

April 2018



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

Court Oregon #118 Eugene, Oregon

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Dear CDA Sisters,

Happy Easter to you! Easter Season is a beautiful time of the year. We have made it through our Lenten time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Now we rejoice and celebrate the Risen Lord.

Thank you to all that helped with our "Spring Time" Bake Sale. It was a very succesful fundraiser.

Everyone enjoyed the Brown Bag lunch we had at our March meeting. I especially liked the "Rosie the Riveter" lunch pail brought by Anne Olsen.

Please take note of the date and time changes for the April and May meetings. Information on page 4.

For the past couple of months I have met with Fr. Ron and the Parish council to ask that CDA be given a space for our Court records. Who knows how long these records have been passed from one officer to the next. I am so excited that we have gotten approval to have a couple of file cabinets in the coat/storage closet that is located in the Parish Hall. This is a wonderful thing for our Court to have a space to store our permanent records and Court history books. They will soon be in place. Yeah!

I have included some Court history on page 9. This was with the permission from the Oregon Catholic Historical Society. Gloria Amort, past State Regent put a very nice article together on "Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Oregon". I am so grateful to be able to share this article in our newsletter. We have many new members and maybe some of us who have been around awhile who will find this information to be very useful when telling others about CDA. The best form of advertisement is what comes from our mouth.

In Unity and Charity

Julia Kelso, Regent

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas.



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."

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Oregon #118

***Meetings are held the third Thursday of the month. Mass is offered for all CDA members at 12:15
Followed by a potluck lunch & meeting at 1:00 pm at St. Mary Parish Hall
1062 Charnelton St. Eugene***



Prayer Corner

For our Court members

Kay Gillette-Past Court Regent, Eileen Laudani, Donna Schatz, Mary Maira, Olga Saban, Ernestine O'Brien, Ruby Meyer, Pat Vohs, Rosy Makyadath, Cathy Frei, Anna Seeley, Cathy Kirby, Pat Heinrich and Ronnie Chouinard

Family of CDA members

*Carrie Myrand – Daughter-n-law of Jane Myrand and sister-n-law of Julia Kelso
Sarah – Granddaughter of Ernestine O'Brien
Darren – Husband of Cathy Kirby and son-n-law of Anna Marie Blume
James - Son of Marjorie Robb.
Sal – Husband of Eileen Laudani
Julie Ann Daughtery – Daughter of Eileen Laudani*

For others in need of our prayers

*Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Archbishop Alexander K. Sample, Archbishop Emeritus John G. Vlanzy, Bishop Steiner, Bishop Smith and Bishop Cary.
All Priests and religious men and women.
Every one affected by natural disasters.
For all that are looking for employment.
All men and women serving our country.
All those suffering from medical / mental impairments.
For prayer requests or to have your name removed from the list please contact Regent Julia Kelso.*

Masses to be offered for deceased Member

Peggy Staalberg

Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 12:15
And Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 11:00 am.
Mass to be at St. Mary Parish 1062 Charnelton St. Eugene

*Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.
Our heart is glad in him, because we trust
in his holy name. Let your steadfast love,
O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.
Psalm 33: 20-22*

Court Officers

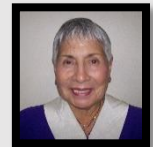
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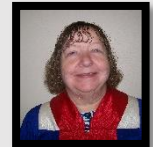
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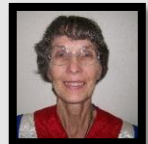
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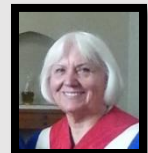
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Corrine Clifford – Health and Wellness

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Vacant

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Christie Beltran – Education Contest

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Ogulvia Skelton ~ Adopt-A-Seminarian

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Stacy Lee Vinolus – Membership
Jane Myrand & Pat Halvorsen
Refreshment

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Pat Halvorsen – First Way

Court Parliamentarian

Tess Cersovski

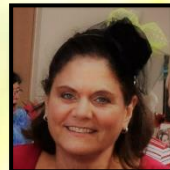
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Miriam Cersovski

Birthdays

April

- 2 – Jackie Cabalka*
- 4 – Christie Beltran*
- 8 – Anna Marie Blume*
- 10 – Rosa Gonzalez*
- 13 – Juanita Thorstad*
- 14 – Donna Schatz*
- 14 – Stacy Lee Vinolus*
- 18 – Corrine Palmer
- 25 – Eileen Laudani*
- 27 – Anna Seeley*
- 30 – Donna Slonecker



May

- 10 – Cindy Fisher*
- 15 – Olga Saban*
- 19 – Phyliss Porter
- 20 – Cathy Kirby*
- 21 – Maryanne Olsen
- 26 – Janeane McClure*
- 28 – Jane Kim, Past Regent*



Circle of Love ~ Quality of Life

Take a stand against Sexual Exploitation - Human Trafficking Vigil

The monthly vigil is held on the first Sunday of the month. The vigil is from 1:30-2:00 pm (only 30 minutes) and held on Gateway Street, Springfield near the main entrance to the Gateway Mall just south of the LTD bus transit station. Signs are provided and all are welcome.

Dates for the first Sunday of the month.

2018

January 7 ~ February 4 ~ March 4 ~ **April 1** ~ May 6 ~ June 3 ~ July 1 ~ August 5
September 2 ~ October 7 ~ November 4 ~ December 2

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APRIL 19TH EVENING MEETING

Time 5:30-7:30 pm

St. Mary Parish Hall, 1062 Charnelton St. Eugene

Please join us for an evening of Fellowship (5:30-6:00), Prayer (6:00-6:30), and a Meeting (6:30-&7:30) of the Catholic Daughters. Join us for what works into your schedule. Lite snacks provided. Come hear what we have been up to and what plans lay ahead. For more information or if you need a ride please call Julia Kelso, Regent 541-344-6851



FIRST WAY – BABY SHOWER

Our court will be collecting baby shower items at the April and May meeting. New and Gently used baby items may be brought to either of these Court meetings.

Other ideas: baby wash, diapers, diaper wipes, blankets, towels, wash clothes, baby fingernail clippers and just about anything related to what a baby might need. First Way also collects items for toddlers as well.

If you are unable to bring your donations to a meeting you can drop off your items at Pat's house just give Pat a call.

Chair - Pat Halvorsen phone 541-342-8535



RADA Cutlery – Chair Barbara Gunn and Co-Chair Susan Freeman.

Rada Cutlery can be ordered anytime of the year. How? Our Court has a link that will take you directly to OUR Courts RADA Cutlery site. How do you tell others about this link to Rada Cutlery? One very simple way is to direct anyone to our Courts website www.cdacourtoregon118.com on the home page they click on the RADA link. You will be directed to the RADA INTERNET FUNDRAISING site. There at the top of the page you will see the following:

Your purchases will support the fundraiser for Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Oregon #118

Our Court receives approx. 40% of the website sales. We will continue to have catalogues available for members to take and share with family and friends. We will continue to take orders the “old fashioned” way.

To place orders, get a catalogue or answer questions call: Barbara Gunn 541-686-6690

*******MAY MEETING Has Changed to MAY 10, 2018*******

Second Thursday of the month.

St. Mary Parish 1062 Charnelton St. Eugene. Mass 12:15 followed by a potluck lunch/meeting at 1:00. Our Court will be voting on new Court Officers for 2018-2020. I hope you will join us for this important time in our Court.

State News

State Conference and Workshop

September 7-9, 2018

Court Columbia #151, Astoria will be hosting this year's Conference and Workshop. They invite us to join in officer training, workshops and sisterhood.

We will be staying at the Comfort Suites Inn (503) 325-2000. Room rates are \$169 per night. Be sure to mention you are with Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Ladies who are planning to attend this year's State Conference:
Julia Kelso, Oguilvia Skelton, Tess Cersovski and Pat Halvorsen.

There is still time for you to decide if you would like to attend. Registration deadline June 1, 2018

State Penney Drive for the Benedictine Sisters at Mt. Angel

Loose change and bills are collected at every meeting. If you are unable to attend a meeting and want to make a donation for the Benedictine Sisters please send your check, with "Benedictine Sisters" on the memo line to the Financial Secretary:

Pat Halvorsen 1560 Acorn Park,
Eugene, Or 97402



Court Oregon #118 Adopt-A-Seminarian

Tristan Dillon, Salt Lake City,
Mt. Angel, College 4
Isaac Allwin, Tucson,
Mt. Angel, College 3
Dalton Rogers, Fresno,
Mt. Angel, Pre-Theo. 2
Anthony Hoangphan, Portland,
Mt. Angel, Pre-Theo 1
Joshua Nehnevaj, Seattle,
Mt. Angel, Pre-Theo. 1
Bonaventure Okoro, Fresno,
Mt. Angel, Theo. 1

Keep the Seminarians in your Prayers.
Mail may be sent to:

**Mount Angel Abbey
1 Abbey Dr.
St. Benedict, Or 97373**

May 4th "Cookie Day"

Seminarian Chair—Oguilvia Skelton

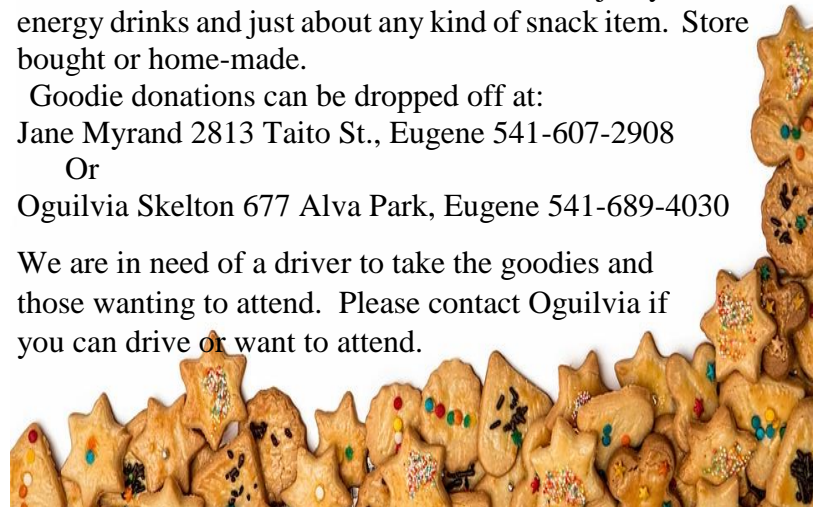
This is always a wonderful experience. The beautiful drive to the Abbey and a great opportunity to meet our Courts Adopted Seminarians! The Seminarians are so appreciative of all the goodies and it is a nice break for them as well. Donations of cookies, jerky, nuts, energy drinks and just about any kind of snack item. Store bought or home-made.

Goodie donations can be dropped off at:
Jane Myrand 2813 Taito St., Eugene 541-607-2908

Or

Oguilvia Skelton 677 Alva Park, Eugene 541-689-4030

We are in need of a driver to take the goodies and those wanting to attend. Please contact Oguilvia if you can drive or want to attend.



National News

My Dear Catholic Daughters

A Message from the National Chaplain

Easter blessings! I pray that your Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving brought you closer to Jesus our Savior through spiritual growth and a deepened participation in the sacramental life of the Church. As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and the new life that He won for us during this Easter season, may we constantly offer praise and thanksgiving for this most precious gift of salvation.



This year, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on April 9, the first Monday after the eight-day celebration of Easter (called the Octave of Easter) concludes with Divine Mercy Sunday. You might already know that we usually celebrate this feast, when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and she responded with her fiat, accepting God’s will, on March 25, or nine months before Christmas. This year, however, this solemnity is moved because it occurs on the same date as Palm Sunday.

This year’s liturgical calendar therefore provides us with a providential reminder of the connection between our Lord’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection, and the role played by our Blessed Mother. It was Mary’s “yes” on that day the angel appeared that brought Jesus into the world, where He ultimately suffered and died for our sins, so that we might have eternal life. As we continue to celebrate throughout this Easter season, may we always be mindful of Mary, turning to her at all times. Remember, whether life seems like the celebration of the crowds greeting Jesus on Palm Sunday or the pain and suffering of Good Friday, Mary is there next to Jesus – and she is next to us as well. Never hesitate to ask for her intercession so that we may do God’s will and so live in the glory of the Resurrection.

May God bless you and your families. A Joyful Easter!

Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

National Convention 2018 Sioux Falls, SD July 18 – 22, 2018

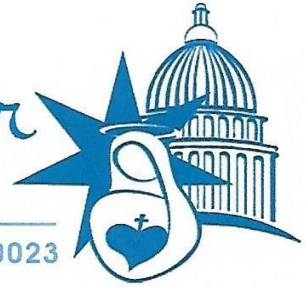
Delegates and Alternates were nominated and voted on at the Feb 15th meeting. The two Delegates that will be voting on your behalf are Julia Kelso, Regent and Tess Cersovski, Recording Secretary. The Alternates are Ogulvia Skelton-Vice Regent, Corrine Clifford, Rosa M. Gonzalez and Juana Guilliams.

If you are considering going to the Convention and have not yet told the Regent, please do so soon, as reservations for airline tickets and hotel reservations are being to be made.

National Projects

Annual Donation has been made by Court Oregon #118

Habitat for Humanity – SOAR – National Center on Sexual Exploitation – Laboure Society – Holy Cross



President of March for Life Celebrates Numerous 2017 Pro-life Victories

Jeanne Mancini, the President of the March for Life has called President Donald Trump the most pro-life President in history. Here are a few of the achievements she discussed from the last year:

- Reinstated and expanded the Mexico City Policy that prohibits \$9 billion in foreign aid from being used to fund the abortion industry,
- Removed funding for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for colluding with China's brutal program of forced abortion and sterilization,
- Worked with Congress to overturn Obama's midnight regulation that prohibited States from defunding abortion service providers,
- Published guidance promising to enforce the Affordable Healthcare law's requirement that taxpayer dollars should not support abortion coverage in exchange plans

Bishops' Human Life Action Committee Summarizes March For Life Week

Several positive pro-life actions by the President and Congress capped the week of the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The National Committee for a Human Life Amendment, (NCHLA), founded by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, summarized the actions:

First, January 19, the day of the March for Life, the House of Representatives voted 241-183 to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 4712). See how your Representative voted: <http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2018/roll036.xml>. Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities issued a statement thanking and praising the House and calling on the Senate to pass it as well.

Second, January 18, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights announced its establishment of a Division on Conscience and Religious Freedom. This new Division was created to more vigorously and effectively enforce existing laws protecting the rights of conscience and religious freedom.

Third, in his speech to the March for Life, President Trump announced two important actions:

- HHS' Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is issuing new guidance to state Medicaid directors

restoring state flexibility to decide program standards. The letter rescinds the Obama Administration's 2016 guidance that specifically restricted states' ability to take certain actions against family-planning providers that offer abortions.

- HHS' Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is announcing a new proposed rule to enforce 25 existing statutory conscience protections for Americans involved in HHS-funded programs, which protect people from being coerced into participating in activities that violate their consciences, such as abortion, sterilization, or assisted suicide.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty, offered a joint statement applauding these actions but also pointing out the need for Congress to enact the Conscience Protection Act to provide permanent legislative protections for victims of discrimination, as well as the ability to defend their rights in court. Without further action from Congress, the protection of these rights may only be short-lived.

Fourth, President Trump issued a proclamation naming January 22nd Sanctity of Human Life Day.

To sign up for legislative alerts, email NCHLA at info@nchla.org

Recap of Last Year's Legislative Goals Shows Most Pro-Life Bills Stalled In Senate

In Operation Morningstar last March, we listed several bills and regulations to support in the first 100 days of the 2017 Congressional session. Many of them passed the House, but are being delayed in the Senate until they can gain enough positive votes to pass. The 2018 election will be vitally important in deciding the future of the pro-life movement.

- No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion; passed the House, no vote in Senate.
- Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act; passed the House, pending vote in Senate.
- Born Alive Abortion Survivors Act; passed the House, no vote in Senate.
- Defund Planned Parenthood; passed the House, no vote in Senate.
- Conscience Protection Act; passed the House, no vote in Senate.
- First Amendment Defense Act" (FADA) to prohibit the federal government from penalizing individuals, nonprofit charities and privately held businesses from acting in accordance with the belief that marriage is

between one man and one woman no vote in House or Senate

- Support Supreme Court nominee if he/she is truly pro-life Gorsuch is pro-life.
- Repeal HHS regulation that prohibited states from withholding federal funds to Planned Parenthood. Yes, by HHS Secretary.
- Repeal HHS mandate that forces all employers, e.g., Little Sisters of the Poor, to pay for contraception, abortifacients, and sterilizations in employee insurance plans. Yes, by HHS Secretary.
- Rescind the guidance letter to public school districts that self-identified transgender students must be permitted to use the locker rooms, shower rooms and restrooms corresponding to their subjectively determined gender identity. Yes, by Education Secretary.
- Repeal the transgender and abortion mandate requiring physicians to perform abortions and sex-reassignment procedures even if physicians determine the gender transition procedures would be harmful to the patient. Yes, pending final HHS rule change.



Quick Reflection
from
THE Marriage Reality
MOVEMENT
by William May
Marriage and Natural Law

The Catechism says the "vocation to marriage is written in to the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the creator." If that is true, why do people have such a difficult time understanding what marriage is and that it can only be between a man and a woman?

St Thomas Aquinas taught two things are required to understand natural law: The first is ordered thought – rational and deductive—and the second is knowledge –facts, an awareness that reality exists. Today, many

tend to just form opinions based on our experience—what we feel is right or wrong.

But people can still see the reality of marriage if we look through the eyes of a person untouched by relativism—the child knows reality. Remember, Christ prayed "Father, you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to the childlike." (Luke 10:21) Who are the wise and learned? We are. That requires humility.

We all can experience God's plan for creation by reflecting on our own natural desire to know where we came from, who is our mother and father and a longing to be loved by them. When that love is withheld, or we don't know our mom or dad, we feel a real loss and wonder about them.

That is why experience tells us and the Church teaches that we have a natural obligation to promote laws, institutions and curricula that encourage men and women to marry before having children.

Submitted by Margaret Sitte, National Chairman of Legislation Approved by Helene Shepard, National Regent

COURT HISTORY (part 1)

An Article was written by Gloria Amort for the:

“Oregon Catholic Historical Society” Newsletter Volume 31 Number 1 Spring 2018

Permission has been given to Court Oregon #118 to use for CDA purposes. I am grateful for the permission given and would like to share a portion of the information written in the article in this April newsletter.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS IN OREGON

The history of the Catholic Daughters of Americas began in Utica, New York at the dawn of the 20th Century. In 1902 John Carberry, Grand Knight of Utica Council, Knights of Columbus, initiated efforts to organize a court of Catholic women as a sister organization to the Knights. On April 25, 1903, seventy Catholic women formed Court Utica. This court, incorporated into The National Order of the Daughters of Isabella on June 18, 1903, would evolve into the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

The Daughters, a civic as well as a religious organization, has for its standard Catholic Unity, Christian Charity and National Patriotism. Their mission was to preserve and propagate the faith, to enhance the spiritual and intellectual dignity of womanhood, to promote true patriotism, and to foster Catholic charitable projects. One of their first projects was assisting the Knights in combating a wave of anti-Catholic bigotry that was sweeping the eastern states.

Similar courts sprang up throughout New York and its neighboring states. By the end of 1904 there were courts located in nine states and in 1909 the first court west of the Rockies was established in Eugene, Oregon.

Prior to locating in Eugene, Nellie Franzwa, Mrs. Joseph, had been active in the Daughters of Isabella in Carroll, Iowa. Knowing the works the Daughters were performing and the sisterhood that developed among the members, Nellie began the efforts to start a Court. She visited every woman parishioner in the Eugene area extolling the Daughters and inviting the women to join. The result of her efforts was the institution of Court Oregon on October 3, 1909, with 36 members. At the 1956 National CDA Convention, Nellie Franzwa was given the title “Mother of the West”.*

In 1911 Nellie organized Oregon’s second court in Astoria. Courts were then organized in Salem* and Portland. By this time, the impact of the war in Europe was being felt in the United States. When the United States entered the war in 1917, National Regent, Genevieve Walsh, called on every court to help in the war effort. Oregon courts joined courts throughout our nation in buying and selling Liberty bonds and other wartime activities. As a result of their many activities, the Daughters gained a reputation as a volunteer organization that produced results.*

The 1920’s brought days of fear when the Ku Klux Klan tried to run Oregon. A bright light for Catholic women in this time of turmoil was the organization of CDA Courts in Roseburg, Mt. Angel and Woodburn*. This brought the number of courts to seven with a combined membership of 700 and January 31, 1923, Oregon State Court was formed.*

Recognizing the need of a Catholic presence on college campuses, the first act of State Court was to foster the work of Newman Clubs in Oregon. This work continues today and the Daughters also offer a Catholic Daughter Campus Court program. A Campus Court was instituted at the University of Oregon in 2016.

(*) Denotes Active Court

To be continued in the May Newsletter.



Julia Kelso, Regent

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2018 Calendar of Events

- April** 12 - CDA officer and chairman meeting. All members are welcome to attend.
10:00-12:00 at St Mary in the St. Luke room
19 – CDA monthly mass 12:15 **No afternoon meeting**
19 – CDA EVENING MEETING 5:30-7:30 pm at St. Mary Parish Hall
1062 Charnelton St. Eugene
- May** 1 – Carmelite Dinner at O’Hara Catholic School. For Tickets contact member
Heather Meenaghan 541-944-3073 or St. Mary Parish office 541-342-1139
4 – Seminarian Cookie Day at Mt. Angel
10 - CDA Monthly meeting 12:15 mass followed by a potluck/meeting at 1:00 held at
St Mary Parish hall 1062 Charnelton St. Eugene. **Please note change to 2nd Thursday**
17 –12:15 Mass offered for CDA members at St. Mary Parish NO meeting
- June** 1 - Save the Date O’Hara’s 20th Annual Living Saint Projects 12:30-2:30 in Gymnasium
9 - Campus Court invites Court Oregon to *New member reception June 9th at 2:00 pm.*
At St. Thomas More Parish
17 – CDA to make and serve coffee cake at KC Father’s Day Breakfast
21 - CDA Monthly meeting 12:15 mass followed by a potluck/meeting at 1:00 held at
St. Mary Parish hall 1062 Charnelton St. Eugene
- July** **17-22 CDANational Convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota**
- August** **TBA - CDA Day at the Grotto**
- September** **7-9 State Conference/Workshop, Astoria**
- October** **13 – Day of Recollection, Benedictine Sisters at Mt. Angel**