



# Messenger

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

Perham, MN



Motto: Unity & Charity  
Patroness: Blessed Virgin Mary  
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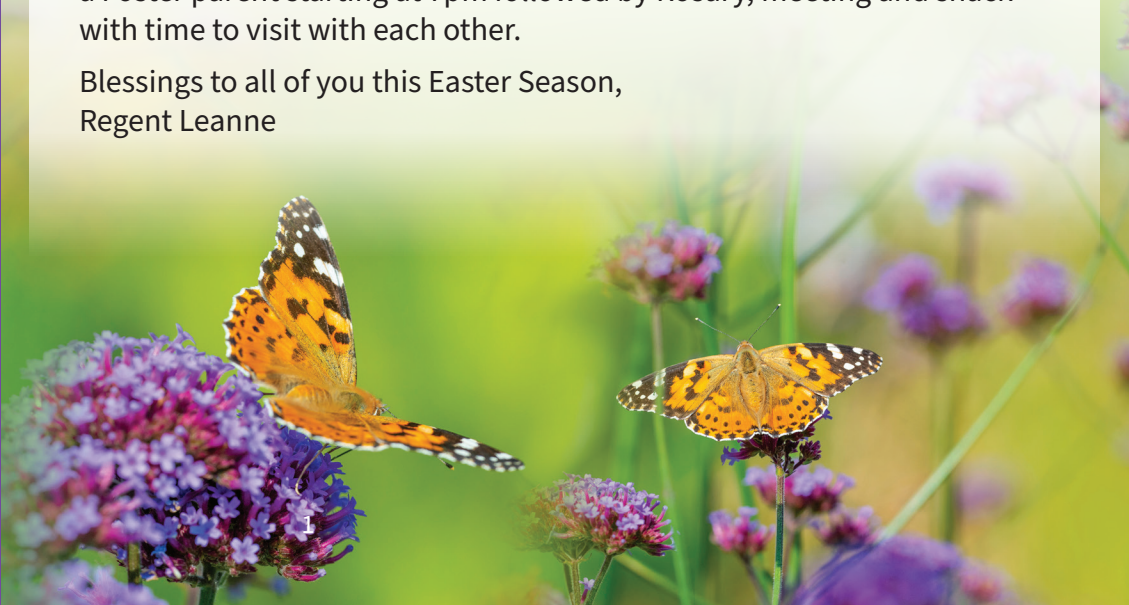
Happy Easter to Everyone! Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All things are coming to life at this time of year! The grass emerges with the buds on the trees, and the sounds of birds again fill the air. Our personal energy and attitudes also change in the spring it seems, as if we feel refreshed with the arrival of spring and the new growth we feel from our prayer, almsgiving and fasting. The Lenten season prepares us for the Spiritual Celebration of the Resurrection, and we had some great activities to help us prepare. Thank you to Cheryl Keller for the Lenten Prayer Calendar and Pat Hager for Mary's Way of the Cross booklet. I have heard from members how much they appreciated having these. If you did not make it to the March meeting to see the Education Awards, you can view them on the Catholic Daughters page on the St. Henry's website. The students and their families enjoyed the awards presentation and lunch provided by Dianne Rohde-Szarke, Cathy Doll and Lisa Glynn. We had a total of 8 first place winners who go on to be judged at the State level and we wish them all the best.

Thank you to all of you for considering serving as an officer for the next term when the Nominating committee of Cheryl Keller and Pat Hager reach out to each of you. I know they will have a slate of officers for us to vote on at the May meeting.

Please plan to attend the April 7th meeting at St. Henry's Church basement at 7pm. Just a reminder, we need a minimum of 3 officers and 5 members to conduct our business. We will have a short program with our Financial Secretary Pat Hager as she shares her experience becoming a Foster parent starting at 7pm followed by Rosary, meeting and snack with time to visit with each other.

Blessings to all of you this Easter Season,  
Regent Leanne





# Education Contest

Our Education Contest awards were presented at our meeting on March 3. *Congratulations to all winners!*



# CDA Style Show

SAVE the DATE!

October 24, 2026

Theme:

“O Christmas Tree”



## Chaplain's Corner

Thank you to Fr Omar for being our Court Chaplain, we will continue to pray for you as you move on from here. May God Bless you and your family.

## National Convention

Next National CDA Convention: Coralville Iowa July 22-26, 2026. March 15th was the deadline to register Delegates and Alternates. Court St. Rita #409 will not have anyone attending. Please pray for the success of the convention and all those attending.

## JCDA News

Congratulations to Moorhead's new JCDA Court! Junior Catholic Daughter Court St. Cecelia #509 celebrated their institution on Sunday, March 22 at St. Joseph's Church in Moorhead. They are grateful for the support from Father Vincent, Deacon Allen, Court St. Mary #509, parents of Court St. Cecelia and their faith community.



# Upcoming Events

April 5		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
April 7	7:00 p.m.	<b>Court St. Rita #409 Meeting with Program by Pat Hager</b> Snack: Cheryl Keller, Judy Christopherson, Sue Martodam
April 8	6:00 p.m.	<b>Faith Formation Meal served by CDA</b> Chairs: Janel A, Lisa G
April 12	1:00-3:00	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday Service at St. Henry's</b> See Flyer in the Bulletin. Chair: Cathy Doll with Gina C, Lisa H, Janel A with additional volunteer Court St. Rita #409 members
Month of April		<b>Financial Review during Month of April – date undecided</b> Auditors: Mary M, Dianne L, Sue M, Lisa H, Jolene M
May 5	7:00 p.m.	<b>Court St. Rita #409 Meeting with Election of Officers</b>
July 22-26		<b>CDA National Convention</b> Coralville, Iowa



## 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**

Our special **Seminarians** to pray for:

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

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

**Jack Tyrrell**, Saint Paul Seminary  
(from Sacred Heart, Staples)

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

**Will Koppl**, Saint Paul Seminary  
(from St Joseph, Waconia)

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



Our special **Men and Women Religious** to pray for:

**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*

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