



TRAVEL with Catholic Daughters of the Americas ***Court Cedar Rapids #1768***

Patron Saint: St. Therese, The Little Flower

October 11, 2025 Bus Pilgrimage to
The Shrine of the Grotto of the Redemption
in West Bend, IA

The Shrine of the Grotto of the Redemption is a Designated Pilgrimage Site for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope!

“The Grotto is frequently considered the ‘*Eighth Wonder of the World*’ and **The Iowan** magazine has described the Grotto as a ‘*miracle in stone.*’

The location was placed on the **National Register of Historic Places** in 2001 and has been included in such features as **Roadside America** and Disney’s **The Straight Story.**

A composite of nine separate grottos, each portrait displays a scene in the life of Christ.”

(www.westbendgrotto.com)

Pilgrimage Details

Grotto Program:

Our program satisfies the requirements to obtain the Plenary Indulgence for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope.

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
- Stations of the Cross; the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Mass (at 4:00 pm to satisfy our weekend obligation).
- A prayer booklet designed by Monsignor Ed Girres, Rector of the Grotto.

Cost per Person: \$120.00

Register NOW and pay at least \$60 by 9/9/2025 to hold your seat on the bus! Balance due by 9/16/2025.

Travel Schedule:

October 11, 2025 - - Depart Cedar Rapids at 6:45 am

Pick-up Location: St. Pius X Catholic Church
4949 Council St NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Stop: Love’s Travel Stop (Wendy’s/convenience store)
3301 Greyhound Dr, Waterloo, IA 50701

Arrive: 8:00 am; Depart: 8:30 am

Destination:

The Shrine of the Grotto of the Redemption

208 1st Ave NW, West Bend, IA 50597

Arrive: 11:00 am; Depart: 5:15 pm

- When we arrive, you will have time to use the restroom, check out the Gift Shop, and survey the grounds before our program begins at Noon with lunch.
- Our day ends with a 4:00 pm Mass with **Monsignor Ed Girres, Rector of the Grotto.**
- We hope to be joined by members of the West Bend CDA Court (#1797 St. Francis Xavier Cabrini).

Departure: 5:15 pm

Rest Stop/Stretch Your Legs/Supper: McDonald’s

400 Fair Meadow Dr, Webster City, IA 50701

Arrive: 6:45 pm; Depart: 7:15 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 parking lot. **Tip:** Use the restroom.

Final Stop - - Return to St. Pius X Church

4949 Council St NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Arrive: 9:30 pm

Please complete the Registration Form and include with your payment. An “fillable .pdf” is available on our website for your convenience. You may email your completed form OR print and mail in with your payment. Registration is not considered “complete” until at least a partial payment is received.

See Registration Form for payment instructions.

Website: catholicdaughterscr.org



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Pilgrimage Details (cont'd)

Tour of the Grotto: The Tour begins with the group praying the Jubilee Prayer of the Grotto.

Guided Meditation: Spend 30-40 minutes in a Guided Meditation by Msgr. Ed Girres, or Deacon Bruce Hellesteth, in the Grotto itself.

Stations of the Cross: The Jubilee Year Stations of the Cross produced by *Missio*.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: During the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Msgr. Ed Girres will celebrate the Sacrament with groups of twenty or less (if there's a larger group, an accompanying priest may assist or a local priest can be arranged to help). The prayers for the Jubilee Year indulgence will be given as the Penance for the confessees.

Mass: Celebration of Mass and Reception of Holy Communion in Ss. Peter and Paul Church by Msgr. Ed Girres, Rector of the Grotto

Lunch: Provided by a local caterer and volunteers.

The HOT Catered **Lunch** Includes: Roast beef, gravy on the side, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll with butter, a cookie for dessert.

Beverages: water & coffee

Transportation: Windstar Lines

ALL are Welcome!

The trip is sponsored by CDA #1768.

We welcome spouses, family, and friends of the Court.

NOTE: Children under 21 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult or parent.

Cost of Trip Includes:

- Grotto Program with Lunch
- Transportation
- Tip for Driver

Cost of Trip Does NOT Include:

- Purchases made at Love's Travel Stop, Wendy's, OR McDonald's.
- Purchases made at the Grotto Gift Shop.



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Registration Form

Please NOTE: A Separate **Registration Form** and **Waiver Form** should be completed for each person attending. One check may be provided for all who are in your group. *Thank you!*

Please complete all fields: (A receipt will be mailed to you at the address provided.)

Thank you for PRINTING clearly. 😊

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ [] Cell [] Landline

Email: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Cost/Payment Information:

Payment:

Due Dates:

- **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**
 - Partial Payment of at least \$60 due per person, to hold your seat on the bus.
- **Tuesday, September 16, 2025**
 - Balance due if you made a partial payment

Cost per Person:

\$120.00

I am making a:

1. [] Full payment of \$120 \$ _____

2. [] Partial payment of \$ _____

If making a partial payment, subtract amount you entered on line 2. This is your balance due by September 16, 2025. \$ _____

Make check payable to: CDA #1768

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



*Do you have questions
about the bus trip?*

Please contact:

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c/o Roberta Peters, Regent

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