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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

JANUARY 2026

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“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.”

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REGENT'S MESSAGE

BY LORI KOCUREK

Hope everyone had a joyous Christmas and New Year. Just a reminder that Christmas Season continues through the Baptism of our Lord. During this Christmas Season let us always to Trust in the Lord, Surrender all our short comings to him, and Believe that we are truly children of God and Receive all blessings from God.

Thank you to all court members and their family who came out and had fun and shared in the fellowship at the CDA/KC Christmas Party held Sunday December 14, 2025, at the Columbus Club Hall.

Just a reminder that if you have not paid your court dues, please due so as soon as you can. If you have a child that is a Senior in High School, your court dues need to be paid for by March 15, 2026, and you need to attend at least 3 court meetings, and your student needs to have helped at a court event to be considered for a court scholarship.

The State Catholic Daughter Scholarship needs to be postmarked by January 31, 2026. The application must be signed the regent and parish priest before it can be mailed.

Our next court meeting will be held on Monday January 19, 2026, at 6:30pm following the praying of the rosary in the Mikeska Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm.

Happy New Year!

NEXT MEETING:

January 19th, 2026

(Rosary for Deceased Members @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
followed by Meeting & Meal in the
Mikeska Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 p.m.)

A LIGHT MEAL WITH DESSERTS WILL BE SERVED.
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Birthday ladies come for the monthly drawing!!

Don't forget to sign-in and put your quarter in the bowl. You may win the monthly door prize!!



"UNITY AND CHARITY"

NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN FAITH!

The start of a new year is the perfect time to pause, reflect, and think about how we can deepen our relationship with God. Coming up with New Years resolutions is, as we all know, a popular way to commit at the beginning of the year to a goal. It doesn't have to be complicated—sometimes, the smallest changes can have the biggest impact. Whether it's finding a new way to pray, joining a community, or learning more about the saints, there are so many ways to make this year a little more Christ-centered. If you're looking for some ideas, we've got you covered! Here is FOCUS's ultimate list of Catholic New Year resolutions to inspire your spiritual journey in 2026:

1. Join a local Catholic group. Connect with other Catholics through organizations like your city's local young adults group, the Knights of Columbus, or the Legion of Mary.
 2. Learn to pray the Liturgy of the Hours using resources like the Divine Office app or the iBreviary app.
 3. Commit to attending one Catholic conference or retreat this year – SEEK or Steubenville conferences are a couple of great options!
 4. Practice Imaginative Prayer. Also known as "Ignatian Contemplation," explore this form of contemplative prayer to foster a deeper connection with God.
 5. Join or start a Catholic book or podcast club and engage in discussions on faith-based literature or podcast episodes.
 6. Join a parish Bible study or start your own to study scripture in community. There are also plenty of online ones, so you have no reason not to! Some parishes offer live studies online, and reach out to us to see if FOCUS has one for you!
 7. Volunteer as a catechist and teach religious education to children or adults in your parish. Kids playing at a parish event. Catholic New Years Resolutions - teach children.
 8. Join a Rosary group (or start your own). And join FOCUS once a month to pray with the global FOCUS community. A priest holds a rosary behind his back. Catholic New Years Resolutions - pray more.
 9. Participate in outreach programs that serve the poor, elderly, or marginalized.
 10. Start a family prayer tradition and establish regular prayer times with your family, such as morning prayers or bedtime blessings.
 11. Read the Bible in a year using the "Bible in a Year" podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz.
 12. Volunteer at a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter once a month. Try out Catholic Charities, or if you live in Philadelphia or Denver get connected with Christ in the City. Check out our guide on how to find Catholic volunteer opportunities.
 13. Read "The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas à Kempis.
 14. Become a FOCUS Missionary or work at our headquarters, if you feel the Lord's call!
 15. Join a local Catholic group on Meetup or Eventbrite to connect with like-minded individuals.
 16. Learn about a new saint each month and try to emulate their virtues.
- Common questions about the Catholic faith often include ones about the saints, which are pictured in this graphic. They are in a cluster of headshots with halos around their heads.
17. Memorize one new prayer each month.
 18. Commit to fasting one day a month for a special intention.
 19. Create a home altar or prayer corner in your living space.
 20. Start a Marian Consecration. Use the 33 Days to Morning Glory book by Fr. Michael Gaitley to consecrate yourself to Mary.
 21. Host a Catholic movie night. Screen films like "Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story" or check out our list of recommendations here!
 22. Celebrate feast days with special meals by incorporating foods and traditions associated with saints' feast days into your meals.
 23. Explore Catholic art and music: Visit museums with religious art collections or attend concerts featuring sacred music.
 24. Participate in the First Fridays Devotion.
 25. Read one encyclical or apostolic exhortation from a pope this year.
- With these 25 Catholic New Years resolutions under your belt, you're on your way to a fruitful and joyful year. Let's make this year about growing in grace, finding joy in our faith, and walking with Christ every step of the way.

SOURCE: <https://focus.org/posts/a-list-of-catholic-new-years-resolutions/>

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DECEMBER HOSPITALITY CARDS

Birthdays

Esther Harton
JoAnn Winter
Carol Korenek
Mary Ann Gerla
Rita Watson
Mary Jane Balcar

Jeanette Walla
Marie Matlock
Evelyn Premeaux
Delores Dornak
Marilyn Korenek
Pat Nilson

Get Well /Thinking of You

Gloria Bubela
Gayla Dluhos
Georgia Henderson
Gladys Krenek

Congratulations

Taryn & Trey Staff - Birth of Baby Girl, Olivia Rose
Rebecca & Reid Strnadel, Birth of Baby Boy, Rhett Allen

Get well cards are sent to members who are ill. Sympathy cards are sent to members upon the death of a husband, child, father, mother, sister, brother, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, or grandchild. Congratulations are sent for the birth of a child, golden wedding anniversary, 60th anniversary, 65th anniversary, etc. Cards of encouragement will be sent to the seriously ill. Birthday cards will be sent to members age 75 and over...*from the standing rules; adopted in 1999*

If you know of any occasion which necessitates sending a hospitality card, please call me at 543-4734. – Margie Swoboda



FUNERAL HOSPITALITY

CAROL ZIESCHANG TOMLINSON

Court member Carol Zieschang Tomlinson passed away on Saturday November 29, 2025, at the age of 65. A visitation was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at Triska Funeral Home from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. A CDA rosary was prayed following the visitation at the funeral home. Her funeral Mass was held on Thursday December 4, 2025, at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church at 10:00am. A reception followed at the St. Philip's Parish Hall. The court members providing sandwiches were Janet Holub, Kim Melanson, Susie Orsak and Theresa Harton. Those court members providing desserts were Nancy Pasak, Gwen Edwards, Claudia Raun and Dot Hermansen The court members serving at this funeral reception were Mary Kay Price, Rose Peikert, Nancy Pasak and Jane Ladewig.

...A note from the Funeral Reception Committee Members helping Members

Remember, we will no longer make phone calls for funeral desserts. If you want to make a dessert for a funeral, please call Jane Ladewig at 979-541-3200 so that your name can be added to the list given to the family.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court St. Bernadette #1108

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER



WITH
RAFFLE AND
SILENT AUCTION



Wednesday, January 28, 2026

AMERICAN LEGION HALL
EAST BERNARD

SERVING BEGINS AT 5:00 PM

DINE IN OR

BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINER TO TAKE HOME

BOWL OF SOUP - \$5.00 each

CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH - \$5.00 each

PASTRIES AVAILABLE

RAFFLE DRAWING FOR 87 PRIZES AT 7:00 PM
(Raffle tickets are available before drawing.)



DECEMBER MINUTES

There was no meeting in December. Members enjoyed fellowship and games at the Christmas Party.

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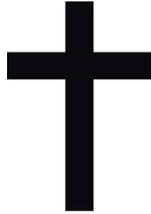
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Save the Date!

55th Biennial Texas CDA State
Convention once again in Dallas
April 7-11, 2027

Mark Your Calendar and Save the Date
Submitted by National Regent-Elect Essie Walker

Ladies, have you heard the great news? All roads lead to Coralville Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center, 300 East 9th Street, Coralville, Iowa, July 22-26, 2026. (Workshops and concerts on July 21st). This is an official invitation requesting your presence to attend the 61st Biennial National Convention. Your attendance will give us an opportunity to pray together, celebrate, and conduct business.

Do not miss the opportunity to fellowship with the CDA sisters from the great state of Iowa. Iowa State Regent and Convention Chair Brenda Vore, First Vice State Regent and Convention Co-Chair Julie Marlow and all members of the state of Iowa are anxiously awaiting your arrival in 2026.