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Catholic Daughter Court St. Charles #1791

# Catholic Daughter Happenings



## CDA Mission Statement

The purpose of the organization is to participate in the religious, charitable and educational Apostolate of the Church. Catholic Daughters of the Americas engages in creative and spiritual programs which provide its members with the opportunity to develop their special God-given talents in a meaningful way to positively influence the welfare of the church and all peoples throughout the world. 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 of all.

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Advent is a prayerful season; a time set aside annually to prepare our hearts for the Incarnation of our Lord and Savior through Christ's birth, as well as a time to spiritually prepare for the final coming of our God. It is an exciting time. A time meant to be shared with family and friends in jubilant celebration. However, sometimes we lose sight of the meaning, forget why we are gathering together and view the holidays as a stressful time that only adds extra work to our already over-scheduled lives. This Advent, let each of us, in mindfulness of the season, slow down. Let us participate daily in reflecting upon the weekly themes:



The first Sunday of Advent: Hope. We recall the birth of the promised king. In the dispensations before the coming of Christ, prophets looked forward to his advent (coming) with hope. Now, through the Atonement of Christ we have hope for salvation from sin and death and look forward to his return.

The second Sunday of Advent: Love. The love of God that He shared with us through His Son and which Jesus Christ exemplified through His sacrifice and death. This love, this pure love of Christ, we are enjoined to share with each other.

The third Sunday of Advent: Joy. The joy found in the birth of Jesus as well as the anticipatory joy of the Second Coming of Christ.

The fourth Sunday of Advent: Peace. "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). Isaiah 9:6 identified Christ as the Prince of Peace and elsewhere Isaiah's messianic prophecies look forward to the peace that Christ will establish during his millennial reign. Nevertheless, we know that even now we can, through Jesus Christ, have "peace in this world and eternal life in the world to come" (D&C 59:23).

Take some time for yourself and prayerfully reflect on each theme at some point during each week.

*.Merry Christmas. Vicki*

## CDA Education Contest 2014

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The 2014 contest will start in January. The two themes are: "**Jesus Loves Us. How Do We Spread That Love?**" and "**How Do I Promote Peace in the World.**" Deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>. Remember; the contest is open to all CDA members as well as the Faith Formation Students grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. Note: The poster size has changed; please refer to the contest rules.

## Happy Members Anniversary!

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Congratulations and thank you to the following members for their dedication and continued service to CDA:

- 10 years: Maureen Doffing and Mary Warmkagathje
- 15 years: Mary Kohn, Deb Lange, Irene Novak, and Donna Sanders
- 20 years: Kim Harguth, Fran Henry, Deb Heim, Barb Plenge, and Becky Storey Hunder
- 25 years: Joyce Clemens, Jane Dick, Deidre Nienow, and Pam Wolter
- 40 years: Geraldine Holzer



### Advent: A time to Listen to the Quiet Whisper

"After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave." Often in our lives we expect God to speak to us in some impressive form as Elijah did in this reading from the book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings. However, instead God prefers to speak to us in the silence of our hearts. Therefore, if our lives are too cluttered with noise, we are not going to be able to hear the Lord speaking to us. I have heard many of my fellow priests tell me that it was their decision to stop listening to the radio in their car, which allowed them to start hearing God calling them to the priesthood. I truly believe that if we want to be at peace with others and ourselves, we need to constantly be willing to listen to the voice of God speaking to us in our lives. For this to happen, we need to make a constant effort to limit the unnecessary noise in our life and create time and space for quiet and solitude.

This can be very difficult at times due to our busy schedules; however advent is a great time for us to try. I just finished making a week long retreat with Bishop Harrington in Winona. One of Bishop's rules was that we turn off our cell phones and make time for silence. Having hours each day without the urgent demand to answer the phone or check my email or messages was such a blessing. The quiet time allowed me to make room in my heart for God to speak to me, and he chose to fill it with His peace and solitude. I know that not everybody has time to take a week off of work and family life to spend in silence. However, I do believe that during this time of advent we all can make a better effort to remove unnecessary noise from our lives and take time for silent prayer. I truly believe if we create times of silence in our lives and invite God to speak to us, we will find that His peace will remain with us in times of chaos.

*~Fr. Kurt Farrell*



### This and That

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- The fruit of last year's paver project for the Bell Tower can be seen as the pavers are being placed under the bell tower.



- October's annual Sock collection for Mary Jo Copeland's Caring and Sharing Hands was not done this year. The JCDA will tackle this and involve the Faith Formation students from all three parishes.
- The court's website continues to be developed. Our domain name is: [www.stcharlescatholicdaughters.org](http://www.stcharlescatholicdaughters.org) There will be a contest sponsored by National. If you have any suggestions on how to make the site better or more information that should be included, please, contact me ASAP. Have you browsed through it lately? Check it out!
- Faith Formation is learning about all the Saints. If you have Statue of a Saint and wouldn't mind loaning it to Nicole, contact her. They learn about a "Saint a Day." The statue wouldn't be at the church too long.

## Meeting Recap Notes:

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### October 2013

- The cinnamon roll sale went well on September 14th and 15<sup>th</sup> as we transitioned from one chairperson who coordinated all four events to a team of 4 leaders working with Sandy.
- Respect Life Masses: were said the weekend of Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at all 5 masses.
- Several ladies were brave enough to dress as their favorite Saint at the meeting. In attendance were: St. Claire (Maureen Doffing), 2 St. Francis' (Darlene McGuire and Darline Freeman), St. Cecelia (Fran Henry), St. Veronica (Vicki Gathje), and St. Kateri Tekakwitha (Nicole Paladie.) The membership had a hard time deciding and voted for all 6 as the most authentic.
- CDA Sunday was October 20<sup>th</sup>. The officers were present at the 10:00 am mass in St. Charles in their robes. They took the gifts up at offertory. Several mass intentions were said on behalf of CDA and its members.
- Support our Seminarians: is a new State project. Maureen Doffing has agreed to help chair this. She will need some help as this is a new project and it will take time for everything and everyone to become comfortable with it. If this is something that interests you; please contact her. It would be nice to have 2 members spear-heading this.
- A request was presented for Bibles for the seventh grade Faith Formation students. Once again, Nicole projected forward on the number needed in the next two years and bought them in bulk for a discount. We donated \$465 along with a matching request from the St. Charles Borromeo Men's Group.
- We were asked to help with a local benefit. The court voted to donate a cookbook and members were asked to donate either money or "kitchen items" to create a basket for the Todd Eckel Benefit. Darline Freeman has a nice basket to fill and Bev Puterbaugh will see that it reaches the Benefit on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please, pray for Todd and his family.
- It was voted to donate \$25 towards the gift of retiring National Director, Peggy Eastman. She served as Executive Director at National for many years.

### November 2012

- The Gummi Bear campaign was successful in raising just under \$800 for Habitat for Humanity. In appreciation, we gave Basra a \$25 gift card to Kwik Trip. She gave us pictures of her family and house for posters to showcase CDA and Habitat.
- State Prayer Booklet: Gina Wimmer, Margaret Gall and Vicki Gathje had a difficult time deciding on which 3 prayers to send to state for their prayer booklet. Thank you to all of you who gave us prayers to consider. The State officers will put together a booklet of prayers from all the Minnesota Courts. The intent is to sell them for personal use (not a fundraiser.) Details to come at a later date of price, etc.
- Cinnamon roll weekend of Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> saw good "sales." We were in Holy Redeemer this weekend. We had wonderful sales. We sold everything baked that weekend.
- The Audit Committee met on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at Sharon Mueller's house. There was a nice mix of fun and business at the books were reviewed. Everything is in order and the reports were sent to the appropriate state and national people.
- A memorial service and Rosary for our Deceased Members was recited following the business meeting.

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**Dues are Due!** Renewal of the annual dues of \$26 will begin starting now for the 2014 year. Please, contact Fran Henry for payment or any officer for questions.

## Meeting Recap Notes Continued

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### December 2013

- Seventy five Christmas baskets and 5 boxes were filled and delivered. Thank you to everyone who donated food and delivered the baskets and Christmas cheer.
- Secret Sister Program will be starting before our January meeting. Marie Kvam has once again offered to be the chair person for this fun event. For details or if you would like to participate; contact her before January 4<sup>th</sup>. Names will be given out at the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 30 Second-graders received their First Reconciliation on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Eleven from Holy Redeemer, none from St. Aloysius this year and 19 from St. Charles. Thank you to the Rosary Society for donating the rosaries. Pam made gift bags & cards to hold them along with a prayer card and cross given by the tri-parishes.
- The Fall Luncheon was a huge success. Even though our lunch attendance was down, we raised the most money since we started. The profit was over \$3,000! Thank you to everyone who worked, donated food, or donated raffle items. Thank you to Sandy and Bev for coordinating such a large project.

### Up Coming Events

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#### **Cinnamon Roll Sundays**

Our next Cinnamon Roll Sundays will be the weekends of January 25/26 and February 15/16. Cinnamon Rolls will be available to take home following the 5:00 pm Mass and served following the 10:00 am mass at St. Charles Borromeo. We are in need of bakers and frosters. Please, be open to help when called. Baking day is broken down into shifts and we are done by 1:00 pm. This is an easy and profitable fundraiser. The parishes seem to enjoy our treats.

#### **Community Card Parties**

500 Card Parties on Sunday afternoons at the Senior Center in St. Charles begins on January 26th and goes until March 2nd. Denise Sackreiter will, again, Chair this. This is not only a social event (quality of life) for our seniors but raises enough money every year to donate to many of the causes we support. Please, be willing to donate time or food when called to help.



#### **January Collection:**

Baby Blankets for Birthright-Winona recipient. Rita Schultz will be teaching and leading us in making several fleece baby blankets. No sewing skills needed. If you have a rotary cutter and board, sharp scissors, rulers, pins we will use these. No need to purchase supplies; bring what you have. As we make the blankets, we will pray for those who will use them. The ladies of Holy Redeemer will be our hostesses. Come enjoy the morning with us.

#### **National CDA Convention:**

Billings, MT July 16-20. We can have 2 delegates: Regent plus 1. If you'd like to go and see how CDA impacts people from coast-to-coast; this is a great opportunity. We will vote on possible delegates at the January meeting.

**February Meeting:** We will be collecting for the SCES Food Backpack Program.

**March Meeting:** Trent Fluegal, Interfaith Hospitality Network will speak-topic TBA

**Ash Wednesday:** March 5th

**CDA Women's Lenten Retreat:** March 22nd

## Test Your Knowledge

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All Saints Day has passed but do you know the answers to the following? (Courtesy of Sophie Zvonar our State Spiritual Enhancement Chairwoman) Answers are located on another page of the newsletter.

1. This Saint was beheaded by King Herod...
2. This saint is the patron of beekeepers and a canine has the same name...
3. The mother of Mary...
4. This saint became the first deacon and the first martyr by being stoned to death...
5. A former First Lady and Senator has this saint's first name...
6. People are comfortably at ease praying to him and asking his advice, seeking the return of lost objects or entrusting someone to his care...
7. This saint is the patron saint of seminarians...
8. Introduced the habit of frequent, even daily, communicate by the laity...
9. Patron saint of education and of booksellers...
10. A college in Duluth is named after this saint...
11. He is the patron saint of writers and journalists...
12. The sharing of green beer occurs on this feast day...
13. In memory of this saint, two crossed candles are held under a person's throat while a priest recites a prayer...
14. A nun chosen by God to reveal to the Christian world the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus...
15. One of the most popular saints in the Catholic Church and is known as the "saint of the Impossible: because of her amazing answers to prayers...
16. The feast day of this saint is associated with lovers...
17. The feast day where many pet animals are blessed...
18. Patron saint of hopeless causes...
19. This saint, eldest of six children, born in France had a series of visions "of a lady" at a grotto...
20. A Carmelite nun, a Doctor of the Church known for her "little ways"...
21. This saint was originally known as Saul and he had a memorable trip to Damascus...
22. At the 6<sup>th</sup> Station of the Cross, a woman moved with compassion makes her way through the crowd and wiped the face of Jesus with a cloth...
23. This saint was a tax collector and has a book in the bible...
24. He is the patron saint of all works for charity...
25. This saint was the twin brother of St. Scholastica and he started an Order of monks...
26. This saint was the first Franciscan nun...
27. The patron saint of the childless, of the handicapped and those rejected by religious orders...
28. While kneeling in front of a large crucifix, this saint received the visible marks of the crucifixion, making him the first stigmatized priest in the history of the church...
29. Patron of laborers brother of St. John the Evangelist, who was a fisherman by trade when Jesus called him to be one of His followers...
30. He is a patron saint of Bohemia and we hear his name during the Christmas season...
31. One of the saints mentioned in the Canon of the Mass, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharistic Prayer, and the patron saint of musicians and singers...
32. Patron of farmers with a feast day in May...

Bonus: If you breezed through these, see if you can guess these saints:

33. She was born blind and is the patron saint of eye problems and eye diseases...
34. The son of Zebedee and the Greek origin of his name means "rock"...
35. This saint is the father of the Blessed Virgin Mary...
36. She was the woman who Jesus first appeared to after his resurrection...
37. Patron saint of France who at age 17 was given a small army to fight for her country...

Answers can be found on the back of this newsletter.

## *A Christmas Blessing*

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*May there be harmony in all of your relationships. May sharp words, envious thoughts and hostile feelings be resolved.*

*May you give and receive love generously. May this love echo in your heart like the joy of church bells on a clear December day.*

*May each person who comes into your life be greeted as another Christ. May the honor given the Babe of Bethlehem be that which you extend to every guest who enters your presence.*

*May the hope of this sacred season settle into your soul. May it be a foundation of courage for you when times of distress occupy your inner land.*

*May the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children be awakened within you. May it lead you to renewed awareness and appreciation of whatever you too easily take for granted.*

*May the bonds of love for another be strengthened as you gather with your family and friends around the table of festivity and nourishment.*

*May you daily open the gift of your life and be grateful for the hidden treasures it contains.*

*May the coming year be one of good health for you. May you have energy and vitality. May you care well for your body, mind, and spirit.*

*May you keep your eye on the Star within you and trust this Luminescent Presence to guide and direct you each day.*

*May you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and visit the One who offers you peace. May you bring this peace into our world.*



**Respect Life Sunday:** Pro- Life Masses in all three parishes on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. A rosary will be said prior to each Mass that weekend.

**Glazer Donuts:** Along with Kemps caps, pop tabs, soup labels, Box Tops, Milk Moola, we are now collecting Kwik Trip Glazer's donut symbols. Milk Moola and Glazer's money will be used for our JCDA.

**Welcome:** Kathie Koch. Kathie joins us from Hastings, Nebraska. Kathie and her husband Rick live in Rochester.

## **Saints Answers:**

St. John the Baptist 2. St. Bernard 3. St. Anne 4. St. Stephen 5. St. Hillary 6. St. Anthony  
7. St. Charles Borromeo 8. St. Pious X 9. St. Thomas Aquinas 10. St. Scholastica 11. St. Francis de  
Sales 12. St. Patrick 13. St. Blasé 14. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque 15. St. Rita 16. St. Valentine  
17. St. Francis of Assisi 18. St. Jude 19. St. Bernadette 20. St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
21. St. Paul 22. St. Veronica 23. St. Matthew 24. St. Vincent de Paul 25. St. Benedict  
26. St. Clare of Assisi 27. St. Henry 28. St. Padre Pio 29. St. James 30. St. Wenceslaus  
31. St. Cecelia 32. St. Isidore 33. St. Odelia 34. St. Peter 35. St. Joachim  
36. St. Mary Magdalene 37. St. Joan of Arc

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