



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

### Events:

Our Court normally 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:

Officers provide meat/main dish;  
Jan-June Birthdays: Sides  
July-December Birthdays: Desserts

Business Meeting: 6:45 pm

### September Donations Accepted:

Cleaning Kits: TBA

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



Guests are always welcome to attend our meetings. Need a ride to our meeting? Call or text

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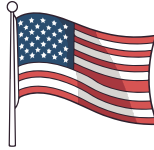


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## July 2026

Cedar Rapids, Iowa



Holly Jordan is excited to join our Court. She is a member of St. Patrick Church and her birthday is on March 15th.

Holly is already getting involved in the Court. She will serve as our "Events" person (still working on the title) and she will make sure our Google calendar is up-to-date. Thank you, Holly!

### Welcome to Court #1768,

Holly Jordan  
&  
Pam Oldham!



It is great to have you both as CDA Sisters!



After several members encouraged Pam Oldham to check out Catholic Daughters, she came to her first meeting, liked what she saw, and joined. We're glad she took the "leap of faith" and joined us for the June 9, 2026 meeting.

Pam Oldham is a member of St. Pius X Church and her birthday is on April 19<sup>th</sup>.



Above Photo: (l-r) Regent Roberta Peters, Pam Oldham, Holly Jordan, Vice Regent Angie Eltze.

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for your,  
"YES!"

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# “Mark Your Calendar!”



July 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>



- Peaches & Pecans Arrive!
- Customer pickup the next day.

Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

- Meet your CDA Sisters at the 8:30 am Mass at St. Wenceslaus.
- After Mass, we will gather together and induct Liv Kelley into our Court.
- IF YOU know of anyone else who would like to join our Court before the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, please contact Regent, Roberta Peters. We'd love to induct others on this date as well. The more, the merrier!

Wednesday, July 22 - Saturday, July 25, 2026

- 2026 CDA National Convention
- Regency Hotel and Conference Center
- 300 East Street, Coralville, IA
- Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> - - Friday Fun Night
- Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> - - Appreciation Banquet
- **NOTE:** We are still waiting for details on the daily schedule. It will be in our bags when we register for the convention.



Tuesday, September 8, 2026

- September Member Meeting 6:00 pm
- Potluck meal; Business meeting
- Meat or main dishes: Officers
- Side dishes: January - June Birthdays
- Desserts: July - December Birthdays

Saturday, September 19, 2026

- 2026 Fall State CDA Workshop
- Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
- 650 Stephen Ave, Waterloo, IA 50701
- We will leave 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
- Fall 40 Days for Life Observance
- Rosary Relay (October 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Pro-Life Speaker at our October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- More information forthcoming.



**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.



## 2026-2028 Officer Installation Ceremony

Our June 9, 2026 member meeting began with the Installation of Officers in the church. Our **Court Spiritual Advisor, Deacon Robert Hurych** played an important role in the installation process and prayed over each officer. **District Deputy Diana Stewart** was instrumental in guiding us through the new process put into place this Spring to incorporate the donning of the Officer Medallions. It was a beautiful ceremony.

Thank you to **Elaine Boes** for making all of the arrangements for the ceremony and recruiting our **Flag Bearer, Alexandra McGeary** and our **Banner Bearer, Mary Morgan**. As always, thank you to **Sue May** for sharing her musical talents at the piano.



**Photos:** (Above) The Procession; (R)(front) Alexandra McGeary, Roberta Peters, Mary Morgan; (2<sup>nd</sup> row) Stephanie Guzman, Angie Eltze, Coe Molumby, Diana Stewart; (back row) Elaine Boes, Deacon Robert Hurych; (Not shown, Mary Jo Evers); (Bottom) Newly installed officers face the Court as the members pledge their support.



## Court #1768 Members Attending the 2026 National Convention

### Delegates (2)

- Sue May
- Mary Jo Evers, Financial Secretary

### Alternates (4)

- Elaine Boes,
- Erika Brockmeyer
- Roberta Peters, Regent
- Alexandra McGeary

### Non-Voting Members (6)

- Stephanie Guzman, Treasurer
- Joan Auterman
- Karen Meade
- Rita Coates
- Jean Bean
- Mary Myers



### Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Iowa Fun Night

- Roberta & Chris Peters
- Sue May & Tony May
- Mary Jo Evers
- Elaine Boes
- Erika Brockmeyer
- Mary Johnson
- Carol Steiner
- Joan Auterman
- Karen Meade
- Rita Coates
- Georgia Stoeber
- Gretchen Brown
- Stephanie Guzman
- Alexandra McGeary



### Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> Appreciation Banquet

- Roberta & Chris Peters
- Mary Jo Evers
- Elaine Boes
- Erika Brockmeyer
- Alexandra McGeary



## 2026-2027 Program Year

Members joining between April 1<sup>st</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

Courts should strive to strengthen family relationships by engaging with families in meaningful ways. Family-related projects should include programs or activities that support and uplift families. These may focus on the nuclear family, the parish family, the community family, or even our broader national family - praying together, working together, and playing together.

Summer 2026 CDA National Quarterly



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

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

- **2017-2018 Metro Catholic Outreach** - - Guest Speaker, Kate Getty from MCO spoke to the Court about how volunteers are making a difference in their clients' lives by donating their time. This report explained how members donated their time and non-perishable items for the food pantry.
- **2018-2019 CDA Court and Sunshine Committee** - - Our Court is truly a family, and as "sisters" we love and care for one another. The report described how the Sunshine Committee was formed at the very beginning of our Court in 1957 and how the committee chairs serve our Court.
- **2023-2024 Local Observance of National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn** - - As a family, we grieve for the babies lost to the abortion industry. By spiritually adopting these babies and those who thought there was no other choice, we can make the thought of abortion unthinkable.
- **2024-2025 Cleaning Kits for Catholic Worker House (CWH)** - - One of our Court projects is the collection of donations from members each month to assemble Cleaning Kits for CWH. All items collected are placed in a tall laundry basket and donated to CWH clients who are moving into their new home.
- **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 strengthen family relations? The next report is due 2/28/2027.

### 2026 Fall Workshop

The State CDA-sponsored Workshop that our Court will attend is being held on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> in Waterloo. We will leave St. Pius X by 8:00 am and return around 3:00 pm. Coffee & rolls available when we arrive. Lunch is provided. If you've never been to a workshop and wish to attend, contact Regent Roberta Peters.

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
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## 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](http://www.littleflower.org))

### Topic: Love of God

**From:**

**"Story of a Soul"**

*How shall I show my love is proved by deeds? Well – the little child will strew flowers... she will embalm the Divine Throne with their fragrance, will sing with silvery voice the canticle of love.*

*St. Therese, The Little Flower  
Patron Saint of  
Court #1768  
Feast Day: October 1<sup>st</sup>*



### Take My Picture! Take My Picture!



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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 the day customers pick up their peach & pecan orders. 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](http://www.facebook.com/CDAcourt1768)

**Court #1768 Website:** [www.catholicdaughterscr.org](http://www.catholicdaughterscr.org)



**Iowa CDA website:** [www.IowaCatholicDaughters.org](http://www.IowaCatholicDaughters.org)

**National CDA website:** [www.CatholicDaughters.org](http://www.CatholicDaughters.org)

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# The Kolbe Korner

A very special thank you to the **Catholic Daughters** - Joan Auterman, Elaine Boes, Erika Brockmeyer, Mary Jo Evers, Stephanie Guzman, Barb Heishman, Rita Holmes, Josia Jacob, Mary Johnson, Diane Reyland, Georgia Stoeber, and Carol Steiner - who attended the **KMMK 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Cedar Ridge Winery**. We also extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who prayed for the success of the event.

We enjoyed a lovely evening of meaningful conversation, delicious Cedar Ridge wine and food, and an inspiring presentation on **“Healing the Culture: Restoring Truth and Hope in a Broken World.”**

Tony and I deeply appreciate the prayers, financial support, and presence of **CDA Court #1768** at our events. Your generosity helps us continue sharing the Gospel through Catholic radio. ~ Sue May



**Camille Pauley,**  
featured speaker



## “God Pointed His Finger At Me”

They asked me to be an officer of CDA  
I said, “Oh no, I couldn’t do that  
My plate is already full.”



**But God pointed his finger at me.**

I said, “I’m just a small town girl  
Someone else may do better, you see.”  
He said, “My disciples were simple folk.”

**And He pointed His finger at me.**

I said, “My family demands all my time,  
So the happier they will be.”  
He said, “You’ll grow in patience and love.”

**And He pointed His finger at me.**

I said, “I can’t. For I get so nervous,  
So nervous I can scarcely see.”  
But He promised He would calm my fears,  
**And He pointed His finger at me.**

“But in CDA there is so much to do,  
And with them I do not always agree.”  
Tolerance and understanding He promised  
**As He pointed His finger at me.**



I said, “My talents are few  
A leader I’ll never be.”  
He said, “But they shall be multiplied.”  
**And He pointed His finger at me.**

I said, “I’d like to use my leisure time,  
to gain popularity.” He said,  
“God’s love is more important than man’s.”  
**And He pointed His finger at me.**

So I said a prayer and answered “Yes,”  
To this fine opportunity.  
My life has been blessed in many ways  
**Since He pointed His finger at me.**



If you are called, the Lord’s work to do,  
Say “Yes, I give all to Thee.”  
And you, too, will be glad as I have been glad,  
**That God pointed His finger at me.**

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Past National Regent from Texas.

Shared by Iowa State Officers with CDA  
members at the Fall 2025 State Workshops.

## Does Your List of Talents Include “Creating Slideshows?”

If so, Regent Roberta Peters would love  
to talk to you! Contact her before the  
end of July regarding a fun project she  
has planned for the September member  
meeting. Thank you!



## ♥ *Homemade with Heart* ♥

### 2026 Bazaar

It’s time to start planning for our next  
“Homemade with Heart” Bazaar!

- **Confirmed Date:** Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>,  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm, St. Pius X Parish Hall
- **Setup:** Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>,  
Noon/1:00 pm - 6:00 pm.
- **Leadership Team:**
  - Advisor: Cecelia Gustafson
  - Co-Chairs: Jean Bean, Grace Meyer,  
and Mary Morgan
  - Regent Roberta Peters

Planning will begin this summer in July and  
August.

\*These committees will be a part of the initial  
planning.

Thank you for being a part of this event.  
Working together we are successful.

**Sign-up** took place at the May & June 2026  
member meetings to be a part of the team to help  
plan a successful bazaar. If you also want to help,  
let us know. Contact Regent Roberta Peters and  
let her know the area(s) you are interested in.  
Thank you!

- **Baked Goods\*:** Judy Scott, Elaine Boes
- **Cookie Walk\*:** Sue May, Alexandra McGeary
- **Crafts\*:** Erika Brockmeyer
- **Cafe\*:** Barb Heishman, Mary Johnson
- **Pecans\*:** Jean Randolph
- **Advertising/Marketing\*:** Bertha Rodriguez
- **Setup-including “atmospheric” touches:**  
Mary Morgan, Marla Tursi
- **Cashier area:** Coe Molumby, Holly Jordan
- **Welcome:** Rita Coates
- **Volunteer sign-up:** Rita Holmes

*“Many hands make light work.”*

*We hope you will decide to be a part of this team.*

## 2026 National Convention

### ~ Iowa Fun Night ~



*The theme is focused on the Famous Iowa State Fair. The evening will be starting with a sit-down meal and yes, some of our Iowa favorites. Garden salad, fingerling potatoes, asparagus, Iowa’s famous pork chop, and of course dessert. Sorry, no corndogs or anything on a stick. Entertainment will be our own Iowa Brown’s Family with a wonderful Iowa show. Plan on a relaxing evening and enjoying your CDA Sisters across our Nation.*

*The dress for the night is casual and comfortable. Maybe a pair of your favorite bib overalls or denim skirt. I have mine ready to go. Even my hat.*

*You may ask ... Is this Heaven? No, it’s IOWA!*

*Prayers for safe travels and see you in July~*

*Blessings,  
Brenda Vore  
Iowa State Regent*

