



*Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
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#### Our Mission

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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#### News from our Regent

As we enter the liturgical season of Lent, which is marked with sacrifice, penance, and renewal, let us draw so close to the cross of Jesus that we can hear Him speak to us. We can draw close to Jesus by asking God to help us bear our difficulties, disappointments, and sorrows knowing that He is perfecting and shaping our character to make us more like Christ.

This Lenten season, St. Jude Parish is offering us many opportunities to unite with Jesus. Besides daily Mass, we are invited to spend time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Every Friday at 3:00 pm we have recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet and at 7:00 pm we are invited to follow Jesus in the Stations of the Cross. On March 17th, we will have a special Respect Life Stations of the Cross using Fr. Bill Carmody's Way of Life stations. On March 16th, St. Jude is having a parish-wide Penance service at 7:00 pm.

Beginning March 7th and each Tuesday until April 18th, our court is hosting a Formed video series at 9:00 am in the St. Jude Community Center lower level. The series of videos is titled "Wild Goose" which is the Celtic way of describing the Holy Spirit. It will be very informative and be a good addition to our Lenten renewal.

Finally, as we journey through this holy season, may we be the "bearer of Christ". Let us ask Jesus to help us strive to change the world for the better and be more energetic in setting right what we find wrong in the world. Continue to do little things as though they were great, to increase the Kingdom of God, for they ARE great in the eyes of God.

*Juanita Halverson, Regent*

#### Pray for Members & Family

Please keep these members and their families in your prayers: Victoria & Floyd James, Johnnie Griffey, Maggie Basbagill, and Lucille Bieda.

## Shower of Birthday Blessings Returns!

We are so pleased to announce that we are restarting our monthly Shower of Birthday Blessings program. This time we are partnering with The Villa Manor Care Center, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility in Lakewood. Jan Griffey was able to connect with the facility director and we have our first few recipients to "shower" with cards! When you send your card, please be sure to sign it as a Catholic Daughters member. Cards can then be mailed to Villa Manor, c/o Jaime Parish, 7950 W Mississippi Ave, Lakewood, CO 80226.

In addition to the cards, we are collecting full size unused bottles of lotion, cream, soaps, and other care items to donate to the residents. How many times have we been given these items and they sit in our closets unopened? Now you can put them to good use by donating them to

those who rarely get these treats. You will be putting a smile on the face of someone who will now feel special and remembered. Thank you for your generosity!

*Submitted by Sharon Hensley*



## Lenten Book Review & Recommendation

A beautiful way to spend some time during Lent is to read the book "A Place Called Golgotha, Meditations on the Last Words of Christ" by Elizabeth Kelly. She "places you at the foot of the cross and offers thought-provoking insights into Jesus' last words." The book can be ordered from:

The Word Among Us  
7115 Guilford Drive, Suite 100  
Frederick, MD 21704-5234  
Phone: 1-800-775-9673  
Item # BEKGE2

Cost is \$16.95 plus shipping and handling of \$7.50 for a total of \$24.45. If you have questions about the book, call Helen Johnson at 720-334-7006

*Submitted by Helen Johnson*

## Court Calendar

January 29th after all the Masses - Membership Drive with the Knights of Columbus Breakfast in the CCLL

February 4th at 10:00 am - Regular Court meeting (Rosary begins at 9:30 am) CCLL.

March 3rd at 4:00 pm - KC Fish Dinner, our court is providing the desserts

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March 7th at 9:00 am - Wild Goose film series begins

April 1st at 10:00 am - Regular Court meeting (Rosary begins at 9:30 am) St. Benedict Room

May 1st at 8:00 am - Memorial Mass for deceased member Joan Lojko

## Lenten Film Series

We will be hosting the Wild Goose film series beginning Tuesday, March 7th at 9am in the St. Jude Community Center Lower Level. Please bring a snack for yourself or to share. Coffee will be available. Each Tuesday until April 18th, we will be watching 2 episodes of the series. Everyone is invited. Let's make this Lent one that draws us all closer to God.

## Painting with a Twist Fundraiser

Our fundraiser at Painting with a Twist is now set! Join us on May 7th at 1:00 pm to paint "Mountain Flowers". Depending on the size you want to paint, 11" x 14" is \$37 and 16" x 20" is \$39. The studio is located at 7134 W Alaska Dr in the Bel Mar shopping center. Parking is free. Colorado law prohibits BYOB but you may purchase beer, wine, and soft drinks in the studio. You may bring a snack for yourself or to share. Register online at <https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/denver-lakewood/event/3268683>