



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

December 2018

Court Oregon #118 Eugene, Oregon

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Regents Message

The Advent wreath is out and ready to be lit on December 2nd, the first Sunday of Advent. What a joyous time this is with our homes getting decorated and special foods being prepared. I start making the lefse next week, a Norwegian flat bread. But most importantly is to prepare our heart and souls for the celebration of our Lord's birth. I pray you have a blessed Advent Season.

A wonderful event in CDA history has taken place. Following the Memorial Mass for deceased Knights and CDA members there was an unveiling of our Court Charter. The Charter has officially been hung at the Knights of Columbus Hall! I hope you will have an opportunity to go to the hall and see it hanging in the front entry. I am so grateful to the Knights and the support they have given to Catholic Daughters over the years. Our groups have a connected history and it is wonderful to see the photo of Joe and Nellie Franzwa, first Grand Knight and first Grand Regent between the two charters. I can only imagine the energy this husband and wife had in getting these two groups started here in Eugene. Thank you Knights of Columbus.

In Unity and Charity

Julia Kelso, Regent

Advent Prayer for Families

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

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

*Next meeting will be held Thursday, December 20, 2018
12:15 Mass is offered for all CDA members at St. Mary Parish*

1:00 a POTLUCK LUNCH

*1:30 a short meeting followed by
Christmas Social and small gift exchange.*

(See page 5 for more information.)

St. Mary Parish Hall, 1062 Charnelton St. Eugene

A Message from our Court Chaplain

Rev. Ron Nelson

Dear Catholic Daughters,

As we enter into this busy season of Advent, I encourage you to really make it a time of preparation for the Season of Christmas. If by the time December 25th rolls around and you are tired of Christmas, then you are doing your Advent wrong. Advent is a time of preparing for the coming of that Special Guest. Jesus!



Fr. Ron Nelson

Prayer Corner



For our Court members

Stacy Vinolus, Regina Kungys-Cary, Kay Gillette - Past Local 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, and Ronnie Chouinard

Family of CDA members

*Thomas – Husband of Ernestine O'Brien
Grace Englehardt – Sister of Tess Cersovski
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
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. Vlazny, Bishop Steiner, Bishop Smith and Bishop Cary.
All Priests and religious men and women.
Everyone 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.
Please send prayer requests to Regent Julia Kelso.*

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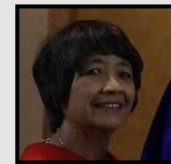


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LOCAL COURT NEWS

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Quality of Life

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Corrine Clifford~ Health and Wellness

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JCDA Assistant Julie Rutledge-Sanchez

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Vacant

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Membership
Jane Myrand & Pat Halvorsen
Refreshment

Family

Pat Halvorsen ~ First Way

Court Parliamentarian

Tess Cersovski

Webmaster

Miriam Cersovski

Birthdays

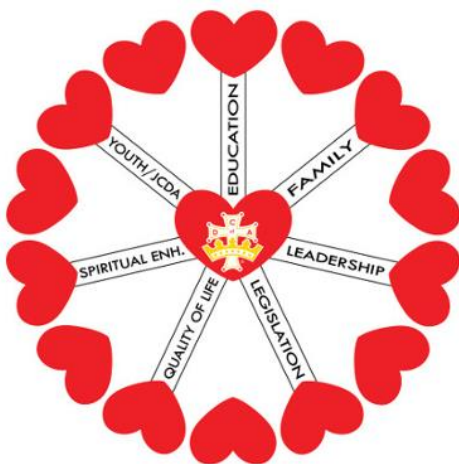
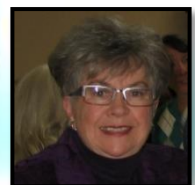
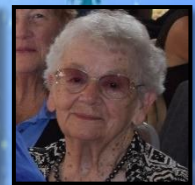
December

8 – Marie Blecha
16 – Corrine Clifford *
24 – Julie Rochon
30 – Miriam Cersovski *



January

3 - Regina Kungys-Cary*
7 – Ronnie Chouinard*
9 – Shirley Fogarty *
9 – Corrine Lopez*
10 – Gloria Michaels
14 – Anne Olsen *
16 - Kathleen O'Connell *
20 – Susan Steimer*
21 - Danuta Hall*
28 – Pat Klenke*
29 – Vilma Baker



CIRCLE OF LOVE ~ *Quality of Life*

Take a stand against Sexual Exploitation Human Trafficking Vigil

This monthly vigil is held on the first Sunday of the month 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 *2018* First Sunday of the month.
January 7 ~ February 4 ~ March 4 ~ April 1 ~ May 6 ~ June 3
July 1~August 5 ~September 2 ~October 7 ~ November 4

December 2

A CLOSER WALK WITH JESUS

(Composed by Court Vice Regent Tess Cersovski)

ASK THE GUARDING ANGELS

Dear Guarding Angels Faith & Hope:

What is Advent all about?

Signed: Curious about Advent

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of **Christmas**.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas.)
[\[www.usccb.org\]](http://www.usccb.org)

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

ADVENT CALENDAR

Looking for a free Advent Calendar? One can be found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website:

www.usccb.org.

Check it out!

Also, other Advent prayers and daily activities can be found at this website.

The "O Antiphons" of Advent

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

STAYING CONNECTED TO JESUS

Each month we will explore a different app or website to help you deepen your faith and learn ways to stay connected to Jesus. Here are 2 websites.

December: <http://www.usccb.org>
DynamicCatholic.com
(Advent Retreat)

LOCAL COURT NEWS



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus especially Marc Langley, Grand Knight and Paul Noonan for your help in getting our Court Charter hung in a place of honor. "We are very grateful to have our Court's Charter hanging next to the Knight's Charter." In between is a photo of the First Grand Knight Joe Franzwa and the first Grand Regent Nellie Franzwa. A brief history on both groups is also in the frame.

The State Penny Drive for the coming year will benefit the Providence Child Center

Money will be collected at all meetings. If you are unable to attend a meeting and would like to contribute, please mail your check to our Financial Secretary,
Fria Rogers 3209 Chambers St. Eugene, Or 97405

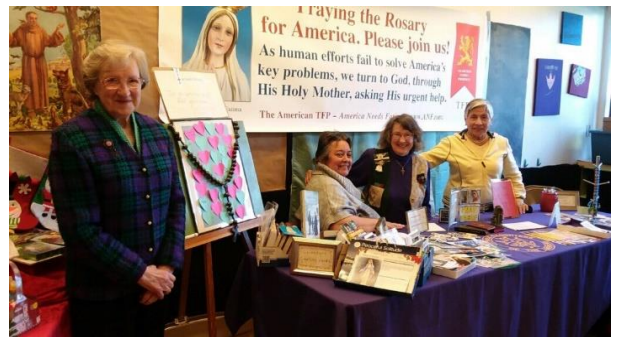
DECEMBER 20th CHRISTMAS POTLUCK Short meeting and Christmas Social

Please join your CDA sisters for our annual Christmas Potluck and small (\$5 +/-) gift exchange. Following the 12:15 Mass a Potluck will be served in the parish hall. We will have a short meeting followed by some social time and a friendly gift exchange. I hope you will join us for a festive time.



Merry Christmas

CIRCLE OF LOVE SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT



Heather Meenaghan, Donna Schatz, Barbara Gunn and Oguilvia Skelton man a "Prayer Table" at the St. Marks annual Bazaar. They had many donated religious items to hand out to assist anyone in prayer. Thank you ladies for your encouragement of prayer in the community.

Christmas Fête at St. Mary

All are invited to attend this spirited event on Thursday, December 13th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Center.

- * Movie presentation: "Going My Way" starring Bing Crosby as Father O'Malley
- * "UGLY Christmas Sweater" Contest
- * Singing Christmas Carols
- * Hot Chocolate & Sweet Treats
- * Many more family activities

CDA to donate cookies and/or Drinks. Please call Julia to let her know of your donation.

STATE NEWS

“If God is for us, Who can be Against Us” This is the theme that Irene Duda, State Regent has chosen.

Seminarian List

Please pray for our Court’s adopted Seminarians as well as vocations to the religious life.

Tristan Dillon, Oakland, Mt. Angel, Theo 2
Dalton Rogers, Fresno, Mt. Angel, Theo 2
Anthony Hoangphan, Portland, Mt. Angel, Theo 1
Bonaventure Okoro, Fresno, Mt. Angel, Theo 3
Andre Sicard-Rodriguez, Salt Lake City, College 4
Chase Eugene Willcuts, Portland, Pastoral year at St. Mary Eugene

Send a note to a Seminarian. It is always a treat to find something in your mailbox.

Abbey Address:	Mount Angel Abbey	St. Mary Parish
	1 Abbey Dr.	1062 Charnelton St
	St. Benedict, OR 97373	Eugene, Or 97401

“Cookie Day” at Mt Angel Seminary December 7, 2018.

Donations of treats such as cookies, jerky, energy drinks, individual packaged items are appreciated by the Seminarians as they prepare for testing. Your donations can be dropped off at Jane Myrand’s 2813 Taito St. Eugene (phone 541-607-2908) or Oguilvia Skelton’s 677 Alva Park Dr. Eugene (phone 541-689-4030)

A car pool will be going to Mt. Angel. If you would like to attend please call Julia to reserve your spot. Below is the plan for the day.

- 8:30 am Friday December 7th leave Julia Kelso home 91247 N Willamette St Coburg
- 10:00 am arrive Mt. Angel. Put goodies out with time to go to the library, visit the chapel or museum ...
- 12:00 have lunch with hopes of seeing and visiting with our courts Seminarian’s.
Suggested \$5 Donation for lunch.
- 1:30 Benedictine Brewery and Taproom
- 3:00 Leave for Coburg/Eugene

Mark your calendar for the next “Cookie Day” **May 3, 2019**



One in the Heart of Christ
10th Annual Eugene Seminary Benefit Dinner
Sunday, March 3, 2019
Eugene Hilton, Eugene, Oregon

Reception 4 PM | Dinner and Program 5 PM

For Tickets contact Oguilvia Skelton 541-689-4030

National News

Message from National Regent

Olga Samaniego

My Dear Catholic Daughters,



We are beginning the beautiful season of Advent, and I cannot imagine a more perfect time of year! The world is twinkling. Together we are anticipating a glorious event—the birth of Our Lord! It is a time of joy—of rebirth and renewal! It is also a hectic time of year. There is so much to do! We have our jobs, paid and unpaid, we are shopping, baking, and decorating, and caring for children and grandchildren in addition to working on our court activities and service projects. We are doing all that we can do to ensure that everyone has a Merry Christmas. In addition to all the people your gift list, don't forget to give yourself a gift—the gift of spending time with God.



In this time of rebirth and renewal, let the Lord renew you! Let Him fill you with His spirit and His joy; let Him fill you to overflowing with His love. Then we can ensure that those around us will have a joy-filled Christmas because they will experience the joy of Christmas through you! So, light your advent wreath, read the Scriptures, participate in Eucharistic Adoration, and receive the Eucharist as often as possible. Let the Lord love you this Christmas season, and let Him help you grow in love with Him.

Finally, I ask you to give one more gift to a very important person in your life—your parish priest/ court chaplain. This is a very difficult time for our Church, and our priests are bearing the brunt of the backlash over what is occurring. Many are nervous and feel like they are walking on eggshells. We know, however, that for every priest who may be guilty of impropriety, there are many others who work faithfully every day to bring us comfort, to bring us the sacraments, to officiate at our weddings and funerals, and who continue to minister faithfully to their flocks. In this issue you will find a prayer for priests. This prayer allows you to insert the names of your priests as you pray for them. I ask you please to say the prayer at every meeting for the next term. Copy the prayer and give it to your membership so that they can share it with others and pray it at home with their families.

When we pray for renewal-when we ask God to renew us in His image, He is faithful to answer that prayer. A renewed membership following God and God-filled priests **Can Do Anything!**



A Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, our great High Priest,
Hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priest, Father (N).
Give him a deep faith a bright and firm hope and a burning
love which will ever increase
In the course of his priestly life.



In his loneliness, comfort him

In his sorrows, strengthen him

In his frustrations, point out to him that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show him that he is needed by the Church, he is needed by souls, he is needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your son who is close to you because of his priestly ordination, and because of the power which he has received to carry on the work of Christ in a work which needs him so much.

Be his comfort, be his joy, be his strength, and especially help him to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy. Amen.



2019 National Education Contest

**Themes: "HERE I AM LORD I COME TO DO YOUR WILL." Ps 40
Or DOING MY BEST TO DO GOOD.**

All CDA members are eligible and encouraged to enter this contest. Entry forms will be available at the following CDA meetings, December 20, 2018 and January 17, 2019.

Division and Categories: Note: Students may be Catholic and Non-Catholic

Division 1	Grades 4-5	Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art
Division 2	Grades 6-7-8	Essay, Poetry, Art Computer Art, Music, Photography
Division 3	Grades 9-10-11-12	Essay, Poetry, Art Computer Art, Music, Photography
Division 4	Adult CDA members	Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Photography

For entry forms and a complete list of rules please contact:
Regent Julia Kelso cdacourtoregon118@gmail.com or
Visit the National Website www.catholicdaughters.or



**You Are Invited
To Attend**

**ANNUAL
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Saturday, December 8, 2018

5:30 PM Gathering

6:30PM Dinner

Holiday Pot Roast

With all the trimmings

For Tickets/Reservations

\$25/Person

\$8/6yrs - Teens

5 yrs and under Free

RSVP

Marc Langley

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courtesyd@comcast.net

Great Music



**Columbus Hall
1144 Charnelton
Eugene, OR**





Julia Kelso, Regent

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2018 Calendar of Events

- December*** ***2 – Advent Begins***
7- Seminarian Cookie Day at Mt. Angel
8 – Knights of Columbus Christmas Party CDA Members are invited. See flyer page 9
13 – CDA to provide Christmas cookies for St. Mary Christmas party
20 – CDA Mass 12:15 - 1:00 POT LUCK - 1:30 meeting/Christmas social & gift exchange
25 – Merry Christmas

2019

- January*** ***17 – CDA Mass 12:15 followed by a BROWN BAG LUNCH and meeting at 1:30***
February ***10 – Bake Sale and Fudge Sale after all morning masses***
21 - CDA Mass 12:15 followed by a BROWN BAG LUNCH and meeting at 1:30
March ***3 – Seminarian Benefit Dinner at the Eugene Hilton***
6 – Ash Wednesday
21 - CDA Mass 12:15 followed by a BROWN BAG LUNCH and meeting at 1:30
April ***21 - Easter***
26-28 State Convention, Klamath Falls
May ***3 – Cookie Day at Mt. Angel Seminary***

Help needed this Holiday Season

- ***Seminarian Cookies and Treats see page 6 for details***
- ***St Mary Christmas party Cookies and drinks needed see page 5 for details***