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## December 2023 Newsletter

### A Message from your Regent

It has been a Very Busy Year for Court 216 - Our Lady of Good Counsel. With all of the activities we have sponsored & shared, I must Thank the Beautiful Sisters in our Court for your unending patience and cooperation to make it all work. You have my utmost gratitude and respect.

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### CDA 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.*

## COURT 216 NEWS

### June 22, 2023 Priests & Deacon Luncheon



Court Members hosted a luncheon in appreciation of our Priests and Deacons who are a blessing to our Court & Parish. Back Row L-R: Fr. Ross Caniglia, Rev. James Tigges, Deacon Ed Albright, Seminarian Anthony Vera, Deacon Joe Coleman. Front Row L-R: Rev. Thomas Hart, Rev. Larry McCarty and Msgr. Kevin McCoy.

### Oct 28, 2023 Swiss Steak Dinner Scholarship Fundraiser



Our Swiss Steak Dinner was a HUGE SUCCESS!! THANK YOU TO ALL who bought/sold tickets, brought groceries and desserts, worked before, during and after the event. We raised over \$4,000 after expenses for CDA scholarships and projects. The food was delicious - thanks to our excellent CDA cooks - L-R: Marie Sheeder, Peggy Bunker, Jean Konvalinka, Marilyn Savage, Barb Pessica, Etta Mae Blair, and CDA Assistant Anthony Foote.

Also a special THANK YOU to our officers for preparing, working, and serving the dinner!

### Nov 9, 2023 New Member Initiation We Are So Glad You Joined Us!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! L-R: Molly Illg, Jennifer Bruening, Rhonda Nelson, Kathy Jondle, Mary Horrell, Elizabeth Lawler, Catalina Perry, Regent Joan Peterson, and Peggy Bunker.

### Nov 9, 2023 Recognition of 50 year and 60 year Members!



CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO CDA COURT 216!  
 Top picture L-R: Loretta Moon 50 years; Pat Glaser 50 years; Marilyn Savage 60 years.  
 Bottom picture Regent Joan Peterson presents Nancy House with her 60 year pin.



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## Nov 9, 2023 Veterans Honor Quilt Presentation



Court 216's Retired Naval Commander, Marie Sheeder and CDA Quilter, Kitty Nilles, presented this beautiful Honor Quilt to Vern Schmitz pictured here with his wife, Sherry. Vern joined the Navy in 1966 right out of high school at the age of 17 and served 3 years transporting military to Vietnam. **THANK YOU TO ALL HEROS WHO HAVE SERVED AND CURRENTLY SERVE IN THE USA MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES.**

### STATE NEWS

A fun time was had by all that attended fall CDA Workshops. Thank you to our State Officers and Courts who hosted the workshops and to Speaker John Torrey for his motivational program on Leadership.

Jan 1, 2024 Deposit of \$50 due for Our Lady of Champion Bus Trip, Marian Conference in Wisconsin May 16-20.

SAVE THE DATE: April 28, 2024 to attend National Regent's Day in Algona, IA.

### NATIONAL NEWS

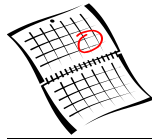
#### Oct 15, 2023 CDA Sunday Mass



Court 216's Chaplain, Msgr. Kevin McCoy, recognized CDA members and gave us a blessing for CDA Sunday at Mass. We are blessed to have Msgr. Kevin as our Court Chaplain.

Take the "Robe Survey" – Be sure to voice your opinion on the future of the use of ceremonial robes. Learn more at [iowacatholicdaughters.org](http://iowacatholicdaughters.org) and click on the survey link.

January 17, 2024 is March for Life in Washington, D.C.



### COURT 216 UPCOMING EVENTS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Trinity Chapel every Friday 8 am until 8 am every Saturday. Please attend as often as possible and especially during your birthday month in honor of our Lord.

Dec 14 CDA Christmas Celebration (no Mass) 6 pm Social Hour, Dinner, Entertainment & Meeting. Reminder to bring Target & Walmart gift cards for our Christmas Kids Project.

1<sup>st</sup> Wed of each month: Bingo at Marian Home 6:15 pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month: Bag Ladies 1:30 pm at Corpus Christi.

Jan 11 CDA Meeting 6 pm Mass, Dinner & Meeting.

Feb 8 CDA Meeting 6 pm Mass, Dinner & Meeting.

Feb 15 Education Contest Local Entry Deadline.

Mar 1 Website & Newsletter Contests and Circle of Love entry deadlines.

Mar 14 CDA Meeting 6 pm Mass, Dinner, Voting for New Officer Nominating Committee.



### THANK YOU SHOUT OUTS TO:

All Swiss Steak Dinner Scholarship Fundraiser volunteers;

Rose Mary Ruddy, Ceremony Coordinator, for the lovely New Member Initiation Mass and 50 and 60 year Member Recognition; and

Kitty Nilles for making the beautiful Veterans Honor Quilt and Marie Sheeder, for her Naval service and presentation.

### VERY IMPORTANT REMINDERS



**Meetings take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month Sept – June.**

Mass will be held at 6:00 pm with dinner, program and meeting to follow in the Corpus Christi Center. RSVP to Kitty Nilles 515-206-5496 by Tuesday noon before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each monthly meeting.

#### Meeting Cancellations:

In the event school has an early out or cancelled due to weather, our meeting will be cancelled. Please watch and listen for media announcements.

#### Meeting Speakers:

Leslie Nagel is always looking for speaker/entertainment suggestions for our meetings. Contact her at 515-408-9893 or email [l.nagel@mediacombb.net](mailto:l.nagel@mediacombb.net).



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