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Greetings Court St. Rita #409 members,

Here we are about to begin another new month! I just want to thank the many members who worked to prepare for the Aloha! Style Show. As I am preparing this newsletter, the event has just wrapped up. I feel it was successful. Thank you to those who were not able to help but prayed for its success. We had quite a few compliments on the decorations, the brunch and how fun the morning was. Please bring forward any expenses that you have so we can calculate the proceeds. We also need to track in kind expenses as well. Please bring any new ideas or suggestions for improvement to the November 4th meeting.

The activities since our last meeting show how we are working together to help others. The Someplace Safe donation trunk has been full and emptied by the committee more than once. CDA Sunday was different this year not wearing the robes. Change can be an adjustment but our officers wearing the Medallions on blue ribbons did look nice. Thank you to everyone who was at Mass and helped with refreshments. We did have some interested ladies asking questions and checking out our information table! Next up will be the Habitat for Humanity Gummi Bears. Thank you to all who are helping to collect free will donations November 1st and 2nd. Our contributions, combined with other courts in Minnesota, will likely result in a \$10,000 grant towards a Habitat Home being built for a family.

We take time this month to remember those who have gone before us and to be thankful for those who are beside us in our lives. I wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving! I am thankful for Court St. Rita #409 and all our members.

Regent Leanne

CDA Sunday



Above: CDA Officers Pat Hager (Financial Secretary), Leanne Stoll (Regent), Rosie Altstadt (Treasurer), Lynn Schwanke (Vice Regent) and Dianne Rohde-Szarke (Recording Secretary) are shown wearing their new medallions on CDA Sunday, October 19. Right: The display table set up in the back of church. Thank you Janel Altstadt & Cathy Doll for singing and Rosie, Pat, Jackie, Mary M, & Cathy for serving & setting up refreshments.



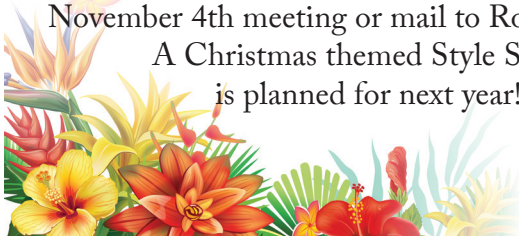
December 2, 2025: Who would like to plan our Advent fun night activity and set up the potluck? Looking for 3 volunteers!

Our Aloha! Style Show was a fun morning!



If you were not able to attend or buy or sell your 2 tickets but would still like to support the fundraiser, you may bring your donation to the November 4th meeting or mail to Rosie Altstadt.

A Christmas themed Style Show is planned for next year!



Officer Elections

Next Spring we will elect new officers. Members, please pray that we will have members willing to step up and take on these roles. It is a great way to work together for Court St. Rita #409 and in doing so, you will learn so much about Catholic Daughters of the Americas®. It is very rewarding to serve.

Chaplain's Corner

Welcome back Fr. Omar from your trip to attend the Canonization of two Saints from your home country of Venezuela. We are always praying for you.



The CDA Summer Workshop was held on Sunday, September 28 in St. Henry's Church basement. The State officers as well as officers and members from several local courts were in attendance. Thank you Cheryl K, Mary M, and Cathy for serving lunch.



The MN State CDA Board has formed a Membership Committee. Regents are part of this and we are having quarterly zoom meetings. If you have an awesome idea, please share! Thank you!

National Convention

Next National CDA Convention: Coralville Iowa July 22-26, 2026. Save the date. It is not so far! Perhaps we could have a carload of CDA Sisters from Court St. Rita #409 attend!

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

All Saints Day, celebrated on November 1 in the Roman Catholic Church, is a *holy day of obligation*, and many other Christians celebrate it too, including Eastern Catholics on the Sunday after Pentecost. On this day, the Church honors all saints, both those formally canonized and others who have attained heaven (see Heb. 12:22-24). These saints are individuals who have lived lives of extraordinary faith and dedication to God, serving as role models for Christians. Whether officially recognized by the Church or not, these saints have played a significant role in spreading Christianity and leading others toward holiness (Matt. 28:18-20).



Following All Saints Day, Catholics observe *All Souls Day* on November 2. This day is dedicated to *praying for the dead*, especially those who have passed away within the past year. While All Saints Day honors those in heaven, All Souls Day is focused on praying for the souls in purgatory, helping them reach heaven through prayer. Many people also *visit the graves* of their loved ones on this day, interceding for their eternal rest.

On both All Saints Day and All Souls Day, special prayers and novenas, such as the *All Saints Novena*, are offered. Catholics believe in the power of prayer to assist those who have passed on, because they are all united in the Mystical Body of Christ (see 1 Cor. 12:12-26; Rom. 8:37-39). This includes asking the saints in heaven to intercede for their brothers and sisters in purgatory. So we honor the saints in heaven on All Saints Day and pray for those en route on All Souls Day, reaffirming the spiritual connections between the Church Triumphant in heaven, the Church Suffering in purgatory, and the Church Militant here on earth.

Information obtained from catholic.com/tract/all-saints-day-catholic-answers-guide

Upcoming Events

November 1 & 2, 2025	Gummi Bears for Habitat for Humanity after all Masses in the NCACC.
Nov. 4, 2025 7:00 p.m.	Monthly meeting starting with Lori from Central Market Floral teaching us how to best care for a bouquet of flowers to make them last, followed by Rosary and Snack. Business meeting starts at 8pm due to it being election day.
November 27, 2025	Thanksgiving Day
November 30, 2025	First Sunday of Advent
Dec. 2, 2025 6:00 p.m.	Monthly meeting & Advent Potluck fun night



November Birthdays

Tammy Richter 18
Cheryl Keller 20
Cathy Doll 24
Cheryl Wacker 26
Mary Kerekes 30

November Anniversary

Betty & Ken Klein 23

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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS QUESTIONS?

Check out the Websites:

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)

Deacon 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.

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

Chairperson: Jackie Hager