



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

NEWSLETTER

NOTE: Member meetings will move BACK to the 2nd Tuesday, **September 2025**
beginning in September. We will use the St. Pius X Parish Hall. Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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, October 14th
St. Pius X, Parish Hall

Doors open: 6:00 PM

Refreshments: 6:15 PM

Meatballs/Crockpot Dishes

Mary Johnson, Bertha Rodriguez,
Mary Jo Evers, Pat Semelroth,
Joan Auterman, Rita Coates,
Alexandra McGearry

Business Meeting: 6:30 PM

October Donations Accepted:

Cleaning Kits:

Nitrile Gloves
Toilet Cleaners & Brushes

Comfort Bags:

Wash Cloths, Combs, Brushes

Guests are always welcome
to attend our meetings.

Need a ride to our meeting?

Call or text
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*Our Court
Welcomed Three
New Members
at the
2025-2026
Planning Meeting!*

Our **2025-2026 Planning Meeting** was held on **Tuesday, August 12th** at **St. Pius X Church** in the **Parish Hall**. This meeting was extra special, and a little “out of the ordinary,” as we inducted three new members into the Court.

Marla Tursi (St. Matthew), **Libbie (Elizabeth) Sellors** (St. Wenceslaus) and **Barb Heishman** (St. John XXIII) (Photo, l-r) were inducted into our Court at the start of the meeting. Libbie had attended a meeting last fall before “flying South” for the winter. Upon returning to Iowa, she let a member know that she was ready to join CDA at the earliest convenience. Sisters, Marla and Barb, attended the June Wisconsin Bus Pilgrimage and before the trip was over, both let Regent Roberta Peters know that they wanted to be a part of Catholic Daughters.

We are excited to have all three ladies join our organization. It will be great to get to know them in the months and years to come as we work together, In Unity and Charity.

Special Note: We now have an April Birthday to celebrate. Marla’s birthday is April 22nd!



Homemade With Heart



The Bazaar Committee hosted two craft sessions this summer, one in July and the other in August. Attendance averaged around ten ladies per meeting, and everyone had an enjoyable time. Crafts, ideas, free materials, and treats were shared, along with laughter and discussion. Several ladies in attendance also had their names drawn for gift cards.

More information about our upcoming “Homemade with Heart” bazaar will be shared at our monthly meetings and in the monthly Court Newsletters. See photos on page 4 from the August 23rd craft workshop.



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!”

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

Saturday, October 4th

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

Sunday, October 5th

- National Life Chain, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- St. Matthew Church

Tuesday, October 7th

- **“Rosary Relay”** - Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary; 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

Saturday, October 18th

- **Fall Financial Review**, 10:00 am
- Location TBD

Sunday, October 19th

- CDA Sunday
- Mass, light brunch, member awards
- St. Joseph Church, Marion, 10:30 am Mass

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 Many Seats Available!!

We are sponsoring a **one-day** pilgrimage to **The Shrine of 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 Grotto Rector, 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 fulfill our weekend obligation)
 - **West Bend CDA members** hope to join us for Mass.
- A prayer booklet designed by the Grotto Rector, 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. All are Welcome! Sign up 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:

SOAR! (Support Our Aging Religious)

SOAR! was founded in 1986 with \$25,000 seed money received from Catholic Daughters. Augmenting the efforts of the institutional Church, SOAR! is a non-profit organization of persons who are committed to assuring financially stable and personally secure futures for elderly and frail members of Catholic religious congregations.

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

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**.

There is still room if you wish to attend the Workshop! Let me know at the September 9th meeting. Roberta Peters, Regent

National Convention Fundraiser:

As the host state for the **2026 National Convention**, State CDA has set a fundraising goal of \$30,000 for the event budget. Each court is asked to contribute \$500 to State CDA by December 1, 2025, so that the budget can be finalized and preparations can move forward.

Immediate Past State Regent Suzanne Torrey has suggested free-will bake sales ("Bake Across Iowa"), but we are considering a Pecan Sale. **Genuine Georgia** pecans sold well this summer and are available year-round. Sales would run in October and November, with pickup at the Bazaar inside St. Pius X Parish Hall - bringing more visitors to the event. We will vote on the fundraiser at the September meeting.

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 22-26 (**DATE CHANGE**)

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

Prayer to St. Therese

Oh Glorious St. Therese,

whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and inspire the human family, I ask for your miraculous intercession.

You are so powerful in obtaining every need of body and spirit from the heart of God.

Holy mother Church proclaims you "Prodigy of Miracles ... the greatest saint of modern times."

Now I fervently ask you to answer my petition (mention in silence here)

and to carry out your promises of spending heaven doing good on earth ... of letting fall from heaven a Shower of Roses.

Little Flower, give me your childlike faith, to see the face of God in the people and experiences of my life, and to love God with full confidence.

St. Therese, my Carmelite sister, I will fulfill your plea, "to be known everywhere" and I will continue to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.

Report any **changes or corrections** to your contact information to **Financial Secretary Mary Jo Evers**

(Including address, phone or email). Mary Jo will then share information with National, State, and our Court.

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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

NOTE: September 29 - November 3

Power of Prayer is NOT held

INSTEAD: Rosaries for Life at Mercy Chapel
After the 11:15 AM Mass

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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Fall Fundraising Banquet

Saturday, October 4, 2025


St. Ludmila Community Center, 211 21st Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids

Featuring Guest Speaker
Cy Kellett,
Host of "Catholic Answers Live"

Special music by the **Eddie Piccard Trio**

Schedule of Events
5:15-6 PM - Registration/Social Hour/Complimentary Beverages
6 PM - Opening Prayer and Complimentary Dinner
7 PM Cy Kellett - The Cycle of the Christian Life
- Encounter, Conversion, Communion, and Mission.

This event is FREE, but reservations are needed by WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1st.
To register: Go to KMMK-FM.org - Select EVENTS, and click on the registration link.
If you register correctly, you will receive a confirmation email.
If you do not receive an email, call Sue May at 319-360-3290.



Note from Regent, Roberta Peters: If you would like to attend the **KMMK Banquet** and sit with someone that you know, there are still 3-4 seats available at my table. I would love to have you join me. Talk to me soon!



Jean Bean (center) admires Noreen Koch's (right) quilting and Erika Brockmeyer's (left) wooden angel.



Jean Bean (right) shows Mary Morgan how to make a hat with her special loom.



(l-r) Mary Morgan and Grace Meyer share crafting ideas.



Coe Molumby preps material for homemade microwaveable heating packs, as Grace Meyer looks on.

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 State CDA, sometimes there is a problem with periodicals being properly delivered.



Monthly Member Spotlight:

Anne Reynolds

By Stephanie Guzman

Hello CDA Sisters of Court #1768,

This month we are shining the spotlight on **Anne Reynolds**.

Anne started her journey with Catholic Daughters through an invitation from Elaine Boes. Anne was serving as a parish nurse for Immaculate Conception and Elaine for St. Wenceslaus at the time. Through this ministry and their passion for wellness, Anne was lead to wonder "What is Catholic Daughters?"

As she learned about our Court, Anne was surprised at the various charitable Court projects within the Cedar Rapids community, such as the Comfort Bags and the Christmas baby items drive. She recalls that "something" was missing from her daily life. Then she found CDA!

During our visit, Anne recalled being approached by our late Susan Frischkorn to help lead an upcoming Lifesaver Campaign. We are blessed by Anne's passion and leadership for the annual campaign. She also spoke from the heart about her sincere appreciation of all members' help on the 2025 campaign. An example of Unity and Charity!

It was a pleasure talking to Anne! We join together for prayer, fellowship, and service to others.

Thank you, Anne, for your commitment to our CDA Court for the past 12 years!



The Officer Medallions are Here!

At all future "robe-required" events and ceremonies (such as CDA Sunday and Officer Installation), Court officers will now wear the pictured Medallions. Along with the medallion, officers will wear a white blouse, black skirt or slacks, and black shoes. We look forward to seeing the new look in person. (No update yet on what to do with the officer robes.)

We are also seeking a court member to sew a special pouch for each medallion to ensure safe storage. Ideally, the name of the office would be embroidered on the outside of each fabric pouch. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Regent Roberta Peters.



Traveling Court #1768 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. Check with your parish priest, then let me know what month you would like the display. Roberta Peters, Regent