

# Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

Court Oregon #118 Eugene, Oregon

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Advent Season a time to prepare.

We hear the word prepare many times throughout the year. May you be blessed during this season of Advent as you prepare to celebrate the arrival of baby Jesus, on Christmas morning. With so many material preparations taking place around us let our hearts be ready for the special day ahead.

Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> several Court members will travel to Mount Angel for Seminarian Cookie Day. This is always a special day as we have the opportunity to meet and have lunch with our Courts adopted Seminarians. Please keep the Seminarians in your prayers as they continue their education and their discernment into the religious life.

During the month of December our Court will have the "Christmas Candy Kiss Guess" fundraiser. Tickets will be sold after morning masses on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by the St. Mary parish hall to see if help is needed. The winner will be announced at the St. Mary Christmas Party on Friday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Catholic Daughters will be providing treats such as cookies, pretzels, nuts and hot chocolate. Help will be needed for this event.

Since my husband's health has declined I have had to cut back on time spent on some of our CDA events. Many of you have stepped forward to help and it is greatly appreciated. I am truly grateful for all the prayers for my husband as well. There is power in prayer!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

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."

## Prayer Corner

#### For our Court members

Marie Weber, Stacy Vinolus, Regina Kungys-Cary, Kay Gillette - Past Local Court Regent, Eileen Laudani, 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

Carina Myrand – Granddaughter of Jane Myrand
Don Cersovski – Husband of Tess Cersovski
Thomas – Husband of Ernestine O'Brien
Grace Englehardt – Sister of Tess Cersovski
Sarah – Granddaughter of Ernestine O'Brien
Darren – Husband of Cathy Kirby and
son-n-law of Anna Marie Blume
Julie Ann Daughtery – Daughter of Eileen Laudani
Fred Kelso – Husband of Julia

<u>Deceased Family of CDA members</u>
Mike Cary, Husband of Regina Kungys-Cary

#### 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 or to have your name removed to Regent Julia Kelso.

#### Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Oregon #118

Thursday, December 19, 2019
12:15 Mass offered for CDA members
1:00 Christmas Potluck Lunch
And short Meeting. Time for social and an inexpensive (\$5+) gift exchange.

St. Mary Parish Hall 1062 Charnelton St. Eugene

#### Court Officers

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# MESSAGE FROM THE OREGON STATE CHAPLAIN REV. JAMES HERRERA

To the Catholic Daughters of the State of Oregon, Come Lord Jesus!

Dear Sisters in Christ,

We find ourselves once again at the beginning of a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. Each year we are reminded that we are called to always be awake and alert for at an hour that we do not know, our Lord Jesus will come to us and call us to go with Him to the place that he has prepared for us. Will he find us awake and alert?

The season of Advent is not so much a time of penance, as is what we experience during the season of Lent, but Advent is a time for us to prepare. We are called of course to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' first coming into the world, at Christmas, but more importantly we are to prepare ourselves for His second coming, which we are all still waiting for.

In our lives we often we find ourselves busy preparing for many things besides the coming of Jesus during these Advent days. Often times we are getting ready and preparing to travel to visit family, or we are preparing gifts that we will give during Christmas, maybe we are preparing food to share. During all of this business we must not pass by the opportunity that we are given to prepare our hearts for Jesus, which is the greatest task that we are called to prepare for in our lives.

May these holy winter days be blessed one's for you and all your families!!

Advent Blessings,

Fr. James Herrera CDA Oregon State Chaplain



#### LOCAL COURT NEWS



#### CHRISTMAS CANDY KISS GUESS

Can you guess how many Chocolate Kisses are in the Lantern? This is a 50/50 Fundraiser. The First Prize is 50% of the ticket sales. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place is some Beautiful RADA Cutlery. Guess the total amount of Candy Kisses. To help with a tiebreaker guess how many green and gold Kisses there are. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.



Catholic Daughters will be selling tickets after Sunday Mass on

#### December 8th & 15th

Winner to be announced Friday, December 20th at the Saint Mary Christmas Party.

This is a 50/50 Fundraiser
Winner receives 50% of the sales. If there is more than one winner the prize will be split.
Volunteers are needed to help sell tickets after mass.





#### RADA CUTLERY

YES!!! Our Court is still selling RADA Cutlery one of our Courts ongoing fundraisers. Keep RADA in mind, for the holidays, birthdays, and weddings or for any of your gift giving needs? There are two ways to see and order all the wonderful products of RADA. Visit our Courts website and just click on the RADA link to see the items. Secondly you can obtain a catalogue from Barbara or Julia and place your order through us. Our Court receives 40% of all sales Please consider shopping RADA as your next gift option.

To obtain a catalogue or to order on the website contact: Barbara Gunn 541-686-6690 or Julia Kelso 541-344-6851 Court website www.cdacourtoregon118.com

#### **LOCAL COURT NEWS**

### Birthdays December 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

# Masses offered for deceased member Marie Blecha Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 8:30 am Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 8:00 am Location: St. Paul Parish 1201 Satre St., Eugene

#### CIRCLE OF LOVE and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### Quality of Life

Lynda Atto ~ Human Trafficking Corrine Clifford ~ Health and Wellness

#### Youth

Lisa Hurlimann

**Legislation** Vacant

#### **Education**

Christie Beltran ~ Education Contest

#### Spiritual Enhancement

Lisa Hurlimann ~ Spiritual Chair Seminarian Chair's Oguilvia Skelton & Kathleen O'Connell

#### Leadership

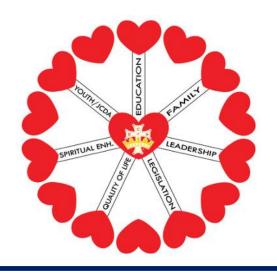
Rosy Makyadath ~ Membership Jane Myrand & Pat Halvorsen Refreshment

#### **Family**

Pat Halvorsen ~ First Way

Court Parliamentarian Tess Cersovski

> *Webmaster* Miriam Cersovski



#### STATE NEWS

#### Seminarian list for 2019-2020 For Court Oregon #118

Tristan Dillon, Oakland, Mt. Angel, Pastoral year Dalton Rogers, Fresno, Mt. Angel, Pastoral year Anthony Hoangphan, Portland, Mt. Angel, Theo. 3 Bonaventure Okoro, Fresno, Mt. Angel, Theo. 4 Marcos Ricardo Alvarado, Portland, Mt. Angel, College 1 Darrell Edward Falconburg, Boise, Pre-Theo 2

Send a note to a Seminarian. Abbey Address:

Mount Angel Abbey

1 Abbey Dr.

Benedict, OR 97373

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

Cookie Days December 6, 2019 and May 1, 2020

"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

#### **2019-2020 Penny Drive**

This year's Penny Drive is for The Grotto.

#### 2020 OREGON STATE CONFERENCE

This will be the same weekend as CDA DAY AT THE GROTTO Friday, August 14, 15, and 16, 2020. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

More information to come.

#### **2021 OREGON STATE CONVENTION**

This event will be held in Hermiston April 16, 17& 18, 2021

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### 2020Annual Priest Appreciation Dinner

Friday January 17, 2020 5:30 Reception 6:30 Dinner (formal attire)
Holiday Inn Express 913 Kruse Way, Springfield. All are invited to attend. \$40 per person
Reservations: David Olszyk E-mail olsdan@proaxis.com or call 541-689-8070

#### Mark your Calendar:

Seminarian Benefit Dinner March 8, 2020

Carmelite Benefit Dinner May 19, 2020

#### ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over so many things look forward to you coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking light. To you we say, Come Lord Jesus. Amen

#### **NATIONAL NEWS**

#### MESSAGE FOR OUR CDA NATIONAL DIRECTOR, CONNIE DRONETTE

My dear Oregon Catholic Daughters,

Happy Advent! What a wonderful moment in time that we are given to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. I remember being so excited as a child to see the Christmas decorations up in the stores. Now, I just want to yell, not yet!

Do you have a spiritual plan for Advent? Some read a chapter of Luke each day and finish it on Christmas Eve. There are many great traditions such as the Advent Wreath and the Straw in the Manger. Both of those provide the opportunity to reflect on the coming of Jesus. There are many beautiful Saint feast Days in December as well. St. Nicholas on the 6th and St. Lucia on the 13th are two of my favorites.

I am going to put the Advent candles on my prayer table using an advent prayer book to meditate each day. This year, I am adding the Novena to the Infant Jesus starting on Dec. 16 and ending on Dec. 24. It can be found on www.motherteresa.org.

Make sure to prepare your hearts this Advent. If you don't, the world will be happy to fill it with craziness!

I will be putting a picture of my December prayer table on the first day of Advent on our new National face book page. If you haven't joined, please send me a friend request at National Catholic Daughters of the America's. I check it several times a day.

Thank you for all of the many cards and emails of condolence at the passing of my brother. They meant so much to me.

May you and your family experience a Blessed and Holy Christmas Season.

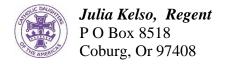
Your Servant Sister,

Connie Dronette

National Director

#### NATIONAL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS

The CDA National Convention will be in Dallas, Texas on July 15-19, 2020. Reservations can be made at the Central Reservations for Marriott. The number is 888-627-8191. The Convention will be at the Sheraton Dallas. The address is 400 North Olive Street, Dallas, Texas 75201. The direct phone number is 214-922-8000.



#### 2019 Calendar of Events

December	6	Seminarian Cookie Day
	8	CDA sell Christmas Candy Kiss Guess Tickets after all Morning Masses
	<i>15</i>	CDA sell Christmas Candy Kiss Guess Tickets after all Morning Masses
	19	12:15 Mass offered for CDA members at St. Mary Parish.
		1:00 CDA Christmas potluck and meeting in Parish Hall.
	<i>20</i>	St. Mary Christmas Party Winner of the CDA Christmas Candy Kiss Announced
		CDA to provide cookies, nuts, pretzels and hot chocolate
	<i>25</i>	Merry Christmas
January	1	Happy New Year
	16	CDA Mass at St. Mary 12:15 offered for CDA members