

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT ST. ANTHONY #330: COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA



JUNE 2021

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Mission: Catholic Daughters

strive to embrace the principles of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6-1 Brenda Dresen
6-6 Dcn James Mason, St. Patrick
6-6 Judy Lookabill
6-9 Felicia Davidson
6-10 Marcella Lee
6-11 Monica Sciortino
6-15 Evelyn Seidler

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6-9-2008 Carol Andress
6-9-2008 Judy Lookabill
6-14-2010 Carol Hollenbeck
6-10-2013 Shar Pekny
6-10-2013 Kathy Plourde
6-24-2019 Lisa Milbrath

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7-6 Fr. Chuck Kottas, St. Peter
7-10 Amelia Andersen
7-12 Rita Hughes
7-24 Marion Madden

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7-11-2019 Marilyn Good

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8-04 Barbara Paulson
8-08 Pat Christensen
8-15 Mary Carroll
8-20 Dcn Chuck Hannan, St. Patrick
8-26 Marilyn Good

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8-14-17 Lucile Burk
8-14-17 Jane Grote

MESSAGE FROM YOUR REGENT



What an exciting and welcome day it was on Monday, April 19, 2021! After 14 months without being able to hold a meeting, it finally happened! Twenty-three women came together in the St. Patrick Social Hall to resume the MISSION of the CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS. We were there to “embrace the principles of faith, working through love” so we prayed the Holy Rosary for our deceased member **Charlotte Spoto** and Nora Jane, granddaughter of member **Monica Sciortino**. We also prayed for all those who have one of our prayer boxes and those listed on our website (cda330.org) who are in need of prayer. As we began our business meeting, we prayed a St. Anthony Litany to our patron saint asking, in part, that our Court may “grow in the peace, compassion and generosity of Jesus Christ.”

We welcomed **Lorraine Shald**, our transfer member from St. Monica Court #877 in Norfolk, NE. We held a Reception of New Members ceremony for **Jan Swift** and her daughter **Susie Van Voltenberg** from Corpus Christi Parish. We gained a new member during 2020, **Mary Jo Klein**, by receiving her at her home last September. Sadly, we had two members who did not pay dues and one who transferred out. Most worthy Past Regent, **Julie Marlow** is now a member of a Des Moines court. Good news is, she is still working for us. She was just installed at the State of Iowa CDA as Recording Secretary! We know that she will do such a great job.

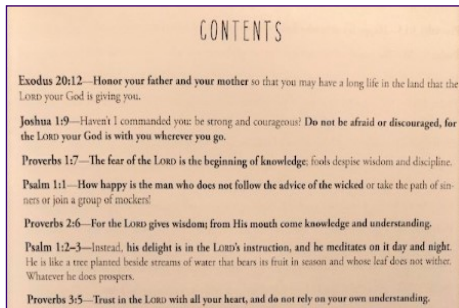
We have 61 members currently, but have set our sights on increasing that number in this year of 2021, now that we have a confirmed meeting location, on the fourth Monday of the month, at 5:30 pm for the rest of 2021 and beyond. We will celebrate the 101st Anniversary of Court #330 in October of this year. My fervent hope is to see you all on **Monday, June 28, 2021** when Fr. James will offer Mass and we will install Deacon John Pfenning (St. Patrick) as our new Court Chaplain!

The future of our Court awaits! We will resume dinner committees in the months ahead. I sincerely thank you for all your tremendous support throughout the long pandemic months. You held it all together. I look forward to seeing our court grow in numbers and in service to our parishes and the community of Council Bluffs. Bring a friend! We have brochures to hand out. Let's go ladies! And....Thanks be to God.... WELCOME BACK!

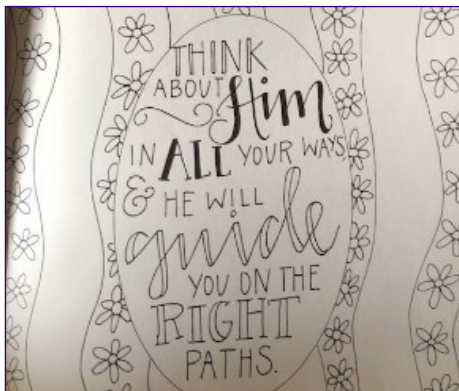
In Unity & Charity, Regent Carol



Large 3"x 4" sticker on inside cover.



Contents page in front of coloring book scripture citations.



Sample page of the 96-page book, thick enough for colored pencils, markers or paint. Proverbs 3:6



COURT #330 PRESENTS CONFIRMATION GIFTS IN MAY OF 2021

Adult Coloring Books have enjoyed increased popularity among teenagers and ALL those who have endured the year of the COVID19 pandemic. So, this year we chose to gift the Confirmation participants of our three parishes with a ninety-six page, 8" by 8" adult coloring book weighing in at 1.1 lb. each.

The book is entitled "Wisdom of Scripture: A Coloring Journey." **It was received with great excitement** by the youngsters at the Corpus Christi Confirmation Mass, 10:00 am Saturday, May 1st and the St. Patrick Confirmation Mass, 7:00 pm, Wednesday, May 12th. St. Peter held their Confirmation Mass in February, and Fr. Kottas will make sure their seven students get their books. Twenty-nine books went to St. Patrick, placed inside a gift bag from the parish and twenty books were handed out to students at the Corpus Christi Mass.

On the Inside cover of each coloring book the children will find a **book plate**, as seen in the photo, with greetings from our Court St. Anthony #330. Recording Secretary Angie Shea had these printed for our court. Sixteen-year-old Mary (granddaughter of Regent Carol) wrote "Come Holy Spirit" in calligraphy on each book plate. Thanks for your help Mary!

The front of the book lists the **verses from scripture** from which the words on each coloring page are taken. The student can then look up the surrounding text in a Bible, to further understand the meaning of the scripture page. For example, the page shown in a photo here is taken from Proverbs 3:6.

In recent years we have given the RCIA and Confirmation members gifts such as a St. Joseph New Testament Study Bible and a large, burgundy color canvas Bible Carrier. The recipients of these gifts are always so grateful and surprised. **They recognize that the Catholic Daughters Court cares about their progress in Faith.** But most of all we know they have a memento that is a tool, that can be used to further their devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ. All these gifts are well worth our time and donation to our community parishes. Also, it is great PR for the court.



Bishop William Joensen begins the Celebration of the Confirmation Mass at Corpus Christi Church, with Deacon Bob McClellan and Fr. Enrique Garcia-Elizalde.



(L) Vice Regent Felicia Davidson and member Kathy Carlin helped Regent Carol and Treasurer Jan Roth present Coloring Books to the 20 Confirmed at Corpus Christi Parish Church.

2021 COURT #330 EDUCATION CONTEST PROCEEDS IN SPITE OF PANDEMIC

Mariann Hilderbrand has been serving our Court as Chair of our Youth Program (that is the Annual CDA Education Contest and Awards Dinner) for many years. She receives the Guidelines for the Education Contest from our National CDA. The theme for 2021 was **“Let All You Do Be Done With Love”** 1 Cor. 16:14 or **“Show Love To One Another.”** Then she invites students and teachers at St. Albert Catholic Schools to participate. She finds several judges to evaluate the entries in three Divisions/Grade Levels. In each Division student products are judged in the categories of Poetry, Essay, Art, Photography and Computer Art.



Mariann also purchases gifts for each student winner of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place entries. These gifts are religious items such as crucifixes, plaques, Rosaries and statuary. She also arranges for a Master of Ceremonies, who in recent years has been Jen Brown, from KVSS Spirit Catholic Radio. The result of the submissions she sent to the State of Iowa CDA for 2021 was that **six of our students received awards and cash!** Among the recognized winners were three 3rd Place, one 2nd Place and two 1st Place students. The 1st Place winners were **Jesus Barajas**, Division III, Computer Art and **Mia Allmon**, Division III Art. The two 1st Place winners will go to National CDA for judging. A 2nd Place award went to **Georgianna Nick**, Division I, Computer Art. The 3rd Places winners were

Emma Gardner, Division III, Poetry and **Stavros Nick**, Division II, Computer Art. It is inspiring to see the faith of children expressed through art.

Mariann recently stated that she “missed being with the children at our Education Contest Awards Dinner this time.” The COVID19 Pandemic would not permit the event this March. We did slip-in the Awards Dinner on March 2, 2020, just before the shutdowns began.

Many of our members enjoy helping each year. Seeing the talent and enthusiasm of the St. Albert students is worth all the effort that it takes to put on this annual dinner. The court provides the funds for the main dish (hot dogs, chili and the like.) Our members bring lots of sides and desserts. Members volunteer in the kitchen for set-up, serving line and clean up. The program which follows the meal includes the children sharing their work with us and receiving their certificates

and gifts. **It is an occasion of joy and accomplishment!** Photos have been in the Iowa Catholic Mirror, the Voice (Iowa CDA), Share Magazine (National CDA), and the Nonpareil. So, it is wonderful PR for our court too!



2016 Ed Awards Dinner Chair
Mariann Hilderbrand at the
awards table.



Student presents
her essay during
2018 Ed Awards
Dinner.



2016 Ed Awards Dinner
(L) Emcee Jen Brown, Catholic
Spirit Radio KVSS prepares with
Mariann Hilderbrand.



Layna Beer and Angie Shea



Dola Mehsling, Linda Spencer, Brenda Dresen



Sue Thomas and Jane Grote

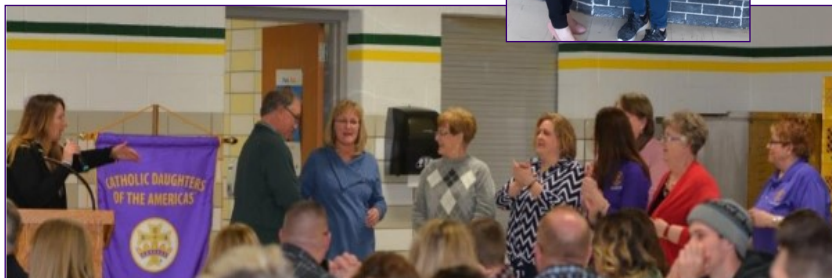
SCHOLARSHIP FOR ST. ALBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Our Court has donated scholarship funds to St. Albert Catholic Schools for many years. The intention is to assist 8th Graders moving on to High School. We gave a \$300 check to the school President on May 17, 2021. Usually, this scholarship is presented to the President or a Principal who attends our Annual Education Contest Dinner in March. Due to COVID19 we could not provide a dinner for students, teachers and parents in the St. Albert Cafeteria this year. So, we had to deliver the scholarship to the administration, after the court voted to disperse funds at our April 17, 2021 meeting (the first meeting in 13 months.)



Top right: St. Albert President, Anne Rohling with Mariann Hilderbrand, Chair of Court Education Committee.

Bottom right: 2018 Usual Education Awards Dinner Presentation of our Scholarship check.



WHAT CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS IS . . .

- + One of the oldest & largest volunteer organizations of Catholic women in the Americas, formed in 1903
- + A spiritual charitable organization of women dedicated to the Catholic Church

WHO CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ARE . . .

- + 63,000 dues-paying members in 1,150 courts in 45 states across the country and in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam, the Virgin Islands
- + Women from all walks of life with a common faith goal

WHAT CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS DO . . .

- + Donate to charities, parishes, and Catholic schools
- + Participate in community projects and events
- + Plan youth projects, contests, and recognitions
- + Take time for our own spiritual development
- + Work within and for our own parishes and communities



**Catholic Daughters
of the Americas®**

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ORGANIZATION HAS A TWOFOLD PURPOSE: SPIRITUALITY AND SERVICE . . .

The integration of spirituality and service is the foundation of the Catholic Daughters. CDA helps women develop the spirituality and provides avenues of service to live out that spirituality. The CDA gives members a unique opportunity to share their faith with other Catholic women. Helping others through charitable acts in the spirit of Jesus Christ is the heart of our organization.



HOW YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT US . . .

- + Talk to any current members
- + Visit our local court website: cda330.org
- + Visit our local court Facebook page: facebook.com/cda330
- + Visit the Iowa Catholic Daughters website: IowaCatholicDaughters.org

HOW YOU CAN JOIN US . . .

- + Contact Carol Hollenbeck: carolhollenbeck@ymail.com



MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT ON MARY MARTIN

By Carol Hollenbeck & Mary's Friends

Member Court St. Jude #2053 Scottsbluff, NE 4-22-1986 to 4-2004

Member Court St. Anthony #330 Council Bluffs, IA since 5-9-2005

35 Years a Catholic Daughter!



Mary Edith (Grote) Martin came to us as a transfer, from a sister court in Nebraska where she spent 18 years. She was an active member there, who started one of the current money makers for Court St. Jude #2053 in Scottsbluff, NE. Jeanette Fitzgerald, who was one of her CDA sisters there, tells us the following story:

“Mary had the idea of selling religious articles to the members of St. Agnes Parish. With this project she volunteered to order the items, set them up and sell them, with the help of fellow members of the Catholic Daughters. Mary felt it was important to make money to pay for expenses, but more importantly to contribute to the many charities which were held dear by the Catholic Daughters.”

*Continue reading and you will hear more from Jeanette Fitzgerald and also enjoy the touching memories and photos shared with us by Lucille Koenig, another of her friends/CDA Sisters from those Scottsbluff days.

Mary turned 101 years of age on February 15, 2021. That means she was born in the winter of 1920, just prior to our Court #330 being chartered on October 31, 1920. When I contacted JoAnn Nash, current Regent of Court St. Jude #2053, she told me it was sad that one of their older members had just passed away recently. She had been considered the best historian of their court, because she was 107 years of age! I told her that there must be “something in the water there in Scottsbluff, NE!” All the years I have been sending Birthday and Anniversary greetings to Mary Martin from Court #330, I had no idea of her age. The attendant at the Retirement Center in Omaha, tells me that Mary “has a great memory.” She has a landline in her room. What a blessing that is for her, and for us!

Recently, our court member Mary Alice Wickham, had a phone conversation with Mary Martin. Mary Alice tells me that Mary grew up on a farm outside Neola, Iowa and that she graduated from St. Joseph Catholic School there. There were twelve in her class and they were taught by the Humility Sisters of Ottumwa, IA. (Mary Martin's husband Tom's brother married Mary Alice's aunt; they have a connection.)

I spoke with Mary on the phone on June 4, 2021. She had just returned from a family birthday party in Council Bluffs. Three of her children were there celebrating with her. This centenarian continues to have a busy life. I'm sure her life has always been busy, because Mary and her husband Tom had ten children; three girls and seven boys! Mary told me that her husband said they were a “seven, seven, seven family.” They had seven boys, her husband was one of seven boys and his Grandfather had seven boys. She chuckled and said, “It may not be true about the grandfather!” But we agreed it is a great story and that there are a lot of boys in the generations. She is fortunate to have three of her ten children in the area to visit with her and take her places in 2021.

*As promised, the following memories and photos were shared with me by her friends in Scottsbluff. I will be sending our Court #330 Newsletter to them and I will deliver a printed copy to Mary, so all can ENJOY!

A message from longtime friend and member of St. Jude Court #2053 of Scottsbluff, NE, Lucille Koenig.....

"Mary Martin was a faithful member of Catholic Daughters and I think she held most of the offices. She was a proud mother of her large family.

Mary and Tom always came to Mass dressed for the occasion like we used to, and sometimes Mary wore a hat to match her outfit. It was always good to see them in a front pew together.

One of her interests was playing bridge. I don't know if she belonged to a club but I do know she played in tournaments with some of the best in town. Mary and a friend tried to teach Eve Merrigan and I, but one of the ladies bailed out, so Eve and I did too. I guess we were on the "pitch" card playing level!



Quilting was a passion with her. She knew how to put a quilt together, what supplies she needed and what colors looked good together. I don't think I was ever at her house without seeing a quilt in the process of being made. Quilting with her was fun because we could visit too and learn from each other. The photo is of the "Around the World" quilt that was pieced together by Mary Martin. We put it together starting March 30, 1990 and finished June 7, 1990. Mary donated it to the Altar Society and it was raffled off at the Fall Bazaar. The other photo is Mary, in her home, at work on this quilt."

Mary and her husband Tom were married on April 23, 1941. The photo is of the couple, seated, celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1991 in their parish. Also pictured are Theresa Rezak (white hair) and Jan Shetler, both are parishioners who are still at the St. Agnes Parish. Of course, Mary created a lovely family tree quilt to mark the event.



More memories from St. Jude Court #2053 by Jeanette Fitzgerald.....

"Mary worked on our first real money-making project which was the Crop Protection Clinic, held every January, that usually included 75-100 men. Mary co-chaired with her daughter Betty Benson the selling of Christmas greenery in November.

Mary was the energy in Court St. Jude. Her dedication and quick wit always made her so enjoyable to work with. She always had many other members willing to work on all the projects. Not only was she busy with Catholic Daughters, she was also incredibly involved with St. Agnes Altar Society.

Mary Martin was a true leader and a service minded individual. She was greatly missed after she and her husband Tom moved to the eastern end of the state in 2004."

"Think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths." Proverbs 3:6