

2017 Court Award

Court St. Mary 1423, Redfield had 63 members as reported 3/1/2017. The two deaths in 2018 are still reflected in our membership as of 2/15/19, so that number is still 63.

As a new project we took advantage of the year of the plenary indulgences Pope Francis attached to the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Three of our Catholic Daughters invited parishioners to join them in praying the rosary in front of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine on the 13th of each month from May-October. After recitation of the rosary was an explanation on that particular apparition. Twelve parishioners completed the cycle, and toward the last month the CDA ladies even offered the rosary twice during the day. Everyone also had to complete other requirements (Confession, Holy Communion) in order to gain the indulgence.

Six CDA members helped with "Apparitions of Vacation Summer Bible School." Children got a ticket to track Mary all over the world. They experienced Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Knock, and our Lady of Mount Carmel along with learning the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Each of the four days brought them to a new apparition with snacks in forms of a rosary, the dancing sun, and a brown scapular. They even learned how to use sign language to pray the Hail Mary and sing the "Hail Holy Queen" and "Queen of Peace." Eight teenagers from the Confirmation class helped with set-up and implementation of the program. Twenty-six children attended.

CDA members also spearheaded a living rosary for the children in grades 1-6 who became beads of a rosary using a colored paper plates with their individual prayer of the rosary printed on the plate. Each took a turn saying the prayer of the rosary until it was completed. Their rosary was recited in front of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine on a blistering hot day. Seven CDA members served a snack representing "the dancing sun" miracle of Fatima along with much needed refreshments. They finished by watching the animated DVD entitled "The Day the Sun Danced."

For the past thirty years, we involve our 7-12 students by having a living rosary October. We involve our Knights, Right to Life, vocations committee, Altar Society, and fill in with our older young people as beads on a rosary. We do so because the sanctuary is dark except for the candles near Our Lady, but it lightens up as each bead is prayed. We like our younger students to be cognizant of how through Mary our lives can also be lightened up with the truth of Jesus through Mary.

We send Christmas letters and cards to all the seminarians in the Sioux Falls diocese. We include stamps for those attending seminary in the U.S. and have masses said for seminarians in Rome. We also send letters and Christmas cards to each of our Mother houses in the diocese.

Every year for a very long time, our court has participated in the "Lifesavers Against Abuse." The money we raise is given to our local Family Crisis Center that serves Spink, Faulk, and Hand counties. We host a Sunday brunch (free will) and invite the director to speak to our parish family. She leaves with a check and the donations raised that day.

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Every May we observe Armed Forces Day by handing out labeled fun size candy bars after the masses. We generally try to have assisted living folks (all faiths) help us with the labeling. We also join our

brother Knights to put out flags on all the veterans buried in both St Bernard Cemetery and the Greenlawn Cemetery. Our CDA court provides bottles of water. We also welcome anyone to join us, and we usually have members of other faiths attend.

We were really excited when the National Board selected our theme "Mary Across the Prairie" for their Saturday night banquet at the 2018 National Convention. Gathering the pictures of most of the statues, icons, stained glass, and other images of our Blessed Mother was an exercise in diligence, humility, and at times a challenge. We did receive a cache of photos which were the basis for creating our holy reminders on blocks of wood. Our local church secretary and Catholic Daughter member printed everything off, and our regent made sure the blocks were good to go. Putting them together was fun because Polo-Orient Catholic Daughters provided a somewhat central gathering spot—on the prairie no less. We worked together to get most of them done on a February Saturday afternoon. Then some of our local court finished the others. It was such a blessing because we had been struggling with finding a meaningful fund raiser when one of our members suggest we offer to do them for our parish. We made samples of the blocks using pictures of our Blessed Mother, the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and took orders after the masses. We were overwhelmed by the response. After that batch was made and delivered, we had yet another batch ordered, and those were done and delivered before the Fourth of July. We are still amazed by the parish's interest.

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Here's a laundry list of some of our other activities:

Pray for first communicants and confirmands.

Initiate and participate in the prayer chain. We have been doing that for over twenty years.

Raise money for scholarships for graduating seniors, national and international disasters.

Send off our graduating seniors with the best-seller, The Bible.

Cooperate with our Altar Society, Right to Life, and Knights of Columbus on local projects as well as continuing ones.

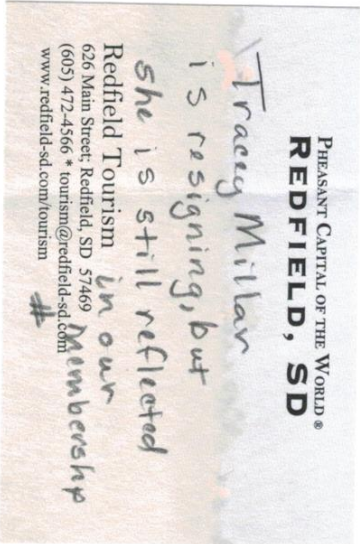
Keep abreast of legislation concerning the dignity of life issues and pass them on via our bulletin, conversations, and a presentations.

Our court was recognized on the state level (2017) for our participation in hosting a prime rib dinner along with the Knights of Columbus. This is done during our Pheasant season. It was also recognized at the same time for our 2016 summer vacation Bible school program.

Court St. Mary #1423 Redfield

MEMBERS OF ST. MARYS COURT #1423

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1	Jean Alexander		
2	Kathi Anderson	472-3349	
3	Patty Anderson	472-2348	
4	Tyan Anderson	460-1736	
5	Mary Appel	460-0865	
6	Tiffany Berg		
7	Lydia Blume		
8	Nancy Blume	472-3652	
9	Deborah Burdick	472-0604	
10	Candace Burdick		
11	Elnora Burdick	472-3103	
12	Lucy Burdick	472-0130	
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15	Desamore Dangel		
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17	Marlene Eimers	472-0756	
18	Ella Mae Fink	472-0956	
19	Patty Fuegen	460-0911	
20	Karen Gall	472-3941	
21	Stephanie Hansen	472-0502	
22	Kate Hartung	302-0006	
23	Lindsey Haskell	472-0503	
24	Marilyn Hodges	472-2509	
25	Theresa Hodges	460-0082	
26	Shirley Holt	324-3340	
27	Patty Johnson	472-0571	
28	Jolene Jungwirth	472-3384	
29	Linda Keller	472-3017	
30	Mary Ann Kenny	307-399-2766	
31	Mary Ann Korff		
32	Caroline Lambert	472-1352	
33	Mary Larsen	472-0751	
	Ariene Lemmer		<i>Deceased</i>
34	Rosanne Lemmer	472-2893	
35	Sara Lemmer	450-8366	
36	Gena Masat	472-1244	
37	Ruth Mason	472-0407	
38	Mavis McFarlane	472-3313	
39	Sonia Meyer	472-1508	
40	Delores Miesen	472-0766	
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41	Carol Miller	472-1254	
42	Robin Morgan		
43	Dianne Muellenburg		
44	Della Osborn	450-9867	
45	Mary Ann Osborn	472-0719	
46	Mary Ellen Rische	472-2991	
47	Geri Robinson	472-1823	
48	Marion Roeber	472-1433	
49	Teri Roth	472-3660	
50	Kris Rude	472-2453	
51	Mary Lou Schwartz	472-3209	
	*Irma Stammer	472-1434	<i>Deceased</i>
52	Mary Stewart	472-1276	
53	Savannah Suchor	450-9875	
54	Tammy Suchor	472-4109	
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56	Angela Turk	460-1079	
57	Maxine Waddington	472-0229	
58	Dawn Waldner	472-3135	
59	Angela Weller	302-0001	
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