



Spirit of North Dakota State

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State Regent Mary Baer



My Dear Sisters in Christ,

This is the last newsletter before the 54th Biennial State Convention. As I write this there are so many thoughts going through my mind, so many things I want to share with you, that I do not know where to start. First, I want to remind you that you do not need to be a delegate or an alternate to attend the convention. All members are welcome to attend. Contact your Court Regent or me for meal and registration information. Registrations are due by March 31.

There are items for sale with the convention logo on them. Once again contact your Court Regent or me for information on these items. Blankets need to be ordered by March 1, shirts, and an insulated tumbler need to be ordered by April 1. The items must be pre-ordered and will be available for pick up at the convention.

There will be an hour of registration at St. Joseph’s O’Neill Hall, 106 6th St. W from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday night. Registration will also be held Friday morning from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. There will be a tour of Sarah Haugen’s Rosary Garden on Friday morning. Anyone interested in the tour is asked to meet at St. Joseph’s O’Neill Hall at 9:30 a.m.

If possible, make your trip to Williston an adventure and take in the sites along the way; this will only work if you are lucky enough to have Thursday available to do this. Some possible ideas would be to tour some of the churches in the towns as you drive through. Stop at the University of Mary in Bismarck or the Assumption Abbey in Richardton. Take a little detour along the Enchanted Highway, the North or South Unit of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Fort Buford, Fort Union, or the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center. These are just a few suggestions; I am sure you can also come up with many of your own wonderful ideas! Make this little trip one to remember.

Court St. Therese has a wonderful weekend planned for

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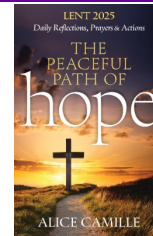


CDA Motto
Unity and Charity



CDA 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.



As Catholic Daughters, you are called to live lives of faith, service, and love, grounded in the teachings of Christ. Lent, the 40-day season of preparation before Easter, offers us a sacred opportunity to draw closer to God, reflect on our relationship with Him, and renew our commitment to living as faithful disciples.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, a day when we receive ashes as a sign of repentance and humility. The words spoken—"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"—remind us of our mortality and our dependence on God. These 40 days echo the time Jesus spent fasting and praying in the desert, resisting temptation and preparing for His public ministry.

Prayer:

Lent invites us to deepen our prayer life, making space in our busy days to connect with God. Consider incorporating practices like daily Mass, the Rosary, or the Stations of the Cross into your routine. Reflect on Scripture, meditate on Christ's Passion, or spend quiet moments in Eucharistic Adoration. Prayer doesn't have to be complicated; it's simply opening your heart to God and inviting Him into your life.

Fasting:

Fasting is more than abstaining from certain foods; it's a spiritual discipline that fosters self-control and detachment from worldly comforts. Whether it's giving up a favorite treat, limiting time on social media, or fasting from negativity, these sacrifices remind us to rely on God's strength. Fasting also helps us empathize with those who experience hardship daily, prompting us to respond with compassion.

Almsgiving:

During Lent, we are called to practice generosity and care for those in need. As Catholic Daughters, this aligns with our mission of service. Organize a parish food drive, support local charities, or offer your time to visit the sick and elderly. Every act of kindness, no matter how small, is a reflection of God's love at work in the world.

As Catholic Daughters, you have the privilege of supporting one another on this journey. Share your Lenten reflections in your circles, pray for your fellow members,

Greetings to all my fellow CDA members,

We are all on our way to Lent and Easter as I write this. It seems like we just took the Christmas tree down. I am also looking forward to seeing many of you at your State Convention. This is a wonderful time for you to be with your CDA sisters laughing, praying and worshipping at Mass. It gives you the opportunity to renew friendships, to make new friends with other CDA members, learn more about this beautiful organization, listen to some wonderful speakers and make many, many new memories. As CDA members, we need to attend these conventions to get our ideas heard. We can talk to other courts for ideas to raise funds for our local, state and national charities. I have been a long-time member and always come away inspired.

As your National Director, I have been getting to know your State Board. We have been on zoom meetings and I see them working as a team. If you have any questions, please send them to your State Board to be answered. If they do not know the answer, they will forward them to me.

Check out the National CDA webpage for information, copies of Share magazine and the Quarterly. Your court regent is to share this quarterly with you at meetings. But sometimes we are not able to attend so the information is always available to you. During Lent there will be a daily prayer session on the National CDA Facebook page. One of the National Board members will do a reading and reflection out of the booklet "The Peaceful Path of Hope." This can be ordered from the National Store for \$5. I encourage you to join us.

Peace and Blessings,
Barb Wiechmann, CDA National Director

and encourage one another in acts of service. Together, we can make this season of Lent a transformative time for ourselves, our families, and our communities.

May this Lent be a journey of spiritual growth and a time to rediscover the depth of God's love for us. As we walk with Christ toward the cross, let us remember that beyond the suffering lies the promise of new life and hope in His glorious Resurrection.

By embracing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving with open hearts, we can make this Lent a season of true renewal and grace.

Fr. Shane

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Happy New Year to my sisters in Christ!

Last week I was in Belfield to help put raffle tickets together with Sue at Mary's house. It did not feel like a ND winter.

Temps were in the 40-50 range, no sign of snow. I thought I had been transported to spring. It was great to see many CDA sisters support Ct. Bishop Wehrle's festival of tables in Richardton with many of them winners in the raffle basket drawings. Unfortunately, my numbers were not among them. Glad we were blessed with good weather then because now, it feels like ND again.

What do you think about bringing some "Hope" to children experiencing abuse and neglect?

As you know our State Project will change at our upcoming convention and a new one voted for by our members attending. So, lets send a message of "Hope" to Project Ignite Light by showering them with items for their backpacks to help children being seen for neglect or abuse. We will collect items at the convention in Williston again and drop off the items on our way home.

What can you bring?

- 1) New loose fitting 2-piece pajama sets 2T-5T, girls/ boys 4-18, men's S-XL and women's S-XL (for the older sizes a pajama pant paired with a solid color t-shirt works well)
- 2) Blanket (see instruction on website: ignitelight.org) 1 ½ yd tied fleece blankets using a print with matching solid color
- 3) Book (Hardcover only) – "You are Special" by Max Lucado
- 4) Flashlights – Everbrite 18-pack assorted colors
- 5) Socks – multi-pack, no-show or low-cut socks size infant through adult colors black, white or gray with small accents of color

These are the top items but there are more on the website (ignitelight.org) following the brands they list so the bags are all the same. As we get ready to start our Lenten journeys, may we be a part of providing the "Hope" for a child in need, sharing the "Light of Christ" where we can. You have already been so generous with your support but as you know working together we can make big things happen.

Wishing you all a prayerful Lent, Blessed Easter and a fun "pilgrimage" to Williston.

How many Holy doors will you open?

Love and Prayers,
 Deb Johnson, 1st State Vice Regent



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all of us, we will also be celebrating their 100th anniversary! I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the convention. It is uplifting to gather for a faith and fun filled weekend with our Sisters in Christ. I feel this is one of the biggest blessings of being a Catholic Daughter, I love our Sisterhood!!

Good luck selling those raffle tickets and remember if you need more just let me know!!

May you all have a blessed and reflective Lent!
 Blessings to you all.

Your State Regent, Mary



Dear CDA Sisters in Christ,

I am hoping many of you will come to the State CDA Convention in Williston this May. It is a wonderful time to get to meet new friends, old friends, be with like-minded women (Sisters in Christ) and learn more about your CDA organization.

I would like to share with you the dress attire for the convention. It is **business casual** which means you can choose from dress pants or a knee-length or longer skirt and a blouse to a dress that comes at least to the knee. We ask that you do not wear jeans, t-shirts, or sweatshirts. Appropriate shoes include sandals, flats and boots, but you should avoid flip-flops and tennis shoes (unless required or needed). It is a good idea to dress in layers, so if you are cold, you can add a layer or if you're too warm you can take a layer off.

- ◇ **Friday is red, white, and blue day** in honor of those who have and continue to fight for our many freedoms we have. So please wear something red, white, and blue on Friday.
- ◇ **Saturday will be CDA day** so wear CDA attire or CDA colors of purple, white, or gold.
- ◇ We usually **dress up for the banquet on Saturday night**, some like to wear long dresses, but regular length dresses are great too, skirts/dress pants and tops work also.
- ◇ For those of you that are officers, this is the **Ceremonial Dress Code**: We recognize that personal appearance is an important element of self-expression and strive not to control or dictate, but to ensure that the respect of the ORDER is upheld. **When participating in a ceremony or a procession, please adhere to the following dress code.**
- ◇ **White Dress Blouses**: Simple, all white blouse. No visible cleavage or sheer fabric. No sleeveless blouses. No tank tops. No crop tops. No t-shirts. **Please remember your white shirt must be plain white, NO emblem on it.**
- ◇ **Dress Skirt**: Simple, all black to the knee or longer.
- ◇ **Dress Pants**: All black dress pants. No capri pants. No exercise pants. No leggings. No black jeans.
- ◇ **Shoes**: All black shoes. No flip flops. No boots.
- ◇ Wearing stockings is optional, but if you choose to, they must be nude or skin tone color. No colored stockings.
- ◇ **Jewelry**: Officer Medallions on Ribbons are to be worn at all ceremonials (to be ordered from CDA store). All jewelry should be small and simple.



North Dakota Catholic Daughters of the Americas
 Angela Scheett
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Dear Angela,

With deep appreciation, I write on behalf of Monsignor Shea and the entire University of Mary community to thank you for your generous gift of \$500.00 to the *Saint Teresa of Calcutta Community for Mothers Endowed Scholarship*. We're so grateful for you!

Ever since the Benedictine Sisters of Annunciation Monastery founded the University and began serving the religious, academic, and cultural needs of the people of this region and beyond – 65 years ago! – the University of Mary has had good friends like you who have supported our efforts to prepare exceptional leaders in the service of truth. Our valued mission is to form and educate the young men and women under our care to live lives of purpose, radiant joy, and servant leadership.

Your kind and steadfast help allows us to offer to our students what they flock here to find: an education *for Life*. Without your prayers and support, we would not be able to continue this blessed work. Thank you so much for being a part of our family of benefactors.

Please know that you hold a special place in our prayers and those of our Sisters, faculty, staff, and students. Remember us in your prayers, too, as we continue living our Christian, Catholic, and Benedictine mission. God bless you!

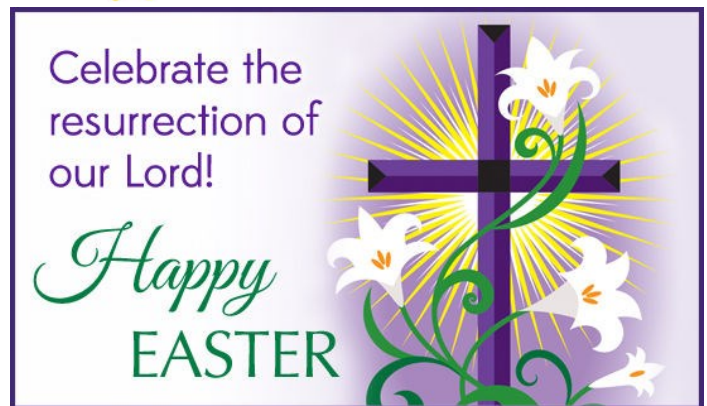
In Mary,



Jerome J. Richter
 Executive Vice President



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- ◇ When in procession and wearing your officer medalion on ribbon, **nothing should be carried** including handbags, cross body bags, camera bags or cell phone carriers. Small stud earrings, not bigger than your ear lobe, are allowed, no dangling earrings or hoops. Also rings and watches are allowed. Nothing should be worn on your head as before.

I hope this helps you to know what to wear for the state convention. It is also just a friendly reminder for the officers about the Ceremonial Dress Code.

May you have a blessed Lent and Easter and I will look forward to seeing you in May!!!

Love and Prayers,
 Sue Judd-Dyrness, your CDA 2nd Vice State Regent



2025-2027 State Project Proposals



State Project Proposal by Ct. Fr. Tracy # 2121 Stepping Stone Ministries

The Sisters at Annunciation Monastery of Bismarck have always strived to respond to the needs of the day. They recognize where people are struggling, where basic needs are not met.

A very apparent need is for the homeless who go to the hospital for care but have no home to return to for a safe recovery. Without a clean home, nourishing food, and people to care for them and take them to and from appointments, their chance of recovery is very small.

The Sisters have been working for the past 3 years in refurbishing their former convent and turning it into a place of medical respite, called Stepping Stones Ministries. They were to open last November 2024. Earlier in the year the building endured frozen water pipes which burst and flooded the building. After this situation, as the building was moving forward with renovation, a fire started and caused major damage. Through grants and donations, Stepping Stones Ministries was well on its way to start blessing our civic community. Diverse business professionals stepped forward to assist in getting this important project off the ground. With this loss, the sisters believe God still has a plan, something even better will emerge. The dream is not gone, and they are not starting from square one, because knowledge and experience are never lost.

Ct. Fr. Tracy # 2121 is proposing "Stepping Stones Ministries" for your consideration to be the State Project for 2025-2027. Let's help in making their dream come true. Let's help the most vulnerable among us, the homeless.

We are called to care for the sick. Christ said, "Truly, I say to you as you did it to the least of my brothers, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40).

(Information used from letter of Sr. Nicole Kunze, Prioress of Annunciation Monastery)



State Project Proposal by the State Board. St. Mary Sisters

The State Board is proposing the St. Mary Sisters as the State Project for 2025-2027. Help the St. Mary Sisters build a convent for future academic and faith educators. Build it and they will come. Will the ND CDA be a part of helping the St. Mary Sisters build a convent in Bismarck?

In 2020 Sister Mary Joseph Campbell was endorsed by Bishop David Kagan in bringing the Dominican religious faith community to our state. From 1 sister to 4, they have outgrown their space. Three young women in postulancy will profess their first vows in July of 2025. Mother Mary Joseph states, "The new community is progressing as she would like but space is limited for existing novices much less those interested in visiting and discerning." We hope the North Dakota Catholic Daughters will be a part of building the Lepanto Convent that will house 12 sisters when finished, which is the first phase of a long-term building plan. As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Peter 4:10)

We are called to help men and women discern their vocation to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:12)



***My sincere apologies to Carolyn Koppinger & Jennifer Wyckoff and Court St. Catherine's #323, Dickinson. In the 2024 Winter Edition of the newsletter, Carolyn and Jennifer were incorrectly listed under "In Loving Memory". I am pleased to say they are still alive and well. This error was corrected in the edited electronic version of the newsletter, but the paper copies had already been printed and were sent out with this error. Very sorry!



Wishing all a prayerful Lent and blessed Easter! I am excited to add to my prayers a couple of daily devotionals. One, "The Ascension Companion, Lenten Companion, Walking with Mary to Jerusalem," with my Bible Study group at St. Mary's in Grand Forks, and another with the National CDA - "The Peaceful Path of Hope".

God bless, Love, Laurel Ann Dukart, Editor



In Loving Memory

Ct. St. Elizabeth #170

- † Dorothea Howey
- † Isabel Klein
- † Mary Ann Dangel

Ct. Immaculate Conception #322

- † Diane Glatt
- † Katherine Combs

Ct. St. Catherine #323

- † Frances Ridl
- † Betty Kleeman
- † Georgianna Campbell

Ct. Marquette #677

- † Rita Ahles

Ct. St. Therese #959

- † Bertha Axtman

Ct. Little Flower #1193

- † Julia Brossart

Ct. Cardinal Muench #1852

- † Audrey Gilles

Ct. Sacred Heart #1908

- † Sr. Miriam Braun
- † Alice Lorz
- † Agnes Lucy

"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen"



Dear Catholic Daughter Sisters,

We prepare together for the Season of Lent and even more so for the Truth of our Easter Season. To me, Easter has always been my favorite church season. From a child setting out my shoes for the “Easter Bunny”, to picking out a new Easter dress, bonnet, and shoes for the Sunday celebration, I always experienced deep joy in my faith. Our deep joy of the Easter Season is most present and true as we celebrate the Tridium.

Bishop Donald Hying, of Madison Wisconsin, reminds us ***“The shocking, strange and powerful events of Holy Week should lead us to tears and laughter, gratitude and praise, humble awareness of our weakness and joyful acclamation of God’s victory. The Tridium is a time for God to break open our hearts, so that the gracious torrent of Divine Mercy that flows from the side of the crucified Christ will wash us clean, forgive our sins and fashion us ever more deeply in the new creation of the Lord’s saving death and resurrection.”***

Now might be a perfect time to read Peter Kreeft’s book *The Mystery of Joy and the Wisdom He Shares*: “Joy we look for it, long for it, and spend our lives chasing it. Yet, do we really know what it is? Is it a feeling, a state of mind, or a reward for success? Do we know where to find it? The more we seek it, the more it eludes us.” Yet joy is real, “Joy”, writes philosopher Peter Kreeft, “is a mystery. It is bigger than we are.” Joy’s secret, however, is that it cannot be reached or found but only given. True joy is God Himself, who, giving Himself, takes us outside ourselves across valleys of loss and mountains of triumph. This lucid, witty reflection on the true nature of joy convinces us, page after page, that while sorrow is inevitable, joy is very, very near at hand. “It’s scandalously simple,” Kreeft reveals. “There’s no method, you just do it.” To “do” joy, we must let go of all fake happiness, all false gods. We must return, over and over, to the one true Joy, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Drawing from the wisdom of C.S. Lewis and Saint Thomas Aquinas, this instant classic by self-proclaimed curmudgeon Peter Kreeft walks us through the long, beautiful task of surrendering to deep joy, the chief work of any life worth living.

May you each deeply surrender to joy, and our Easter miracles, as you continue to live a life worth living.

♥ In Christ,
Elizabeth Scott, State Secretary
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I would like to thank all North Dakota Local Courts for their generous donations to the State Project, Project Ignite Light. We collected \$3,325 from February 2024-February 2025. All funds received during the year were held so they could be designated for Giving Hearts Day, as we have done previously.

At the upcoming Biennial State Convention, donations collected will be allocated to different charities each day.

- * The offertory from Mass on Friday will be split evenly between the Dioceses of Bismarck and Fargo for vocations.
- * The offertory from Mass on Saturday will be for the final donation for the current State Project.
- * On Sunday, donations for the new State Project will be collected during brunch instead of Mass. This is to avoid any confusion with the regular Sunday Mass offertory for St. Joseph’s Catholic Church.

I encourage members to discuss these donations at Local Court meetings to determine how much to give to each charity. Delegates could bring separate Court checks to the Convention for each of the donations. All Convention attendees are also welcome to donate as individuals.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for their support of our State Project, as well as those we have had in the past. I look forward to learning about the new State Project that will be selected at the upcoming Convention.

Angela Scheett, State Treasurer

Prayer for Lent



**Father of my soul,
I know Your love for me is
limitless beyond imagining.
You care for me as
a loving parent.
Through my smallest Lenten
sacrifices, help me to
become less selfish and
more aware of Your ways.
Fan the flame of my desire to
draw ever closer to You.
Guide me to seek your love.**

Amen



Southern Cross



Dates / Deadlines



Important Dates / Deadlines:

- * February 28 – CDA Education Award entries submitted to State Chairman, postmarked by this date
- * March 1 – Circle of Love reports due to State Chairmen
- * March 1 – deadline to submit convention blanket order
- * March 17 – 113th anniversary Court St. Elizabeth #170, Minot
- * March 24 – deadline to submit proposal for 2025-2027 State Project
 - deadline to submit ads for the convention booklet
- * March 27 – 4th anniversary Court Our Lady of Grace #2769, Watford City
- * March 31 – deadline for Convention Registration
 - deadline to send proposed by-law amendments
 - deadline to send proposed resolutions
 - deadline for Convention Meals registration
 - send typed list of deceased members (past two years)
 - submit written explanation of court symbol - 300 words or less
 - send bid to host 2027 55th ND Biennial State Convention
 - send items to include in the convention folders or goodie bags
- ***Before April 1 – return April Calendar Raffle stubs, money & unsold tickets
- * April 1 – cutoff for Convention hotel reservation (block price)
 - deadline to submit convention T-shirt order
- * April 12 – 61st anniversary Court Bishop Wehrle #1919, Richardton
- * April 25 – 110th anniversary Court St. Ann #261, Fargo
- * April 26 – 100th Anniversary Court St. Therese #958, Williston (celebrating on May 2nd at the convention)
- * **May 2-4 – 54th Biennial North Dakota State CDA Convention – Williston, ND**
- * Upon arrival:
 - * return court roster with updated member info, (addresses, phone numbers, and emails) that was sent to the regent
 - * bring auction item(s)
 - * bring door prize(s)
 - * court scrapbook
 - * Item(s) for Project Ignite Light backpack program
- * Prior to opening of convention - submit paperwork for nominations for State Officers - these nominations will come from the floor
- * Present at business meeting - bring court symbol & a copy of explanation

Host the 2027 ND State Convention

Any Court interested in hosting the 2027 55th Biennial North Dakota State Convention is asked to write to the State Regent no later than March 31st. Please consider this opportunity to share your talents with the rest of the North Dakota Catholic Daughters. If you feel your court is unable to host, please consider co-hosting.

Thank you for your consideration!

Welcome New Members

Ct. Immaculate Conception #322

Charlotte R. Walker (R)
Barbara Braun (R)
Michelle Dunn

Ct. St. Catherine #323

Brenda Sand

Ct. St. Theresa #958

Chelsea Nichole Carr
Gina Doran
Fe Kavon
Kimberly Semenko
Patti Weigel
Kennon Lee
Theresa Nygaard
Kathy Kalil
Patty Desautels

Ct. Father Tracy #2121

Felise LaFlamme
Sandi Caron
Inez Schneider

Ct. Holy Cross #2718

Joleen Gunderson

Ct. Our Lady of Grace #2769

McKenzie McLoy
Morgan Wagner

(R) = Renewal

***Welcome to the
Sisterhood!***



**Catholic Daughters
of the Americas®**

Have you asked someone
to join Catholic Daughters
lately?

There are women out
there waiting to say **“Yes”**
- if only they were asked.



Court Bishop Wehrle #1919, Richardton Festival of Tables

by Jessi Olson, Regent

Court Bishop Wehrle #1919 Richardton hosted their annual Festival of Tables fundraiser event at the St. Mary Social Center in Richardton. The theme this year was "Baby Shower". The speaker for the event was Dr. Tom Arnold, who is the Medical Director for Connect Medical in Dickinson. The Festival of Tables wasn't just a fundraiser for the court this year; it was also a fundraiser for Connect Medical. Guests were invited to donate diapers, wipes, and baby items for the Connect Medical program. Nine tables were decorated this year hosting 90 guests. Guests enjoyed a lunch of ham croissants and broccoli cheese soup. Dr. Tom Arnold spoke about the history, present projects, and the future of Connect Medical. Court Bishop Wehrle #1919 would like to extend their appreciation to the fellow CDA members who were able to attend and support our court.



Pictured (left to right):
Regent Jessi Olson, Francine Hecker, Joy Kitzan, Sheryl Friedt (front), Kayla Zent, Ruth Haas, Diane Friedt, Karen Zent, Del Rae Reisenaur, Pam Aman, Marla Hoff, Lisa Fandrich, Marilyn Lacher, Rosalie Hunke, Suzy Rummel, Bobbie Fandrich

Please keep the first weekend of February open next year, and plan to join us.

Court Immaculate Conception #322, Bismarck Nativity Scene at the State Capitol

by Karen Selensky

Fr. John Paul Gardner opened with prayer and provided the blessings for the Nativity Scene. Senator Jerry Klein welcomed guests to the State Capitol. Jennifer Braun led us in song. The 4th Degree Knights from Bismarck and Mandan joined us.



Pictured (left to right):
Vice Regent Dorleen Wolbaum,
Treasurer Mary Ann Morford,
Regent Karen Selensky,
Chaplain Fr. John Paul Gardner



Back row (left to right): Chaplain Fr. John Paul Gardner, Steve Riehl, Greg Morford, Dale VanEckhout, Johanna Nagel, Marella Krein, Pete Deichert, Norma Rajme, Benny Villorente, Delores Friedt
Front row (left to right): Michelle Dunn, Celia Sattler, Regent Karen Selensky, Treasurer Mary Ann Morford, Vice Regent Dorleen Wolbaum, Bev Rivinus



JCDA Court Sacred Heart, Harvey

by Kathy Kennedy

The cold and busy past few months haven't deterred our Junior Catholic Daughters from doing good works. There was some nice collaboration with Senior Court Sacred Heart #1908 that occurred.



CDA member Julie Keller wrapping gifts with Ellie, Harper and Lucy.

In November they purchased gifts for people in need that they picked from the Angel Anonymous Tree that was in our local grocery store. The JCDA paid for their purchases from the gift of money from the ND State Court. The Sr. Court Sacred Heart members also purchased a number of gifts for this cause. On November 24, the JCDA met to wrap the presents and had a short lesson on Advent. Five senior CDA members were there to assist in gift wrapping. After that task was done, CDA and JCDA members worked together to craft paper poinsettias to decorate the local nursing home.

The JCDA girls met again on January 5. After a short lesson on the Epiphany and the annual doorway blessing, they climbed a ladder to put the 20+ B+C+M+25 chalk markings above the meeting room doors. The girls played board games, 'telephone', and enjoyed pizzas which were provided by the Senior CDA Court.



Court Sacred Heart, Kathy Flagen, making poinsettias with Aubrianna, Elle, and Haroer.



<<<<<< Back row, left to right: Mara Felchle, Harper Hinrich, Isabelle Schaan, Josie Schilling, Peityn Zerr
Front row, left to right: Hadley Zerr, Aubrianna Winegart, Hennrietta Leier, Lucy Schilling, Elle Arnold, Grace Schaan



Girls getting lessons on Advent.
Front row left-right: Isabelle Schaan, Elle Arnold, and Mara Felch
Back row left-right: Josie Schilling, Lucy Schilling, Chloe Trosen, Paityn Zerr, Cecilia Graumann, Henrietta Leier, Hadley Zerr, Grace Schaan



On January 8th, Senior and Junior CDA members, Chaplain Fr. Kevin Boucher, and a few extra guests met at St. Aloisius Senior Nursing Home to sing Christmas carols and hymns with Brother Knight Dr. Steve Kourajian playing piano. It was heartwarming to see residents sing along and CDA members (both young and old) mingle and visit with residents.



Convention Tentative Schedule



Thursday, May 1, 2025

7:00-8:00 p.m. Registration St. Joseph's O'Neill Hall

Friday, May 2, 2025

8:30-11:30 a.m. Registration St. Joseph's O'Neill Hall

9:30-9:45 a.m. Meet for Rosary Garden Tour
St. Joseph's north parking lot

10:00-11:00 a.m. Rosary Garden Sarah Haugen's home

11:30-11:45 a.m. Line up for Mass in Ceremonial Dress
St. Joseph's O'Neill Hall

12:00-1:00 p.m. Vocations Mass St. Joseph's Church

1:15-2:15 p.m. Lunch St. Joseph's School Gym
Speaker: To Be Determined

Ct. St. Therese #958 - 100th Anniversary Celebration

2:30 p.m. Gather in Convention Hall James Memorial Art Center

2:45 p.m. Convention Convenes James Memorial Art Center

6:15 p.m. Dinner St. Joseph's School Gym
Speaker: Sister Patty & Claudia Ortiz
Theme: Catholicism in Mexico
Entertainment: Hispanic Dancers
Following Dinner: 50/50 Raffle Drawing
& Live Auction of Baskets

Saturday, May 3, 2025

7:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast
James Memorial Art Center

8:00 a.m. Business Session Convenes
James Memorial Art Center

10:30-11:00 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
St. Joseph's Catholic Church

11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Memorial Mass St. Joseph's Catholic Church

12:15-1:00 pm. Lunch St. Joseph's Gym
Speaker: Princess Manulat & Libertine McCoy
Theme: Catholicism in the Philippines

1:30-5:00 p.m. Business Session Reconvenes
James Memorial Art Center

5:45 p.m. Social Time St. Joseph's Gym

6:15-8:00 p.m. Banquet Dinner St. Joseph's Gym
Speakers: Kathy & Wes Pepple
Theme: Kenya Mission
Following Dinner: 50/50 Raffle Drawing

Sunday, May 4, 2025

8:30 a.m. Line up for Mass in Ceremonial Dress
St. Joseph's O'Neill Hall

9:00-10:00 a.m. Installation Mass St. Joseph's Church

10:30 a.m. Brunch St. Joseph's Gym
Speakers: Kate Lambert & Alina Trowbridge
Theme: Catholicism in Poland

*A collection will be taken for the New State Project
Recite Rosary – Led by State Officers
Wrap-Up & Farewell



“Rosary Garden” at Sarah Haugen's home.

All Masses will be livestreamed:

Vocations Mass

Friday, May 2nd at 12:00 noon

Memorial Mass

Saturday, May 3rd

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 10:30 a.m.

Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Installation Mass

Sunday, May 4th at 9:00 a.m.

The Mass can be found on Facebook at
St. Joseph's Parish - Williston, ND or on
the church website at stjparish.com



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Regarding tentative schedule, please NOTE:

- All times are Standard Daylight time.
- This is a tentative/general schedule. Changes may occur due to availability of clergy, speakers, etc. Anticipated meal times are indicated above. Each registrant will be given a booklet with a finalized schedule at registration.
- Snack breaks will occur during the business sessions, but we recommend / encourage all to bring a cereal bar, piece of fruit, nuts, etc. in case they need a little something to tide them over between meals and breaks. Coffee and water will be provided throughout the day.



Convention Apparel Order Form



54th North Dakota Catholic Daughters of the Americas Convention Order Form—Due April 1, 2025

T-shirt (50/50 Blend) in Orchid with left chest screen print
 Size Small—XL \$14.00
 Size XXL \$17.00
 Size XXXL, XXXXL, XXXXXL \$20.00



Women's Polo in Bright Lavender with left chest embroidery
 Size XSmall—XL \$29.00
 Size XXL, XXXL \$31.00
 Size 4XL, 5XL, 6XL \$35.00



Unisex Hooded Sweatshirt in Ash with left chest screen print
 Size S—XL \$30.00
 Size XXL, XXXL \$32.00
 Size 4XL, 5XL \$37.00



Unisex Crewneck Sweatshirt in Ash with left chest screen print
 Size S-XL \$23.00
 Size XXL \$26.00
 Size 3XL, 4XL \$29.00



Insulated Tumbler in Purple with etched logo
 \$20.00



Please detach and send with payment

Name _____ CDA Court _____

Phone Number _____

_____ T-shirt	Size _____	Price _____
_____ Polo	Size _____	Price _____
_____ Hooded Sweatshirt	Size _____	Price _____
_____ Crew Neck Sweatshirt	Size _____	Price _____
_____ Tumbler		Price _____

TOTAL _____

**Checks payable to Court St. Therese #958, mail to
 Kathy Ahmann, Treasurer
 713 4th Ave E Williston ND 58801**

Orders must be received by April 1, 2025. Items will be available for pick up at the 54th ND CDA Convention in Williston May 2-4, 2025. If you are not attending, your items will be sent with someone from your Court attending the Convention. Items will not be available for purchase at Convention. Questions—contact Debbie at drichter580@gmail.com



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*Dear North Dakota Catholic Daughters,
The members of Court Saint Therese #958 in
Williston are looking forward to hosting
the 2025 North Dakota Catholic Daughters
of the Americas State Convention May 2-4,
2025. Our Court will also be celebrating it's
100th Anniversary and we're very honored
to be sharing that with all ND Courts.*

*Our Court and the State Officers have been
busy planning an exciting faith-filled weekend on Catholicism
across several cultures.*

*We are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you very
soon.*

*In Unity & Charity,
Wanda Meyer, Court Regent
Debbie Richter, Convention Chair*

