



# Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Court of Nebraska

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## Fall 2024

### 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

As we watch the leaves turn vibrant shades of red, orange, gold, and yellow, we are reminded of the beauty that comes from embracing change. We are shedding what we no longer need and making way for new growth. Me included. I doubt many of us raise our hands anxiously about change. We become very comfortable and content with the same old thing. It's easy to stay the same. Many of you have seen changes in your Court Officers, committee chairs are changing, new ideas and plans are sprinkling in or raining a thunderstorm. Don't withdraw from change, be part of it. Make that motion to support new/different things, it might be just the shot in the arm your Court needs.



We have seen changes at the National level, robes are out, new attire is in, now we will be wearing medallions. Hold on to your memories, love where you have been, and look forward to the future, and always be grateful that you can be part of it. Support those we have elected, they are struggling with change just as we are, but they know they need to keep moving forward.

The State Board has had a busy Fall. Officer Training is in the books, a total of 85-90 attended. St. Monica's in Norfolk and St. Mary's in York were great hosts. We had a great day in Fremont at St. Patrick's with the Scott Watts Day retreat. A wonderful day, and our hosts of Our Queen of the Angels and Our Lady of Peace kept us well hydrated and fed. If your Court would like to host a prayer day or evening speaker, please reach out to your State Officers and we will help guide you.

If you have friends or family in another parish and they show interest in Catholic Daughters, please reach out to us and let us know. Pastors are always our first contact.

We have officially opened the folder for state convention next spring. It is April 25, 26, & 27, 2025 in Lincoln, NE at the Graduate Hotel. First Call is on its way. Any questions or suggestions are encouraged. We are trying to make it a spiritual, learning, and fun time. I hope to see lots of new faces and many old friends.

If you are on Facebook at all, pay attention the National Catholic Daughter page, they are trying to start a new online book club. Sounds like a great way to get involved. And their 3pm daily prayer service is always a great time to take a break and pray. The National Board is really working hard at being creative and generating more interest. Take a look and see!

And you know me, I can never end an article without talking about membership. Most of the Courts have shown growth over the last 18 months, and that is wonderful. But some Courts are showing stress, that being very little to no growth, aging members, difficulty in finding officers. Please reach out to your State Officers and ask for help. We will help you make a plan and work with your Pastor. Ten percent growth per year is a good guideline, fifteen percent is even better, it helps provide a good blanket of support. Your Court has 60 members, that is 6 – 10 new members per year, not undoable.

I will close in saying that Fall also serves as a reminder of the changing seasons of life. We need to trust the Lord in His timing. He won't let us down, He is there. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Sisters in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas,



It is with great pleasure that I have been assigned to be your National Director for the upcoming Order year 2024 to 2026. I am not that familiar with Nebraska history, but I will soon become familiar, I love to do research, and as I move forward, I know I will find new and important things that we can talk about.

I have noticed in the Share Magazine that you are a very active State. The Courts are very productive throughout the year which is amazing. Don't be alarmed if I swipe some of your ideas and pass on to my State!

I have been a member of Court of the Holy Spirit #2145 of Norfolk, Virginia since 2008. My mother requested that my sister and I come to the meeting. She had filled out the applications and had the fee ready to pay for whoever showed up. By the end of the meeting, I was taking the pledge. By the next year I was elected Recording Secretary and the ball started rolling up the hill to more positions on the local level, the State started and now to where I am today.

The Order has taught me some valuable lessons of "Unity", with others of like beliefs, values and morals. That prayer is one of the best ways to clear the mind and spirit. "Charity", starts at home and then you can take it to the community. I am looking forward to learning more lessons from all the States that I'm supervising. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Peace and Blessing,

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Fr. Nicholas Kipper  
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# Greetings from the State Chaplain

Fr. Nicholas Kipper



Dear Catholic Daughters,

St. Augustine in his book *Confessions* recounts the last moments of his mother's life on earth. His mother, St. Monica, was a devout woman who prayed for the conversion of Augustine, who throughout his youth lived a Godless, debauched life. He, of course, had a great conversion, and became one of the great leaders in the history of the Church.

St. Monica became ill in the year 387 as she was traveling near Rome. She and her family lived in the Roman Empire, but in North Africa—not Rome. Augustine and his brother were with her on her death bed, and his brother mentioned to her that he was hoping that she might make it back to her homeland before she dies.

Augustine said that upon hearing this, “she reproached him with a glance because he had entertained such earthly thoughts.” You can almost imagine the look she gave him. She said to him, “bury my body wherever you will, let not care of it cause any concern. One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.”

St. Monica, a canonized saint in the Church, was asking for nothing else on her deathbed, but prayers. She didn't focus on pleasures and comforts throughout her life, and she was not about to start at the end.

We just celebrated two important liturgical celebrations in the Church. On the feast of All Saints, we celebrate the life of the Church triumphant—those saints canonized by the Church and those who are not officially canonized, but who, nevertheless, are enjoying eternal bliss with God, and ready to listen to our prayers.

On the feast of all souls, we pray for the Church suffering, those who died in God's good grace, but await purification so that they can see God face to face. As we think about those who have gone before us, we can't help turning our thoughts to our own mortality, our own short time here on earth. We should all strive to reach that noble goal of sanctity, that process of purification and conversion, as Monica did. In doing so we are not just turning towards what is more important but in fact more real.

May God bless you and your families.



We discussed at the Convention how the cost of Share Magazine has increased in price in these last two years. Some members brought up about opting out of receiving a hard copy of Share and just going on our website and getting the digital copy.

If you would like to opt-out of receiving the hard copy please call the office at 212-877-3041 and ask for Gloria, if she is not available anyone of the office staff can take your request, to take you off the mailing list.

Please be advised that we are still happy to send you your hard copy, but some members have asked to opt- out. If your Court Chaplain does not wish to receive a copy of Share Magazine that can be stopped as well.

## New Ceremonial Dress

1. The new attire is for formal ceremonials and on any occasion that you would have worn Robes. This is for officers only. Medallions are only at processionals. Not to be worn at meetings or other events.
2. DD will wear black and white at ceremonials and other occasions that they would have worn Robes. Medallions are only for processionals.
3. Honor Guards and Banner Bearers will continue to wear white. The red/white/blue sashes can still be worn.
4. IPST can continue to wear white to all occasions.
5. The membership can continue to wear purple as they wish to any occasion.

## Contests, Contests, Contests

I have forwarded to the Court Regents and District Deputies the information you need to participate in the contests for:

Education    Newsletter    Facebook    Website  
Circle of Love Forms for Local Court to State Chairman reports

and included a list of the Nebraska State Chairman. The contests are available on our website if needed. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or any State Officer. Hope to see many reports turned into the Chairmen.

## Lifetime Membership

There was a bylaw change that took place at National Convention that will have an effect on many Courts. I want you to be aware of the change and we will address it more once the 2024 Edition of the Bylaws is written, reviewed, and ready for distribution to the membership. New Bylaws will be ready for distribution in December or January.

In the meantime, work with your Financial Secretary and identify those members that have marked 50 years of membership, or who are close to 50 years. The years of membership can be from different Courts, there can be a break in membership, and only active years are counted.

How your Court deals with a Lifetime Member is still up to your Court. We will discuss this later when we have the revised Bylaws in hand. Always something new!

# MEMBERSHIP

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

It is so hard to believe that fall is here and winter soon to follow. I must admit the changing of the leaves are the best. To see the trees' leaves change to the beautiful oranges, reds, and some stay green is magnificent. I truly hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and are ready to get back to work and recruit new members.

National convention was an amazing experience. We had fun and found out about not having to wear our robes after January 1, 2025. Please look for new by-laws coming in late October or November. Janet Macklin and I want to thank all who have been out there and are actively recruiting new members.

The first half of the contest winners were announced at the officers' training. The runner up was Court #472 St. Charles, with (3) consecutive months. There was only one winner for the first year and that is Court #2036, Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration, Bellevue. So, congratulations, and remember the contest is still going and the results will be announced at convention in April (25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>) at the Graduate in Lincoln, NE.

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 **MIMUM 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.

# Running for State Office

Mary Anne Classen, State Treasurer

With the Biennial State Convention less than six months away, it's time to consider running for state office.

Who may run for state office? The following CDA Bylaws describes who may run and the documents that must be submitted to run for state office.

## Article IX. State Courts – Sec. 3 – Eligibility.

1. To be eligible for state office, a candidate shall be a member in good standing and available to her state to handle all responsibilities the office entails;

Be a current or past state officer, state chairman, district deputy, a past local court regent, **OR** a local court officer who has held an office for **not less than two terms**. This means you have had to have at least participated in local court leadership for two, 2-year terms. You do **not** have to have been your local court regent.

Having local court leadership experience is important but also serving as a state committee chair or District Deputy also gives the experience needed to run for state office.

Once you have met the minimum eligibility requirements, a candidate for state office must submit documents to the Chair of the Nominating Committee that was elected at the 2023 Nebraska State Convention. The chair of the Nominating Committee for the 2025 election is JoAnn Nash. Her email is [joannjnash@gmail.com](mailto:joannjnash@gmail.com) and her mailing address is 1545 Buckskin Ct., Gering, NE 68341. The chair will distribute the documents to the rest of the Committee members.

## Article XI State Nominations and Elections – Sec.1. Candidates for State Office

1. A member who intends to run for office shall state what office she intends to seek, submit a statement of qualifications, a current photograph, a statement of endorsement by the Local Court officers of the candidate. This endorsement must be voted on at a local court meeting and signed by a majority of the Local Court Officers. In addition, a consent to serve statement signed by the candidate. **Five (5) copies of each shall be postmarked by prior to February 1st of the state convention year and mailed to the Nominating Committee Chair.**
2. Candidates may respond honestly when asked if they intend to run for office.

A statement of qualifications is similar to a resume that should include all of the offices held (local and state), committees served on, state committees chaired, and District Deputy terms served. Include the years you held these positions. State how long you have been a Catholic Daughter and/or Junior Catholic Daughter across all states and territories, if applicable. If you have held employment positions in your work career, that contributes to your ability to serve at the state level, include those positions and timeframe in your statement of qualifications.

Start now to get the approval of your court and endorsement of the majority of court officers. Ask local court officers to sign a letter supporting you to run for the named office. Many courts won't meet in January, so it's important to get the vote of your court before the deadline.

Lastly, include a signed letter addressed to the nominating committee stating which office you intend to run for the 2-year term and including your consent to serve.

If a member of the nominating committee decides to run for state office for the 2025-2027 term, resign now in writing to the State Regent. The resignation should be postmarked no later than February 1, 2025.

It is the responsibility of the nominating committee to verify the qualifications of the members running for state office. Refer to all sections of **Article XI of the CDA Bylaws** for details about the nominating committee.

The committee will submit a slate of officers in a written report to the State Regent. The State Regent will send the report to all the local court Regents at least thirty (30) days prior to the convention. This report will be read on the first day of the convention. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Nominees from the floor must submit the same required documents to the Nominating Committee Chair prior to convening the first meeting of the convention.

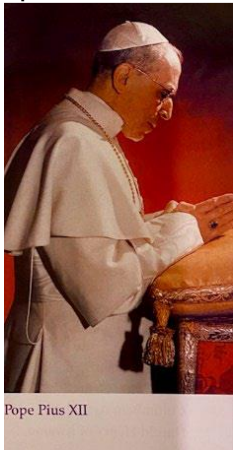
It is important for local regents to share the Nomination Committee's slate of officers with their court prior to the state convention in enough time to allow court members to run from the floor.

The State Board encourages all eligible candidates to consider running for office. **Remember to mail your candidate documents before February 1, 2025 to the Nomination Committee Chair at 1545 Buckskin Ct., Gering, NE 68341.**

Supreme Regent Mary Duffy had guided the Catholic Daughters of America for 27 years, through the appointment of the first National Chaplain; the establishment of the JCDA (Junior Catholic Daughters of America); the birth of radio networks; the Great Depression; and WWII. The war ended in 1945. Just five years later, a new Supreme Regent took office. Her name was Frances Maher, and she and the Catholic Daughters were destined to face a new kind of war.

The aftermath from the end of WWII was the beginning of an era defined by the decline of the old great powers and the rise of two superpowers: the Soviet Union (USSR) and the United States of America (U.S.). The two former allies established occupation administrations in Germany, divided into western and eastern occupation zones controlled by the Western Allies and the USSR, accordingly, creating a bipolar world. The U.S. and USSR became competitors on the world stage and engaged in the Cold War, focused on espionage, political subversion, and proxy wars.

This Cold War provided the backdrop for the intense ideological warfare that also divided the world. Communists gained control of most governments in Eastern Europe and China. The Popes saw the threat this posed to the faithful. Two years before Karl Marx published his *Communist Manifesto* (1848), Pope Pius IX referred to “that infamous doctrine of so-called Communism which is absolutely contrary to the Natural Law” and which “would utterly destroy the rights, property and possessions of all men.” In 1931, Pope Pius XI expressed concern about the threat of Communism because of its open and ruthless hostility toward God and the Church. He condemned “atheistic Communism” and dialectical materialism (based on the writings of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, it is the political philosophy of Marxist Communism) because they robbed individuals and peoples of their freedom and undermined their spiritual foundation and basic human dignity.



Pope Pius XII

In the time of Pope Pius XII, decrees issued by the Holy Office threatened Catholics who joined the Communist Party with excommunication in response to the remorseless repression of the Church in Yugoslavia, Hungary, Poland, and Czechoslovakia.

New Hampshire CDA's Anna K. Buckley, first chairman of the World Mission Department, led a battle for minds. She organized the distribution of hundreds of books to be sent to Catholic missionaries abroad. Many Courts sent money to a CDA center that matched titles to requests for specific books from the missionaries. The missionaries disseminated the printed materials to India, South Africa, Hong Kong, and parts of Central and South America.

As Communism took over Eastern Europe, families were expelled from Danzig, East Prussia, and northern Silesia. As reported in my previous month's article, CDA responded generously with overseas relief efforts for the more than 15 million people around the world who were hungry and homeless.

In addition to families, priests were expelled from their parishes in now-Communist countries. The National Board asked members to “adopt” 800 priests who had been expelled. At the 1952 Convention, the Reverend Alfred A. Schneider, representing the War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in West Germany, talked about seeing priests on the roads with packs on their backs moving from Lutheran churches to railroad stations, even to taverns, to say Mass for their homeless flocks. Catholic women from far away sent food, coffee, suits, raincoats, vestments, and in many cases bicycles to help them travel to their many Mass stations. Rev. Schneider said, “All over Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein, you hear the name ‘Catholic Daughters of America’ spoken by these priests with reverence and gratitude.”

What would have happened to the faith without help like this from our CDA predecessors?

<https://historyguild.org/the-beginning-of-the-cold-war/>

<https://contemporarychurchhistory.org/2012/03/article-note-new-research-on-cold-war-catholicism/>

[en.m.wikipedia.org](https://en.m.wikipedia.org)

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, A Century in Review, Marthaler & Clement

# A Christmas Novena for the 9 Days before Christmas

Dec 15, 2016 by [Gretchen Filz](#)

One of the best things about celebrating a Catholic [Christmas](#) are the final days leading up to Christmas Eve. There are several long-standing Catholic cultural traditions that take us through these final days of [Advent](#), heightened with anticipation in soon welcoming the birth of the King of Kings.

The [Las Posadas](#) ("The Inns") celebrated in Latin American countries, and Simbáng Gabi ("Night Mass") in the Philippines are just two examples of nine-day celebrations beginning on December 16 and continuing until December 24. Check with your local parishes to see if these traditions are happening near you!

There is also tradition of praying a novena for the nine days leading up to Christmas Eve. Not to be confused with the [St. Andrew's Christmas Novena](#) which begins on November 30th (the feast day of St. Andrew) and is prayed 15 times daily until Christmas Eve.

There are many options for praying the Christmas Novena, all which aim to prepare our hearts for the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ. **Pray the novena below daily from December 16th to Christmas Eve.**

## A Christmas Novena

### **December 16:**

O Shepherd that rulest Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, come to guide and comfort us.  
*Recite one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory be.*

### **December 17:**

O Wisdom that comest out of the mouth of the Most High, that reachest from one end to another, and orderest all things mightily and sweetly, come to teach us the way of prudence!  
*Recite one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory be.*

### **December 18:**

O Adonai, and Ruler of the house of Israel, Who didst appear unto Moses in the burning bush, and gavest him the law in Sinai, come to redeem us with an outstretched arm!  
*Recite one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory be.*

### **December 19:**

O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at Whom the kings shall shut their mouths, Whom the Gentiles shall seek, come to deliver us, do not tarry.  
*Recite one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory be.*

### **December 20:**

O Key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel, that openeth and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth, come to liberate the prisoner from the prison, and them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death.  
*Recite one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory be.*

### **December 21:**

O Dayspring, Brightness of the everlasting light, Son of justice, come to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death!  
*Recite one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory be.*

### **December 22:**

O King of the Gentiles, yea, and desire thereof! O Corner-stone, that makest of two one, come to save man, whom Thou hast made out of the dust of the earth!  
*Recite one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory be.*

### **December 23:**

O Emmanuel, our King and our Law-giver, Longing of the Gentiles, yea, and salvation thereof, come to save us, O Lord our God!  
*Recite one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory be.*

### **December 24:**

O Thou that sittest upon the cherubim, God of hosts, come, show Thy face, and we shall be saved.  
*Recite one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory be.*





# SAVE THE DATE!

## Dates to Remember



November 28: Thanksgiving

December 1: Advent Begins

December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 25: Christmas

December 31: Solemnity of the Holy Family

January 1: New Years 2025 / Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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...

## **96, Cordova**

Karen Ramsey 9-10-24  
Mary B. Rowell 9-10-24

## **576, San Salvador**

Connie Schmit 9-3-24  
Cynthia Zimmer 9-3-24  
Sheryl Meister 9-27-24

## **709, Our Lady of Loretto**

Sharon Kief 9-17-24

## **764, St. Mary**

Linda Neujahr 9-25-24  
Doris Bowman 10-14-24

## **1009, William McDonald**

Mary Dixon 10-2-24  
Susan Gentart 10-2-24  
Kathy Trausch 10-2-24

## **1549, Our Lady of Fatima**

Kira Dimas 10-7-24

## **1802, St. Katherine LaBouré**

Kerri Koch-Koenig 7-15-24  
Roe Shefl 7-15-24  
Kari Ebel 7-26-24  
Heather Brockhaus 7-27-24  
Irene Porter 8-2-24  
Kathy R. Wagner 8-3-24  
Kathleen K. Wagner 8-4-24  
Jane Wilmes 8-6-24  
Anne Dufek 8-6-24  
Jodi Boyer 8-8-24  
Carol Clarkson 8-8-24  
Amber Eggerling 8-8-24  
Jara Fanta 8-14-24  
Sandy Fuchtman 9-10-24  
Sheila Curtis 9-23-24

## **2007, St. James**

Mary Volker 2-19-24  
Anita Huddleston 6-17-24  
Patricia L. Smith 6-17-24  
Meghan Marlow 10-21-24  
Loye M. Wolfe 10-21-24

## **2227, Queen of Peace**

Mary Micek 10-17-24

## **2253, Queen of the Angels**

Lori Kisby 9-26-24  
Mary Sue Korus 10-21-24

## **2423, Mary Queen of Peace**

Jeanette L. Costello 8-19-24

## **2604, Our Lady of Faith**

Barb Siebrandt 8-21-24  
Jacqueline Simmons 8-21-24

(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.)



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

**(According to Deletion Reports Received Since State Convention 2023,  
as of -24)**

Sharon OKief	Our Lady of the Sandhills, 2801	3-13-24
Rita Leonard	Our Lady of Loretto, 709	5-26-24
Jane Dubas	St. James, 2007	6-16-24
Geralda Johnson	Queen of Peace, 2227	7-1-24
Connie Homan	Our Lady of Fatima, 1549	8-22-24
Janice Pritchard	Our Lady of Faith, 2604	9-6-24
Norma Korth	Queen of the Angels, 2253	9-27-24
Joan Ayler	Our Lady of Loretto, 709	9-27-24
Velma Zakrzewski	St. Michael, 697	9-30-24
Rita Grosse	Queen of the Angels, 2253	10-6-24
Mary Jo Keenan	William McDonald, 1009	10-10-24
Janice Wanser	St. Michael, 697	10-14-24

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.

# Beautiful Traditions...National CDA Day

Each year one of the greater Omaha CDA Courts hosts CDA Sunday at their parish. This year on October 20, 2024, #2604, Our Lady of Faith, St. James Parish, hosted. The day included celebrating with the parish at their 11:30 am Mass with a formal procession of Officers. Their pastor, Fr. Tom Weisbecker, was the celebrant, CDA members formed the choir, gift bearers, Eucharist ministers, and greeters were all CDA members. After Mass, we all gathered for a group picture. There had to be at least 100 ladies, probably more.

Afterwards we gathered in their parish hall and were treated to a delicious lunch and desserts, including a hand decorated sugar cookie! Each year the hosting court selects a charity that all Omaha CDA courts are encouraged to make a \$25 donation to. The St. James Rosary Makers group was the recipient of this year's donation. A member of St. James' Rosary Makers group presented an informative talk which included the history and ongoing work of the national apostolate, *Rosary Makers*. A gift of a handmade rosary was given to each lady in attendance.

The platter was passed onto the next Court in rotation for next year's event and the tradition continues. A wonderful, wonderful tradition that says CDA does matter and makes a difference each and every day. Thank you for all the memories of this lovely event!



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Evelyn Fuchtman, age 103, attended **St. Catherine Laboure #1802** celebration of 65 years. Tea sandwiches were served along with tea or coffee in beautiful old teacups. The tea party included a brief business meeting along with a short program. Attendees includes court members, Evelyn's daughter and daughters-in-law, CDA State President - Betty Fredericks (shown in picture with Evelyn), Nancy Becker, District Deputy, and Court Chaplain Marcus Knecht.



**Court #2099 Our Lady of Spalding** recently installed officers for the 2024-2026 CDA term. The court's District Deputy, Teresa Kehler, attended the September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting to install the newly elected officers. Pictured: District Deputy Teresa Kehler, Treasurer Maureen Seamann, Financial Secretary Sharon Roach, Recording Secretary Savannah Short, Vice Regent Sharon Bauer, and Regent Sharon Seamann.



**Court 709 Our Lady of Loretto**, Plattsmouth, sponsored a Saint Frances of Assisi pet blessing in the saint's honor. Father Mark Phiefer, Court Chaplain, performed the blessings. Every pet received a special St. Frances blessed pet medal.



Members of **Court Our Lady of the Rosary #2511** hosted the October Taco Tuesday for the student of the JPPI Newman Center in Omaha. Members prepared and served a taco buffet for 122 college students as one of their Circle of Love events to serve young adults this year. Pictured: Joan Baca, Nellie Destefano, Mary Donovan, Shari Dowdall, Judy Erdei, Patrice Fangman, Cindy Fletcher, Marg Gollobit, Shirley Harrel, Mary Beth Lester, Marge Sobczak, Dee Stedt, Sally Wehbey, and Mary Wurgler

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Members of Court #472 St. Charles, in Lincoln, attended the annual Luxury BINGO Fundraiser for the Women's Care Center in Lincoln in November. Front: Paula Aguilar, Angela Reiling, Barb Weckman and Eileen Childerston. Back: Cassie Chandler, Mary Anne Classen, Gretchen Poppler, Maureen Kipper, Marvalee Richardson. 758 babies have been saved in the past year.

**Members of Court 2036 Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration**, along with the assistance of St. Mary Parish (Bellevue) parishioners prepared and served the November Taco Tuesday at the JPII Newman Center in Omaha. Approximately 150 students enjoyed beef & chicken tacos, Spanish rice and beans and a wide variety of cookies and bars. The student center was overflowing with hungry college students.



## Scott Watts – Day Retreat – St. Patrick Parish, Fremont

On October 19, 2024, St. Patrick's Parish Hall opened their doors to Scott Watts Day Retreat. The group prayed, reflected, and listened together as Mr. Watts explained the happenings in Mexico all those years ago when 9 million people converted to Catholicism because a poor man asked a Bishop to build a church. Our Lady of Guadalupe chose to work through a common man to honor her and she never disappoints to reward those who follow her. She is there to listen to our prayers and encourage us. Her picture shows the many details of her beautiful gown and veil, and how she is patiently waiting for us. A wonderful day was had by all who attended. Our Lady Never Disappoints!





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