



COURT CEDAR RAPIDS 1768 · ST. THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER

NEWSLETTER

Events:

Our Court is BACK
to meeting on the
2nd Tuesday of the month
(Sept-Dec; Feb-June)

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Our Next meeting is:
Tuesday, September 9th
St. Pius X, Parish Hall

Doors open: 6:00 PM

Refreshments: 6:15 PM

Picnic Potluck:

Meat/Main Dish: Officers
Sides: Jan-June Birthdays
Desserts: July-Dec Birthdays

Business Meeting: 7:00 PM

September Donations Accepted:

Cleaning Kits:

Clorox wipes, Trash bags,
All-Purpose cleaners

Comfort Bags:

Shampoo (full-size),
2.0-2.5 Gallon Zipper baggies,
Lotions (travel size or larger)

Guests are always welcome
to attend our meetings.

Need a ride to our meeting?

Call or text

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NOTE: Member meetings will move BACK to the 2nd Tuesday,
beginning in September. We will use the St. Pius X Parish Hall.

August 2025

Cedar Rapids, Iowa



Homemade With Heart



CDA Craft and Bake Sale
Saturday, December 6, 2025

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

St. Pius X Parish Hall

Proceeds will Benefit Local Charities

Come Discover YOUR Crafty Side!

WHO? ALL CDA Sisters (Bring a friend, if you'd like!)

WHAT? Another CDA Crafting Meeting (with plenty of time to visit and snack! More drawings for gift cards, too!)

WHEN? Saturday, August 23 ... 10 am-noon

WHERE? St. Pius X Church, Parish Hall (the big hall where our "Homemade with Heart" Bazaar will take place in December, NOT where our CDA meetings were held last year.)

WHY?: Well, because we had a great time at the July craft meeting. 😊 But mostly because we want to share craft ideas and materials with all of you, especially if you don't feel particularly "crafty." 🙄 Get/share craft ideas for our bazaar, learn a new skill, help others with steps of their crafts, and just relax and enjoy food and fellowship with your CDA sisters!

HOW? Just show up on August 23rd at 10 am! (Or later if your schedule allows.) NO RSVP needed. It would be helpful to bring all kinds of scissors (regular, pinking shears, etc.), all kinds of glue (school, fabric, craft, etc.), and portable sewing machines ... to share and take back with you. ALSO, if you have materials you're no longer in need of (fabric, buttons, yarn, paper, cookie boxes/trays, etc.), please bring them. These freebies were popular and appreciated at our first craft meeting.

More details coming in a separate email closer to the date. We hope to see you there! 🥰💜💛

Homemade with Heart Committee,

Cecelia Gustafson, Jean Bean, Grace Meyer, Mary Morgan

NOTE: Even if you are only planning to provide baked items for the Bazaar, we would love to have you join us. Last month was a great time to just relax and visit with CDA sisters. You may even find some helpful packaging supplies on the "freebies" table. Hope you join us! Roberta Peters, Regent

Basilica St. Lawrence, Asheville, North Carolina

In late September 2024, Hurricane Helene caused widespread catastrophic damage across the Southeastern U.S. Heavy rains caused record flooding and damage in Asheville, NC. Our successful 2024 Peach Sale allowed us to help victims. We sent \$1,000 to Basilica St. Lawrence in Asheville, home of CDA Court Asheville #412. The Basilica has sustained extensive water damage, but funds were mostly needed for residents of the area and that is how the Basilica intended to use our donation - helping the people recover.

While visiting our son in Charlotte earlier this month, we all drove to Asheville and attended daily Mass on Friday, August 1st. I have included photos of the Basilica on page 4.

MISSION STATEMENT: 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 for all.

“Mark Your Calendar!”

Saturday, August 23rd

- Craft meeting (see page 1)

Tuesday, September 9th

- Member Meeting w/picnic potluck
- See page 1

Sunday, September 14th

- National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children
- Xavier High School at 1:00 pm by the Angel of Hope statue
- Sponsored by Coalition for Life of Iowa and CDA #1768.

Saturday, September 20th

- Fall CDA Workshop in Oelwein, IA with #321 Court St. Rita
- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

TBA (Sunday - October)

- National Life Chain

Saturday, October 4th

- KMMK Fall Fundraising Banquet
- St. Ludmila Community Center
- Register at KMMK-FM.org

Tuesday, October 7th

- “Rosary Relay” - Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

TDA (Saturday - October)

- Fall Financial Review

Saturday, October 11th (Date Changed)

- Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend, IA
- One-day bus pilgrimage (6:45 am - 9:30 pm)

Tuesday, October 14th

- Member Meeting w/ Pro-Life Speaker
- Refreshments: Meatballs/Crockpot dishes

Sunday, October 19th

- CDA Sunday
- Mass, light brunch, member awards
- Location TBD

Tuesday, November 11th

- Member Meeting
- Memorial Service for Deceased CDA members
- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Fall Food Event - Silent Auction

Friday, December 5th

- Set up for Bazaar

Saturday, December 6th

- Homemade with Heart Bazaar
- St. Pius X Church, Parish Hall
- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, December 9th

- Member Meeting
- Christmas Party Soup Supper (contest) and Gift Exchange

TBA (Saturday - January)

- Seminarian & Religious Soup Supper



One-Day Pilgrimage to The Shrine of the Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend ~Date Change~

Plans are in the works to take a **one-day** pilgrimage to **The Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend, Iowa on Saturday, October 11, 2025**. The Grotto has been designated as a pilgrimage site for this **Jubilee Year of Hope**. So, if you missed the bus pilgrimage to Wisconsin in June or just want to see the Grotto and receive more graces, consider joining us in October. Our itinerary is confirmed with the Grotto and Monsignor Ed Girres, as is our transportation. (Roberta Peters, Regent)

The Grotto package includes:

- A hot catered meal at noon.
 - (Roast beef, gravy on the side, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll with butter, a cookie for dessert, water & coffee for beverages)
- Tour of the Grotto
- Guided Meditation
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Stations of the Cross
- Mass (at 4:00 PM to satisfy our weekend obligation)
 - **West Bend CDA members** hope to join us for Mass.
- A prayer booklet designed by the Grotto Monsignor Ed Girres
- Time to visit the Grotto Gift Shop

As was done with the Wisconsin Pilgrimage, our bus will pick us up from the St. Pius X Church parking lot in the morning and we will return that evening. Since we will be traveling in October, we hope it will allow us to see the Fall colors.

Our expenses include transportation, lunch, and the full afternoon program at the Grotto that day. We are looking at a total cost of **\$120 per person**. Unlike the previous trip, our driver's tip is included in the cost. Registration will be available soon. If you know NOW that you will be attending, please let me know! The plan is to fill a 56-passenger Trailways motorcoach. If we need to use the smaller 36-passenger bus, the cost will increase. To reserve your seat, pay \$60 NOW!

Travel Schedule:

Pick-up Location: **Depart** at 6:45 am
St. Pius X Catholic Church parking lot
4949 Council St NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

After Mass we will depart for Cedar Rapids and St. Pius X Church.
Depart: 5:15pm

Rest Stop/Stretch your legs/Food:
Love's Travel Stop (Wendy's/convenience store)
3301 Greyhound Dr, Waterloo, IA 50701
Arrive: 8:00 am
Depart: 8:30 am

Rest Stop/Stretch legs/Supper:
McDonald's
400 Fair Meadow Dr,
Webster City, IA 50701
Arrive: 6:45 pm
Depart: 7:15 pm

Destination:
The Grotto of the Redemption
208 1st Ave NW, West Bend, IA 50597
Arrive: 11:00 am
Time to use restroom and check out gift shop and grounds before our program begins with lunch at noon.
Mass at 4:00 pm.

This is a grab-n-go stop. Use the app to order food if you want to speed up the process. The restaurant will start making your order when we arrive in the lot.

Final Stop - - Return to **St. Pius X Church**
4949 Council St NE, Cedar Rapids, IA
Arrive: 9:30 pm

National Projects:

National Center on Sexual Exploitation

In 1962 Morality in Media was established in New York City to combat pornography. In 2015, the name Morality in Media was changed to National Center on Sexual Exploitation. They promote the WRAP Campaign. The White Ribbon Against Pornography, which takes place every year at the end of October. A NCOSE newsletter is sent out with each National Quarterly.

(from catholicdaughters.org/national-projects-and-charities)

NCOSE (endsexualexploitation.org)

WHY WE EXIST: NCOSE exists to build a world where people can live and love without sexual abuse and exploitation.

WHAT WE DO:

- Defend Human Dignity - We believe every human being deserves the opportunity to live life to the fullest potential.
- Oppose Sexual Exploitation - We mobilize legal, corporate, and legislative action to build a world free from sexual abuse and exploitation.
- Expose the Connections - We strike deep at the roots of the systems which support and sustain sexual abuse and exploitation.

HOW WE WORK: Because forms of sexual harms overlap, reinforce, and fuel one another, our strategy is designed to combat sexual abuse and exploitation with a multi-faceted and interdisciplinary approach.

State CDA News

Fall State Workshops ... are coming to a town near you!

The workshop closest to us will be held in **Oelwein** on **Saturday, September 20th**.

More information will be available soon!

If you are interested in attending, please let me know ASAP as we will most likely need to submit our registration before the scheduled September meeting.

We will carpool and ALL who are interested are welcome to attend!

National CDA News

Texas Flood Victims: Any state or local court or individual member that wishes to help with a donation can send checks to National CDA Headquarters at 10 W 71st St., New York, NY 10023. Checks should be made payable to: Catholic Daughters of the America. Put "Texas Flood Relief" on the memo line.

Quarterly Membership Drive Contest to increase Local Court Membership.

When: April 1 - June 30; July 1 - September 30; and October 1 - December 31st. (3 separate drives)

Prizes: 1st \$100; 2nd \$75; 3rd \$50 (in the event of a tie there will be a drawing)

2026 National Convention: Coralville, IA; July 15-18

Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CDAcourt1768

Court #1768 Website: www.catholicdaughterscr.org

Iowa CDA website: www.IowaCatholicDaughters.org

National CDA website: www.CatholicDaughters.org



St. Therese

The Little Flower

Patron Saint of Court #1768

Feast Day: October 1st

How did St. Therese become known as the "Little Flower"?

St. Therese loved nature and often used the imagery of nature to explain how the Divine Presence is everywhere, and how everything is connected in God's loving care and arms. Therese saw herself as "the Little Flower of Jesus" because she was just like the simple wildflowers in forests and fields, unnoticed by the greater population, yet growing and giving glory to God. Therese did not see herself as a brilliant rose or an elegant lily, but simply as a small wildflower. This is how she understood herself before the Lord - simple and hidden, but blooming where God had planted her.

Therese believed passionately that Jesus was delighted in his "Little Flower," and just as a child can be fascinated by the grandeur of a simple flower, she believed that Jesus was fascinated by her as his "Little Flower." Therese understood that she was just like the tiny flower in the forest, surviving and flourishing through all the seasons of the year. Because of God's grace, she knew that she was stronger than she looked. Following the Carmelite tradition, Therese saw the world as God's garden, and each person being a different kind of flower, enhancing the variety and beauty which Jesus delighted in. When various people tried to explain her powerful inspiration and her place within the Church, it always seemed to come back to one title, "the Little Flower."

For more information on St. Therese, the Little Flower, visit the following website: www.littleflower.org/st-therese/frequently-asked-questions/

Power of Prayer—Rosary for Life

Wednesday's at St. Wenceslaus Church

2:30—3:30 PM

Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, petitions, & time for private prayer.

Led by Elaine Boes, Spiritual Enhancement Co-Chair

If your schedule allows, please join the Pro-Life Rosary at All Saints Church on Friday mornings.
See below.

Pro-Life Rosary

Friday's After the 8:00 am Mass at All Saints Church
Begins around 8:30 am ~ ALL are Welcome!

Report any **changes or corrections** to your contact information to
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The Kolbe Korner

By Sue May



SAVE THE DATE!

KMMK's Fall Fundraising Event featuring Cy Kellett, Host of *Catholic Answers Live*

Mark your calendar! KMMK will hold its annual Fall Fundraising Event on Saturday, October 4, from 5:15 -8:30 pm at the St. Ludmila Event Center. Join us for an inspiring evening with Cy Kellett, an engaging and entertaining speaker known for his humor and knowledge of the Catholic faith. As the host of *Catholic Answers Live* - a favorite program for Catholic apologetics and evangelization - Cy brings thoughtful insights and lively discussion wherever he goes.

Catholic Answers Live airs Monday through Friday from 6-7 pm on KMMK and is one of the most popular Catholic radio shows in the country. We look forward to seeing you there!

Are You Receiving the Quarterly CDA Publications?

Both The Voice (State) and Share (National) publications should be arriving in your mailbox on a quarterly basis. If WE have your current mailing address, you should be receiving them.

IF you are NOT, I have been told that you should check with the post office According to the State CDA, sometimes there is a problem with periodicals being properly delivered.



Basilica St. Lawrence: The building is remarkable, there are no beams of wood or steel in the entire structure. All walls, floors, ceilings, and pillars are of tile or other similar materials. The roof is of tile with a copper covering. (From "The Art & Architecture of The Basilica of Saine Lawrence, D.M.")

For more information and a virtual tour, visit saintlawrencebasilica.org.



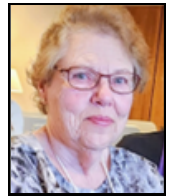
Photos: (clockwise, top right) Back of Basilica; Sanctuary; Lunette over the main entrance; Statues in the back; Aerial view (photo from the website); Side view of the Basilica; Front view.



Monthly Member Spotlight:

Judy Ann Quint

By Stephanie Guzman



Hello CDA Sisters of Court #1768,

This month we are shining the spotlight on Judy Ann Quint.

Her journey to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas was similar to mine. She noticed the announcement in the church bulletin and set things in motion to attend her first meeting! Judy Ann remembers the warm welcome of our dear Susan Frischkorn and many others eager to build friendships through faith.

Judy was drawn to the many beautiful statues throughout the parishes and a strong interest to study the significance and history. Her initial study started with our dear Mary. She recalled many times how Mary helped her through life's challenges and the loss of her son. Her devotion to Mary is unwavering.

We talked about many of the highlights Judy enjoyed through the years, especially annual picnics. She said that this was a great time to meet the members' husbands and children, outside of the traditional court meeting. Everyone shared a common thread - Faith, Love, and Fun! The growth of Court #1768 took off within a couple of years; she was amazed. Another area Judy enjoyed was listening to guest speakers and the various topics; she always learned something!

Judy proudly spoke of her attendance at one or more bi-annual State CDA Conventions. These filled her soul with pride and love. She remembers being very impressed with the priests and workshops offered.

It was my pleasure to talk with Judy Ann and hear how her journey to be a Catholic Daughter started. Judy spoke of the heartfelt turnout of Catholic Daughters who prayed the Rosary for her late husband in March.

In unity and charity we join together for prayer, fellowship, and service to others.

Thank you, Judy Ann, for your commitment to our CDA Court for 13 years!

Traveling Presentation Board

Would you like to share our presentation board that was prepared for the State Convention with your parish? If you have an upcoming Stewardship Fair, the display could be set up to give others a chance to learn about the CDA and Court Cedar Rapids #1768. OR if you would like to just have it on display at your parish for a month, it would be a good way for others to learn about our organization and all that we do. You could also display the notebooks on Circle of Love and our monthly newsletter.

Thanks to the promotional efforts of our Welcome Brunch speaker, **Pat Martin, Stephanie Guzman** is giving a "brief" presentation to the "Young at Heart" group at **All Saints Parish** on August 20th. She will be using the Presentation Board with her talk and then put it up at All Saints for a short time.

I have another request for the board and when authorization is received, it will later travel to St. John XXIII. Will your parish be next?

Check with your parish priest, then let me know what month you would like the display. Roberta Peters, Regent