



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

NEWSLETTER

Events:

Our Court meets on the
2nd Tuesday of the Month
(Sept-Dec; Feb-June)

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Our Next meeting is:

Tuesday, September 8, 2026
St. Pius X, Parish Hall

Doors open: 5:30 pm

Potluck Refreshments at 6:00 pm
St. Pius X Church

Potluck: (See Page 4 for more info.)

Officers (3) provide meat/main dish;

Jan-March Birthdays: Salads/Sides

April - June Birthdays: Desserts

Business Meeting: 6:45 pm

September Donations Accepted:

Rosary Project: Rosaries (Elaine Boes)

Cleaning Kits: TBA

Comfort Bags: Dental Floss; Small
packs of Flossers (3 or less);

Deodorant; Shampoo; Brushes

Homemade with Heart Bazaar: Safety
Pins; Wax Paper; Plastic Wrap



Guests are always welcome
to attend our meetings.

Need a ride to our meet?

Call or text

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August 2026

Cedar Rapids, Iowa



Welcome to Court #1768, Liv Kelley-Sellnau!

In a special Saturday morning ceremony, Liv (pronounced "leave") was inducted into our Court. Excited to be a member of our Court before the start of the 2026-2027 Program Year in September, Liv and members of our Court attended the 8:30 AM Mass at St. Wenceslaus on July 18th. Afterwards we gathered in the lower level of the church to get to know Liv and welcome her into our Court.

Liv already attended her first two meetings; the Food and Crafts Planning Meetings for the Bazaar and she is looking forward to being an active member in our organization. She is a member of St. Joseph Church in Marion and her birthday is April 29th. It's great to have you as a member, Liv!



*America
Celebrated 250
Years on July 4,
2026*



Court members prayed the Patriotic Rosary for our Country's 250th Anniversary. Many signed up to pray on their own, during a time that worked for their schedule, July 1-5.

As part of the July 1st Power of Prayer held at St. Wenceslaus, 20+ members and friends of the Court gathered to pray the Patriotic Rosary for our county together - - each state, those who serve in the government at all levels, and all who serve in the military. We also prayed for our Pope and all who lead our Church. The Rosary was led by our Court's Spiritual Advisor, Deacon Robert Hurych and Regent Roberta Peters.

(Photos: top: Deacon Hurych; bottom: All who joined us to pray.) Thank you!



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!”

Monday, August 17, 2026

- St. Pius X Pastors Hall
- 6:00 - 7:15/7:30 PM
- If you want find out about the year ahead for our Court, feel free to join us for as long as your schedule allows.
- BYOB (bring your own beverage)
- If you want to bring a small snack to share, that would be welcomed BUT it is not mandatory.

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

- September Member Meeting 6:00 pm
- Potluck meal; Business meeting
- Meat or main dishes: Officers (3)
- Side dishes: January - March Birthdays
- Desserts: April - June Birthdays



Saturday, September 19, 2026

- 2026 Fall State CDA Workshop
- Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
- 650 Stephen Ave, Waterloo, IA 50701
- We will leave the parking lot at St. Pius Church by 8:00 AM and return around 3:00 PM.
- 9:00 AM Registration (Coffee/Rolls)
- 9:30 AM Workshop Presentations
- Lunch
- 2:00 PM Approximate Dismissal
- Registration Deadline: Postmarked 9/11/26



Pro-Life Events Begin mid-September.

- National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn
 - Saturday, September 12, 2026
 - Mt. Calvary Cemetary, 375 32nd St Dr SE, CR
 - 2:00 PM (The programs lasts about 30 minutes.)
 - Elaina Sanders will share her pro-life testimony.
 - Bring a lawn chair!
- Fall 40 Days for Life Observance
- Rosary Relay (October 7th)
 - Sign up to pray the Rosary at the time (and location - home, in your car, etc.) that works for you.
- Pro-Life Speaker at our October 13th meeting.
 - Camp Courageous - - To Be Confirmed



Peach Photos: (Top Right, then clockwise) Judy Scott , Jeff Frieden, a volunteer we “snagged,” & St. Pius custodian, John; 100 boxes of peaches; Rita Holmes, Mary Jo Evers, Noreen Koch, & Bertha Rodriguez enjoying slower moment; Sue May & Peach Chair Karen Meade; Jean Bean & Barb Heishman discussing the coming Bazaar; Judy Scott with Jeff Frieden, Chris Peters, Ray Scott, the driver and St. Pius custodian, John; Knights Chris Peters & Brandon Sinnock.



Yearly Dues (\$28) may be paid at any time, starting September 1st. Check with **Mary Jo Evers** on the status of your dues if you are unsure. Cash or checks may be given to Mary Jo at our meetings. Checks should be made payable to: **CDA #1768**

Or you may mail her a check:

336 Windsor Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

If you want to **pay online**, see **Regent Roberta Peters**.



Georgia, Sweet Georgia Peaches

Our shipment of Peaches and Pecans arrived on Monday, July 6th. A small, but mighty crew unloaded the 400 boxes of peaches from the semi along with our Natural & Cinnamon Pecans. Customers started to pick up their orders a few hours later. Thank you to ALL who helped make the fundraiser a success. Look for numbers in the September issue.



2026-2027 Program Year



Members joining between April 1st - August 31st have their dues applied toward membership through the next CDA fiscal year. Please note that some members are paid ahead; Mary Jo Evers maintains a list of those members.

If you have any changes or corrections to your contact information (including address, phone or email), please report them to Mary Jo Evers. She will share the updated information with National, State, and Court offices.

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CDA Circle of Love in Action

Love is not meant to be kept - it is meant to be shared. When we serve others with love, we inspire them to do the same for someone else. One act of kindness can ripple outward, touching many lives in ways we may never even see. A smile, a helping hand, a word of encouragement - these may seem small, but in the great Circle of Love, they become part of something much bigger than ourselves.

One of the goals of the CDA is to prepare women to assume positions of leadership in their courts, states, dioceses, and local communities. To succeed in these roles, women need the knowledge, tools, and opportunities to develop leadership skills. members should be encouraged and supported in practicing leadership through various court activities. What project has your court undertaken to encourage members to step up as leaders?

Summer 2026 CDA National Quarterly



How has Court #1768 Participated in the Circle of Love Program - Leadership Spoke?

Over the past nine years, our Court has submitted the following projects for the Leadership Spoke of the Circle-of-Love Program:

- **2018-2020 Colorado Fresh Peaches Fundraiser** - - Peach Chair Linda Brandt explains how the Colorado Fresh Peach Fundraiser was started in 2017 and how it quickly grew. The humble start of 90 boxes and 42 flats in 2017, grew to 211 boxes and 75 flats in 2019.
- **2022-2023 Tribute to a Leader: Susan Frischkorn** - - As a Court, a report was written to describe how Susan Frischkorn led our Court and influenced many of our projects that we still have today. Statements about how Susan impacted us individually and as a Court were shared as well.
- **2024-2025 Cecelia Gustafson: A Woman with a Giving Heart** - - This report described how one of our prominent members, Cecelia Gustafson, has used her leadership skills to transform the Cookie Walk into the "Homemade with Heart" Bazaar.
- **2025-2026 "Homemade with Heart" Bazaar** - - As a Court, we baked, "crafted," and promoted our December 2025 Bazaar for months. The end result - several non-profit organizations that support families received donations to continue their work.
- What project has our Court undertaken this past year to promote Leadership? The next report is due 2/28/2027.

State CDA-run Workshop

- Saturday, September 19th
- Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Waterloo.
- We will leave St. Pius X parking lot by 8:00 AM and return around 3:00 PM.
- 9:00 AM Registration; Coffee & rolls available when we arrive.
- 9:30 AM Workshop Presentations
- Lunch is provided.
- IF YOU have **never** been to a workshop, want to learn more about the Catholic Daughters organization AND then use this knowledge to help our Court this year, please see Regent Roberta Peters.

2026 Fall Workshop

The cost is \$25 per member and will be paid by the Court. Our plan is to send 8 members.

1. Roberta Peters, Regent
2. Erika Brockmeyer
3. Claire Ahart
4. Sue May
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.



St. Thérèse Quotes

St. Thérèse had a simple yet powerful message that still resonates in the hearts of millions today. Her letters, autobiography, and other recollections of her life help us understand her "Little Way" and use it in our daily lives.

(www.littleflower.org)

Topic: Love of God

From:

"Story of a Soul"

The Divine Heart's Goodness and Merciful Love are little known! It is true that to enjoy these treasures we must humble ourselves, must confess our nothingness – and here is where many a soul draws back.

St. Therese, The Little Flower
Patron Saint of
Court #1768
Feast Day: October 1st



Last Chance for a Photo!



Would you like a new photo taken for the **2026-2027 Program Booklet** and you were not able to get a new photo taken at the June 9th member meeting? Please feel free to either (1) send a photo (text or email) to Regent Roberta Peters or (2) have her take your photo at our Planning Meeting on August 17th. That day will also be a good time to verify your information for the member section (address, phone, email).

Power of Prayer—Rosary for Life

Power of Prayer is held on Wednesday,
2:30 - 3:30 pm at St. Wenceslaus. ~ Elaine Boes



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!

Learn More About CDA and Court #1768

Our latest Court Newsletter can always be found on our Court website.

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

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Food, Glorious Food!

The potluck in June had too much food so Vice Regent Angie Eltze suggested a solution for the September potluck.

Here is the plan:

Only **3 officers** will bring a **meat/main dish** for the September meeting

- Angie, Coe, and Stephanie

Sides and Desserts will be provided by members with the following Birthday months:

- **Salads/Sides:** Jan - Feb - March
- **Desserts:** April - May - June

With this **change**, the **June Potluck** will look like this:

Only **2 officers and Sue May** will bring a **meat/main dish**.

- Roberta, Mary Jo and Sue May

Sides and Desserts will be provided by members with the following Birthday months:

- **Salads/Sides:** July - Aug - Sept
- **Desserts:** Oct - Nov - Dec

(For the 2027-2028 Year, we will flip.)

Thank you, Angie for "thinking outside the box(lunch)."



Speaking of Food ...

It's time to sign up for our October and November Theme Meals.

October: Meatballs & Maid-rites

Chairs:

1. ?
2. ?

In addition to providing food for this theme meal, these ladies will work with our **Event Refreshment Chairs, Barb Heishman and Marla Tursi**, to determine the selection of food and the amount to be provided. They will then communicate with all who have signed up. Everyone bringing food will help with setup and cleanup for the month.

So far, the following ladies have signed up:

1. Liv Kelley-Sellnau: Hamburger Buns
2. Stephanie Guzman: Macaroni Salad
3. Julie Fitzgerald: 6 pounds of Maid-rites
4. ?
5. ?
6. ?
7. ?
8. ?

Don't Forget



November: Charcuterie Boards & Appetizers

Chairs: We still need 2.

1. Susan May: Fruit tray
2. Judy Scott: Summer Sausage & Cheese tray
3. Angie Eltze: Dips
4. Mary Morgan: Cookies
5. ?
6. ?



2026

Bazaar

♥ *Homemade with Heart* ♥

The excitement is growing! Many ladies are already working to use their time and talents for a successful fundraiser. We would love to have **YOU** join us!

Three planning meetings have been held so far:

- Wednesday, July 29th - **Core Team**
- Monday, August 3rd - **Food Areas** (Cookie Walk, Bake Sale, Cafe) + **Advertising**
- Monday, August 10th - **Crafts + Setup and Atmosphere**

Additional meetings will be scheduled for the following areas.

- **Advertising/Signage** - - 2nd half of August
- **Pecans** - - 2nd half of August
- **Volunteer Sign-up** - - end of August or beginning of September
- **Welcome/Greeters** - - mid to late September
- **Cashiers/Pro-Life Payment Training** - - mid to late September

Other Important Information:

1. The Core Bazaar Team will prepare a handout for the September meeting.
2. Along with the handout, a brief 5-minute presentation will be given at the September meeting. Members of the Core Team will be available for questions afterwards.
3. To support the Craft portion of the Bazaar, we will hold a few workshops. One of these will be held 2 weeks before the Bazaar to price items.
4. Other details provided as they are available.

Susan Frischkorn Memorial

Scholarship Fund Grows to \$19,760!

Erica Huk with the Xavier Catholic Schools Foundation provided us with the quarterly update on July 9, 2026. The previously reported balance in April 2026 (Q1 2026) was \$4,440. The fund's \$15,320 increase included 6 gifts of over \$1,000 and 17 gifts of \$500 or below.

Since the balance of this need-based scholarship fund is over \$10,000, scholarships should begin to be awarded for the 2026-2027 school year. Recipients will be elementary age children in the Xavier Catholic Schools program.

Does Your List of Talents Include

"Creating Slideshows?"



Or maybe you just want to learn. If so, Regent Roberta Peters would love to talk to you! Contact her before the end of August regarding a fun project she has planned for the September member meeting. She **WILL** help you. Thank you for considering working on this project.

And the Winner is ...

Court #1768!



Our Court Newsletter falls in **Category I - Division 2** - Local Courts with less than 100 members and 5 or more issues published each year. As the **State 2026 Winner** in our category, our Newsletter was then entered by the **Iowa State CDA** for the **National contest**. Just prior to the close of the final Business Session (V) at the **61st Biennial CDA National Convention** held in **Coralville** this past July, the **Circle of Love Winners** were announced. Our Newsletter was awarded **1st Place!** We should receive our certificate at the **Fall CDA Workshop in September**. (A special edition will share more about the Convention.)

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Fall Fundraising Banquet

Thursday, October 1, 2026

The Kirkwood Center Ballroom, 7725 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids

Featuring Guest Speaker

Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA
Chaplain for EWTN and founding member of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word

Special music by the
Eddie Piccard Trio

Schedule of Events

5:00 PM - Registration and Social Hour
6:00 PM - Opening Prayer and Plated Dinner
7:00 PM - Tony and Sue May, OFS, Co-Managers
7:15 PM - Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA
From Assisi to the Airwaves: 800 Years of Franciscan Witness and 30 Years of EWTN Catholic Radio:
St. Francis, Mother Angelica, and the New Evangelization
8:00 PM - Donating to the KMMK Mission
8:30 PM - Final Announcements and Closing Prayer

This event is **FREE**, but reservations are needed by **Friday, September 25th**.

To register: Go to **KMMK-FM.org** - Select **EVENTS**, and click on the registration link.

If you do not receive an email confirmation, call Sue May at 319-360-3290.

PLEASE PARK IN THE CONFERENCE CENTER LOT, LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE HOTEL OFF OF KIRKWOOD BLVD. USE THE EVENTS CENTER ENTRANCE RATHER THAN THE HOTEL ENTRANCE.

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