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MESSAGE FROM THE STATE REGENT

As we celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day, let us not forget our deceased Catholic Daughter Sisters as well as our deceased family, friends, and service men & women. We pray for them and ask them to intervene for us to God that we will be with them again. As Thanksgiving approaches, let us be thankful for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and be mindful of those who have little. Do you know a person who may be spending the holidays alone either because they have no family or their family lives far away? Invite them to have dinner with your family, volunteer at a community Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless or a Senior Center. Our theme from our National Regent, Olga Samaniego is "Speak Lord, your servant is listening". Let us hear the call of mercy and social justice in our daily actions to make our world a better place. Thanksgiving is another holiday where we celebrate all that we have and we pray to our Lord in thanksgiving for all his blessings. The State Board (Lucy, Barbara, Cathy, Sandy & Pat) wishes you all Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for all you do in our parishes and communities.

God bless,

Lucy Gasaway



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov 1 All Saints Day
- Nov 2 All Souls Day
- Nov 3 Daylight Savings Time ends
- Nov 11 Veterans' Day
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day

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THE PAST REGENTS' CLUB HONORS OUR DECEASED REGENTS

Following our meeting of the Past Regents Club of Colorado that took place at the State Convention in Wheat Ridge on June 7, 2019, a request was sent to our State Chaplain at that time, Father Nathaniel Hinds, to celebrate a **Mass for those Past Regents who had passed away in the two years since our previous State Convention. The following Masses were said:**

Lucy Rissutto, Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 8:00 am
(Ct Little Flower)

Jean Ann Sabin, Friday, August 23, 2019 at 8:00 am
(Ct Little Flower)

Betty Berhost, Monday, August 26, 2019, at 8:00 am
(Ct St Teresa)

Rita Lee, Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 8:00 am
(Ct St Anthony)

Mary Gallegos, Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at 8:00 am
(Ct Sangre de Cristo)

Elsie Romero, Thursday, August 29, 2019, 8:00 am
(Ct Sangre de Cristo)

Dolores Ann Jones, Friday, August 30, 2019, 8:00 am
(Ct Madonna of the Mountains)

Marlene Wanner, Thursday, September 5, 2019, 8:00 am
(Ct Madonna of the Mountains)

Ernetta Roark, Friday, January 10, 2020, 9 :00 am
(Ct Sacred Heart)

Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be—a resting place along the road, to sweet eternity. We all have different journeys, different paths along the way—we all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay — Our destination is a place, far greater than we know. For some the journey is quicker, for some the journey is slow. And when the journey finally ends, we'll claim a great reward — and find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen.



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THANKSGIVING TABLE PRAYER

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.

From [Celebrating Faith: Year-round Activities for Catholic Families](#), by Mary Cronk Farrell



SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1: All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation

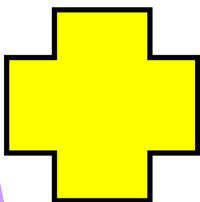
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2: All Souls Day

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3: Daylight Savings Time Ends-Don't forget to set your clock back 1 hour.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11: Veterans' Day

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13: World Kindness Day

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28: Thanksgiving Day



ASK, SEEK, AND KNOCK PRAYERS ARE OFFERED UP FOR ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY, FOR ALL OUR DECEASED CATHOLIC DAUGHTER SISTERS, FOR ALL OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS, FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL, HOMELESS, AND STRUGGLING. A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR ALL OUR VETERANS AND A SPECIAL THANKS FOR THEIR SERVICE. WE ALSO ASK A SPECIAL BLESSING FOR ALL OUR PRIESTS, DEACONS, SISTERS, SEMINARIANS, AND RELIGIOUS.



NEWS FROM SEPTEMBER NATIONAL QUARTERLY

As you are listening to the Lord for direction this year, ask the Lord to reveal to you the gifts and talents that you have not been using. Be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Many of us are used to saying “Oh, no. I could never do that! I’m not strong enough or good enough or young or old enough. I could never lead.” But the fact is, you can do more than you ever thought possible if the Lord is leading and supporting you. So, be open. The new CDA year is beginning and the possibilities are endless! Go to the Lord with open hearts and willing hands, say to Him, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” 1 Samuel 3:9. God’s peace and joy be with you.

Olga Samaniego, National Regent



Circle of Love forms have been sent out

When we celebrate the fall holidays and CDA events, think of the closeness it will bring to our families, church community, and our CDA family. When we organize and celebrate holidays together, it is a significant way to bond our family cultures and give back to the community. When we open our hearts and minds, we will make an impact on those around us and those we serve. Think of the smile on a child’s face when we share their favorite book, a meal to a homeless person who has no shelter or to an elderly couple living alone. Now is the perfect time to focus on the upcoming holidays and events to determine how we can celebrate together.

Aim to make your celebrations enjoyable and memorable. Remember to invite Christ to be your honored guest at all celebrations.

Essie Walker, National Secretary-Treasurer and National Family Chairman



Seeking Woman of the Year Nominations Information in September National Quarterly

This is a wonderful time to reflect on the members and their contributions and dedication to the court, especially when looking for new leadership. Look for the following characteristics when considering new leaders:

Is she willing to take over or plan an event?

Does she run with the task and take responsibility for its completion?

Does she exhibit drive and determination?

Can she inspire others to go further, improve?

Commitment is contagious! Look for a person on fire!

For a court to grow, new leadership and new ideas are needed. But there must also be a willingness by the present officers and members of the court to accept change. Keep what is of value and important to your court members. Change that which has not produced fruit.

Sherry Nilles, National Regent-Elect and National Leadership Chairman

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LOCAL COURT HAPPENINGS



COURT LITTLE FLOWER #925, LA JUNTA: Rosary was held at the Plaza Park and was well attended. WRAP white ribbons were handed out at all masses October 26-27 The Patriotic Mass will be November 10 at 8:30 a.m. and the Mass for living and deceased CDA members will be on November 17. Canned goods will be collected for distribution to Associated Charities. Court Chaplain, Henry Wertin will be invited to the November meeting as the court will have a social with goodies to share.

COURT MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS #941, Grand Junction: The court inducted a new member, Jacqueline Rodriguez. The court will be giving a scholarship this year to a graduating high-school Catholic female. The court held candle sales in October to be able to fund this. The court delivered 6 Lady Vet bags to the VA in Grand Junction. September bake sale held for "Drops of Hope" Foundation raised \$600 to help those in Nigeria have a sustainable business.

COURT ST TERESA #980, STERLING: Deacon Ron Michieli, SFO shared information on the Victim Reparation Program and the File Review Report. Rosary was said before Mass on Oct 26 and 27 for WRAP. Donated to the Faith Formation program for scholarships. A portion of their Fair Bingo proceeds was donated toward maintenance for the church. Church Bazaar is Nov 9-10 The Court is providing cinnamon rolls for the dinner and running the dessert auction Saturday night. Celebrated CDA Sunday with brunch following mass.

COURT ST. ANTHONY #1248, DURANGO: Installed 1 new member. Candles were sold during October and will be lit every Friday night to Sunday night in memory of a loved one in November. Cookies were supplied for the Southwest Youth Conference in Farmington. Catholic Daughters met on October 27 to pray the Rosary for Make a Difference Day. National CDA Sunday was observed by attending Mass together, CDA members performing all the ministries, and a reception following Mass. Candie Gurule was named Catholic Daughter of the Year.

COURT SACRED HEART #1606, CORTEZ: Kim Norte Herrera, who was recently deceased was honored as Catholic Daughter of the Year and her mother was given a beautiful purple & gold knitted afghan in her memory. Highway cleanup was October 19. CDA Sunday was celebrated with a CDA color guard, officers in robes, all ministries done by CDA, and members processing in together. The annual Holiday Bazaar will be Nov 23 and 24. The December meeting will be in Mancos at the Methodist Church so member Rosa Sabido, who is currently in Sanctuary for deportation can attend.

JCDA COURT IMMACULATE HEART #1606, CORTEZ: JCDA officers were installed by the Colorado State Regent at Mass on Sept. 22. The girls are planning a Fall craft to do with the residents of Vista Grande Nursing Home on November 9th. They have a Rosary making session planned for November 15th. The girls and adult leaders will be assembling Thanksgiving baskets on Nov. 25th and delivering them. JCDA and their families celebrated their 10th anniversary this year with a picnic in the park sponsored by CDA with a sundae bar. (JCDA request!)

COURT HOLY FAMILY #1794, SECURITY: Guests were welcomed and 2 became new members. Two people volunteered to visit the homebound and invite them to do some projects for the needlecrafters group. Bake sale is December 13-14. National CDA Sunday was celebrated by Mass with officers in robes and members in purple. Following Mass, members went to breakfast. Members voted to donate to Mother Teresa National Charity. Catholics come home is Dec 1 and the court is bringing breakfast rolls, pastries, breads, and cookies. White Ribbons Against Pornography (WRAP) white ribbons will be handed out Nov 2-3. The Court Christmas party is Dec. 6th. The court is having a Bake Sale Dec. 13-14 and will also be selling craft items.



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COURT MADONNA OF THE MOUNTAINS #2035, LAKEWOOD: Gift cards were donated to the Samaritan House. Birthday cards were sent to Little Sisters of the Poor. Memorial mass for the deceased will be on All Souls Day, Nov 2. Deceased Catholic Daughters will be remembered at this Mass. The annual Patriotic Mass to honor active military and veterans will be held Saturday, November 9, followed by a reception. Warm clothing will again be collected for homeless and handicapped veterans. CDA Sunday social was held on Oct 20. Members collected items for babies and toddlers for the Jeffco Gabriel House. Jay Armstrong joined the order of Capuchins and the court added his name to their monthly prayer list and will remember Jay on his birthday and will write him to let him know of their encouragement. WRAP flyers will be placed in the St. Jude weekend bulletin of October 26-27. Members manned a table at the Ministry Fair .

COURT STS. PETER AND PAUL #2669, WHEAT RIDGE: New court officers were installed by Father Victor Raj. Road cleanup will be in November. Sack Lunch Sunday was on Oct 20. Pancake breakfast fundraiser was successful and the next one will be Nov 17. Holiday food collection will be Nov 2-3 and will be distributed Nov 22. Christmas Giving Tree will go up following Thanksgiving. Oktoberfest Treasure & Craft store was a good success and leftover items were given to ARC. A family game night fundraiser is scheduled for Nov 23. Members celebrated CDA Sunday by wearing CDA shirts to Masses and sat by Mary's statue. Prayer service at Our Lady's Grotto was held on Saturday, Oct 12.

COURT DAUGHTERS OF ST. MONICA #2743, BRIGHTON: Baby Shower donation was split between Marisol and Gabriel House. It was decided not to donate to Life Choices at this time. Craft fair was Oct 19. They had a bake sale and kitchen concession at the craft fair. CDA Sunday was celebrated Oct 20 with a Rosary before Mass. CDA brochures were passed out as part of the Membership Drive. They attended the St. Augustine Festival Volunteer Dinner potluck instead of having a brunch. Members participated in the 40 days for life by praying at Planned Parenthood and praying a Novena for the unborn. Members were encouraged to attend the movie "Unplanned" and the movie "Love and Mercy". Ladies from the court joined with parishioners for the Rosary Rally on October 19.



Linda Yanez, leading Parishioners from St Augustine's and ladies from CDA Court Daughters of St. Monica#2743, at the Rosary Rally on October 19, 2019 in front of the Brighton City Building.