



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Pere Maltrait #1445 Minutes for March 11, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of Court Pere Maltrait #1445 was held on March 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Hall with Regent, Cynthia Vincent, presiding.

No new members.

Silent roll call of officers by Recording Secretary, Pam Gaspard. All officers were present. 20 members were in attendance.

Minutes from the February meeting by Pam Gaspard, Recording Secretary, were placed on the church website. Minutes are accepted as written.

Lacey Guidry, Treasurer, provided a copy of the February treasurer's report at the entrance. The treasurer's report was accepted as reported.

Guest speaker: Richelle Marceaux announced the winners of the Education Contests. The top three students in each division read their selections or showed their work. They were then presented their awards. Pictures were taken for our Facebook page and for publication in our local newspaper.

Division I: Poetry

1st place – Devyn Dupree
2nd place – Zane Zaunbrecher
3rd place

Division II: Poetry

1st – Libbie Bradley
2nd – Logan Michel
3rd – Kierstin Green & Paisley Perry

Division 1: Art

1st – Devyn Dupree
2nd – Abigail Milligan
3rd – Zane Zaunbrecher

Division II: Art

1st – Reece LeJeune
2nd – Lola Laseter
3rd – Libbie Bradley

Brenda Couvillon, chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, announced the winner of the 12th grade scholarship, Lily Perrin. She read her submitted essay to members and then was presented with her check for \$200.00.

Old Business

The prayer vessel was returned by Ariana Pommier and goes to Vicki Tate.

Report was given by Angela Sistrunk, chairperson of JCDA, and other leaders on the progress of the JCDA. They presented information on the first meeting of March 1st. The cost of \$25 for the fabric for the sashes was donated by Angela Sistrunk's mother. Discussion was held concerning the use of Currency Bank for the new group and to get all responsible to sign the signature card. Flock notes will be used to communicate between officers/chairperson/sponsors. The Regent advised those involved to contact Ashley at the church office, to provide emails and phone numbers and training for the flock note coordinator. Discussion was held concerning the possible use of service hours for members with an award at the end of the year. The number of service hours would be dependent on age. Also, there was discussion of a possible award/trip at end of the year for those reaching their goal. A suggestion was offered by the board for our court to donate \$200.00 as seed money to get the organization started. After discussion, a motion was made by Richelle Marceaux and seconded by Melissa Guidry to donate \$200 as seed money to our JCDA. Motion passed. The mass of Installation will be held on March 22 at 10:00 mass. JCDA members will be wearing white dresses with blue sashes. CDA officers should be in attendance dressed for CDA function. The four sponsors/directors should be dressed in black slacks with white blouse and black shoes. Reserved seating will be set aside for officers and sponsors on the right side before St. Joseph's altar. JCDA members will sit on the left side before Mary's altar. CDA officers and JCDA sponsors will process with the JCDA members prior to mass. Adrienne Saucier, JCDA state sponsor, and Sheila Moore, CDA state regent, will be in attendance and will line us up for the procession. CDA members are encouraged to attend but will not process or have reserved seating as the focus is to be on the girls.

Our April audit is scheduled for April 6 at 6:00 at Cabrini Hall. Volunteers for the audit include Bethany Arnau, Sandra Hargrave, and Angela Sistrunk.

Our second meal for the church homebound of chili and cornbread muffins was held March 4 at Marlene Dronet's house. We prepared meals for 90 homebound. The cooks—Marlene Dronet, Cindy Vincent, Marion Landry, Shelley Istre, Vicki Tate and Joyce Gaspard started at 9:00 to prepare the chili. Muffins were donated by Angela Sistrunk, Ariana Pommier, Gabby McCleary, and Amber Touchet. Meals were packaged at 3:00 and ready for pickup at 4:00 by our delivery team.

We should be ready to go with sales of raffle tickets around April to end at the time of the drawing. Our goal is to sell 2000 tickets.

The Regent advised members about our standing rules regarding the election of officers and the nominating process.

Our standing rules state that a nominating committee of 3 members shall be elected at the regular meeting in March in alternate years to the State elections. Nominations shall be made from the floor. NO member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on the nominating committee.

The three (3) candidates with the most votes shall be elected. The remaining candidates shall serve as alternates according to the rank. The committee member receiving the most votes serves as Chairman, or the committee itself may select its chairman from among the 3 members. The committee shall meet and consider possible candidates for office. The chairman shall call each possible candidate and ask if she is willing to serve. The nominating committee shall submit to the local Court Regent the name of one candidate for each office. If there is a vacancy on the slate, the

committee shall report that office vacant (open). The Chairman shall report the slate of officers to the Court at the April meeting.

Concerning elections, written notice and/or notice via electronic (email) mail of at least ten (10) days from the date of postmark must be given to all members of the court, as to the time, date, place of election, and the slate of officers as submitted by the nominating committee. Prior to the election, nomination may be made from the floor at the regular business meeting in May. Officers shall be elected by ballot at the regular business meeting in May in alternate years to the State Elections and shall hold office for two (2) year term or until their successor is elected. A plurality vote shall elect. In the event there is only one (1) nominee for an office, the Regent may take a voice vote for the election. Each officer shall assume the office to which she is elected with or without installation on thirty (30) days following election.

The floor was opened for nominations for the 3 members of our nominating committee.

Amy Broussard nominated by Melissa Guidry

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Vicki Tate nominated by Judy Owens

All three accepted the nominations.

The First Communion Retreat Lunch is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, at Maltrait Gym and Holy Rosary from 11 AM to 3 PM. 15 pepperoni pizzas, 1 large container of cookies, and bottles of water will be provided for 52 children and adults.

The Lenten Fish Fry Dinner with our CDA sweet sale is scheduled for March 20, 2026, at Cabrini Church and Hall. Sweets should be dropped off at 3:15 in front of Cabrini Church.

Concerning the Easter basket donation, Melissa Guidry, chairperson of the Kaplan Food Bank, would like the baskets at the Food Bank by Wednesday, April 1 (Easter is April 4). We will need to fill 54 baskets fill with candy (\$100.00 allocated in budget). The members who are able will meet Wednesday, April 1st at 1 PM at Cabrini Hall to fill the baskets. The Regent advised that she previewed the costs of large candy bags and she feels we will be able to stay within the budget. Christians Who Care is checking their inventory to meet our needs for baskets. If they do not have enough baskets, will need to purchase others. A motion was made by Annie Vidali and seconded by Gabby McCleary to spend up to \$30 for additional baskets if needed. Motion passed.

The Regent reminded members to sign the birthday card for Deacon Bryan (3/27).

12. Upcoming events.

a. April

(1) Report by Nominating committee on the proposed slate of officers for the 2026-2028 term. Members though may make nominations individuals from the floor at the May meeting.

(2) Begin the sale of raffle tickets.

(3) April 6 audit: payment of state dues to district deputy

(4) Easter baskets for needy children from the Food Bank on April 1st

(5) Ordination of Father Su—signing of ordination card

(6) Pick up of Sacred Heart statue for prayer and reflection during the week of 4/18-4/25

(7) Determination if we need to pay dues for ill members

b. May

(1) Election of officers for 2026-2028

- (2) Installation of new officers and transfer of medal and records from previous officers to new officers.
- (3) Mother's Day gifts for nursing home residents
- (4) Ordination of Deacon Bryan

New Business

A proposal by Amy Broussard for "Woman of the Year" has been postponed until our next meeting.

The Regent advised that she received an email for JoAnn Dupre of Court #208 in Eunice. They are sponsoring and hosting the reception for the ordination of five priests (Francis Xavier Gyles, Bret Lee, Evan Hebert, Stephen Melancon and Cade Zaunbrecher) on June 7, 2026, at St. John's Cathedral. The court is asking for a donation of \$100.00 to help defray the cost of the reception. After discussion, a motion was made by Linda Gaspard and seconded by Ariana Pommier to donate \$100 to CDA Court #208 for the ordination reception. Motion passed.

No other new business.

Announcements

1. Volunteers are always needed to serve our churches as lector and Eucharistic Ministers (especially for our CDA masses) and the cleaning/ironing of the church linens at Holy Rosary.
2. Contact Lacey Guidry at 337-277-9495 for flock notes as she is the new flock note coordinator. Shelley Istre is her back up at 337-368-5510.
3. For the Sacred Heart Project, our designated week is Saturday 4/18/2026-Saturday 4/25/2026. The officers are responsible for pickup from previous court and delivery to next court. There is an accompanying prayer booklet and both must remain in the presence of an officer for the week. Members of the court are asked to come and pray the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
4. The Catholic Church traditionally dedicates the entire month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19. He was chosen by the eternal father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of His greatest treasures, His divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him saying 'Good and faithful servant', enter into the joy of your Lord.' Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.
5. Pope Leo XIV's prayer of intention for March is for disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.
6. Communication from
 - a. Sheila Moore, state regent: Continue prayers for ill and deceased Catholic Daughters and family members. Please continue to bring our prayer intentions to our Blessed Mother who can then present our needs to her Son.

- b. Please consider calling the national office at 212-877-3041 to opt out of receiving the Share magazine in the mail. This could avoid an increase in national dues. You can still view the magazine on our website for the digital copy.
- c. Thank you card from Maltrait Memorial School.
- d. From Annie Leger of CDA Court #844 in Rayne of an informational meeting about JCDA on March 22 at 3 at the Family Life Center in Rayne.

7. The schedule for January-March is below. Please call the regent if unable to make the mass ASAP.

CDA masses Date/Time	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	
January 3 @ 4:00	Cynthia Vincent	Pam Gaspard, Lorna Bourque, Vicki Foreman	
February 1 @8:00	Cynthia Vincent (for Vickie Tate or Lacey Guidry)	Vicki Foreman, Linda Gaspard, Marlene Dronet	
March 1 @10:00	Bennie Roche	April Hargrave, Shelley Istre	

Thanks to everyone who attended our mass March 1; we had 14 members present.

***I spoke to Angie as our CDA mass is scheduled for April 4 at 4:00. Angie wants us to stay on the same schedule and serve as back up in the event needed. There will be no procession at that mass.

Conclusion

Winners of the drawing for door prizes were Gabby McCleary, Judy Owens and Vicki Tate.

The motion to adjourn was made by Lacey Guidry, seconded by Gabby McCleary. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Dates to Remember

March 1	CDA mass at 10:00
March 5	Devotion to Mary at 6:00
March 10	Rosary at Nunez at 9:30
March 11	Rosary at Kaplan at 9:30
	CDA monthly meeting at 6:00
March 20	Cleaning of Holy Rosary at 9:00
March 22 @ 10:00 mass	Installation of JCDA members
March 24	Rosary at Nunez at 9:30
March 25	Rosary at Kaplan at 9:30
	Board meeting at 6:00
April 2	Devotion to Mary cancelled as Holy Thursday
April 4 @ 4:00	No official CDA mass but members will serve?
April 8	Rosary at Kaplan at 9:30
	CDA meeting at 6:00
April 14	Rosary at Nunez at 9:30
April 17	Cleaning of Holy Rosary
April 22	Rosary at Kaplan at 9:30

April 28

Board meeting
Rosary at Nunez at 5:30

Each member is asked to pray the rosary daily during her assigned week.

March

Week 1: (March 1-March 7) Bethany Arnau, Venola Bernard, Lori Blanchard

Week 2 (March 8-March 14) Lorna Bourque, Margarite Bourque, Joyce Braquet

Week 3 (March 15-March 21) Lorraine Breaux, Melanie Breaux, Susan Briolo

Week 4 (March 22-March 28) Amy Broussard, Marlene Broussard, Heidi Courville

Week 5 (March 29-April 4) Carolyn Doucet, Mary Ruth Dronet, Marlene Dronet

April

Week 1 (April 5-April 11) Gabrielle Dubois, Phyllis Duhon, Vicki Foreman

Week 2 (April 12-April 18) Beverly Frederick, Helen Frederick, Joyce Gaspard

Week 3 (April 19-April 25) Linda Gaspard, Pamela Gaspard, Lacey Guidry

Week 4 (April 26-May 2) Melissa Guidry, Mary Faye Hardy, April Hargrave

Birthdays: March

Lori Blanchard, Phyllis Duhon, Gay Herpin, Mary Faye Meaux, Marlene Romero, Cheryl Vincent

Birthday for clergy

Deacon Bryan (3/27)

Pam Gaspard

Pam Gaspard, Recording Secretary

March 11, 2026

Adopted as written