



# Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Court of Nebraska

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### Mission Statement

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principal of faith through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity.

## Greetings from the State Regent



Where does the time go. I started on the Nebraska Catholic Daughters State Board almost twelve years ago, then State Regent RoseMary Shald, got me shaped up and going (how I miss her). Barb Ward was on the board and would make her way from Broken Bow to Grand Island and pick up Nancy Brown, and then head to York and pick me up, and off we would go to Omaha for our meetings. Sometimes I would drive to Omaha, only after Barb trusted my driving! Barb took me under her wing and taught me many things. I can't even guess how many hours over the years we spent in a car together. She knew me well, sometimes she would tell me to take a nap as she was going to say a rosary. All the National Representatives that have been assigned to Nebraska have been wonderful women.

The many Court regents that I have met, you have done a wonderful job. Your Courts are active and busy. Thank you for supporting our Circle of Love, and Unity and Charity. You are important to your communities and parishes. If you were not there, you all would be missed. I am always encouraged when I attend a meeting and something comes up that needs to be done and hands pop up to volunteer. Members have taken ahold of special projects and work on them with joy and determination.

District Deputies fill a special need in our state and do a wonderful job. State Chairs that help with yearly contests and Circle of Love reports, newsletter editor are all special gems. It is really wonderful when I have made calls and asked you to take a position, and I hear a yes. Thank you for all you do.

I cannot write this greeting without addressing membership one last time. We are seeing growth; I would say over 90% of our Courts have seen numbers increase. It is hard when our ladies go home to their Lord, and we have no control over that, but you are all trying to add members. Keep up the good work. My Court, #764, St. Mary, thank you for your support over the last twelve years. Being a member for 40ish years has been a blessing for me. They are a great bunch of women in York.

I have worked with so many wonderful women on the State Board. I have learned from all of them. Their kindnesses, support, help, and friendships have meant a lot to me. The ladies on my boards when I have been State Regent are very dear to me. I am sure they have shaken their heads many times wondering what I was thinking. They supported and created a beautiful new website, we did our homework, set up, and ran a very successful statewide raffle. (Thank you to the membership for their support). We worked with Courts and had 4 well attended Prayer Days for the membership. Each one was very special. We are trying to be more present on social media. And most recently we have added a clothing page to our Store on the website. And a big Thank You to our State Chaplain, Fr. Nicholas Kipper, who has been very supportive to us for these last four years.

One thing for sure, it has been wonderful to have your support and friendship, and it has been a joy to see Nebraska Catholic Daughters move forward and grow. But we are not done yet, there are Courts to visit, and we have a convention coming up the end of April, on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>. Please come if you can, we have some wonderful speakers on the schedule and we are anxious to see you all again and to meet new friends. Until we meet again.....Betty Fredericks, State Regent

Sisters in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas,



Belated Happy New Year to all,

As the new year begins I hope all are handling the changing weather pattern as well as possible.

Thank you to all who prayed with us during the Advent Season. It was a rewarding season of increased involvement of the membership through spiritual enhancement and growth in faith and prayer as one body. The Spiritual Enhancement Committee will continue with members' involvement by offering a Lenten daily reading starting from 5 March 2025 to 20 April 2025, "The Peaceful Path of Hope". This booklet can be purchased at the National office store for \$5.00 under Chaplains and Spiritual Advisors. We will be sponsoring a CDA Zoom book study starting 10 March 2025, and will follow "A Gift of Joy and Hope" by Pope Francis. RSVP [susankillian@gmail.com](mailto:susankillian@gmail.com) to receive the link information. The book can be purchased at Amazon, Walmart and [Christianbooks.com](http://Christianbooks.com). See the website for times in your area.

With the State Convention approaching and hearing of all the work going on please take the time to breathe and take in the beauty of God's great gifts...the hands and minds helping with the planning, the safe and clean location, the spiritual connection between the members and all others that will be attending. Let this be the time to make sure that you have a full slate of officers that will be looking out for your state's CDA interest as well as the membership. Encourage those who may show interest in being with a spiritual group of women who work for the Lord in their church and community by showing our motto of "Unity and Charity as we walk through daily life. Offer ideas and follow through. Encourage others who are interested in being a part of the Order. Show your enthusiasm for sisterhood in faith and action so the membership will continue to grow.

Looking forward to meeting you all soon.

Peace and Blessing,

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Fr. Nicholas Kipper  
Lincoln, Nebraska

# Greetings from the State Chaplain

Fr. Nicholas Kipper



Dear Catholic Daughters,

Across the world, catechumens and candidates are taking instructions in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). These men and women are inquiring about being baptized and entering into full communion with the Catholic Church.

We should be intentional in praying for those in OCIA. It's a grace from God that they are attending. OCIA is also a reminder of our need for continued study of the faith with the purpose of knowing Jesus better, so that we may be with him for all eternity.

How blessed we are to know and believe in God's story of salvation. The ancient Israelites were given a portion of the fullness that God has revealed to us. We receive it in its entirety. When we look at the story told in Sacred Scripture, we get to see the whole plan of God worked out.

Let's remember to pray for those who are in OCIA during these final months leading to the Easter Vigil. And may their study of the faith remind us of our need to do the same.

May God bless you and your families.

## A Eucharistic Meditation

*"The Eucharist is alive. If a stranger who knew nothing about the Eucharist were to watch the way we receive, would he know this? When you and I approach the Eucharist, does it look like we believe we are about to take into our bodies the living person, Jesus Christ, true God and true man? How many times, Lord, have I forgotten that the Eucharist is alive! As I wait in line to receive you each day, am I thinking about how much you want to unite yourself with me? Am I seeing your hands filled with the graces you want to give me? Am I filled with awe and gratitude that you love me so much as to actually want to come to me in this incredibly intimate way? Or am I distracted, busy with other thoughts, preoccupied with myself and my agendas for the day? How many times, Jesus, have I made you sad, mindlessly receiving you into my body, into my heart, with no love and no recognition of your love? How many times have I treated you as a dead object? The Host that we receive is not a thing! It's not a wafer! It's not bread! It's a person - He's alive! -- Vinny Flynn, p. 8*



## National CDA Disaster Relief Fund – Help Those In Need

Not long ago I asked you to provide a few extra dollars for those that suffered a major disaster in North Carolina. I know many Courts sent additional dollars. I am again asking if your Court has a few extra dollars in your budgets to consider donating to National Catholic Daughters for help in southern California's wildfires.

National Catholic Daughters sends disaster funds to the bishop of the affected area for that Diocese to distribute where needs are the greatest. One of my children lived in an area close to a major fire years ago, and I remember her telling me that Catholic Social Services came in and distributed cash to each man, woman, and child that were affected for immediate needs. No one asked about religious affiliation, they just helped those that lost homes. CSS opened their doors for people who needed beds, sofas, chairs for apartments they had to rent while they rebuilt, no charge for items taken. How wonderful.

Not everyone who lives in these areas are rich, or have multiple homes. Many are just normal people who have lost their job because the business burned down, or their homes were in the path of a fire. Their children's schools have been affected. We have many sisters in the area that need our prayers and support.

If you can help send a few dollars to help, send to National Catholic Daughters with a note in the memo line for California fires. And don't forget your annual donation to our National Projects and Charities. Nebraska has benefitted from Disaster funds from National several different times.

With God All Things Are Possible.

## Court St. Michael, #697, O'Neill Receives CDA Disaster Funds

On October 7, 2024, an explosion destroyed St. Patrick's Parish Center building in O'Neill. The Parish Center, formerly a Convent for the Franciscan sisters, was home to all the parish administrative offices. All St. Patrick parish and St. Mary's school records were kept in the building. The dormitory rooms upstairs served as storage space for various organizations under parish partnership.

One of these organizations is the Christmas Closet. St. Mary's Art teacher, Ranell Otte, has helped coordinate this event for the past 11 years. The Christmas Closet, which takes place in the O'Neill Community Center, provides an evening shopping experience for anyone in the community, especially those who have fallen on difficult times. Special emphasis is placed on providing children an opportunity to find a gift for a parent or special loved one. Donations for new or gently used re-giftable items are requested from the community. These may include new clothing, toys, household items, home décor, Christmas decorations, and so much more. There is no charge for any item, and gifts can be beautifully packaged at the wrapping station. Guests also enjoy a free soup supper provided by St. Patrick Church.

Volunteers serve in many capacities throughout planning and preparing of the annual event. Court St. Michael has had the privilege of helping at the workday on Sunday, to set up, laying out gifts and decorating the community center. During the festivities Monday evening, some Court St. Michael members wrapped gifts at the wrapping station.

The Christmas Closet supplies were stored in one of the dormitory rooms in the Parish Center. Many large totes used to collect donations at local churches and businesses melted in the fire. Scissors, gift wrap, gift bags, tape, bows, ribbon, and many other supplies went up in smoke. Court St. Michael was so blessed to receive a \$200 donation from NE CDA to be used for disaster relief. It was decided at our meeting that we would give our donation to the Christmas Closet to put toward replacing their supplies. We joyfully served again this year.

Pictured: Court St. Michael Regent, Linda Schneider, and St. Mary's art teacher and one of Christmas Closet coordinators, Ranell Otte.

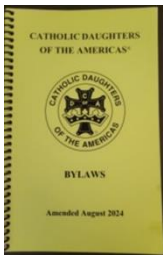
*Oh, Betty, that is just a miracle!  
Thank you so much! I was just  
down in the hall this morning,  
CDA served a cookie and drink  
reception for the K-12 students to  
celebrate Catholic Schools Week.  
The hall has brand new ceiling  
tiles and lighting. The wall of  
windows that look out on the  
grotto devoted to Mary, are still  
boarded up. We are hoping those  
are in soon! I can't wait to tell  
the ladies at our meeting  
Tuesday! I have a picture and  
will write a short description for  
the State donation check  
disbursement. We are so grateful  
for all help! God is so, so great!  
Bless you!  
Linda*



## National CDA Scholarships

National awards four different scholarships each year. The National JCDA scholarship is a \$1000 scholarship awarded to a JCDA member entering her freshman year of college. The Eighth Grader Entering Ninth Grade of Catholic School is a \$1000 scholarship awarded to a male or female student entering his/her 9<sup>th</sup> grade year at a Catholic school. The **three** recipients of the Leonard Bachman Graduate Scholarship will be awarded \$2,500 to pursue continued studies on the graduate level. The \$2,000 Campus Court Scholarship will be awarded to a member of a Catholic Daughters of the Americas Campus Court for tuition in order to continue studies at a college or university.

Scholarship guidelines and applications can be found online at [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)  
Deadlines for application are quickly approaching.



## Updated Catholic Daughters of the Americas Bylaws

The updated bylaws approved at the 2024 convention have been published and are available for purchase at the National CDA online store. We strongly encourage each court to have a least one copy of the current bylaws. Go to the website: [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)

## National CDA – Zoom Book Study begins March 10

### A Gift of Joy and Hope by Pope Francis

Beginning Monday, March 10  
Eastern Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Central Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Mountain Time: 5:00 p.m.  
Pacific Time: 4:00 p.m.

For Zoom Link or more information:  
RSVP to Susan Killian  
[susankillian@gmail.com](mailto:susankillian@gmail.com)  
909-519-3719

Book can be purchased online at Christianbooks.com,  
Amazon or Walmart

The poster is for a Zoom Book Study. At the top left is the CDA logo. At the top right, it says 'Mondays Starting 10 TH MARCH'. The main title is 'CDA ZOOM BOOK STUDY'. Below that, it says '- A Gift of Joy and Hope by Pope Francis Everyone is welcome - Free entry'. To the right is a book cover for 'A GIFT OF JOY AND HOPE POPE FRANCIS'. Below the book cover, it lists the times: Eastern Time: 7:00 PM, Central Time: 6:00 PM, Mountain Time: 5:00 PM, Pacific Time: 4:00 PM. At the bottom, it says 'For Zoom Link or more information: RSVP to Susan Killian susankillian@gmail.com 909-519-3719'. At the bottom right is a logo for 'BE A BEACON OF HOPE A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS'. At the bottom, it says 'Book can be purchased at Christianbooks.com, Amazon or Walmart'.

# MEMBERSHIP

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice State Regent, Kim Meduna**

The winter newsletter is here!!! The beginning of the new year. Where did the year 2024 go? I would like to start with thanking our State Regent Betty for all the great work she has done on the previous newsletters. She is so amazing with her words and graphics. I need to also thank all of the courts who have worked so hard in getting new members into your courts. I know it's hard to recruit and maintain your numbers. I just want you to know that we, on the state level, realize all the effort you have put forth in keeping your courts active and informed. I hope to see many of you at our state convention on April 24, 25 and 26 at the Graduate Hotel in Lincoln. Stay warm and safe in the wintery cold!!!

**Again here are the rules for the membership contest. Enjoy and good luck!!!**

**1) Award for Membership (NET):** Selected by the Membership Chairman at each State Convention. This is a two-year contest. Winner determined by the largest "net" increase in membership (members gained less members lost) for the two-year period of April 1 to March 31, or convention to convention.

- a. \$50.00 award will be paid to the winning court.
- b. In case of a tie, \$50.00 will be paid to each court.
- c. Transfers of membership are not included in any tallies for membership awards.

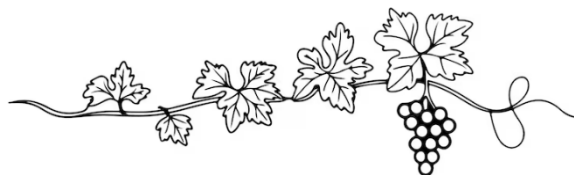
**2) Awards for Membership (Sliding Scales)** Selected by the Membership Chairman at each State Convention. This is a two-year contest. Winner determined by the greatest increase in total new membership for the two-year time period April 1st to March 31st, or convention to convention, in their category/division. The winning court will be awarded deductions in dues for the next billing cycle (semi-annual dues) in their category/division based on court size. Discounts will be awarded as a percentage deduction for the next billing cycle following convention (semi-annual dues) per the following schedule.

Current members + new members = \$X \*(times) (X% = \$ deduction):

- a. 10-40 members, 5 new members = 15% off their total bill
- b. 41-65 members, 10 new members = 15%
- c. 66-85 members, 15 new members = 15%
- d. 86-100 members, 20 new members = 15%
- e. 101 + members, 25 new members = 15%
- f. Transfers of membership are not included in any tallies for membership awards

**Examples:** Let's say your court has 85 members, you add 15 new members, new total = 100 x \$2.00 = \$200.00 State dues. Your new State dues are \$200.00 x 15% = \$30.00 discount off your State dues. Your new State dues: \$200.00 - \$30.00 = \$170.00 your new State dues!!! HOW GREAT IS THAT!!!

**3) STATE MEMBERSHIP CONSISTENCY CHALLENGE:** • Selected by the Membership Chair **every year.** Winner will be determined by the number of months during the April 1st and March 31st period of the current year (or convention cutoff date) that a Court has received new members for a **MIMIMUM OF FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE MONTHS.** One or more for a minimum of four consecutive months. • Paperwork for new members must be submitted to Nebraska Second Vice State Regent in a timely manner, within two weeks of the members pledge date. Paperwork submitted after that cannot guarantee that the new member will be counted for the previous month, even if that is when she joined the court. In the case of the convention cutoff date, no paperwork postmarked after that date will be counted in the contest. • Prizes of \$20 each will be awarded to the top three courts.



## Visit to the Governor's Press Conference

Mary Anne Classen, State Treasurer



On short notice, I received an email encouraging recipients to attend a press conference at the Nebraska Capitol on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Governor Pillen was hosting the pressor to show support for a new bill introduced by Senator Kathleen Kauth of Omaha in the new Nebraska legislative session. I decided to attend and was part of a *standing room only* crowd in a room next to the governor's office. The new bill, LB89, is called **Stand With Women Act**. This bill provides fairness and safety for women and girls across the state participating in sports and accessing bathrooms and locker rooms, and other spaces

where women and girls need privacy from biological males.

In addition to the Governor's and Senator Kauth's comments, we heard from four other women. Husker softball player, Jordy Bahl, thanked public officials willing to take a stand on this issue. Nebraska volleyball player, Rebeka Allick, spoke that beyond security and safety, it's important to speak the truth. She went on to say that we are all created in the image and likeness of God and He made us male and female. That she felt sorry for those who attack in protest for they are hurting and do not know the truth. Jennifer Sey, former US gymnast and founder of XX XY Athletics spoke of the importance of restoring biological based rights to girls and women. Finally, Hannah Holtmeier, transferred from the University of Wyoming to UNL because her sorority in Wyoming allowed a biological male to join.

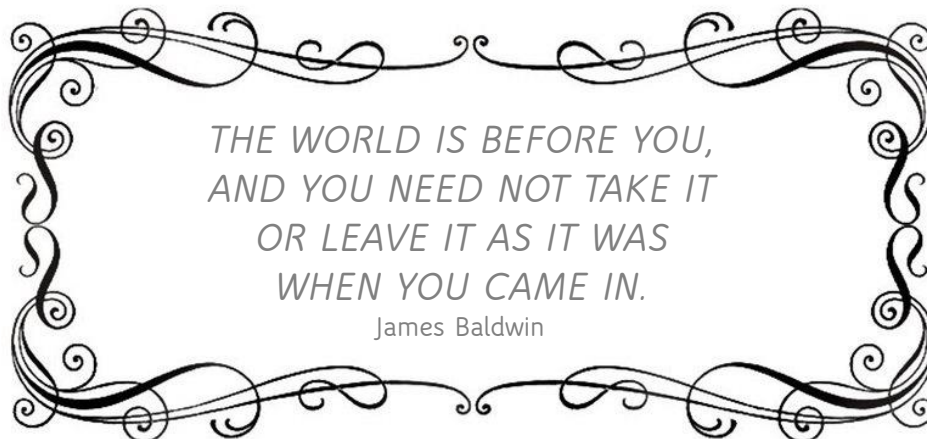
They all spoke to 'common sense' legislation. This bill covers not only sports, but prisons, schools, colleges, public bathrooms in areas like swimming pools. It will protect scholarships designed for women athletics. Can you imagine a woman in prison having to share a prison cell with a convicted sex offender who is a biological male? This is not a political party issue; it is a moral issue. Currently some towns in Nebraska have protected their schools, but without a statewide bill, female athletes in one town may not be protected in another town where they compete.

Although the people inside the press conference room were respectful, there were people outside in the hallway and outside the Capitol building protesting and calling names and yelling. I encourage all my CDA sisters to read LB89 and most importantly contact your state senator to support this bill. I was able to send an email to my state senator before I headed down to the Capitol. He was there along with 19 other senators showing his support for the bill. A simple phone call or email to your senator asking them to support can make a difference on whether this bill gets through the process to become law. Encourage your friends and family to contact their senator as well.

I was edified by the courage of these young women to take a public stance on this important issue. I was 16 when Title IX passed. It was a win for women in sports. Never did I think that 52 years later would I need to work for legislative change to keep women protected in sports and public bathrooms, but here we are. Please join me in praying for the success of this bill and thanking God we live in state where people are not afraid to speak publicly for common sense and belief in God as our creator of male and female.

The links to find the bill:

[Nebraskalegislature.gov/bills](http://Nebraskalegislature.gov/bills) and to contact your Nebraska Legislative Senator  
[Nebraskalegislator.gov](http://Nebraskalegislator.gov) where there is link called *find your senator*





# Frances Maher and the Expansion of the Catholic Daughters of America"

Janet Macklin

The Fifties were busy years for the Catholic Daughters of America under the leadership of Supreme Regent Frances Maher. During her tenure, which began in 1950, the Order made a concerted effort to increase its membership. Maher directed the establishment of many of the 252 new Courts. Only 30 disbanded during the same period. By the end of her Regency, the Catholic Daughters numbered more than 1,700 Courts with 209,492 members! 95 new Junior Courts were organized. In 1955, there were over 25,000 members of JCDA.

It is amazing for me to think about all that leaders accomplished with the lifestyles and hardships of this time. Frances was born in 1884. Don't we associate the 1880's with pioneers, horses, and buggies? Frances was born and lived in a mountain village named Kane, Pennsylvania, on the edge of what later became the Allegheny National Forest. A woman named Marie Schriever was the first known member of the CDA in Kane. She traveled over a hundred miles to join a Court in Meadville, Pennsylvania, in 1905. In the 1900's, horse-drawn carriages were still the most popular mode of transport, as it was before cars came onto the scene. In fact, there were not even plentiful roadways then. Traveling and taking care of a home took a long time. In 1910, it took 12 hours a day to do the housework (six hours for cooking alone)! Life was not easy and free time rare.



Frances Maher meets a child displaced by World War II during her 1951 visit to a refugee camp in Giessen, Germany.

Yet, in 1907, Schriever had recruited enough women to establish Court Callistus #66 in Kane. The 23-year-old Frances Maher was one of them. The next year, Frances became Grand Regent of the Kane Court, six days before her 24<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was the start of her 50 years of CDA leadership. By the time Frances became Supreme Regent, America was embroiled in the Cold War. Last month's article included information about the books the CDA helped disseminate to missionaries.

A new war started when on June 25, 1950, the North Korean People's Army invaded the Republic of South Korea. People in the southwestern part of the country were starving, even resorting to eating bark from trees. From there an American Columban Father, Monsignor Harold Henry, appealed for help from Catholic Relief Services. As the CDA's European family adoption program ended, the Order set up a monetary family assistance program with him. By the 1954 National Convention, the Catholic Daughters had donated more than \$10,000 for food packages for Korea. By the end of the Korean War on July 27, 1953, almost two million people were dead in North and South Korea. Survivors faced homelessness and poverty. The Catholic Daughters continued to work with the Koreans into the 1960's. More about Frances' tenure next time.

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<https://blog.newspapers.com/early-household-appliances/>



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- **Impact-Driven:** Equip yourself with the tools to make a difference in your community.
- **Prevention Starts Here:** Empower yourself with knowledge to stop trafficking before it starts.

A stack of several silver laptops. The top laptop's screen displays a blue button with the text "ENROLL NOW" in white, underlined. The background of the entire page features a dark, abstract graphic with icons of a graduation cap, a magnifying glass, and a person presenting at a screen.

[ENROLL NOW](#)



On Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> several of your State Officers met with Rebecca Saunders and Sister Celeste Woebeter of the Notre Dame Sisters at Charleston's in Omaha. Rebecca works with the development area of "Set Me Free" and Sister Celeste was one of the original founders of the trafficking program in the area. We enjoyed our meet and greet time. Rebecca updated us on all the expansion of "Set Me Free". They have expanded into the foster care area, first responders, developing annual renewal programs for motels and hotels, and continue to be a presence in many schools. They are now present in 9 states. They are making a difference and making the world a little safer.



We presented them with a check for \$3,850.00 for our second-year payment as the Nebraska Catholic Daughters State Project nominated at our 2023 State Convention. Last year our donation was \$2,701.00. In two years, the Courts in Nebraska donated over \$6,551.00 to help "Set Me Free" continue to make the world a safer place. There were several Courts that stepped up, 34 of the 36 Nebraska local courts donated, and some hosted special events to raise funds for this project. A big thank you to them.

Even though our commitment is formally completed, I feel Stephanie Olsen, Chief Executive Officer of "Set Me Free" and her staff need to be in our prayers to continue with their wonderful works. They will be our forever perpetual friends. I'm so proud to help this great group! If you ever have a need to reach out and set up a talk or class for your area, please call 402-521-3080 or [stephanie@setmefreeproject.net](mailto:stephanie@setmefreeproject.net).

As their mission states:

*To bring prevention education to youth and families to stop human trafficking before it starts.*

## Nebraska Catholic Daughters Store

In November Kim and I made a trip to Rivalry in Wahoo. Rivalry has been the store that has helped us with the other CDA t-shirts over the years. We wanted to expand our wearable CDA clothes and Katie was a wonderful help to us. We picked out a new design and expanded on our Nebraska CDA logo on other pieces.

Rivalry buys from many different companies and offers fabric selections for all ladies. She carries some really nice shirts and jackets that will wear well. If any of you have the purple shirts from 5 years ago, you know they wear like iron.

The best thing is that you make your own account. You can order 1 shirt or 10 of different styles. There is a description of each shirt with each picture, fabric content, and a nice description of the fabric. You order online, pay online, and can have it shipped to you directly or stop by the store and pick up your order. (If you pick up your order, there are several other shops on main street that are good to check out)

Share with your members. I am sure if you want to customize a shirt just for your Court, Katie can help with that too. We have stopped ordering the original purple t-shirts, and Katie has made us aware that the yellow/gold shirt has been discontinued by the manufacturer. Happy shopping everyone! We are open to comments.

Visit the site at <https://stores.inksoft.com/catholicdaughtersne/shop/home>



# SAVE THE DATE!

## Dates to Remember



February 14 – Valentine’s Day

February 17 – Presidents Day

March 5 – Ash Wednesday

March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day

April 13 – Palm Sunday

April 18 – Good Friday

April 20 – Easter Sunday

April 25-27: Nebraska State Convention in Lincoln

National Convention in Coralville, Iowa 2026

### Ceremonial Dress Code

*We recognize that personal appearance is an important element of self-expression and strive not to control or dictate, but to ensure that the respect of the ORDER is upheld. When participating in a ceremony or a procession, please adhere to the following dress code.*

#### White Dress Blouses:

Simple, all white blouse

- No visible cleavage or sheer fabric
- No sleeveless blouses
- No tank tops
- No crop tops
- No t-shirts

#### Dress Skirt:

Simple, all black

To the knee or longer

#### Dress Pants:

All black dress pants

- No capris pants
- No Exercise pants
- No leggings
- No black jeans

#### Shoes:

All black shoes  
No flip flops  
No boots

#### Jewelry:

Officer Medallions on Ribbons are to be worn at all ceremonials. (to be ordered from CDA store.) All jewelry should be small and simple.

## WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS...

(Also Renewals)

### 401, Columbia

Joan Wrobleski 7/16/24

### 988, Little Flower

Janet Mulligan 11/11/24

Michelle Soulliere 11/11/24

Margaret Peggy Wojcik 11/11/24

Michelle Wurteman 11/11/24

### 1122, Emmanuel

Kathleen L. Koch 10/1/24

Pamela K. Boes 1/7/25

### 1263, Ave Maria

Tammy Mallett 11/19/24

### 1549, Our Lady of Fatima

Barbara Schenck 9/9/24

Galy Huggenberger 9/9/24

Donna Obermeier 11/4/24

### 2036, Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration

McKenzie Petrizlka-Ratzburg 3/2/23

Barb Trimpey 3/2/23

Janelle Siedlik 10/3/24

Mary Brown-Zoucha 11/7/24

### 2099, Our Lady of Spalding

Patty Connelly-Jones 11/21/24

### 2451, Mother Teresa

Rita Clatterbuck 10/20/24

Hilly Adams 11/11/24

Kristy Churchill 11/11/24

Dolores M. DeBiak 11/11/24

Cathy Kruse 11/11/24

Julie H. Kulhanek 11/11/24

Mary "Patty" Crites 1/20/25

Michele Hammon 1/20/205

### 2604, Our Lady of Faith

Krista Morrissey 11/20/24

Lori Nardin 11/20/24

Joan Prenosil 1/15/25

### 2801, Our Lady of the Sandhills

Dusti Goodrich 11/14/24

If you have never seen the name of one of your new members in these newsletter lists, please check to make sure you have sent a copy of her New Membership Application to Janet Macklin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State Regent, as well as to National.



## *WE REMEMBER...*



Our dear Catholic Daughters who have entered eternal life. Pray for them.

**(According to Deletion Reports Received Since State Convention 2023, as of 1-28-25)**

Katherine Hauser	Our Lady of the Plains, 2098	5-25-23
Evelyn Yowell	Mary Immaculate, 2182	1-7-24
Rita Koehler	Mary Immaculate, 2182	2-27-24
Jerry O’Kief	Our Lady of the Sandhills, 2801	3-13-24
Margret Peters	Ave Maria, 1263	7-16-24
Isabelle McCandless	Our Lady of the Plains, 2098	8-6-24
Norma Hemmer	Little Flower, 988	8-8-24
Alice Boyle	St. Michael, 697	8-13-24
Helen Miller	Ave Maria, 1263	8-21-24
Margaret Barry	Our Lady of Peace, 1956	9-26-24
Loretta Ciecior	Little Flower, 988	9-27-24
Ruth Garrison	Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration, 2036	10-10-24
Lorraine Krupski	St. Michael, 697	10-28-24
RoseAnn O’Donnell	Our Lady of Faith, 2604	11-13-24
Virginia Ullsperger	Emmanuel	12-1-24
Delores Kneifel	Little Flower, 988	12-23-24

We are also grateful for those members who have resigned or had to forfeit their membership. They helped make us what we are today.

Please remember to send all deletion reports to the National CDA office **and to Janet Macklin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State Regent.** Thank you.

## What's Happening Around Nebraska?

Celebrating something special? Did your court members work together on a special project? Let us know, send in an article and pictures. We want to publish what is happening around the state!



**Court William McDonald #1009, Hastings,** held another successful Advent by Candlelight on December 4. The tables were set elegantly. Speaker was Rachael Tvrdy, Director of Family Life and Discipleship for the Lincoln Diocese, led guests in meditations of the first Christmas, with music provided by Cathy Kresbach, pianist, and Veronica Clark, a junior at St. Cecilia, vocalist. Maria Butler was the emcee who provided a little humor while guiding the evening. Nearly \$1000 in free will donations was collected for Catholic Social Services for families on the Good Angel Trees at St. Cecilia and St. Michael parishes.



A number of Catholic Daughters members, along with their family members attended the Nebraska Walk for Life Gala held Friday, January 31 at Embassy Suites in La Vista. The evening included dinner, award presentations, and guest speaker, actor, Jim Caviezel (*The Passion, Sound of Freedom*). Those attending included State Regent, Betty Fredericks, members of Court #472 (Lincoln) Eileen Childerston, Regent, Cassie Chandler, Vice-Regent, Barb (Rod) Weckman, Gretchen (Paul) Poppler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice State Regent Janet Macklin and Laura Macklin Baglien, State Treasurer, Laurie Hergott, Court #2098 (Broken Bow) Regent, Diane Anderson, Court #2036 (Bellevue) Cindy Bishop, and State Treasurer, Mary Anne Classen.



Members of **Court #2036, Bellevue,** spent an afternoon with St. Mary's youth group in December. CDA member and Youth Group coordinator, Maureen Goetz, pictured in far left, kicked off the afternoon with a competitive game of UNO followed by an Advent spiritual reflection. Creativity and conversation were stirred up when everyone began icing and decorating sugar cookies.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

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| BLESSINGS | MARDIGRAS | HOLY      | FORTY  |
| SEASON    | PURPLE    | HEALING   | CROSS  |

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