



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

NEWSLETTER

February 2025

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Events

Our Court is now meeting on the
3rd Tuesday of the month

(Sept-Dec; Feb-June)

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Our Next meeting is:
Tuesday, February 18th
St. Pius X, Pastors Hall

Doors open: 6 PM

Refreshments: 6:15 PM

Speaker: 6:30 PM

Speaker: Hospice of Mercy

Betty Buschlack

February Donations Accepted:

Comfort Bags:

Full-size Shampoo & Conditioner

Full-size Deodorant
& Bars of Bath Soap

Cleaning Kits:

Toilet Paper & Trash Bags
(Either Tall Kitchen or larger)

Guests are always welcome
to attend our meetings.

Need a ride to our meeting?

Call or text

Stephanie Guzman

319-540-7193



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Celebrating the Jubilee Year as Women of Hope

Catholic Daughters Court Cedar Rapids #1768
St. Therese, The Little Flower
Cordially invites you to our Spring Welcome Brunch

Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025

Time: 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Location: St. Pius X, Parish Hall
4949 Council St. NE, Cedar Rapids

Join us for food, fellowship, a speaker, and door prizes ... including
a chance to win a 1-Year Membership in Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

No RSVP needed. We look forward to seeing you!

Questions? Please contact Stephanie at (319) 540-7193

Our Speaker!



Author **Pat Martin** is excited to join us
and talk about being
"An Accidental Tourist in the Czech
Culture."

Pat Martin is a long-time member of
All Saints Catholic Church and has been a
member of the choir for 45 years.



2025 CDA Welcome Brunch

- The above announcement will appear in parish bulletins the weekends of February 23rd and March 2nd.
- "Postcard" invitations (with the same information) for our 2025 Welcome Brunch will be available at the February member meeting. All members are encouraged to invite 3-4 ladies to join us for the event.
- We will have a sign-up sheet to bring food for the brunch at the February member meeting. We will need casseroles, pastries, muffins, and fresh fruit.

Schedule for the morning:

9:30 AM	Gather
9:45 - 10:15 AM	Grace & Brunch
10:15 - 10:45 AM	Speaker, Author Pat Martin
10:45 - 11:00 AM	Door prizes & time for Q&A at tables



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.*

Soup Supper Fundraiser

Enjoy a variety of soups, macaroni 'n cheese, fruit, veggies, desserts, and beverages.

Help support these young people from our parishes.



Thomas Schnauffer
Seminarian
Discipleship Stage



Jackson Miller
Seminarian
Configuration 2



Sr. Maria Lucia
(Bridget Schnauffer)

of the Good Shepherd of
The Franciscan Congregation
of Divine Mercy



Date: Saturday, February 22nd

Time: After the 4:00 PM Mass at St. Wenceslaus Church

Location: Glovik Parish Center

1224 5th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401



An email has been sent out with the same information and requesting donations/volunteers. We will also have a sign-up sheet at the February 18th meeting. BUT since the **Soup Supper** is only 5 days after our meeting, please let us know before the meeting how you will be able to help us. Roberta P., Regent & Pat S, Chairperson.

2025 State CDA Convention

300 3rd St., **Stoney Creek Convention Center**, Sioux City, Iowa

April 25, 26, 27, 2025 (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday morning)

Our Court can take (3) delegates and (6) alternates.

As per **CDA Bylaws**, Article X State Conventions, Sec. 5 Local and Campus Court Delegates, 1.c.: If she attends, the highest-ranking officer (in office at the time of the convention) shall automatically be one of the court's delegates. (Bylaws, p. 29)

As your Regent, I plan to attend the State Convention. Sue May and Mary Jo Evers will also be attending and Elaine Boes is currently a "maybe." I hope you will consider joining us. Please let me or another officer know before February 10th if you would like to attend. We will do an online vote before the 15th, so our names can be submitted to State CDA. Due to our Court size, we can have 3 delegates and up to 6 alternates. It would be wonderful to have great representation from our court at the State Convention.

You will find the registration form on p. 21 of the **Winter 2024** issue of **The Voice**. I will also have paper copies of the form at the meeting so you don't have to cut up your publication.

A registration form for each attendee must be completed and are due by March 31, 2025. Registration fees include lunch and dinner. Breakfast for Stoney Creek Hotel guests is complimentary.

Registration fees should be paid by the member attending. The Court will reimburse fees after the event. A vote will also be taken at the May 2025 member meeting on any other expenses to be covered by the Court.

Our Court will be working with several other groups at St. Wenceslaus and Immaculate Conception parishes for this year's soup supper. The focus this year is on spiritual healing for the two parishes and the groups involved.

The event was formerly known as the **Seminarian Soup Supper** as only seminarians from the two parishes benefited. This year and going forward, the event will be a **Soup Supper Fundraiser** for both seminarians and religious.

Based on past year's numbers, we are preparing for 150-200 people, but there could be more. At our planning meeting on Tuesday, January 28th, it was determined that we would need the following donations:

10-12 crockpots of soup, chili, macaroni & cheese (but more are always welcome)

Bread, Butter, Crackers

(6) each: Vegetable trays/Fruit trays

Desserts (unlimited—variety is great)



We also need volunteer help with set-up, working in the kitchen, carrying trays/clearing tables, and clean-up.



Time to Pay Your Dues



Dues are \$28 per year, payable by February 1.

Cash or check accepted. Make your check payable to:
CDA Court #1768

Pay **Mary Jo Evers** at a member meeting or mail check to:

Mary Jo Evers

336 Windsor Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

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Court #1768 Website: www.catholicdaughterscr.org

Iowa CDA website: www.IowaCatholicDaughters.org

National CDA website: www.CatholicDaughters.org



Local Medallions:
Set of all 5 officers,
Blue Ribbons included.
4" Round; \$100 for set

Medallions Are Coming!!!

As of January 1, 2025, CDA has retired our ceremonial robes. The decision was made to go with medallions for the officers on each level of our order. Also, at any event where officers would have worn robes in the past, officers on all levels will now wear a white top with black slacks or skirt along with the medallion of their office.

Above is the finalized design for the center of each of the medal medallions.

- National Officers & Directors: Gold medallion w/gold ribbon
- State Officers: Silver medallion w/purple ribbon
- Local/Territorial: Bronze medallion w/blue ribbon
- District Deputies: Bronze medallion w/a black/red ribbon
- Flag and Banner bearers will have no change. They will continue the same as previously.
- The rule of nothing to be worn on the head remains, as does the rule of not carrying anything in procession such as purses/handbags, cameras, etc.

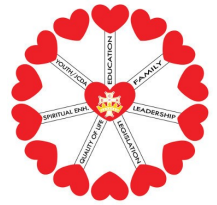
The company CDA is working with is working to get all medallions finished in time for 2025 State Conventions.

Please Note:

2025 Lifesaver Campaign will be held the weekend of April 5-6. **Anne Reynolds** will have more information at the next meeting.

Read Across America is scheduled for **March 3rd**. If you would like to be a part of this project and help read a book to a class of elementary school students, please contact **Stephanie Guzman** or visit with her at the February meeting.

Circle of Love: Spiritual Enhancement



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is primarily a service organization; however, service for the sake of service can become burdensome and more of an obligation than a joy. That is why the Spiritual Enhancement component of the Circle of Love is so important.

Through the spiritual program in each local and state court, we help our members to nourish and develop their relationships with God. Out of those developing relationships comes the realization of God's love and everlasting mercy, and because of that realization, the desire to serve Him by serving His people grows. Our service, then, becomes the way we witness our faith and share God's love with a hurting world. Because of His guidance and support, we can serve with joy and faithfulness.

In the Spiritual Enhancement section of the Circle of Love, our court will find ways to provide opportunities for our members to spend time with God. We will find ideas for enhancing personal sanctification as well as suggestions for involving our members in the spiritual life of their parishes and communities. It is important that our court's Spiritual Enhancement Program helps our members to understand that we are truly a sisterhood and that we need to be church to one another before we can be church to others.

This information was taken from the National CDA website: catholicdaughters.org/circle-of-love; Quality of Life Supplement

Power of Prayer—Rosary for Life

Wednesday, February 19th, Power of Prayer will resume.
2:30—3:30 PM

St. Wenceslaus Church

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!



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Email: eversmaryjo@gmail.com **Cell:** (319)389-2568

Wisconsin Bus Pilgrimage to

Our Lady of Champion & Basilica at Holy Hill

Join CDA and Fr. Chris Podhajsky as we travel to the **first and only approved Marian Apparition site in the U.S.**

Wed., June 25th: Our Lady of Champion, Apparition Site

Thurs., June 26th: Basilica and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians at Holy Hill

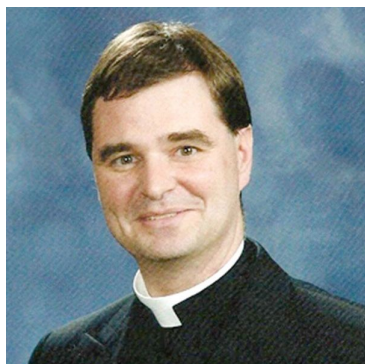
Registration forms were sent to members in an email in January 2025 and are also available online at our Court website.

www.catholicdaughterscr.org

Questions? Contact Roberta Peters

Register **NOW** and pay at least **\$50 down** to hold your seat on the bus. Balance due May 21, 2025.

Registration forms will be available at the meetings or I can mail them to you if you do not have a printer.



As of **March 1, 2025**, the pilgrimage will be advertised in our parish bulletins. Reserve your seat on the bus NOW. We expect there to be a lot of interest in the trip with Fr. Chris Podhajsky as our spiritual director.

ALL are Welcome!

Total prepaid cost per guest :

With 1-person/room: \$231.00

There is no price break for a single person in a room.

With 2 people/room: \$177.00

With 3 people/room: \$162.00

With a 4 people/room: ...\$155.00

The above cost per guest includes bus transportation, pre-paid box lunches at both Shrines, and hotel room.

Your cost above also already includes your share of the following expenses:

- Meals & transportation for priest; his hotel room is complimentary.
- Hotel & meals for bus driver.
- Large room rental for lunch & History speaker at Our Lady of Champion.
- Large room rental for lunch at Holy Hill.

Any additional expenses will be breakfast on Day 1, supper on Day 2, costs of meals at hotel above value of vouchers, and any personal expenses.



Monthly Member Spotlight:

Joan Leahy

By Stephanie Guzman

Hello fellow CDA sisters of Court #1768 ~ St. Therese, The Little Flower. This month we're shining the spotlight on Joan Leahy.

Joan was raised on a farm in Monticello, Iowa and has one brother and six sisters. She spoke fondly of her years at Sacred Heart School where she graduated as class president in 1956.

Her journey to Catholic Daughters of the America's was through a friend and co-worker, Jean Figge. Jean extended an invite Joan to attend a meeting. Joan enjoyed the fellowship and activities centered around our Catholic faith and joined the court in 1968. (Joan worked for the Department of Defense at Collins Radio.)

When her boys were young they lived in Alton, Iowa. The grade school in Alton needed a librarian and Joan gladly stepped up and served in this role for 5 years. Joan was also a Cub Scout leader, served on the Hospital Auxiliary group and Circle Chairman within the parish communities where they lived.

After a few years, her husband Ed received a promotion and they were off to western Iowa, settling in Sac City. Within a short time they joined St. Mary's Catholic Church where Joan was a Eucharistic Minister and member of the sewing group. During this time, Joan continued to keep up to date on the news and activities of CDA Court #1768. Joan may be a "distant" member, but her heart and faith remain with our court.

Joan and Ed are retired and have four grandchildren. They split their time between Sac City and Palm Desert, California. As members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, they are amazed that the weekend Mass attendance is close to 1,500 people.

It was my pleasure to talk with Joan and hearing how her journey to be a Catholic Daughter is similar to mine. In unity and charity we join together for prayer, fellowship and service to others.

Thank you, Joan for your commitment to our CDA court for 57 years!

(Sorry, no photo of Joan was available.)

Do you like to pay with Paypal?

Or maybe you just want to learn how setting up a Paypal account for our Court can help increase our sales at fundraisers.

I have been in contact with National and a court in Louisiana to better understand the process and benefits. Information will be shared at the February member meeting. We will then vote on whether to set up a Paypal account for our Court.

Roberta Peters, Regent