



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Pere Maltrait #1445 Minutes for April 8, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of Court Pere Maltrait #1445 was held on April 8, 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. 17 members were in attendance.

Minutes from the March 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 March treasurer's report at the entrance. The treasurer's report was accepted as reported.

Old Business

The prayer vessel was returned by Vicki Tate and went to Sandra Hargrave.

Angela Sistrunk, JCDA chairperson, advised members of the progress of getting our JCDA up and running. Angela informed members that we are one of only three JCDA courts in the Diocese of Lafayette. The mass of Installation was held on March 22 at 10:00 mass. There were about 20 young members who attended the mass and installation. Lacey Guidry advised that on the recommendation of Adrienne Saucier, State Chairperson of JCDA Court Development, the new court should have a bank account separate from our CDA account. The Regent also suggested that the dates for the monthly meetings should be finalized, so that they can be turned in to Angie, at the church office, so they could be posted in the church bulletin as soon as possible.

Our April audit was held on April 6 at 6:00 at Cabrini Hall. It went well and we were congratulated by the District Deputy on our recordkeeping. Thanks to our volunteers for their help in the audit: Bethany Arnau, Sandra Hargrave and Angela Sistrunk.

The cost of our second meal for the church homebound of chili and cornbread muffins was \$316.02. The cost for the First Communion Retreat meal and the Confirmation Retreat meal exceeded our budget of \$300 by \$65.38. A motion was made by Lacey Guidry and seconded by Melissa Guidry to add \$65.38 to that line item in our budget. Motion passed.

The Regent reported that our sweet sale during the Lenten Fish Fry generated \$733.10. Our tithe to the church was \$73.30

We should be ready to go with sales of raffle tickets in May to end at the time of the drawing. Our goal is to sell 2000 tickets. Shelly Istre, Chairperson, reported that she has seven prizes donated so far. The Regent advised that a deadline should be set for collecting prizes for the raffle.

A report was given by Melissa Guidry, chairman of the nominating committee, on the slate of officers for 2026-2028.

According to the bylaws, "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 proposed slate of officers for 2026-2028 are as follows:

Regent – Marlene Dronet

Vice Regent – Lacey Guidry

Treasurer – Amber Touchet

Recording Secretary – Pam Gaspard

Financial Secretary – Ariana Pommier

The election will be held at the May meeting.

Members met Wednesday, April 1 at 1 PM at Cabrini Hall to fill baskets for our Easter basket donation to needy children. The following members helped in distributing the candy to the 54 baskets: Thanks to all who helped. A suggestion was made that for next year, we use Easter bags instead of trying to collect enough baskets.

The Regent reminded members to sign the ordination card for Father Su.

The Regent advised that April 18 to April 25 will be our court's week to host the Sacred Heart Statue. The board recommends that we designate the time of 7:00 to 8:00 PM when members can pay in unison each evening. The recommendation was accepted by attending members. Those members not in attendance would be notified by flock note. Copies of the prayers were provided at the meeting and sent out by email.

The Board recommended the payment of dues in the amount of \$96.00 for our older nursing home members: Joyce Braquet, Helen Marceaux, Eula Schexnider, and Loretta Trahan. A motion was made by Angela Sistrunk and seconded by Shelly Istre for the payment of dues for the above members. Motion passed.

Upcoming events.

a. May

(1) Election of officers for 2026-2028

(2) Installation of new officers and transfer of medallions and records from previous officers to new officers.

(3) Mother's Day gifts for nursing home residents. Reminder we will distribute the leftover flowers from last year. Vermilion Nursing Home (Nunez) female 55; Kaplan 42.

(4) Ordination of Deacon Bryan

(5) List of items to be donated for school supply drive

b. June

(1) Father's Day gifts for nursing home residents: Vermilion Nursing Home (Nunez) 32; Kaplan 40.

(2) Adoption of local yearly charity. Recommendations.

(3) Ordination of Father Paul (6/13) and Father Mikel (6/18)

(4) School supply Drive

13. Purple folders for new members

New Business

Amy Broussard spoke to members about the possibility of electing a "Woman of the Year". After discussion, the matter was tabled until June.

Amy Broussard proposed the donation of socks/blankets to the church homebound at the time of delivery of food in October or November. Socks can be set aside from our Soctober Drive. After discussion, a motion was made by Marlene Broussard and seconded by Linda Gaspard to donate blankets and socks to the church homebound at our next food delivery. Motion passed.

The Regent informed members of a Women's Retreat to be held in Loreauville, Saturday, May 16th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Lunch will be provided.

Shelley Istre asked to speak to the group about the Apostolate of the Seven Sisters. It is a way in which seven women (sisters), will each pray one hour a day in the chapel for priests. Shelley will have more information at the June meeting and prayer booklets for the volunteers. Father Mikel has approved the project.

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. The Catholic Church traditionally dedicates the entire month of April to the devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—received into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. Our Eucharistic Lord is the source and summit of our Christian life, the ultimate good of His infinite love for us.

5. Pope Leo XIV's prayer of intention for April is for priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

6. Prayer for the "Consecration to the Holy Trinity" which was the conclusion of Matthew Kelley's Lenten Retreat can be found on the entrance if you would want a copy.

7. 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.

8. 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	
April 4 @ 8:00 PM	Shelly Istre	Brenda Couvillon, Suzanne Richard (if needed)	
May 3 @8:00	April Hargrave	Jeanette Simon, Vickie Tate, Annie Vidalier	
June 7 @10:00	Pam Gaspard	Cynthia Vincent, Lorna Bourque	

Conclusion

Drawing for door prizes by Ms. Annie: Melissa Guidry, Amy Broussard, and Joyce Gaspard.

The motion to adjourn was made by Lacey Guidry and seconded by Marlene Broussard. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Dates to Remember

April 2	Devotion to Mary cancelled as Holy Thursday
April 4 @ 8:00	No official CDA mass but members will be on standby if needed
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 Board meeting
April 28	Rosary at Nunez at 5:30
May 3	CDA mass at 8:00
May 7	Devotion to Mary at 6:00
May 12	Rosary at Nunez at 9:30
May 13	CDA meeting at 6:00 Rosary at Kaplan at 9:30
May 15	Cleaning of Holy Rosary
May 26	Rosary at Nunez at 9:30

Board meeting

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

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

May

- Week 1 (3-9)** Sandra Hargrave, Mona Harrington, Gay Herpin
Week 2 (May 10-16) Shelley Istre, Marion Landry, Sonya LeMaire
Week 3 (May 17-23) Tessia LeBouef, Olite Ledoux, Brenda Couvillon
Week 4 (May 24-30) Jaynell Manceaux, Helen Marceaux, Richelle Marceaux

Birthdays: April

Susan Briolo, Carolyn Doucet, Helen Frederick, Lacey Guidry, April Hargrave

Birthday for clergy

Ordination of Father Su

Pam Gaspard, Recording Secretary

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Adopted as written