

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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Court Mary of the Assumption #1976
Manchester, Iowa
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MISSION STATEMENT

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principles of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and advancement of human rights and human dignity for all mankind.

Message from the Regent

Hello Members of Court Mary of the Assumption #1976,

Well, I made it halfway with one more year as your CDA Regent! Thank you to all who have supported me along the way, your kindness and joy is most appreciated!

Our court is now in the planning stage of the Dinner Theatre show. After tabulating the votes for our September fundraiser, we find we will be continuing with the Dinner Theatre for this year. It is set for September 3, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. at St. Mary Parish Center. (The day after Labor Day) With everyone's tremendous help, I feel very certain that we will again make this year's Dinner Theater Show very successful! Please see page 10 in the yellow program book to see if your name is on the committee to help with this profitable project. This is a great opportunity to meet our seven new CDA members and welcome them to our court.

I hope to see you at the Dinner Theatre Show! It is such a blessing to see our youth performing in our Church Community. The environment is so beautiful and the students put on an awesome show! It's always a nice time to be with family and friends, enjoying good food, music and entertainment. I wish you all joy as you live out your life. Thank you for praying and supporting the Blessed Trinity Cluster Parish Family, especially when they need your prayers and kind words the most.

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**I look forward to seeing you at our future programs, events and meetings.
Our prayer intention is to pray for the unbelievers.**

Thought for the day:

*“What sunshine is to flowers,
smiles are to humanity.” Joseph Addison*



You are the Joy in CDA!

Elizabeth Callan, Regent



WE ARE THE CHURCH

We know the Church faces many challenges in today’s world; persecution in many parts of the world, secular pressure constantly being put on our beliefs, our institutions, and our very freedom to practice our faith as we wish.

Scandals continue to rock the Church in many dioceses around the country, and the priest shortage is reaching the critical point, we have long known was coming, with little sign of improving. But what can we do individually or as an organization, as a parish or as a cluster?

We need to remember “We are the Church;” each of us by how we live our lives, how we love one another, the example we set of what it means to live as true followers of Jesus Christ are all part of what the Church so badly needs.

Church leadership; our bishops, priests and deacons need the support and prayers of all the faithful every day. We need to be part of the common prayer of the Church by attending Sunday liturgy faithfully and daily mass whenever possible. We need also to increase adoration of the Holy Eucharist whether it is individually as the Eucharist is in repose or during a time of Eucharistic Exposition.

Our individual prayer life and our efforts to support our Holy Mother Church needs to be a true priority in our lives and a focus of our efforts now more than ever.

Catholic Daughters certainly offer many opportunities to do just that and I commend you for all you do. We don’t know where this road will lead; but we can trust that Jesus will be with us always as he promised his disciples. We need to step up and be counted among those who lead by example with courage, love and prayer.

Deacon Dave Loecke

Chaplain of Court Mary of the Assumption #1976

****Newsletter online <https://www.blessedtrinitycluster.com/catholic-daughters>: Hopefully in the future this will be a tool to save paper and postage. Check it out if you have internet access.**



How About an At Home Retreat?

Recently I read an article in the July, 2019 issue of The ST Anthony Messenger Magazine, the title is "Meet the Holy Galilean Women". As I read the article, I thought to myself what makes a holy woman – Holy? Right away one thinks of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mother of Jesus. But what about the other women in the Bible, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, St Mary of Clopas, St Salome and the other women not named but referred to as "the other holy women?" What qualities or conditions did they live out that we, as CDA, are lacking or working on?

Sure, they had the advantage of living at the same time as Jesus was living here on earth, and yes, they lived in the same area, Galilee. But what was it about them that made them especially holy?

Even though the Gospel writers vary somewhat in their placement of the holy Galilean women, we can still get the general idea. They were there, they were helpful, they were devout, they were fearless (braver than most of the apostles at the Crucifixion) and they loved Jesus dearly and showed it. And at least Mary Magdalene and Mary of Clopas were highly blessed by being the first to see Jesus resurrected.

The author of the article, Theresa Doyle Nelson, has provided more detail in her article but she also has provided scripture references, one a day for fourteen days, for us to read and ponder. She is asking us to put ourselves in the same situation as the Galilean women, reflect, and take notes on how one would react and ask ourselves if we are able to see Christ in others in their time of need.

Please consider this retreat and ask the Galilean Women to pray for your prayer intention. When completed, look back at the readings and see how or if it has made a difference in your life.

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| Day 1) Luke 8:1-3 | Day 2) Matthew 20: 20-28 | Day 3) Matthew 27: 50-56 |
| Day 4) Mark 15:37-41 | Day 5) Luke 23: 46-49 | Day 6) John 19:25 |
| Day 7) Matthew 27: 59-61 | Day 8) Mark 15: 46-47 | Day 9) Luke 23: 53-56 |
| Day 10) Matthew 28: 1-10 | Day 11) Mark 16:1-11 | Day 12) Luke 24: 1-12, |
| Day 13) John 20: 1-18 | Day 14) Acts 1:14 | |

Submitted by Janice Loecke on behalf of the Spiritual Enhancement committee.

Permission obtained from St Anthony Messenger and Theresa Doyle Nelson

Local News

Welcome New Members!

We are very pleased to have seven new CDA members. Please give a warm welcome to: Carol Meisgeier, Marilyn Smith, Dorothy Palmer, Sandi Roling, Marjene Billhorn, Dianne Williams and Jenni Vaske. Since they were not able to attend our usual March reception of new members meeting, we hope to have a more official new members reception for them in the future. Please continue to invite your friends and family to join our sisters as CDA members!

2019 CDA Education Contest State Winners

Two of our local education contest winners went on to win State awards. They are Abby Kass--Division II, 2nd place winner and Alicia Nachtman, Granddaughter of Caroline Nachtman, -Poetry Division III, 2nd place winner. Congratulations girls. Thank you Wilma Billhorn for all your hard work as our Education Contest Chair.



CDA Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our 2019 CDA scholarship recipients. Elizabeth Gudenkauf and Grace Reiss are this years' scholarship recipients. They will each receive \$400.00 upon completion of their first semester of college. Elizabeth will be attending Viterbo and Grace will be a student at Iowa State in the Fall.

Our Circle Of Love At Work

Another Successful Life-Saver Campaign

We had a record-breaking Life-Saver project this year, raising \$1908.84 for victims of domestic abuse. We donated \$573.00 to Waypoint and \$573.00 to River View in Manchester and \$764.00, (40 percent) went to Iowa CDA to be pooled and evenly distributed throughout all the Iowa dioceses, again for domestic abuse victims. Congratulations and thanks to chairs, Shirley Schlichte and Janice Locke and all the volunteers for making a difference in many peoples' lives who suffer from domestic abuse.

Thanks to our **Unmarked Graves** committee, Sue Morris, Jacque Lahr and some volunteer students, the graves in the older section of St. Mary Cemetery were again beautifully decorated for Memorial Day.

ANOTHER CIRCLE OF LOVE PROJECT

The chairwomen for Worldwide Issues (Family) with baby layettes as their central focus are Caroline Nachtman and Bett Werner. Each year they prepare many layettes for several organizations. As summer comes to an end the committee will again start the work of assembling the layettes. Baby items, including sleepers, onesies, bibs, socks, receiving blankets, etc. can be brought to the basement of St. Mary Church. Thank you chair ladies, committee, and all who donate items or help with this worthwhile project.

Belgian Waffle Breakfast Held

Belgian Waffle Breakfast held on March 24th was very successful. We served 354 total breakfasts for a profit of nearly \$1500.00. Many thanks to Chairs, Ruth Francois and Jean Pasker, for making this such a successful fundraiser for our Court.

May Crowning

We had a very nice turnout for our May Crowning on Sunday May 5 at 10:00 a.m. mass. Eleven first communicants and many Catholic Daughters processed into mass with Easton Ingles as our Crown Bearer and Bradley Schiess, who crowned Mary. Thank you to all who participated.

MAY AND JUNE MEETINGS HELD

Many members enjoyed our May Mother - Daughter Date Night meeting held at the Ryan Gym on May 7. Gretchen Eibey gave a very interesting presentation about her trip to Africa to visit her sponsored child from Unbound. We thank Gretchen and chairs, Nancy McDonald and Deane Loecke, for a lovely evening.

Our June meeting was held in the Memorial Room on June 4th. Jan Grundmeyer was our speaker. She spoke about being a State officer, and shared her journey and experiences as the State Regent of Iowa. We had a small surprise party and enjoyed refreshments and fellowship with Jan. We enjoyed a beautiful and delicious cake made by CDA member Becky Sullivan and honored Jan with flowers for being the State CDA Regent. We

are so very proud to say Jan is from our CDA court!

Members Celebrate Special Occasions

Kathy Callan --80th birthday in January
Rose Fischer -- 90th Birthday March 1st
Mary Ann Hatch-- 90th Birthday in May
Sr. Irma Ries -- 60th Anniversary in the Presentation Order

Prayerful Memories

We extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to members who have lost loved ones in recent months:

- Leonard Monaghan, husband of Shirley,
- Art Helle, husband of Germaine,
- Vinnie Keegan, brother of Catherine McCusker,
- Agnes Mensen, mother of Linda Kerper and mother-in-law of Linda Mensen,
- Merlin Schwers, brother of Caroline Nachtman,
- Stepehn Koch, brother of Janet Westhoff,
- Bob Bessler, brother of Norma Rave,
- Viola Klosterman, mother of Mary Kay Rolfes,
- Betty Lendt, sister of Diane Oberbroekling,
- Kathy Troy, sister of Pat Weis,
- Carla Zumbach, sister of Sr. Irma Ries and Janella Neverman, and sister-in-law of Karen Ries.

State News

Web address:

<http://www.iowacatholicdaughters.org>

2019 Iowa CDA State Convention

The 53rd CDA State Conventions was held on April 26-28 at the Arrowwood Resort

and Convention Center in Okoboji, Iowa. The theme of the convention was “Faithful Women Following God’s Call to Serve”. Our court was well represented with members, Linda Dolan, Janet Marbach, Jan Grundmeyer and Wilma Billhorn in attendance. They report it was a fun and inspirational weekend. Jan Grundmeyer passed her position as Iowa State Regent on to the New State Regent, Karen Kasparbauer of Manning, Ia. Thank you, Jan, for all you did as the State Regent. Well done, Jan!!

Fall Workshops

The State CDA will be conducting fall workshop at various locations throughout Iowa. This is an opportunity for officers and members to become more familiar with CDA policies and procedures.

Locations include:

- Ankeny on Sept. 21
- Manchester on October 5
- Emmetsburg on Oct. 19.

Since our Court has been asked to host a workshop on Saturday October 5, 2019 at St. Mary Parish Center, we will need volunteers to serve and help with food for a light luncheon. We will also need salads and desserts.

More Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

DINNER
THEATRE SET



Come enjoy an evening of delicious food and great entertainment. CDA is hosting their annual “Dinner Theatre” on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 in St. Mary Parish

Center, Manchester. Everyone is invited to this fundraising event for all the charities/projects CDA supports throughout the year. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. The menu includes glazed chicken breast and green beans with almonds plus homemade salad and dessert bars! Gluten free entree, salad, and desert are available upon request. Entertainment will be provided by local West Delaware music and speech students and will begin immediately after dinner. Tickets will be on sale for \$12.00 each before and after the weekend masses at St. Mary Church or can be purchased by contacting Ruth Francois (927-3268), Eunice Sill (927-5272) or Lila Geers (927 5287) (advance tickets only). This is a major fundraiser for our Court and requires much help. Almost all members are involved in some way. Please be willing to donate salad, dessert and/or work if asked and don’t forget to buy your tickets and bring along a friend or two!

Regular Monthly Meetings

Court #1976 will meet for the monthly business meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in a meeting room at St. Mary Church. This will be a time for Dinner Theatre follow-up as well as planning for the up-coming year.

FALL FOOD EVENT

The State Fall Food Event is conducted each year. Local courts are encouraged to hold a fundraiser that works well in their community. Half of the proceeds is sent to the State and the other half is kept to be used in the local community to help those in need. Funds sent to the State will be disbursed to the Dubuque

Archdiocese to help the needy. Our pie baking project for the St. Mary Fall Festival has worked very well for this. Thank you for your generous donations the past several years.

OCTOBER

Don't miss the **Potluck and Guest Night** at St. Mary Parish Center, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m. It's a great night of fellowship, great food and an interesting program. Meat will be provided by the committee chaired by Nanci Klein and Sarah Kielkueki. Plan to invite a friend and introduce her to CDA.

October 5th--State workshop at the St. Mary Parish Center.

We will need volunteers!

Our State CDA provides work-shops especially for local officers, but also for all court members interested in attending. This is a chance to learn more about CDA projects.

The CDA Retreat which was to be held on Oct. 11-13 at the American Martyrs' Retreat House in Cedar Falls has been **cancelled** due to the closing of the retreat house.

CDA Sunday is October 20, 2019. We usually gather for 10:00 a.m. mass at St. Mary on that Sunday and process in as a group.

NOVEMBER

The Memorial Mass for deceased members of our court will be held with the K.C.s at the 10:00 a.m. mass

for deceased members of St. Mary parish on November 3. Please watch the bulletin for the Memorial mass schedules for St. Patrick, Immaculate Conception and St. John Parishes.

The **November meeting** for Court Mary of the Assumption will be at noon meeting on November 5. The meeting is usually held at Pin Oak, but watch the bulletin for location and program information.

CDA DUES REMINDER: Thank you to our members who have paid their 2019 dues. Please note the box at the end of this article. if there is a red checkmark your 2019 dues of \$20.00 are not yet paid. FYI: State dues are \$8.00 and National dues \$17.50; this is a total of \$ 25.50. (Our court pays the extra \$5.50 for every member as a gift to you every year, as a thank you and to keep the dues reasonable.)

Our treasurer must make payment to State and National Offices, whether or not the individual member has paid her dues to the court.

Ways to pay \$20.00 Dues are as follows:

***mail to Jean Anne Griswold,**

112 Iowa St., Manchester, 52057

***bring to the September Meeting**

***bring to the Rectory, Becky will put your dues the CDA mailbox**

*** put dues in an envelope marked CDA in any of our cluster collection baskets.**



NATIONAL CDA WEBSITE:

<https://www.catholicdaughters.org/>

Dates to Remember:

AUGUST

Aug. 15-- Assumption of Mary

SEPTEMBER

**Sept. 3-- Dinner Theatre Fundraiser
6:30 p.m. Parish Center**

Sept. 6--Adoration after 8:30 a.m.mass

**Sept. 10--business meeting, 8:00 a.m.
in meeting room**

**Sept. 22-- Fall Festival and Father
Gabriel's 30th Anniversary
celebration of Ordination**

OCTOBER: Month of the Rosary

**Oct. 1 - Guest Night Potluck 6:30 p.m. at
St. Mary Parish Center**

Oct. 4 - Adoration after 8:30 a.m. mass

**Oct. 5 --State Workshop at St. Mary
Parish Center**

Oct. 6 -- Respect Life Sunday

Oct. 20--CDA Sunday

Oct. 26 -- Make a difference Day

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 - All Saints Day

**Nov. 3 - Memorial mass for Deceased
Members 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary**

Nov. 5 --Noon meeting at Pin Oak?

