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Catholic Daughters of the Americas® Court St. Rita #409

Perham, MN



Motto: Unity & Charity

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Dear Court St. Rita #409 members and Chaplain Fr. Omar, Advent is right around the corner. The time of year we remember the birth of, and celebrate with anticipation, the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. It is easy to get caught up with all the things such as shopping and decorating, all while continuing with our normal daily commitments to working and dedication to our family members. When we make some time each day for quiet prayer, we can bring peace to ourselves so we can be there for others and enjoy all that Christmas brings. I wish each one of you Peace and Joy this Advent and Christmas season!

We will each receive a name of a CDA sister at our December meeting and potluck. Someone to pray for during Advent and then reveal with a card or phone call during Christmas week. I hope you will be able to join your Court St. Rita sisters for this evening at **6pm December 3rd**. We will begin with the potluck, followed by the Installation of Fr. Omar as our Chaplain and Reception of new members. The business meeting will follow, and we will end the evening with some Christmas fun.

Please bring a dish to share and a \$10 gift for a game.

Peace and Blessings to all this Advent and Christmas Season,
Regent Leanne Stoll



Chaplains Corner

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isa 9:1)

This is probably the busiest time of the year. However, we should not lose sight of the great mystery we, faithful Christians, celebrate on Christmas night. It is time for us to pause and see this Light and feel its warmth. All the readings for all the various Christmas liturgies proclaim the same mystery: The Incarnation. God chose to become one of us so He could die for us. On Christmas we contemplate a great mystery and our best companion for that is silence. I encourage you to not only keep Christ on Christmas but also silence and reflection. That Holy Night was a quiet but joyful night, filled with splendor and lots of hope. Thank you for your commitment to the Church of Christ and for all the good you do for The Lord. May the Light of Christ illumine your ways and fill your homes.

Education Contest 2025 Two Themes: “He who forgives an offense seeks love” Proverbs 17:9 and How do I feel when I forgive? All Catholic Daughter members are eligible to submit an entry (except chairpersons) and All students grade 4-12 Catholic and Non-Catholic. Help spread the word and encourage any friends or family members to submit an entry. This will be announced soon in the bulletin. Let Regent Leanne know if you need an entry form and guidelines. Local deadline is February 1, 2025.

Women’s Religious Grant picture: Sister Ines (left) and Sister Marie Johannah (right-member Cheryl Keller’s daughter), Sisters of Mary Morning Star, Ghent, MN with their Presto Pot for melting Easter candles to make new candles.



Welcome New Members
Denise Hanson, Judy Thomas & Joanne Knuttila

Celebrating 60 years!

Florence “Fuzz” Hammers – Congratulations! 1964-present! Thank you for all your contributions to Court St. Rita #409. Fuzz told me she reluctantly said “Ok, I’ll join...but I’m not gonna like it!” Look what a leap of faith can do! Along with having served offices in the local and state courts, she continues to serve where she feels she can and with prayer and inspiration to others. She is our current Legislation Chairperson who shared her vision of “Fight at Five by Fuzz” last November, encouraging all of us to pray at 5pm one Our Father, One Hail Mary, One Glory Be for the end to abortion.

STYLE SHOW TOTALS:

Ticket sales: \$2788, Silent Auction: \$2272, Dollar Chance: \$790, Quilt Chance: \$255, Cash Donations: \$1120, Donations (food & pumpkins) \$153. \$7378 taken in minus expenses.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 25th, 2025
STYLE SHOW
Hawaiian Theme!

Someplace Safe picture - Thank you to committee of Jolene M, Mary M, Lisa H for getting all of the items delivered along with our budget item of \$200.



The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (member Pat Hager’s sister Lilly) will be supporting Sarah’s Oasis which helps women affected by violence, trafficking, etc. buying needed items with the Women’s Religious Grant money they received.



51st Biennial State Convention April 24-26 Owatonna.

First Call to Convention received. Court St. Rita #409 will be allowed 3 Delegates and 6 Alternates.

Upcoming Events

December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

December - State CDA Newsletter comes out.

December 3, 2024 **6PM Potluck**, Monthly meeting with Installation of new Chaplain, Reception of new members, Christmas Fun night. Set up & Fun committee: Jolene M, Mary G, Deb R.

January 7, 2025 Monthly meeting 7PM – Snack: Cathy D, Sue M

January 2025 Celebration of Life Mass – Date to be determined – Committee: Dianne R-S, Mary S, Judy C.



December Birthdays & Anniversaries



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Perham, MN

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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