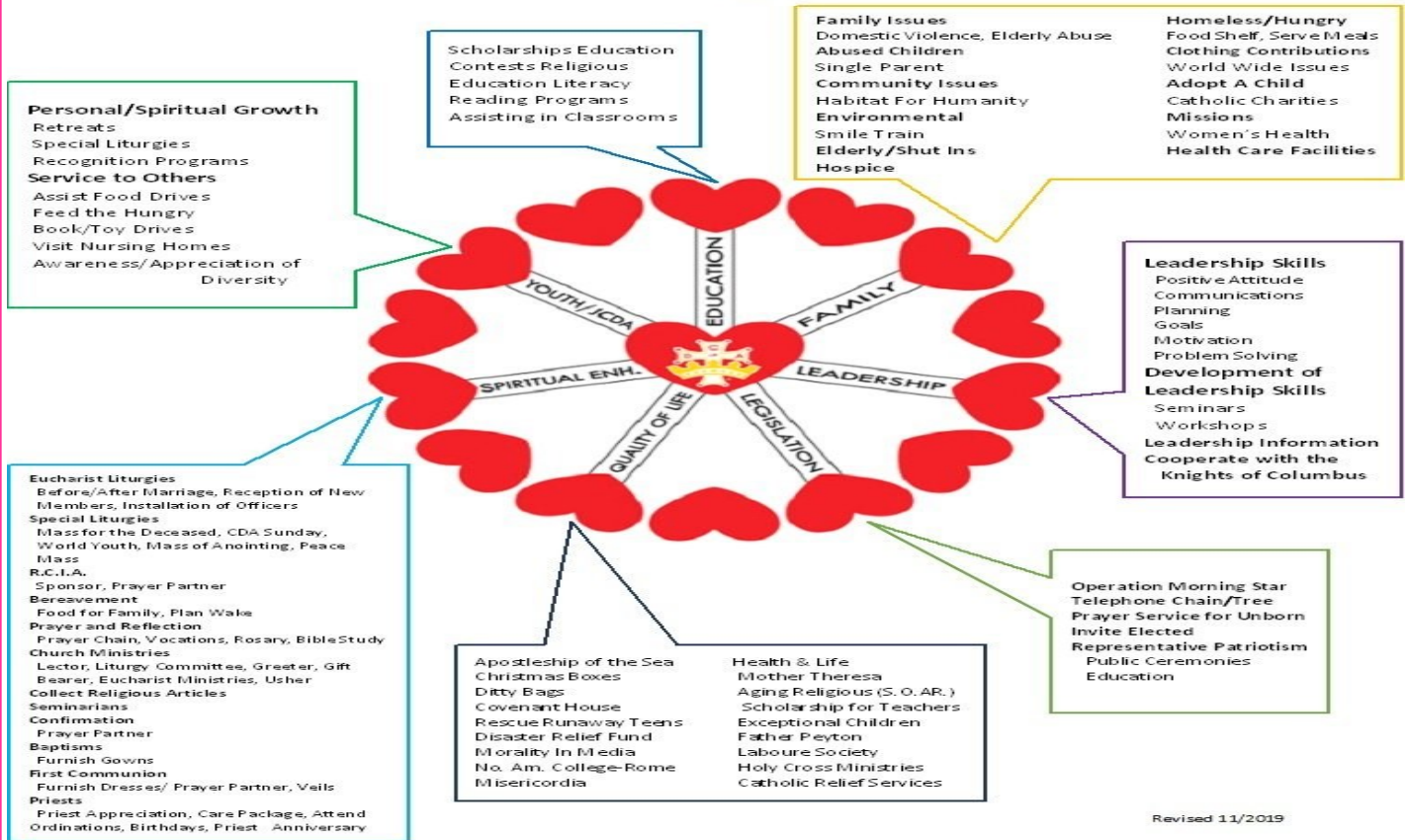


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Circle of Love Committee Chair Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of some volunteers for some parts of our circle of love. Below is shown a description of each. The person will try to find ways CDA can help in each of those areas and annually write up a brief report of what are CDA court does for that particular branch. Please contact Lori Mickelson at 507-461-2446 or loriann8262@gmail.com to find out which areas we need more help in or if you have questions.

Circle of Love



Changes and Thank You!

By: Linda Groh

Right now our club is in transition of officers of all kinds, committees, and I will be stepping away from being newsletter editor after having been in this role for 3 years. Pat Foley, has graciously stepped forward for this role. A big thank you to Pat Foley and Carmen Battenfeld on being club officers the past few years and thank you to all who volunteer with Catholic Daughters, past, present, or future! It takes sacrifice to give of our time, but it is worth it to do God's work! It takes patient in teaching others and serving with others, so I thank all who are the glue that hold our CDA group together. It has been a pleasure working with the group so far and I am looking forward to serving as Vice Regent of our Court! Thank you everyone for the articles you have contributed to the newsletter and photographs, and thank you to everyone who takes the time to read this newsletter each month! Praying you all have a safe and blessed summer, and continue to grow in your faith! I am excited to hear all the ideas you each have for CDA!

Prayer for Those Impacted by Flood and/or Natural Disasters

By : Linda Groh

Dear Lord, We know it is not of your will that disasters happen. We pray for all those impacted by natural disasters. Praying to give them comfort, prayer for the wisdom to know of the temporariness of earthly possessions, prayer for adequate assistance and compassion for those impacted. Praying for the generosity in our hearts to respond and help those in need. Praying for those impacted to make new joyful memories and to trust in you, God for their every need. We pray this in your name. Amen.

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



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