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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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CDA Motto: Unity and Charity



From Your Regent: Vicki Gathje

I can't believe fall is here, already! Where did the summer go? The heat sure made the days seem long and many of us tended to hibernate inside where it was cool; yet as it does every year, the heat breaks, life moves on and it's now autumn. Catholic Daughters can seem the same way at times. There are times when we hibernate from the meetings, or from working at the fundraisers and that's ok. It's good. We all need time to take a break from the heat of everything going on in our lives. Re-energize ourselves; freshen up on the things going on around us.

The officers and I are planning a year that involves work and fun, prayer and sisterhood.

As you all know, the first half of our year seems to be mostly work (fall luncheon, cinnamon rolls, sweet treats) but come February and March let the fun begin! At the February meeting we will be playing Bunco. If you don't know how, don't worry...it's easy-just counting to 23. March's meeting we will have a talk/demonstration by Margaret Gall on quick, easy nutritious changes to your meal preparation. Prayer will be a part of all our meetings-with the rosary beginning many of our meetings, a speaker from the Immaculate Heart Seminary, and the annual Women's Lenten retreat.

I am asking that you keep your program booklet handy and I am challenging each of you to come out of hibernation. If you didn't come to a single meeting last year, make an effort to come to one or two this year. If you haven't worked at one of the cinnamon roll events, say "yes" to one this year. We have 3 meetings that begin with speakers; please, come to their presentations and show them we appreciate their time. Please, be open when one of our chairwomen calls upon you for help, whether it is for food, for labor, for monetary or prayer support.

Our Mission Statement says that (we) "strive to embrace the principle of working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all." We are challenged by Jesus to look after the meek, the lonely, the poor, the starving, and the naked. We do this through the charities we financially support, the collections of various items we gather and donate, and by educating ourselves on social justice issues. Together we are an awesome group of women-a sisterhood.

In Unity and Charity.

Vicki



Meet Your Officers...

Regent: Vicki Gathje

I was born and (mostly) raised in Utica. I moved away for 7 years during my late elementary and junior high years, returning to St. Charles to graduate from SCHS. This is where I met my husband, Dale. We have been married for 29 years. We have 2 beautiful daughters. Erica is 24 and is a third-year medical student at the University of MN. She currently is living in Buffalo, MN, working on her family medicine/primary practice clinical. Katilyn (a.k.a. Katie) is 19 and a sophomore at the University of St. Thomas-St. Paul. She is pursuing a double major in Economics and Social Justice. I have been a registered nurse at Mayo for the past 28 years. All but 5 of those years have been at St. Marys Hospital. When I am not working in Rochester, I help Dale with the "business" side of his construction company. This job is mostly data entry, typing, billing, and accounting. I have 2 sisters and 1 brother (CDA member, Chris Miller, is one of my sisters and my mother-in-law, Rosie, and one of my many sisters-in-law, Denise, are also members of Court St. Charles.)

Some little known facts about me are:

--the night I turned 18; I was at Marie & Dave Kvam's wedding dance (it was just after midnight when the band sang "Happy Birthday")

--I am a certified x-ray equipment operator (low dosages); so if you need dental x-rays or a bone density scan I can "take your picture (Say 'Cheese')" and I won't "make you glow" J

--I belong to the American Red Cross Disaster Team & Fire Response Team-Winona County Chapter

--I play bunco 2 nights per month from September through May

--I have been a CDA member 16 years. This is the 4th time I've been an officer (twice as recording secretary, once as treasurer, and now regent.) I have held 3 Circle of Love Chair/Co-Chair positions and Chaired 3 "special" events.

So, if you are ever asked a trivia question about me on Jeopardy, I hope these tidbits of information help.

"Alex, I'll take Catholic Daughters for \$100"

"The answer is, 'This Court St. Charles Officer can skunk her family in a game of Cribbage.'"

"Alex, Who is Vicki Gathje?"

Thank you for electing me and for allowing me to serve you as your regent for the next 2 years.



Vice Regent: Marlys Hinckley

A big hello to all our CDA Sisters and welcome to a new year of fellowship, service and spirituality.

I am Marlys Hinckley, your new vice-regent for the 2012-2014 term. My husband Dale and I have been married for forty years, and have four grown, married children who have blessed us with twelve grandchildren. They range in age from one to fifteen, and liven up the house when they are all here at the same time. We've learned to answer to everything from Granny and Gramps to Me-Ma and Papa.

We own and operate a 400 cow dairy, milking 3 times a day. We also plant and harvest 3500 acres of cropland, with the help of our two sons, who are in the business with us. Needless to say, there is never a dull moment on the farm.

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Vice Regent: Marlys Hinckley Continued

I am a cradle Catholic, and have received all my sacraments from this parish. I returned to this parish about 3 1/2 years ago. At that time Dale decided to join the RCIA classes. One of the happiest moments of my life was the day he was confirmed into the Catholic faith. We continue to be active in the RCIA program, and will be part of the coordinator team this year.

We were very excited and honored to host the Tri-parish Harvest Mass for the Diocese of Winona last year. As we look back, it was a gutsy move on our part, considering we had never even been to a Harvest Mass! Thankfully we had much help from our fellow parishioners.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you and getting to know you better as CDA sisters. My new words to live by are the words of Arch-Bishop Fulton Sheen, "Always remember, you may be the only bible that some people ever read."

~Marlys



From Your Pastor: Fr Kurt Farrell

What is the difference between discrimination and respecting God given sexual difference?

This is a very important question considering that the Catholic Church is being considered prejudice for its stance against homosexual marriage. Many Catholics are angry at the Church for promoting the marriage amendment and think that the Church is out of date and needs to change with the times. Although it is true that the times are changing, we must ask ourselves whether or not these changes are promoting the true common good of humankind or are actually degrading to it.

Men and Woman are created equal and should be treated as equals, but at the same time there is a very beautiful uniqueness between the two sexes that need to be respected, or otherwise one or the other's integrity becomes compromised. For example, there has been experimentation in some university's to do away with separate bathroom facilities for men and women. Common sense would lead us to distinguishing what problems might result for such an action.

John Paul II does a beautiful job explaining the Catholic churches doctrine concerning marriage and family life by exploring the God given sexual difference between man and woman. The meaning for the difference is the sign that God left of his divine love for us. The difference makes true sacramental love possible. Out of the context of the marital commitment between a man and a woman, sex loses its sign value, and actually becomes degrading to both men and women, and a mockery of God. That is why it is common to find pornography associated with blasphemy. The attempt to redefine marriage to include gay unions has the unintended consequence of stripping marriage of its unique sacramental sign value. The marriage covenant gets reduces to a license to engage in adult activity. Something which was created to be sacred has become profane. Therefore, before going to the poles I would ask all Catholics to take the issue of the marriage amendment to prayer, and ask God for his divine guidance, and allow that guidance to direct the way we vote.

~Fr Kurt

Meeting Recap Notes:

August 2012

- National Convention updates by Marlys, Bev and Nancy
- State Summer Workshop update by Vicki
- Back to School Supplies donations added up to approximately \$364.
- Website Development for our local chapter is being considered. Waseca is the first one in the state with a local site.
- Discussions on Dues and Pavers for Bell Tower Project. Both topics were tabled until more information could be sent and collected from members. Letters were sent to every member either by USPS or email to gather thoughts for each of these topics.

September 2012

- Mike & Nancy Bambenek's Presentation on their son, Brian's, mission in Columbia. Individual envelopes for donations to his cause will be available at the meetings and dropped into the collection during mass or returned to an officer. This is completely voluntary and given individually. All money will be given to Brian so he can continue to provide a meal and or shoes to the poor and homeless on Cartagena, Columbia.
- Results of the "dues" and "pavers" questions. Thank you to all who provided input so the court could make an informed decision.
- **Dues:** The tabled motion passed to raise dues to \$26 annually after much discussion and presentation of the results of the court survey. This will begin in January 2013, when we normally ask for the renewal money. I would like to stress, that if the increase in dues is a hardship for someone; PLEASE talk to an officer. This will be a confidential conversation. The court does NOT want to lose members for inability to pay. Our court has always had this policy and has an open door for any member who needs help.
- **Pavers:** The tabled motion opened for more discussion after the court survey. A motion was made to support the purchase of a paver based on individual member donations which will added together and collectively be used to purchase a paver in the name of Catholic Daughters. All pledged money must be paid on or before Oct. 8th. We will contact the Rotary Society to see if they can still help with the cost and share a paver.
- Audit Committee will be meeting soon. Reports are due to the State and National level by November 1st.



Save the Date! CDA Fall Luncheon

Mark your calendar - Saturday, November 10, 2012 - CDA Luncheon - please plan to attend or schedule time to help in some way. This is a great "girlfriend" fun date; please tell your friends and family so they can mark their calendars, also.

The planning committee has met and has scheduled a great speaker, Vicki Snyder. The theme for the luncheon is "Light up the World with Laughter". A beautiful atmosphere and delicious menu has been planned. We are looking forward to working with all our CDA sisters as our Catholic Daughters Court creates a fun and successful event.

Up Coming Activities



Cinnamon Roll Sundays

Our next Cinnamon Roll Sundays will be the weekends of September 29/30 and October 27/28 . 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. Helpers are needed to help bake, serve and sell. If you would like to help with this fundraiser, please contact Sandy Larson at 932-0923.

October Collection:

White Tube Socks will be collected for Mary Jane Copland's Caring and Sharing at our October meeting. Please bring new tube socks for those in need.



Respect Life Sunday:

In all three parishes on Saturday, Oct. 6 and Sunday, Oct. 7. A rosary will be said prior to each Mass that weekend.

JCDA Installation Mass:

Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00pm at St. Charles Borromeo. This will be the first JCDA in the State of MN. We are their spiritual support; try to attend their court and new member installation Mass.



Annual Gummi Bear Drive

This years campaign will be October 11-14. Volunteers will be needed to help take donations. Gummi Bears are given to those who donate. Please consider helping with this important fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. Chair Person: Deb Lange

CDA Sunday:

October 21st, flyers will be inserted into each bulletin inviting women to join. Posters will be hung up in St. Aloysius and Holy Redeemer to acknowledge our CDA sisters who belong to these parishes.



Fall Luncheon:

Saturday, November 10th. Bev Puterbaugh and Sandy Larson, Co Chairs

Christmas Baskets:

Saturday, December 1st. Start saving ice cream pails and cards to decorate them with. Plan to bring food or small gifts to help fill our baskets and plan on delivering one or two. If you know of someone who could use a little Christmas Cheer to let them know someone is thinking of them, please bring that persons name to our October meeting.



Sweet Treat Sale:

Our Annual Sweet Treat Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, December 8th from 9:00am to 11:00am at St. Charles Borromeo in the the Commons Area. Each CDA member is encouraged to participate by donating cookies, candies or any holiday treat. Items re sold by the pound, plan ahead and make extra!

2012 CDA Education Contest State Winners

A big Thank You to all the students and adults that participated in this years contest.

This years winner are as follows:

- Simon Warmkagathje-Honorable Mention-Poster
- Cristina Davidson-Second Place-Photography
- Sarah Hegland-First Place-Photography
- Mary Warmkagathje-First Place-Poetry
- Anna Smith-Second Place-Music
- Laura Hegland-First Place-Music

**2013 Years Themes:
"Jesus is Reflected in Me"
"My Life is a Reflection of God"**

2012 CDA Education Contest National Winner:

Congratulations, Laura Hegland on your First Place win at National!

Anna sang her song during Communion on Sunday, August 26th at the 10:00 mass and Laura's song was played from her recorded CD as the Communion reflection at the same mass.

Congratulations to all of the winners at all levels: local, state, and national. The 2013 contest will start in January.

From Your JCDA Chairwoman: Nichole Paladie



- Wanted: Girls in 1st-12th grade to join Junior Catholic Daughters (you can join anytime)
- Our Daddy Daughter Dance is: Sunday October 7th from 6:30-7:30pm. We will offer appetizers. Semi-formal attire. Cost: \$5.00 per couple. Invite your dad or special father figure to this wonderful occasion!
- Installation Mass for Junior Catholic Daughters will be: Tuesday October 16th at 7pm. Refreshments afterwards! All adult Catholic Daughters and their families are invited! Please join us as we celebrate our first Minnesota Junior CDA court!

Amazing Facts:

As per our standing motion we give \$20 per National CDA project and on occasion we send money to the Charities that are supported by the National CDA.

Here is the breakdown of the donations presented at the National Convention this past July:

North American College \$17,000, Catholic Relief Services \$8,000, SOAR! \$9,000, Covenant House \$6,000, Missionaries of Charity \$12,000, Tutwiller Clinic \$12,000, Smile Train 51,000, Laboure Society \$5,800, Apostleship of the Sea \$7,500, Holy Cross Ministries \$30,000.
Total: \$157,800

This is truly amazing when you see all of our local and state courts working for the greater good. Our \$20 is multiplied several fold!

Let Go,
Let God



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