



# Court St. Anthony #330

Council Bluffs, Iowa  
Winter 2009 - 2010

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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## Website

[www.cda330.org](http://www.cda330.org)

## Winter Schedule of Events

Dec 14	<u>Mass:</u> St. Peter's Church (Memorial Mass) 5:00 pm
	<u>Dessert/Entertainment:</u> St. Peter's social hall 6:00 pm
	<u>Meeting:</u> St. Peter's social hall follows the entertainment
	<u>Project:</u> bring canned good for Food Pantry Drive
	<u>Committee:</u> Connie Kriegler, Ethel Stageman, Carol Andress, Marge Mulvihill, Rose Vergamini, Judy Lookabill
	<u>Agenda items:</u> \$15 dues for 2010 collected; bring gift for Christmas gift exchange
	<u>Entertainment:</u> The Plain Labels from Holy Family parish

January no meeting

February no meeting



HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!!!

Catholic Daughters  
Mission Statement

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives 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 mankind.

Regent Review:  
Jan Roth

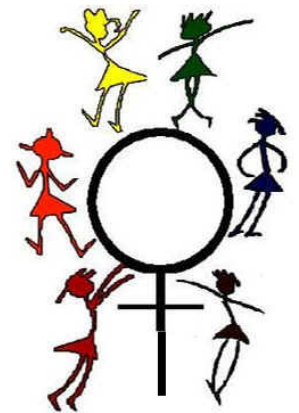
This time of the year we are thankful for our families. First, there is the Holy Family brought to mind especially by our recent Catholic Daughters trip to the Holy Family Shine near Gretna. Never have I felt closer to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph than when we visited the chapel there

Also, there are our own families - our husbands and children and grandchildren- who are very precious to us. My daughter Sandy lives in Minneapolis and I miss her so much and eagerly await her homecoming on holidays. My son Scott and his wife and children live in Omaha so I can hold them very close. Plus, our extended families give us much comfort and pleasure. I am fortunate to be able to visit my mother Helen weekly even though she is out of town. I don't see my sister Karen and her family in South Dakota often but we keep in touch by phone. Also, my cousins who I grew up with are very close and for this I am grateful.

Our church families are next - those from our prospective parishes. And our wonderful Catholic Daughters are like family. We care about each other at our meetings eating good food, having good fellowship, and discussing and planning good works.

So whichever family you are thinking about this Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Holy Family, your own family, the church family, the Catholic Daughters family, or your neighbors and friends, have a blessed, blessed holiday season.

In Unity and Charity, Jan



Make a Difference Day



Members of our court celebrated Make a Difference Day on October 24, 2009, by visiting the Council Bluffs Animal Shelter with students from Holy Family parish's religious education students. Our court donated \$200 to purchase items for the dogs: leads, toys, clippers, brushes, etc. Check out our website for pictures of the outing.

Birthday  
Celebrations

DECEMBER

8 Shirley Thomsen  
9 Kris Jarecki  
18 Eunice Ott  
21 Irene Schlautman  
23 Mary Johnson

JANUARY

4 Anita Ruffner  
5 Dolores Witters  
8 Jean Palensky  
14 Mary Ellen Michalski  
19 Jeanette Bowen  
29 Dola Mehsling

FEBRUARY

15 Mary Martin  
17 Josephine Goeser  
21 Fr. Dan Kirby  
25 Charlotte Snook



Court Information

Needed: Lenten Raffle chair. Please contact Jan Roth to help.

Court Member Recognized

Ethel Stageman has been nominated for Volunteer of the Year for Iowa because of her many years of dedicated volunteer service.



Catholic Daughters Make Pilgrimage

Celebrations are for fun, for family, for sharing time together. Celebrating Catholic Daughters Sunday was all of that and more for our court members.

The ladies were blessed with a gorgeous autumn day for an outing to the country to spend time with a very special family: the Holy Family!

After celebrating Mass together at Queen of Apostles parish, members of the court made a caravan across the Nebraska countryside to spend the afternoon at

the Holy Family Shrine outside of Gretna, Nebraska.

The shrine, recently opened, was a dream of a priest and some people who wanted to honor the Holy Family in a serene and heavenly place. They found that just above the interstate heading west to Lincoln on a high hill, close to God. Inside the glass enclosed church you can see for miles the wonders that God can do.

The ladies were overjoyed with the outing and the sense of peace and awe they felt while touring the facility. What better expression of the faith of Catholic Daughters than a special day spent with the Holy Family.

See our website for pictures of the outing. See the shrine's website for more information: [www.holyfamilyshrineproject.com](http://www.holyfamilyshrineproject.com).

Charitable Projects:  
Linda Spencer  
Mary Ellen Sealock



Helping Local Food Pantries

Each meeting we are collecting canned food items as a charitable court project. Items will be taken to a different food pantry in the city each time. Don't forget to bring your own items to donate.

Budget for Charitable Projects

Our 2009-2010 budget includes the following donations to charities, both local and national:

Boys and Girls Club	50.00
Gabriel's Corner	50.00
Habitat for Humanity	100.00
Make a Difference Day	200.00
Micah House	50.00
Morality in Media	100.00
Voices for Life	25.00
Wings of Hope	100.00

This project is funded by our Summer Salad Lunch and our Lenten Raffle.





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### Iowa News



#### Seminarian Students

Iowa Catholic Daughters court are asked to keep our seminarian students in our prayers, especially during the Christmas season. These young men are discerning a life choice given to God and need the guidance of The Holy Spirit to make an informed and obedient choice.

We will be given the names of our special seminarians at our December meeting as well as contact information so we may send them Christmas cards and notes of encouragement.

### National News



#### Resolution on Volunteerism

WHEREAS, the economic crisis has affected nonprofit organizations nationwide and philanthropic giving is down 22%; and

WHEREAS, Pope Benedict the XVI has declared 2009 the Year of the Volunteer and the role volunteers play helping their communities has increased in importance; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas having membership in many states and a working relationship within their parishes; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Catholic Daughters of the Americas use their talents and time networking with other organizations, increasing volunteer commitment to projects within their communities to assist those in need.

#### Million Rosaries for the Unborn Worldwide

The Saint Michael the Archangel Organization once again asked all to join in praying the Rosary for unborn babies. This event was held worldwide on October 16-18, 2009. It is hoped that people throughout the world will pray the Rosary for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn babies. More information is available at [www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org](http://www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org).