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CD Happenings

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Greetings from Your Spiritual Advisor

Advent 2021 Prepare the way!!

It's happening again, another second chance, a new beginning! And yet many of us, yours truly included, find ourselves in a quandary. We get 'stuck' between two worlds, "preparing the way": getting ready for Christ and getting ready for secular Christmas. Often getting ready for Christmas strikes terror within us because of the time-consuming busy-ness of cleaning, decorating, and buying gifts, which usually ends in frustration because we didn't get it all done. To make matters worse, we realize that we forgot to get ourselves ready!

This year let us begin the Advent season with this goal in question: are we in communion with Christ? Are we truly experiencing His presence? If the answer is yes, great, if not we have barely 25 days to make changes; it's not a lot of time but it's just enough.

So, let's begin with Good News, Jesus loves you! Nothing you do or not do will change that! He desires you to experience His love intimately. To do so requires us to surrender to Him. Ouch! Surrender? Yes, surrender that which we most treasure, time.

I could/should suggest to you: prayer, fasting and alms giving; all this you have heard and maybe tried time and time again. I will admit to you, for me, these were "things I did", checked the box, and felt good for the moment. However, I can't honestly say that I was in communion with Christ.

My focus was accomplishing "the thing" instead of growing in my relationship or growing in communion with Christ. I allowed distractions to complicate and blur my intention.

Simply stated, my sisters, to prepare well the way of the Lord, we need only to purposely "give" time, take time back from our busy-ness and sit quietly in or at a place where we can surrender and commune with Our Lord, who is waiting patiently for us. He is already present, are we?

Beloved Sisters, I pray you draw closer to Our Lord this Advent season. If I can help you prepare your way to Christ, please don't hesitate to contact me, I come to serve.

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Timothy



National News

(catholicdaughters.org)

National Convention in Puerto Rico July 2022: we will be voting for delegates very soon. Please consider putting your name in nomination to represent our court at convention.

Statz News

(cdanys.org)

Last call to participate in the Park Lane jewelry sale! Park Lane donates 50% of sales back to the New York State Court. The State Court is beginning to raise funds to help build a home in New York for Habitat for Humanity. Please consider purchasing through this fundraiser. Sale extended to December 12.

parklanejewelry.com/store/start/fundraiser/2594

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COURT FUNCTIONS

Saturday, December 11
Father Argano's Installation
Mass and Reception (4:00 P.M.)

Sunday, December 12
Exposition of Holy Relics
St. Mary's Church (1:30-4:30 P.M.)

Wednesday, December 15*
Court Meeting (7:00 P.M.)
and Christmas Bag Grab**
+ Prize for Most Festively Dressed!
Father Tetreau Hall

*Please note that this is not a regular meeting date. We should be meeting on December 8, but that is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Bring an item worth about \$5 and place it in a brown paper bag or a gift bag. Tickets for sale that night to purchase a chance to "grab a bag," contents unknown! Proceeds go towards our Convention Fund to help defray the costs of travelling to and attending the National Convention in Puerto Rico next July.

[No Meeting or Newsletter
in January]

Wednesday, February 10
7:30 P.M.
Father Tetreau Hall
Regular Monthly Meeting

Court Happenings

What a busy time we've had! November had us hosting the Mass and dinner for the Past Regents and Officers Chapter. Then, two weeks later we celebrated our court's 26th Anniversary with Mass and a luncheon. (see photo gallery, page 4)

At our anniversary luncheon we collected new baby items for Catholic Charities. The next day Circle of Love co-chairs Linda Jurain and Pat Cooney delivered them. (see photo gallery, page 4)

Blizzard of Fun tickets have been distributed. We still have a few tickets left. We hope you are able to purchase or sell the tickets to support our only fundraiser until April. At the Anniversary luncheon we voted to donate Blizzard tickets to each of the 100 seminarians. We support our future priests!

Keep in Your Prayers:

Marianne Devitt, Cindy Heintz, Dorothy Kincade, and members of our court who, because of failing health, are no longer able to participate in court functions
Bob Alcaro
Bob Kaiser
Lynn Eismont's mother and brother Robert
Our Parish Priests, Deacons and Seminarians
All of our healthcare providers, first responders and teachers, and all who have requested our prayers.

Condolences

Please keep the family of long-time court member **Theresa Schaefer** in your prayers.

Please also lift up **Jane Hosford** and her family in prayer on the death of her sister-in-law Mary Kitson.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Please be sure to keep your regent informed if you learn that a member is in need of our prayers and encouragement.

Birthdays

December

Gail Erickson (12/2)
Ann Strommer (12/6)
Honora Belluco (12/10)
Joan Milmore (12/12)
Suzanne Geraci (12/15)
Mary Ann Hogan (12/31)

February

Snooky Kelly (2/4)
Mary Peppiatt (2/6)
Pam Stewart (2/6)
Pam Ferrara (2/8)
Laura Descafano (2/9)
Linda Jurain (2/18)
Karen Sheboy (2/22)
Rosalina Torres (2/23)
Marianne Devitt (2/26)

January

Marie Mancuso (1/4)
Elaine Marchisi (1/5)
Nora McCaffrey (1/6)
Grace Alcaro (1/11)
Florence Nasso (1/15)
Karen Flannery (1/16)
Thelma Fetchik (1/19)
Nanette Murray (1/20)
Teresa Fee (1/22)



Court Finances

(As of November 30, 2021)

Checking Balance: \$1,474.77
Convention Fund: \$4,825.26
Reserve Fund: \$3,755.57

Ongoing Happenings

Recycle empty **cans and bottles** and bring to meetings. Funds are used in our convention fund to help offset costs.

Computer ink cartridges – recycling them offsets office supply purchases.

Bring **Food Pantry and/or Food for Kids donations** to the meeting. Any and all non-perishable food items are always in need.

A message from your Regent:

In the last two months we have suffered the loss of two long-time members, **Gladys Panet** and **Theresa Schaefer**. In addition, we were able to join **Maureen Bowes'** family at a much-delayed Memorial Mass. We were able to present the families with Resolutions of Condolence, Mass cards and rosaries. The families shared with us that it gave them great comfort that Catholic Daughters came to the funeral home and the church to pray with them.

What makes Catholic Daughters unique among other groups is PRAYER. We don't pray at book clubs or bowling league. When a member reaches out to me to ask for prayers, I know that that is what the members are going to do: PRAY. When those emails go out, among the first ones to respond are our geographically distant members and some members who can't come to meetings. They let me know that they are PRAYING. We are a sisterhood of women who PRAY!

It is nice to hear from the families that they get comfort from 10 or 15 of our members coming to the funeral home or church. But we can do better! We need to resolve to show up to PRAY together for a member in need of prayers. It's very likely that you won't know the member who died or who had a loss in her family, but that shouldn't stop us from showing up as a group. You need to ask yourself:

Who will pray for me when the Lord calls me home?

Let us hope that we aren't needed again soon, and let us continue to PRAY for one another

In Unity & Charity,
Diane

PHOTO GALLERY



Past National Regent Helene Shepard, Pastor Father Christopher Argano, Immediate Past State Regent Dr. Heather Rave, Court Regent Diane Meore, District Deputy Kaye Valenzano, Vice Regent Christine Frisbee, Treasurer Marion Schrader, District Deputy Joan Oram, District Deputy Karen Rave



Past National Regent presenting a certificate to celebrate the court's 26th Anniversary.



25-year Anniversary pins were distributed to Grace Alcaro, Margaret Healey and Snooky Kelly. Gerry Sincerbox's pin was mailed to her, and Terry Schaefer's family received her pin at the Wake Service.



Charter Member Honora Belluco received her (belated) 25-year pin.



Linda Jurain and Pat Cooney at Catholic Charities.



Betty Ann Bancroft received her 10-year pin.

Sharpen your pencils, dust off the Bible! Here's a great trivia puzzle to solve. Work alone or gather the family and divide into teams. Let's see how much you know about the Christmas story.



All of us are familiar with the Christmas story telling of the birth of Jesus. We tend to put all parts together to make one story. However, there are really TWO stories, TWO accounts of the birth of Jesus. See if you can find the answers to these questions. (It might be that Matthew or Luke doesn't answer the question in his telling of the story.)

| <u>MATTHEW 1:18-2:12</u> | <u>QUESTIONS</u> | <u>LUKE 2:1-20</u> |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1. | What city was Jesus born in? | 1. |
| 2. | Where was Jesus born? | 2. |
| 3. | Where did Joseph and Mary live? | 3. |
| 4. | Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem? | 4. |
| 5. | What ruler is mentioned? | 5. |
| 6. | Is a star mentioned? | 6. |
| 7. | Are angels mentioned? | 7. |
| 8. | Who shows up in Bethlehem? | 8. |
| 9. | What do they bring? | 9. |
| 10. | What voices of authority are quoted? | 10. |

**NEXT COURT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15
7:00 P.M. – Father Tetreau Hall
(not our regular meeting night)**

**Refreshments
Prize for most festively dressed
50/50
\$5.00 Bag Grab
(and maybe a special visit from a man in a red suit!)**



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Mission Statement

“Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.”

