



**Two Thousand and One Things**  
**Court Ave Maria #2001 - Houston, Texas**  
**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**  
**Newsletter - November, 2022**



**"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."**

**Dear Catholic Daughters, your officers hope to see you Wednesday, November 9th, 2022**  
**Parish Activity Center - St. Jerome – 2749 Hollister Rd. - Houston, TX 77080**

**Business Meeting begins at: 7 P. M. \***

**We gather before our monthly meeting @ 6:30 p.m. to recite the Rosary. All are invited**

**Court Dues are \$40.00 per year.**

**Mail To: Rachel Miller**  
**201 Drew St.**  
**Houston, TX 77006**  
**713-498-2254**

**Or**

**Bring to November Meeting**



**Did you know you can pay your Court Dues with a Credit Card?**

**Go to St. Jerome Website. Click on Fellowship tab, then on the drop list select Catholic Daughters. Select the Pay Member Dues here. Then add your Credit Card information.**

**ELECTION PRAYER**

O God, we acknowledge You today as Lord, Not only of individuals, but of nations and governments. We thank You for the privilege Of being able to organize ourselves politically And of knowing that political loyalty Does not have to mean disloyalty to You. We thank You for Your law, Which our Founding Fathers acknowledged And recognized as higher than any human law. We thank You for the opportunity that this election year puts before us, To exercise our solemn duty not only to vote, But to influence countless others to vote, And to vote correctly. Lord, we pray that Your people may be awakened. Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation. Their response to You requires that they be politically active. Awaken Your people to know that they are not called to be a sect fleeing the world But rather a community of faith renewing the world. Awaken them that the same hands lifted up to You in prayer Are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth; That the same eyes that read Your Word Are the eyes that read the names on the ballot, And that they do not cease to be Christians When they enter the voting booth. Awaken Your people to a commitment to justice, To the sanctity of marriage and the family, To the dignity of each individual human life, And to the truth that human rights begin when Human Lives Begin, And not one moment later. Lord, we rejoice today That we are citizens of Your kingdom. May that make us all the more committed To being faithful citizens on earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

**Ref: Rev. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life Source: CDA Texas Website**

**May God bless you richly and grant you increasing freedom from all anxiety and fear. 1 PETER**

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S**



**1<sup>st</sup> Victoria Chavez \* 5<sup>th</sup> Kim Chavez & Cecilie Zissa**

**11<sup>th</sup> Nelwyn LeBlanc & Stacey McMurry \* 12<sup>th</sup> Elena Torres \* 16<sup>th</sup> Lupita Monreal**

## Seafarer's Christmas Box Program



At our November meeting we will be filling and wrapping shoe boxes with items (full-sized items are preferred over travel size) to give to the Seafarers. Crew sizes average 22 seafarers to gift per ship and there are 400+ ships. These ships represent more than 60 different countries! Shoeboxes are donated by over 150 churches, individuals, and organizations such as Catholic Daughters Courts. Our Court's goal is 100 boxes which represent the size of our Court.



**Remember: to bring 1 extra empty shoe box, either plastic, or cardboard for filling at November meeting. Don't forget the tape, scissors, tissue paper for packing and wrapping paper.**

You may fill your own shoe box & bring to the meeting OR bring extra items from the list to be placed in boxes at the meeting as a group project.

Hairbrush / Comb - Magnets - T-shirts (new)- Nail Clippers -Q-Tips -Toothbrush – Toothpaste - Deodorant - Soap & Shampoo - Disposable Razors - Shaving Cream - Lotion - Socks - Gold Bond Powder - Gold Bond Cream - Baseball Caps (new) - Word Search/ Sudoku/ Fill-in books - USB Flash Drives - Earbuds /Headphones - Popcorn - Hot Chocolate - Band-Aids (fabric) - Dental floss Kleenex - Lip Balm - Needle & Thread - 2023 Calendar - Key Chains - Gum - Hard Candy – Pens - Mechanical Pencils - Pocket-size notebooks - Personal note or card - Texas Souvenirs

### Packing Instructions from Seafarers Center:

Items should be packed in shoebox size boxes, wrapped securely as one unit in Christmas paper. There should be no rattles. Please do not wrap lid and box separately or place bows on the boxes. *Plastic shoeboxes become an extra gift for the seafarer!* The Seafarers appreciate these items tremendously. Please be sure your boxes are packed full of items!

**If you have any questions, please contact Chair:**  
**Kathy Ehlinger Chair by email:**  
**[k.ehlinger@att.net](mailto:k.ehlinger@att.net) or call her at 713-240-0923**

Ave Maria #2001 - Christmas Boxes  
for Seafarers Center



## Saint of the Month



St. Edith Stein

**"Let go of your plans. The first hour of your morning belongs to God.**

**Tackle the day's work that he charges you with, and he will give you the power to accomplish it."**

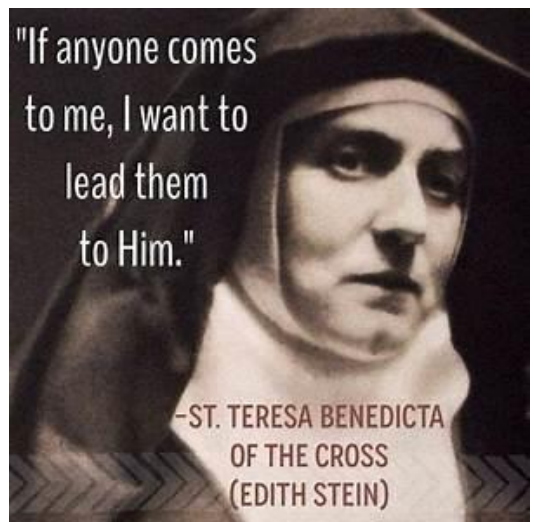


"And when night comes, and you look back over the day and see how fragmentary everything has been, and how much you planned that has gone undone, and all the reasons you have to be embarrassed and ashamed: just take everything exactly as it is, put it in God's hands and leave it with Him."



**"The woman's soul is fashioned as a shelter in which other souls may unfold."**

St. Edith Stein







**Special thanks to Gail Rodriguez for taking the lead for the WRAP Campaign.**

**Also, to Beverly Foyt, Dori Ellis, Judy Maniscalco, Margaret Southern, Mary Thompson and Lucia De La Cruz for handing out ribbons at the 7:30 Spanish Mass and to all who helped Gail at Saturday & Sunday Masses, October 29<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**For those who haven't read it, please read it now because this is an important message for all of us to know.**

***CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS (CDA) & WHITE RIBBONS "Defend the purity of morals in your homes and in society. The purer families are, the healthier the nations will be"...Pope John Paul II....Many young children are being robbed of their childhood because of man's addiction to pornography.....For many perpetrators, there is a progression from viewing adult pornography to viewing child pornography.....Over one-half of Christian men and nearly one-third of Christian women struggle with pornography.....Sex trafficking has been called "the fastest growing criminal enterprise "in the world...\*Every two minutes a child is being prepared for sexual exploitation....The age of a trafficked victim is 12-14 years of age..\*Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness: rather, expose them.....everything exposed by the light becomes visible.***



**Mary Arredondo, Maria Bannatyne, Trudy Benavides, Helen Cantu, Judy Christy, Connie Davis, Lydia Demko, Melinda Ehlinger, Dori Ellis, Paulette Farek, Kathy Fisher, Mike Graul, Roz Hebert, Florence Hempel, Irene Infante, Rose Jordan's daughter Natasha, Nelwyn LeBlanc, Delores Lemp, Marimar Landrau-Mackey, Henrietta Neiser, Beth O'Dowd's parents, Georgia Popp, Amel Rodriguez, Gail Rodriguez's daughter Lynn, Irene Smith, Maryann Spencer, Agnes Sullivan, Elena & Juanita Torres, Marie Tupa, Mary Ann Wey, and Cecillie Zissa.**

**"Remember our Homebound and all our sisters in prayer"**

***Please Pray for the Repose of the soul of Aurora Garcia and her family in this time of sorrow.***

**"Blessed are those who have died in the Lord, let them rest from their labors for their own good deeds go with them."**



***January 17, 1946 - September 28, 2022***

**Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones.**

**And for all your love's sake. Amen - Saint Augustine**

**If you have anyone you would like mentioned in this section,  
Email: judymaniscalco@aol.com or call 713-462-8284**

## 2022-2024 DIRECTORY



If you have changes,  
please contact Directory Chair:  
**Judy Christy (713) 503-6705**

**New Directories will be  
distributed at the November 9th  
Meeting.**



## Spiritual Enhancement Opportunities



**The Rosary & Holy Hour for Pro  
Life is scheduled every  
Thursday in the Day Chapel  
from 6:30 p.m. to 7 pm,  
Followed by U.S. Conference  
of Catholic Bishops  
HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE.**



**COME PRAY TO HELP  
END ABORTION!**

## IMPORTANT DATES



### November

1st - All Saints Day  
2nd - All Souls' Day  
8th - Elections - Vote



4th - Fish Fry Friday  
6th - Fr. Rafa's Birthday  
9th - CDA Meeting &  
Seafarer's Boxes  
11th - Veterans Day  
21st - KC/CDA Memorial  
Mass



25th - Thanksgiving



27th Advent Begins



### December

2nd - Fish Fry Friday  
9th Seamen's Luncheon  
14th - CDA Meeting /  
Christmas Celebration  
25th - Christmas



## Religious Gift Shop



**Contact:**

**Mary Kay Dittrich  
@281-216-1722**

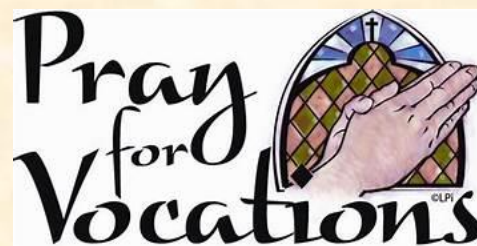
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or

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**Send Prayers and notes of  
encouragement to our seminarian.**

**Office of Vocations  
1700 San Jacinto  
Houston, TX 77002**

**Attention: An Vo**

**Prayer for Each Day**



**Gracious God, help us to know  
the joy and strength of Christ's  
love, that we may become more  
and more like Him each day, and  
share His love with others.  
Amen**





## 2023 State Convention

"53rd Biennial Texas State Catholic Daughters of the Americas convention"

Dates are: April 26-30 to be held at Moody Gardens in Galveston, Texas.

The theme for this convention is "Most Blessed Are You" (Lk.1:42).



**November 21st**

**7 P. M.**

**Memorial Service for Court Ave Maria #2001**

**&**

**Knights of Columbus Council #4550**

**Deceased Members**



**O God of al life, pour Your consoling grace upon all who mourn the passing of their loved ones.**



**Prayer of St. Gertrude The Great**

**"Eternal Father, I offer thee the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family." AMEN**

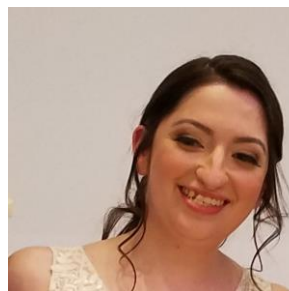
## "Welcome Our New Members"

**Left to Right - Margaret Southern- Gabriella Scavella**

**Far Right - Kim Chavez, Regent**



**Just look at their smiles! These ladies are full of joy and happiness!**



**Victoria Chavez**

**"Rejoice always."**

**1 Thessalonians  
Chapter 5: 16**





**1<sup>st</sup> Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Kathy Ehlinger - Bake Sale Chair**

**713-240-0293**

**Email: k.ehliner@att.net**

**Gail Rodriguez**

**Bake Sale Co-Chair**

**713-468-3311**

**Email: ganda7@sbcglobal.net**

**Additional help needed  
to cut / wrap / sell desserts.  
Donations are accepted to purchase  
deserts, if you don't have the time.**

**Congratulations  
from  
Court Ave Maria #2001**

**CANNON PAUL KRUS  
Born: 10-20-2022  
7 lbs - 8 oz  
19 1/2 inches**



**Grandmother: Janna Krus**

**Great-Grandmother:**

**Jeanette Bruegging**

**All are doing well!**

**Court Ave Maria #2001  
Court Officers 2020-2022**

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*Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
Pray for Us!*



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## **SEAFARERS MASS & LUNCHEON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022**



**Join the GH-ACCW and Cardinal  
DiNardo to support the Seafarer's  
Ministry for the Advent Seafarer's  
Luncheon & Mass on Friday,  
December 9th at the Port in  
Houston.**

**To Purchase Tickets go to  
website:**

**[Archdiocese of Galveston-  
Houston Council of Catholic  
Women ...](#)**

**Schedule**

**9AM Check-In & Social**

**10:15AM Testimony by Port**

**Chaplain, Fr. Jan Kubis**

**10:30AM GH-ACCW Updates**

**10:45AM Break**

**11AM Mass with His Eminence,**

**Cardinal DiNardo**

**12PM Lunch**

**1:30PM Raffle**

**1:45PM Closing Prayer**

**Cost: \$35 per person**

**Location: Houston Port -**

**Seafarer's Center (9750 High**

**Level, Rd, Houston, Texas**

**Must provide a valid unexpired**

**photo ID to enter port (driver**

**license or passport)**

