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Lakeside News



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August 2018 Newsletter

Mission Statement

"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."

Inside Peek

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National CDA - www.catholicdaughters.org

Texas CDA - www.texascd.org



Incoming Regent Message



A life lived fully for Jesus Christ is a challenging one. It means constantly saying “no” to the distractions from the world, even those that might seem fairly harmless. It means saying “Yes.” when asked to volunteer our time to a ministry or to a service within the ministry. Saying yes is sometimes difficult. It means we have to interrupt the comfortable course of our daily life. For, this reason, I recognize the sacrifice that those who have assumed a chairmanship of the various committees have made. I want to say thank you for your service. I also want to ask the members of the court to say “Yes.” to joining one of the committees so that the chairmen can have help in carrying out the function of the committees. If we are going to be able to form 12 teams of 5-6 people for “Caring Hearts,” chaired by Shirley Girouard and Delia Hock, we need more volunteers. We need volunteers for the “Adopt A Family” committee chaired by Janet Spicer. This committee functions at Christmas and at the beginning of school. It needs to be formed right away. I need people who know how to do scrapbooking to volunteer to help me with our Scrapbook so that it will be ready for the State Convention. Coffee and Doughnuts needs more volunteers since we have lost several through death, illness or relocation. If you have not signed up for refreshments for a meeting we have openings in October, November, April and May.

Please contact the following chairmen to volunteer:

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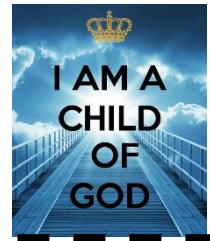
Sheri Hanson (Coffee & Doughnuts) slhanson@coastal-link.net

Patti Bettge (Hospitality) pabettge@gmail.com

By Juanita Oppermann, Regent



Installation of Officers



At our first meeting on Thursday, August 23rd, we needed to elect a new secretary. Sharon Ernst was nominated and elected by members at in attendance. Congratulation Sharon!! After the election of our new secretary we were honored to have our District 35, District Deputy, Rhonda Palasota in attendance to install our new officers. Msgr. Leo Wleczyk was also in attendance and spoke briefly about the future of St. Michael's and the importance of service and giving.



Pictured Above (from L to R): Rhonda Palasota, District Deputy, District 35, Ann Riedel, Treasurer, Patty Matus, Financial Secretary, Sharon Ernst, Secretary, Rachel Warner, Vice-Regent, and Juanita Oppermann, Regent.



Pictured above: Msgr. Leo Wleczyk

By Sarah Ebey, Newsletter Editor



National News



National Clergy Consultant Fr. Ed Lamp's Message

My Dear Catholic Daughters,

August 21, 2018

We are all saddened and disturbed by the recent news reports about priests and bishops in our country who have harmed so many victims and betrayed our trust through sinful acts and omissions. It is tragic, and I ask for forgiveness on behalf of my brother priests. The acts were betrayals of trust that robbed survivors of their dignity and their faith. The church must learn hard lessons from its past, and there should be accountability for both abusers and those who permitted abuse to occur.

With all the strides that have been made, we can do more, and we will do more. A national effort is underway to engage laity, experts and the Vatican to determine what changes are needed to improve our protection of youth. Victims should know that the Holy Father is on their side. Those who have suffered are his priority, and the church wants to listen to them to root out this tragic horror that destroys the lives of the innocent.

Please join me and all Catholic Daughters in praying for all victims whose lives have been wounded by abuse. I and all of our Chaplains pray for each of you that your faith in Jesus Christ will never waver. Let us also pray for our Church and its leaders. May we learn from past mistakes so that we can better safeguard the people we serve.

Father Ed Lamp, National Clergy Consultant

From the National CDA Site found here:

https://www.catholicdaughters.org/reflection/reflection_2018_08_22.shtml

12 Day France Pilgrimage October 2019



Dear CDA Friends and Family,
I cordially invite you to join me on a dream pilgrimage. In October 2019, we will have the opportunity to spend twelve incredible days visiting sights of France! We will start our pilgrimage in Paris! I feel like Auntie Mame when she says, "Oh, the sights we will see!" Our trip will be a mixture of the holy and the historical.

Olga Samaniego, National Regent



Taken in part from National CDA Site.

You can find complete flyer

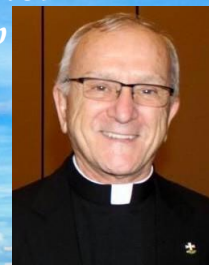
and brochure @

<https://www.catholicdaughters.org/events/Pilgrimage/index.shtml>

12 Day France Pilgrimage

PARIS - LISIEUX - OMAHA BEACH -
MONT ST MICHEL - NEVERS
PARAY LE MONIAL - ARS - LYON - LOURDES

Spiritual Director
Fr. Ed Lamp





State News



A Message From The State Chaplain

Be Not Afraid!



Fr. Gregory T. Labus

The summer months are, for many, a time for recreation with family and friends. It is a time to take a vacation and to catch our breath from the many activities of the school year. Similarly, the church calendar also slows down a bit as we re-engage with season of Ordinary Time. The "green" season is really not so "ordinary." Since during this season the Church is not

reflecting on any particular mystery of Our Lord, the "green" reminds us that we are to continue growing in our faith like the green of the plants and trees.

During this transition from Easter to Ordinary Time, the Church gives us the Solemnity of Corpus Christi to launch us, so to speak, into the months ahead. This great feast invites us to reflect on the gift of the Eucharist. For the Eucharist "is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed [and] it is also the fount from which all her power flows." (SC 10)

The importance of the Sunday Eucharist cannot be overemphasized. It is at Mass that we are fed with God's Word and with the Body and Blood of the Lord. Just as we need food to sustain our bodies, we need the spiritual nourishment of the Eucharist to sustain our souls. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we offer ourselves in union with Jesus Christ as a sacrifice of praise to the Father. In return, the Father feeds

with the Body of and Blood of His Son in Holy Communion. As we offer ourselves, we die to our selfishness and sin so we can rise with the Lord to love as God loves us.

I have heard many people say that they do not go to Mass because they find the Mass boring. Perhaps we all have said or thought this at some point in our spiritual journey. Indeed, the Mass can be boring if we come with a disposition of "what am I going to get out of it." If this is our disposition, then Mass will be boring. Instead, I invite you to consider coming to Mass with the disposition of "what can I give." Obviously, the gift that you give with this disposition is the offering of self with all our brokenness to the Lord. Then, our hearts are open to receive the great gift of the Lord's Body and Blood that the Father bestows to help us on our pilgrimage of life toward heaven. Our encounter with the Risen Lord at the Sunday Eucharist will keep us safe unto eternal life. Jesus, the Bread of Life, gives us the strength to continue his good work of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and all other good works. During the summer months, we can mistakenly believe that we do not "have to" go to Mass. Would we really want to deny ourselves of this great gift to the detriment of our souls? Let us "want to go to Mass" in order to keep "growing" in our faith. Remember, God cannot feed us unless we are there.

Father Greg

State Chaplain

"I plead with you--never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."

— John Paul II, Pope John Paul II: In My Own Words

The phrase

"do not be afraid"

is written in the Bible 365 times. That's a daily reminder from God to live every day being fearless.



District 35 National CDA Day



National CDA Day (NCD) October 27, 2018

Our Court #2364 will be hosting the District 35 National CDA Day on October 27th, here at St. Michaels. The theme "Be Not Afraid" will be carried out through-out the day, beginning with Registration at 8:30 am; Mass at 9am. Msgr. Leo will open the NCD with a prayer, followed by CDA Pledge & Welcome, LJ City Proclamation, etc.

The Keynote Speaker is Kim Brown, a Catholic author and speaker for adults and youth. She has experienced walking the Camino de Santiago (the way of Saint James) in Spain and has written a book about her spiritual pilgrimage. She has just become the new director at the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson.



Lunch will be served followed by presentation of D-35 Member of the Year and other miscellaneous items.

All CDA Members are invited to attend this special annual District 35 happening; paid for by the Court. Since we are hosting we would love to show our support by having as many of our court sisters in attendance.

More details will follow. Any questions, please contact Dottie Mensik or Delia Hock, 2018 National CDA Day Co-chairs.

By Dottie Mensik and
Delia Hock NCD Co-Chairs



A Call for Committee Members



What can you do to speak the word of God to other members in our community. Our court has many standing committees Catholic Daughters. Up until our were still needing to fill a few Grace of God we were able to fill those vacant. Thank you to Janet Spicer Girouard and Delia Hock are Co-Chairs Sablatura is the new Legislation volunteered as the Spaghetti Dinner meeting Bunny Swist offered to take

that are chaired by dedicated general meeting on August 23 we committees chairs. With the committee chairs that were new Adopt-a-Family chair, Shirley for Caring Hearts, Lillian committee chair, Sandy Seeley Fundraiser Chair. After the on part of the Membership/Court



Development committee. Bunny will members, invite them to meetings, Catholic Daughters, and conduct two other part of that committee will keep chair position still needs to be filled. overseeing Scrapbook and Circle of Vice-Regent is covering Ceremonials. current chairs are Bake Sales, Calling, Donations, Education / Scholarship, Scholarship (Mass Cards), Newsletter, Respect for Life, Spiritual now that you know what committees asking can I join a committee even chair? Can I join more than one great committees do? Well the are **YES!!** and **YES!!** Committee looking for other members to join and As far as what each committee does committee descriptions.

Everyone has something to bring. Join a committee!!!

take on contacting prospective give them information about the information sessions a year. The the membership information, this Our Worthy Regent will be Love committees. Our Worthy Other committees that have Coffee & Donuts, Communication Hospitality, Logistics, Memorial Prayer Blanket, Prayer Requests, Enhancement, and Sunshine. So our courts has, you're probably though it already has a committee committee? And what do all these answer to the first two questions Chairs and Co-Chairs are always support the committee they chair. look on page 6 and 7 for all



By Sarah Ebey,
Newsletter Editor





Standing Committees



Adopt A Family: Chair: Janet Spicer

Coordinates gifts and food for family during Christmas; and help family through November of following year with Thanksgiving meal, birthdays, and school shopping.

Bake Sales: Co-Chairs: Janet Gipson and Sandy Seeley

Coordinates fundraisers (bake sales, etc.) other than annual spaghetti fundraiser.

Calling: Chair: Jo Ann Forse

Initiates phone tree to communicate information to members. # of callers on list ranges from 14 – 20.

Caring Hearts: Co-Chairs: Shirley Girouard and Delia Hock

Ministers to court members and parishioners – home visits, meals, transportation; All members encourage to send in prayer requests which are then forwarded to members throughout the month.

Ceremonials: Chair: Rachel Warner

Ensures our court follows correct ceremonial procedures for membership receptions, installation of officers and members, etc.

Circle of Love: Chair: Juanita Oppermann

Documents paperwork for court and members' activities to submit to National; Members encourage to track their participation. National required to collect to keep nonprofit status (Separate form).

Coffee & Donuts: Chair: Sheri Hanson

Coordinates the serving of coffee & Donuts after Sunday masses. Members serve 3 – 4 times a year **VIRTUS training is required**.

Communications: Chair: Dottie Mensik

Sends court information to membership primarily via email but can be sent via USPS when needed.

Donations: Chair: Kathy Ward

Recommends donations to nonprofit organizations by amount based on the organizations request.

Education/Scholarships: Chair: Constance McEntee

Coordinates applications/review process and selects winners for CDA State and National contest and for local high school graduating seniors.

Hospitality: Chair: Patti Bettge

Designs process/Assigns members to bring refreshments to monthly meeting.

Legislation: Chair: Lillian Sablatura

Monitors legislation & communicates information to court members.

Logistics: Chair: Bunny Swist

Submits meeting room layout to SMLJ parish maintenance manager.



Standing Committees (cont.)



Membership/Court Development: Chair: Bunny Swist

Contacts prospective members, invite them to the meetings, give them information about the Catholic Daughters, and conduct two information sessions a year.

Membership/Court Development: Chair: OPEN

Will keep the membership information. **Additional information to come**

Memorial Scholarship (Mass Cards): Chair: Toni Kwan

Distributes mass cards and submits Mass intention information to Texas State court who uses funds for high school senior scholarships.

Newsletter: Chair: Sarah Ebey

Publishes monthly newsletter for local court members / D35 / state representatives. All members encouraged to submit articles and/or applicable information to communicate to members. All members encouraged to submit a "Bio" form.

Prayer Blankets: Co-Chairs: Binnie Bauml and Lynette Walsh

Assemble prayer blankets to be distributed to anyone with a need; Fabric donated by members and parishioners. Members pray over blankets when completed.

Prayer Requests: Chair: Mary Montague

All members encouraged to send in prayer requests which are then forwarded to members throughout the month.

Read Across America: Chair: Janet Gipson

Solicits ideas and coordinates one or more local Read Across America projects. Submits paperwork to State.

Respect for Life: Co-Chairs: Kathleen Calhoun and Elizabeth Calhoun

Distributes pro-life information and coordinates applicable court activities.

Scrapbook: Chair: Juanita Oppermann

Assembles scrapbook for State/National Contest. All members encouraged to submit photos, etc. This serves as historical account for Court.

Spaghetti Fundraiser: Chair: Sandy Seeley

Coordinates annual spaghetti event (Raffle, Silent Auction, Dinner and Desserts).

Special Projects: Co-Chairs: Rhonda Palasota and Doris Grigar

Plans and coordinates any special CDA projects for which there is not committee.

Spiritual Enhancement: Chair: Patti Bettge

Coordinates spiritual activities/readings for meetings.

Sunshine: Chair: Jo Ann Forse

Sends membership cards of encouragement, thinking of you, sympathy, get well and birthdays > 75.



Summer BUNCO Fundraiser



Catholic Daughters donate to St. Vincent dePaul

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady Queen of the Lake #2364 held their Summer Bunco Fundraiser for Saint Vincent dePaul! We had 82 attendees and were able to donate \$1436.00 and 1,028 food items to assist SVdP activities. Sara Richards, owner of Country Village Care, made a very generous donation of \$500.00 to SVdP! Everyone enjoyed delicious food and fellowship!

By
Janet Gipson



Below LtoR: Betty Jo Jurries, Bunco Co-Chair and Sara Richards, Owner of Country Village Care



Prize winners were: Above LtoR: Nancy Bailly-Most Wins, Ann Giesen-Most Buncos, Linda Balcom—Bunco baby, & Margie McAda-Most Losses.



CDA Sister Doing Great Things



Quarterly Communion

Quarterly Communion was held on July 29th. Pictured are twenty-three Catholic Daughter sisters that attended Mass.

By Sarah Ebey,
Newsletter Editor



Membership Committee

Please join us in welcoming Gera Martin, our newest CDA member. Gera is a dual member from Pearland with Lake Jackson as her primary court. Over the last few months, we've had several members move from LJ and some have already transferred to other courts. Elizabeth Calhoun, 19, is our youngest member ever to join and Ruth Cleaver is still our most senior member, at age 95. We are holding steady at 65, as our average age for the 126 members that share their birth year. The membership chair position is still open, so let's all do our part to recruit new members.

From Membership
Patty Matus, Financial Secretary &
Mary Montague, Out-Going Membership Chair



CDA Court Calendar



Date	Event	Time	Location
1 Sep	Membership Dues will be considered late. Annual Dues are \$30.00		
3 Sep	Patriotic Rosary	7p	Church
5 Sep	Sewing Day	9a – 1p	F-Wing
9 Sep	St. Michael's Bazaar	Begins @ 9a w/domino tournament	Wleczyk Hall & Church Grounds
15 Sep	CDA National Regent's Reception	See pg. 10 for details	San Antonio, TX
27 Sep	Regular Business Mtg	6:30p social / 7p mtg	Angelina
1 Oct	Patriotic Rosary	7p	Church
3 Oct	Sewing Day	9a – 1p	F-Wing
25 Oct	Regular Business Mtg	6:30p social / 7p mtg	Angelina
27 Oct	National CDA Day	8a	Wleczyk Hall
5 Nov	Patriotic Rosary	7p	Church
7 Nov	Sewing Day	9a – 1p	F-Wing
29 Nov	Regular Business Mtg	6:30p social / 7p mtg	Angelina
1 Dec	CDA/KC Christmas Party	6:30p	Wleczyk Hall



CDA Court



May all the blessings
be showered upon you
happiness & success be there
in all that you do

Have a
Lovely Birthday!

September Birthday's

- 3 – Joyce Sykora
- 6 – Patty Sayes
- 9 – Joan Taplett
- 16 – Linda Churchill
- 17 – Betty Jo Jurries
- 18 – Rose Marie Filip
- 21 – Mary Louise Christie
- 23 – Katie Bailey
- 23 – Patty Bettge
- 23 – Carolyn Evans
- 25 – Blanca Walker
- 26 – Shei Hanson
- 29 – Jan Denomy
- 30 Olivia Baradhi

We hope you enjoyed the newsletter.

Please contact Sarah Ebey at 706-799-4415 or Rhonda Palasota at 979-709-2777 or Juanita Oppermann at 979-388-3324 with any suggestions, future newsletter items or corrections.

Many thanks to members who contributed articles and photos for the newsletter!

*** All articles are written by Sarah Ebey unless otherwise noted. ***

Prayer Request

We have so many members & friends in need of prayers. Condolences for those we have lost over the last month: Our sweet CDA sister Mary Louise Christie; Our Angleton CDA sister, Marta Ramos; Farmer, brother of Shirley Girouard & Colette Garcia; and Jane Schumacher, sister of Sherry Bergen & a CDA member at Holy Rosary in Rosenberg. Faithful prayer warriors, please continue to pray for everyone on our prayer list.

Mary Montague,
Prayer Requests Chair

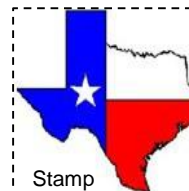
LIFE

By Mother Teresa

LIFE IS AN OPPORTUNITY,
BENEFIT FROM IT
LIFE IS BEAUTY, **ADMIRE IT.**
LIFE IS A DREAM, **REALIZE IT.**
LIFE IS A CHALLENGE, **MEET IT.**
LIFE IS A DUTY, **COMPLETE IT.**
LIFE IS A GAME, **PLAY IT.**
LIFE IS A PROMISE, **FULFILL IT.**
LIFE IS SORROW, **OVERCOME IT.**
LIFE IS A SONG, **SING IT.**
LIFE IS A STRUGGLE, **ACCEPT IT.**
LIFE IS A TRAGEDY, **CONFRONT IT.**
LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE, **DARE IT.**
LIFE IS LUCK, **MAKE IT.**
LIFE IS TOO PRECIOUS,
DO NOT DESTROY IT.
LIFE IS LIFE, **FIGHT FOR IT.**



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