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# 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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Catholic Daughter Court St. Charles #1791

# Catholic Daughter Happenings



## From Your Regent: Vicki Gathje

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Here we are again; fall, back-to school: transitioning back to a more "normal" schedule than what usually occurs during the summer months. Court St. Charles is doing the same. The officers and planning committee have planned a year that is similar to years past ('normal schedule') along with some new things. We are going to try some new things and some fun things to hopefully help bring members to the meetings. The officer team is dedicated to keeping the meetings as short as possible.

We have some **speakers** invited in the later part of our year; please come to their presentations and show them we appreciate their time and organization. We are expecting Trent Fluegal from the Inter-faith Hospitality Network in March and hopefully a Seminarian is available to speak in April.

**In January**, we will be making fleece blankets for Birthright. You don't need to know how to sew. These will be "tie" blankets. Bring what supplies you have: sharp scissors, pins, rulers, yard sticks, etc. We will share our supplies and work together. This meeting will be at Holy Redeemer and we will pray for those who will be receiving these blankets as we make them.

**We are keeping** the Monday evening format Aug.-Nov. and Apr.-May and Saturday mornings for Dec.-Mar. Rosaries for most evening meetings will begin at 6:45 pm (change) so the meeting can start promptly at 7:00 pm. **Another change**, we will have dessert and fellowship at the end of the meeting rather than a luncheon at the start of the meeting.

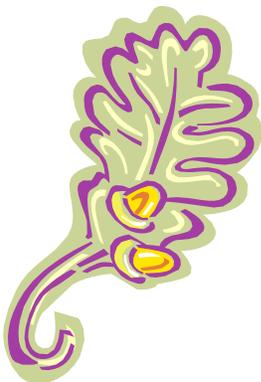
Please, **keep your program booklet handy**. For those who are on the electronic mailing system you should have received it electronically and those who are on the mailing list received theirs in the mail. The 2013-2014 program booklet has been posted to the court's website ([www.stcharlescatholicdaughters.org](http://www.stcharlescatholicdaughters.org)) as well as current and past newsletters. We are trying to reduce printing and postal costs.

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. We need to work together to keep our great organization viable. "Many hands make light work."

In Unity and Charity.

Vicki

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## Congratulations!

to Fran Goodrich for celebrating her 55 year membership in Court St. Charles! She is a shining example of what a CDA member should be. Thank you for all your years of leadership, service and dedication to our organization.

## From Your Pastor: Fr Kurt Farrell

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"No War, No War, No War", were the words that came from Pope Francis's mouth as he addressed the world from his Papal Platform. These words came after a harsh condemnation of the use of Chemical weapons, and a plea to both sides of the conflict to lay down their weapons and take up the road of negotiations. Our Pope is truly embracing the spirit of St. Francis as he refuses to accept violence as an authentic response to the horror that the world has witnessed. Instead he begged the world to embrace prayer and fasting, and a renewed willingness to talk out our problems rather than use weapons as a means of solving them.

As we reflect on what our Pope's words mean to us personally, we may want to consider how we choose to resolve conflict in our own lives. This gives me pause as I think of the tennis match that I had with my father the other day, as he called a ball that was apparently in, out. I reacted by impulse, accusing him of cheating me. As I thought about my outburst, I realized that there were young people on the next court witnessing me get upset with my Dad over a stupid tennis match. Although this might seem to be of little significance, it brings up the importance of embracing the spirit of St. Francis in all our actions. For how we respond in small matters can reflect our attitude in larger matters. Where in our own lives may our attitudes of conflict resolution need to be adjusted to embrace the spirit of St. Francis. ~Fr Kurt Farrell

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### A prayer for Catholic Daughters

Help us to remember that the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is composed of all types of women, all of whom are children of God.

Our Courts will be filled, if we fill them.

They will do great work, if we work.

They will make generous gifts to many causes if we are generous.

They will bring other women into its fellowship, if we bring them.

Catholic Daughters will be an organization of loyalty, love, faith and noble spirit, its members, who make it what it is, are filled with those qualities.

Therefore, with the help of God, we dedicate ourselves to the task of being all that we can be so that our Order continues to contribute to the benefit of Catholic womanhood,  
and that it may spread Unity and Charity among all members.

Amen.

Letty Calvetti, Pennsylvania

## Meeting Recap Notes:

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### August 2013

- At our meeting we were given a presentation on "Our Lady's Living Rosary" by Genny Mamai. She spoke on how to pray it, why we should pray it, how Mother Mary intercedes for us and how our world could change if we all prayed together to our Mother, Mary. She passed around a sign-up sheet for those who wanted to be included in this prayerful endeavor.
- We are planning 4 cinnamon roll weekends again, 2 in the fall and 2 in the winter. Please, volunteer if you can.
- The Fall Fundraiser will be Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Loren Wolfe will be our entertainer for the afternoon. This year's theme is, "Follow Your Dreams." Luncheon will start at 11:30. This is our main fundraiser for the year. It takes our entire court to host this well attended, community event. Please, be open to help when called upon.
- **Booklet of Prayers:** the State Board of Officers is looking to publish a booklet of prayers. They are asking for each court to submit 3 or 4 prayers to be included in this booklet. The State Officers will collect them and decide which ones will be included. Ten booklets will be given to each court with an opportunity to purchase more. No price has been announced, yet. Deadline is our October meeting: Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Habitat for Humanity:** The new MN CDA house is in Faribault. Blitz Build-Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> with CDA Weekend: Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from Gummi Bears support these house builds.

### September 2013

Your officers had the difficult job of judging from the multiple delicious Apple Desserts brought it by the membership. Winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> ~Maggie Hongerholt with a caramel apple crisp

2<sup>nd</sup> ~Darlene McGuire with an apple pie

3<sup>rd</sup> ~Bev Puterbaugh with a Bundt-style cake with cream cheese frosting.

Thank you to all the entries. The Court all enjoyed sampling the 7 delicious and very different apple desserts!



### Cookbooks

The state warehouse is just about empty. Our court will not be ordering any more cookbooks. We have less than 1 case left. They will be sold on a first-come-first-served. Plan ahead and don't waste time if you think you may want one! The cost is the same: \$15 per book.

## Fall Luncheon and Raffle

The annual Court St. Charles Catholic Daughters of the Americas **Fall Luncheon and Raffle** is quickly approaching!

It will be held at 11:30 am on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>  
at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

The Commons Area will be decorated, the many raffle items will be displayed and a delicious hot turkey meal will be enjoyed by those in attendance.

This themed event, "Follow Your Dreams", will feature Loren Wolfe. Loren is an accomplished guitarist, singer, songwriter, and author of children's books from Shakopee, Minnesota. His "Johnny Cash and Friends Show" is sure to entertain one and all.



Adult tickets for this popular event are \$9.00 in advance or \$10.00 the day of the event and a child's ticket (10 years and under) is \$3.00. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each. Tickets are available by contacting Bev Puterbaugh (932-5060) or Sandy Larson (932-0923). Because of limited seating, be sure to purchase your tickets early.

**Court members are asked to return their sold and unsold luncheon and raffle tickets to Bev or Sandy by Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Sandy Larson and Bev Puterbaugh  
Co-Chairs Fall Luncheon and Raffle

### Winning Recipe~Carmel Apple Crisp (from allrecipes.com)

~5 large Granny Smith apples - peeled, cored, and thinly sliced

~1/2 cup white sugar      ~1 tablespoon all-purpose flour      ~1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

~1 tablespoon lemon juice      ~1/4 cup water

#### **Crumble:**

~1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour      ~1 cup brown sugar      ~1 cup quick cooking oats

~1 cup butter, softened

#### **Caramel Sauce:**

~1 (14 ounce) package individually wrapped caramels, unwrapped      ~1 (5 ounce) can evaporated milk

#### **Directions**

Preheat oven to 350 F (175 degree C). In a medium size bowl, toss apples with sugar, flour, cinnamon, lemon juice, and water; spread evenly into an 8x8 inch pan. In another bowl, mix together flour, brown sugar, oats, and butter; spoon mixture evenly over apples. In a heavy sauce pan over low heat, melt the caramels with the evaporated milk. Heat, stirring frequently, until mixture has a smooth consistency. Drizzle the caramel sauce over the top of the crumble. Bake in preheated oven for about 45 minutes (apple mixture will bubble and topping will be golden brown).

## Up Coming Activities

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### Cinnamon Roll Sundays

Our Cinnamon Roll Sundays will be the weekends of October 26/27, January 25/26 & 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. 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.

### Respect Life Sunday:

Mass intentions were for Respect Life in all three parishes on the weekend of Oct. 5 and Oct. 6. A rosary was be said prior to each Mass



### Annual Gummi Bear Drive

This years campaign will be October 17-20. 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.

### CDA Sunday:

October 20<sup>th</sup>. Posters will be displayed at each church inviting women to join. The officers will be present at the 10:00 mass in St. Charles and bring up the gifts at of-fertory. Mass intentions will be reflective of the day. The Theme this year is: "I am the vine, you are the branches" from John 5:15



### Fall Luncheon:

Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> Bev Puterbaugh and Sandy Larson, co-Chairs

### Christmas Baskets:

Saturday, December 7th. 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 14th from 9:00am to 11:00am at St. Charles Borromeo in 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!

## Woman and a Fork

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things 'in order,' she contacted her Pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes.

She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in.



Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.

'There's one more thing,' she said excitedly... 'What's that?' came the Pastor's reply.

'This is very important,' the young woman continued. 'I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.'

The Pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say. That surprises you, doesn't it?' the young woman asked. 'Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request,' said the Pastor.

The young woman explained. 'My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!'

So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork ...the best is yet to come.' The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge.

She KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, 'What's with the fork?' And over and over he smiled.

During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either.

He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed.

They make you smile and encourage you to succeed.

Cherish the time you have and the memories you share.

Being friends with someone is not an opportunity, but a sweet responsibility.

Let Go,  
Let God



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