



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

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what is happening in your parish:

It is just beginning. the St. Paul's Corner will be set up at all the Masses at Holy Family in December. You may purchase Religious articles for Christmas Gifts or for yourself. contact Dona for more information, 646-4626.

Current Events.

**December 9th, 7pm,
Wednesday. Christmas party.**

Our meeting will be at St. Benedicts off Jewel Lake. Join us in prayer, meeting and a Christmas Party. If you would like to participate, bring a \$10.00 gift for a fun gift exchange. (chinese auction). Bring a finger food snack or fruit for a chocolate fountain.



Remember our Soldiers.

Please send them a Christmas card!

When doing your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much for us and our country.

A Recovering American Soldier
C/O Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20307-5001

Message from our Chaplain

Dear Catholic Daughters,
Christmas? Christmas is here! What is Christmas?



I love this question. Perhaps the world needs to ask this question. Christmas is about God. Christmas is God loving us so much that He sent His Son to be with us. Our JOY is knowing that Jesus is living and dwelling with each of us everyday. God is strengthening us and giving us the courage to return that love to others. I become more aware of this the older I get. I send these words to you hoping that you will find the joy of Christmas.

The weeks before Christmas are the busiest time of the year. High expectations of this season puts stress on our relationships, cash flow, faith and friendships. Society has turned Christmas into the, 'holiday season'. We sing songs about snow, nativity scenes are banished from public places and merchants greet us with, 'happy Holidays'. What is a person suppose to do?

During this Advent Season I suggest that we continue sending greeting cards, shopping for gifts, decorating our homes, cooking those special foods and go to Christmas parties...especially the CDA party on

December 9th...I'll be there. Don't forget to bring a gift for the Chinese Auction Gift Exchange. We will have fun. However, this year include God-Jesus in all we say and do.

I feel if we take the above seriously we can all say at the end of the Christmas Season, "Christmas is all about Jesus". May this season of Advent and Christmas be a holy time for you and your family.

Your Chaplain, Father Dan

LOOKING AHEAD

Jan 4th Board Meeting

Jan 16th a Saturday monthly meeting. at the Senior Center. 11:30, Soup and Sandwich. \$10.00. We hope you can attend. More information later.

Prayer Day. At this time the date and time is unknown.

Feb. 6. Youth Truth Pursuit.

Nominating committee is needed. New officers are to be elected and installed in the spring.

The 53rd Biennial National Convention of the Order will be held in Buffalo, New York July 14-17, 2010 There is some financial support for members attending as delegates. Look ahead at your calendar and put your name in for delegate or alternate delegate. We are allowed 3 voting delegates. And up to 6 alternate delegates. Nominees for delegates will be voted on at the **February** meeting.
(Deadline for voting is March 1)

The convention Program booklet will be a Journal Ad Book. We will ask you members if we want to put an Ad in. any of you have some ideas?? Deadline for ad contract in May 15, 2010

a Quarter page \$50.00 Eighth page is \$ 25.00 Third Page is \$75.00. Ladies, do we want to do this.



to all those young men from Lumen Christi for helping unload for the Bazaar. what a Blessings they were to us all.

are your dues up to date?

Remember your dues are from July to June of each year. They are due in July of each year Thank you to those who have already paid your dues. Some are paid ahead. Check the date on your label
Highlight means it is due.
\$20.00 a year and call Dona Boschee if you have any questions about your dues 646-4626.

Are you having a Birthday this Month?

On behalf of all the members, we wish you a very **Happy Birthday.**
December Birthdays that we know of are:



Mary Holland
Eleanor Spernak
Betty Libbey
Trisha Drake
Betty Stokes
Rosemary Hansmeyer
Marguerite Shary
Bonnie Marciel



Birthdays are a Gift from God! Open your Present and receive all the blessings!!

Help us update our birthdays. If me missed your birthday, let us know or if you know of someone's birthday also.



a thank you also to all the Ladies that helped prepare, cook, serve, clean up, craft booth... and loads of bake goods...shopping... and just being there to shop and eat.



Help is needed: The sisters of Perpetual Adoration are in need of help doing certain hours of adoration. sign up sheet is at their church at 72nd and Lake Otis.

PRAYER AND MASS CARDS

Pray in thanksgiving for all our answered prayers.
(prayers are listed on our website during the month and when prayers are requested. see top of our newsletter for our website)

Continue Praying for :
Leila Nelson's sons
Renee Hambel
Mary & Gabriella Ruebelmann -
Connor Daugherty
Joann White
Mary Monaghan

Continue praying for all our members who are confined to their homes with illness or injuries.

Pray for our troops for their dedication and protection. And to help bring our troops safely Home.

Pray for our adopted child in India

Seema Vishwanath

Please pray for all the souls of the faithful departed in your prayers. Continue praying for the victims of disasters of the world



Touched by Angels

Keep in mind: Nomination Committee will be voted on in March. Election in april and Installation of new officers in May.



Let's not forget all the hours that the ladies did in putting the crafts together. Our Bazaar was another success. and thank you to Dona for the good work she did in organizing the Bazaar.

PRO-LIFE

SEE SPECIAL INFO POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.

There are two areas of ProLife we need to concentrate on in the bills being discussed.

1. Abortion.
2. End of LIFE Issues.

Our Church encourages us to be good citizens and this is an opportunity to do so.

- 1.. If you haven't already done so, please sign the petition which involves "Parental notification" when a minor wants to have an abortion.
- 2.. Also a new petition confirming "Personhood" of an unborn baby will also be circulating throughout the state.
- 3.. Continue to contact Senators Murkowski and Begich about your concerns of the Health Reform Bill to be voted on in the Senate, especially the adoption of the Stupak amendment which would prohibit tax dollar funding for abortions.
- 4.. Contact Congress concerning an amendment on the State Department funding bill by Senator Frank Lautenberg (D_NJ) that would permanently end the Mexico City Policy and provide foreign aid for abortions as long as they are legal in the receiving country.
- 5.. Susan G. Komen for the Cure (Breast Cancer) is continuing to use some of its funds to support Planned Parenthood. In 2007, Komen Chapters gave over \$700,000 to Planned Parenthood Affiliates. (Catholic Daughters National Headquarters).
- 6.. Were you a part of the 40 Days for Life? Did you know that since 2004, the project has saved a confirmed 2000 babies?

Roe v Wade Anniversary- Both the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic

Daughters will be part of the "March for Life" in Washington D.C. on January 22, 2010.

There will also be activities throughout the State.

· Anchorage Area- 10th Annual Interdenominational Prayer Service on Saturday, January 23, at 2:00 pm, at the Anchorage Memorial Cemetery on 9th Ave and Cordova. Archbishop Schwietz will be leading the Prayers. More information to follow.

· Fairbanks Area- Awaiting information.

· Juneau Area- Awaiting information.
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The word **Advent** means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent



Break out the slow cooker, it's soup season!!

Hearty Minestrone Soup

3 c low sodium vegetable or chicken stock/broth
1 - 28oz can diced tomatoes
1 15oz can white cannelloni beans or navy beans, drained
2 carrots chopped 1 celery stalk, chopped 1 tsp dried thyme
1/2 tsp dried sage 2 bay leaves salt and pepper to taste
2 cups cooked, baby elbow macaroni noodles
1 med zucchini, chopped 2 c. chopped frozen spinach, thawed and drained.
grated parmesan or Romano cheese for garnish.
In a slow cooker, combine stock/broth, tomatoes, beans, carrots, celery, thyme, sage and bay leaf and 1/2 tsp of salt and pepper. cover and cook on LOW for 6 to 8 hours or on HIGH for 3 to 4 hours. Thirty min. before soup is done cooking, add cooked macaroni, zucchini and spinach. Remove the bay leaves and adjust seasonings with more salt and pepper if needed. Ladle into bowls and top with grated cheese. Serve with fresh crusty bread and a salad.

NATIONAL NEWS

See what National is doing. go to their website on the top of newsletter

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Reminder

The deadline for the fall issue of SHARE Magazine (which will be mailed on October 23) is approaching. Your submissions must be dated or postmarked no later than July 30.

You can also send stories and pictures by email to: tompanas@verizon.net. Attached pictures must be clear and in JPEG format.

If sending pictures, remember to identify those in the picture "from left to right." Submissions received that are dated or postmarked after July 30 will be kept on file to be considered for the Winter issue of SHARE Magazine.

Questions about this or other SHARE-related matters should be sent to Tom Panas at tompanas@verizon.net





I am spending Christmas with Jesus this Year.



*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below
with tiny lights, like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.*

*The sight is so spectacular; please wipe away that tear,
for I am spending Christmas with Jesus this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
but the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir
up here.*

*I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
for it's beyond description, to hear the angels sing.*

*I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart,
but I am not so far away. We really aren't apart.*

*So, be happy for me dear ones, for you know I'm spending
Christmas with Jesus this year.*

*I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above:
"My undying love!"*

After all, "love" is the gift more precious than pure gold.

It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

*Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do,
for I can't count the many blessings or love He has for each of
you.*

So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.

Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus this year.

we have lost several of our Dedicated Catholic Daughters This year.

We will miss them and all they did for Catholic Daughters

We would like to dedicate this Poem to them and other family members that we have seen leave this earth to Join
our Blessed Lord.

Remembrance for CDA members who have died in recent years

Elsie Hrubes 60 year member, excellent seamstress and baker.

Dorothy Vonderbeck Past Regent 1971-72

Shiela Burgh Charter member 6-16-61

Sr. Patricia Collins RSM Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

Maybelle Hooper pioneer Alaskan

Mary Loescher Ice Skate Sharpening business, special interest in young skaters

Lourdes Dawag Always helpful at CDA functions

Barbara Gill Dedicated worker for Cancer Assn

Nafla Michael Anchorage business woman

Ettie McGregor Long time member, one woman phone committee in her day

Barbara Hopkins member for a short time and returned home to Oklahoma

Julie Skule remembered for her "Poppy Seed Cakes"

Josephine Bertuzzi Long time Alaskan

Dorothy Paul honored for her volunteerism in Anchorage