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Perham, MN



Motto: Unity & Charity
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Dear Court St. Rita members and Chaplain Fr. Omar,
Happy Spring everyone! The last 2 newsletters were written when it was 20 below! The current weather is wonderful! How can we not be grateful for the changing seasons!

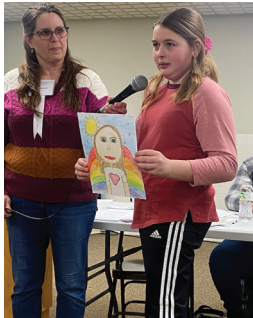
We will have a spring activity at the April meeting, join us if you can. We need members to contribute to the conversation and let your voice be heard when we discuss or vote on things. There are 2 proposed Bylaws amendments and 1 proposed Resolution that have been received for discussion. When these are discussed at our local meeting, the members in the chairs have the opportunity to tell the delegates, Leanne and Lynn how our Court wants us to vote at the convention. What other things are on your mind? Are you getting what you want out of your membership in CDA? Please do not hesitate to share your ideas! The winning entries to the National Education contest have been posted on the Catholic Daughters page of the St. Henry's website. We awarded \$300 in prizes to the first, second and third place local winners at the March 4th meeting. Thank you to everyone who came for the presentation and meeting and to the lunch committee for their extra efforts for the families to enjoy. I look forward to seeing you at the April 1st meeting.

Prayers, Regent Leanne



Education Contest Winners

Court St. Rita #409 sponsored the Catholic Daughters National Education Contest again this year. Local 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners were presented with their awards Tuesday, March 4, 2025. The first place winning entries were sent for State judging and those placing first will be sent to National. Congratulations to all of the winners!



Quilts

Gifting forward the Quilts that were gifted to us from State leaders Ellen Huneke and Nancy Bambanek last year: The remaining quilts have been gifted to the Ambulance-12, Fr. Omar has 10 to distribute, 1-Fun Fair, 1-Bev Holzer. We were able to help many people with these. Thank you everyone for ideas to disperse.

Lent Prayer calendar

Check your calendar daily to see who to pray for!

Thank You to the Sunshine & Sympathy committee of Sig Winjum, Betty Klein, Gina Cavanaugh for sending cards and messages to our members! Sympathy card to Jean Schmitz (Ray) and Sunshine card to Tammy Richter (Perham Teacher of the year award).

State Convention

Country Cupboard items needed-bring to meeting or get to Lynn or Leanne to take to the convention: hand made items, jams, canned goods, cards etc.

Janel A. donating \$50 wine basket from our Court for the Silent Auction.

Please turn in your 50-50 Raffle tickets (sold or unsold), they will be taken to the convention and the drawing will be that weekend.

Food Shelf

In December Court St Rita makes a budgeted \$200 donation to the Bridge food pantry and in March through April 6th we combine our personal donations during this food share month where there is a match.

Dues Any member who has not paid 2025 dues, please kindly submit to Financial Secretary Pat Hager.

Prayer Pretzels



Around the year 610, an Italian monk made a treat for the children who had learned to recite their prayers. Christians in those days prayed by folding their hands across their chests with each hand touching the opposite shoulder. This clever monk formed the dough so that it would look like hands folded on prayer. These little breads were called *bracellae*, the Latin word for “little arms.” Today, we call them pretzels.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless these little breads.

Each time we eat them, may we be reminded of the special season of prayer and fasting we are keeping.

May they remind us of our need to come closer to you in prayer. May they remind us of those in need. Keep your loving arms around us, Dear Father, to protect us always, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Chaplain's Corner

I hope your Lent is going well. This season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that we began on Ash Wednesday will end at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. The goal is a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully.

Every Lent we are invited to deepen our trust in The Lord and Our Lord will let us know that He is not absent: He walks with us! I am grateful for every sign, every confirmation that I have received from The Lord. He doesn't give up on us even though He knows what we are made of. Thank God for those moments when you see his intervention. Thank God when you are struggle and all of the sudden, things turn around for the better. I just want to thank God for not being distant but near, his fidelity endures forever!

– Fr. Omar

CDA Style Show



Oct. 25, 2025 Theme: Hawaiian

Keep this date open-everyone needed to help for this annual fundraiser.



JCDA



Last spring, the JCDA were given an assortment of quilts to donate toward a charitable organization. On March 14, we donated them to the Central Minnesota chapter of Project Linus. Named after the Peanuts character, Project Linus provides handmade blankets to children 0-18 in the United States who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. Blankets are collected locally and distributed to children in hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere that a child might be in need of a big hug.

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Upcoming Events

- April 1, 2025 7:00 p.m. Monthly meeting 7pm**
Snack: Cheryl K, Judy C, Lynn T, Dorothy D. 50-50 Raffle tickets due back (sold/unsold). Personal Food shelf donations will be collected. Bring any Country Cupboard items for the State Convention that you want to donate.
- April (date to be determined) Financial Review**
- April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday**
- April 24-26, 2025 MN State Biennial CDA Convention – Owatonna –**
Regent Leanne and Vice Regent Lynn attending as delegates for Court St. Rita#409
- April 27, 2025 Divine Mercy Sunday service sponsored by Catholic Daughters-**
Cathy Doll Chair. Volunteers needed to help.
- May 3, 2025 5:00 p.m. May Crowning mass at St. Henry's –**
Committee: Janel A, Pat H, Cheryl K.

April Birthdays

Karen Hammers 6
Fuzz Hammers 20
Judy Christopherson 22
Sue Martodam 25
JoAnne Meyer 27

April Anniversaries

Cathy & Gary Doll 20
Jackie & LeRoy Hager 24
Deb and Wayne Romann 24
Sharon & James Neuerburg 25
Dianne & Jim Szarke 26
Lennett & Kevin Savchuk 30

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National Catholic Daughters www.catholicdaughters.org
Minnesota Catholic Daughters www.mncda.org

Our special **Seminarians** to pray for:

Grant Sharstrom, St. Francis de Sales Seminary
(from St. Michael, Duluth)

Sebastian Spencer, Saint Paul Seminary
(from St. Charles Borromeo, St. Anthony)

Jack Tyrrell, St. John Vianney College Seminary
(from Sacred Heart, Staples)

Henry Statz, St. John Vianney College Seminary
(from St. John Cantius, St. Cloud)

Rich Stenger, Maryland Seminary
(from Sacred Heart, Dent)

John Bell, Deacon Candidate
(from St. Henry's, Perham)



Our special **Men and Women Religious** to pray for:
Renee Doll, Consecrated Virgin Living in the world
(from St. Henry's, Perham)

Brother Jacob Berns St. Johns Abbey
(from St. Henry's, Perham)

Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Rochester,
Sauk Rapids and Minneapolis.

Sister Rose Willenbring Dominican Sisters of Mary
(from St. Henry's, Perham)

Sr. Elijah Marie, Discalced Carmelite Nuns,
Monastery of the Holy Name of Jesus
in Denmark, Wisconsin.
(from Sacred Heart, Dent)

Chairperson: Jackie Hager