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November/December 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."

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We hope you enjoyed the newsletter.

Please contact Sarah Ebey at 706-799-4415 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. ***

For more Catholic Daughter news visit these Websites
National CDA - www.catholicdaughters.org
Texas CDA - www.texascda.org



Regent Message



Regent Message

CDA Sisters,

Christmas is almost here. I want to wish please say yes!!! Your help is greatly families a very happy, holy Christmas. The year is coming to a close and we have accomplished much. And, next year will bring new challenges.

Our first big hurdle for the new year will be our major fund raiser, the Chicken Spaghetti Dinner. We are counting on all the members to help make this one of our most successful years yet. We depend on this fund raiser to earn us the funds we need for our scholarships, our donations to the youth of our parish (Summer Camp, Mission, Vacation Bible school) and our community. The hard work of our members brings happiness, relief and aid to many. Work has already started on gathering our raffle prizes and Sandy Seeley will be looking for members to assume leadership roles in the kitchen, Angelina Room, Grab

Bag and Silent Auction. When she calls you, all our Catholic Daughter members and their needed. Please pray for the success of our fund raiser and that we will again have many generous members pitch in and make it a great success.

> Presently, let us focus on Advent and Christmas. Advent helps us prepare for the birth of Christ and His second coming at the end of the world. The first two Sundays in Advent look forward to Christ's second coming, and the last two Sundays look backward to remember Christ's first coming. With a focus on the spiritual renewal of the season, Christmas can be a season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength. May you experience great spiritual growth during this Advent and Christmas season. Remember to pray for our church, our country, and our community.



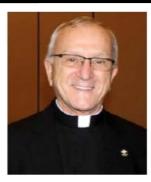


National News



A Message from Our National Clergy Consultant

Live In the Spirit of Christmas



Dear CDA and friends,

Father Edward Lamp National Clergy Consultant

On that first Christmas, the angels praised God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will." The shepherds came and adored the newborn Savior. St. Luke wrote, "And Mary treasured all of these things and reflected on them in her heart." We too need to pause and treasure the gift of Christmas in our hearts. And that gift is simply Jesus, true God who became true man, who came to reveal perfectly God's truth and love to us, who died and rose for our salvation, and who founded a Church – a family – where His presence continues in both Word and Sacrament. Treasure and reflect on the gift of Jesus and the faith you share in Him as a member of the Catholic Church.

Moreover, we must not let Christmas just be a passing day. Live in the spirit of Christmas each day. Reflect upon how to better treasure this gift each day by making prayer a critical part of your day, by continuing to read Sacred Scripture and the teachings of our Church, by having a stronger devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass, by regularly making a self-examination of conscience and going to Confession, and doing those good works for those entrusted to our care and for those in need. May such reflection of the gift of Christmas, move us by God's grace to an even more intimate relationship with our Lord this year. May our souls be like the stable in Bethlehem where Christ first made His dwelling among us.

Lastly as your National Clergy Consultant, I treasure the gift of you and the dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make The Catholic Daughters a beacon of Christ's love. In particular, I thank those who serve in the various leadership positions of Catholic Daughters. On behalf of our National Board and all of the Staff at National Headquarters in New York City, I wish each of you a blessed and joyous Christmas and New Year! Please be assured of my prayers for your intentions and a remembrance at Holy Mass. May the peace, joy, and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of the New Year.

May God bless you, Fr. Edward Lamp



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Díd you Know.....



Who Are The Catholic Daughters?



The Catholic
Daughters of the
Americas is one of the
oldest and largest
organizations of Catholic
women in the Americas.

They donate to
National Regent Olga Samaniego charities, administer scholarship programs and strive "to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness." their faith and to contact their state representatives to make their person positions known through Operation Morning Star [The Catholic Daughter of the Americas does not endorse

The CDA motto is "Unity and Charity."

The CDA was formed over 100 years ago and today numbers 66,000 dues-paying members in 1,150 courts (local chapters) in 45 states across the country and in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Kenya, and Peru.

Catholic Daughter women enjoy each other's company at meetings and work hard for their parishes and communities.

Deeply spiritual, together they share faith, love of God and a distinctly feminine spirituality alluded to by Pope John Paul II when he spoke of the necessity of "feminine genius" in today's world.

The program includes concerns of

today's church and society as well as issues that affect the well-being of women and children.

The Legislative Program encourages interested members to learn about laws that may influence their faith and to contact their state representatives to make their personal positions known through Operation Morning Star [The Catholic Daughters of the Americas does not endorse political candidates].

Girls and young women ages 6-18 can join the Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Young college women can become members of Campus Courts at some universities.



Our Patroness: Blessed Mother Mary Blessed Mother statue on display at the national CDA office.



Circle of Love



Circle of Love

The image above is symbolic of our CIRCLE OF LOVE program. By definition, a circle is a curved line with every point equal distance from the point of the center and bound together by the common interest. The seven point program of the CIRCLE OF LOVE is bound together by the common interest-LOVE.

The small heart in the center is taken from the logo of the HEART SPEAKS TO HEART program. By utilizing this portion of the logo and part of the SPIRITUAL ENH Heart Speaks to Heart program that is compatible with the Circle of Love, a smooth transition occurs.

The Cross and Crown in the center of the heart is the national symbol of the Order the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

The seven points selected indicate the needs of the Church and community best served by the Catholic Daughters. The program itemizes these needs with suggestions on how Catholic Daughters can effectively serve. [On the National CDA website,] please click on the heart of each individual point to learn more about it.

The "CIRCLE OF LOVE" program portions of this Web site are gathered to assist Catholic Daughters in working with the final adaptation. Thanks goes to each the Church and community. We are

indeed very aware of the needs in society that are deeply affecting today's generation, the elderly, and human life. To be effective in promoting good works, we must reach out and make a difference in the lives of those who are suffering, whether it be through their own fault or the circumstances in which they find

themselves. If we are to be

"Jesus hands and feet" as is

pledged in the Act of Consecration during the Installation Ceremony, then we must use the talents He gave us, become educated in new fields, volunteer our services and financial assistance where needed.

Local Courts are

asked to select those portions

of the programs that their members feel comfortable working on in their area. If many projects are selected, the task can become burdensome and little is accomplished. Members need to experience fulfillment when the projects are completed. This can happen when courts are selective in choosing court programs.

LEADERSHIP

Many persons were involved in the formation of "Circle of Love". The National Board, members of the National Office and State Officers all had a part in one of them.

Taken from the Nation CDA Website Circle of Love https://www.catholicdaughters.org/circle.shtml

Olga Samaniego | **National Regent**



State News



A Message from the State Chaplain

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Be Not Afraid!



Fr. Gregory T. Labus

Our culture in the United States operates on various calendars – the civil calendar of January-December, the school calendar of August/ September-May/June, the fiscal calendar of July-June and various other calendars.

Unfortunately, many Catholics forget about our calendar, the Liturgical calendar. Our liturgical calendar helps us remember, through the rich seasons and feasts of Our Lord's life, the mysteries of our salvation.

As these mysteries are re-presented to us every year, we are given the opportunity to enter more deeply into our relationship with the Savior. In addition to Our Lord, various feasts of Our Blessed Mother and the saints help us to continue to strive to be the best disciples we can be by following their example.

During the autumn months the school calendar seems to predominate. Families are busy with many things to help our children and young adults get started for a new school year. On the liturgical calendar it is just the opposite. The Church during this time is winding down her calendar. The last three months of Ordinary Time are beginning to point to the end times. It is a time that the Church invites us to reflect on the "Last Things", that is death, judgment, heaven and hell.

All of us need reminding that we are not destined to live in this world forever. Life here is temporary. Psalm 90 tells us that we live here for seventy or eighty years for those who are strong. (ps. 90 vs. 10)

However, these days some people live to be a hundred years old but also many are called back to the Lord at a much younger age. In any event, this life is to be seen as a pilgrimage toward our true homeland which is in heaven with God, our Blessed Mother and all the angels and saints for eternity.

In this light, knowing that heaven is our eternal destiny, the Church calls on all of us to strive to live the commandments now. We are exhorted to always be prepared spiritually for the moment God will call us back to himself. When death claims our mortal bodies, God will judge us according to our faithfulness in keeping his commandments, above all the great commandment of love.

While our culture does not like to hear about judgment, we must be firmly grounded in the knowledge that God is a God of justice. He will judge each person at the moment of death and in the general judgment at the end of time when Christ comes in glory. Then all will inherit their eternal reward. The righteous will inherit eternal life in heaven and the unrighteous to eternal death in hell where we are reminded "there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." (Mt. 13:42)

As we experience the temperatures begin to moderate and trees put on their autumn color preparing for winter, let us remember that the liturgy is mirroring this also. We are being called to prepare ourselves and to examine our lives. Have we fed the hungry, clothed the naked and visited the sick? The scriptures tell us to be vigilant and to beware that our hearts not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day not catch us by surprise like a trap. (Lk 21:34)

For when He comes again in glory, He will separate the sheep from the goats. We want to be numbered among the sheep and hear the King say "come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." (Mt. 25:34-36)

Father Greg

State Chaplain

Unity and Charity

"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

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More News from the State



From the Desk of the State Parliamentarian – Carolyn Malik

POINTS ON PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES



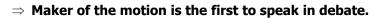
for local court meetings

⇒ Always rise when addressing the chair.

⇒ Wait to be recognized.



⇒ There motion is than considered and debated.



⇒ Amendments may be made to improve the motion.

⇒ Keep debate germane to the motion.

- ⇒ During debate direct your discussion to the chair, not to individuals nor personalities.
- ⇒ Amendments to a main motion must be approved prior to voting on the main motion.
 - ⇒ Following all debate, the regent puts the question.
 - ⇒ Regent announces the results of the vote.

Carolyn Malik, State Parliamentarian cdacarol@sbcglobal.net

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Circle of Love – Education, by Iris Hinojosa

A sincere thanks to all the courts that participated in the 2018 education contest. I do pray that this coming year more courts will participate in these contests. Competition increases self-esteem, creativity and responsibility; and, young students of to-day enjoy competition.

The new school year has begun so, this is an appropriate time to begin promoting the education contests in our courts. Regents, please inform your courts about the education contests. All local courts have energetic and competitive students; so, encourage your students to participate in these events. The following are the six contests: art, essay, poetry, computer art, music and photography.

CDA ladies!! You can participate in the following events: art, computer art, poetry, and photography. There are many talented ladies in each Texas court; so take time to share your talents.

Circle of Love Education must not be overlooked. Local courts work hard; so, recognize your achievements and send the reporting form to the state chairmen. All courts deserve recognition! I am looking forward to your participation.

Best wishes in all your endeavors and may God Bless You.



By Iris Hinojosa

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VIRTUS



What is Virtus *Online* TM ?

VIRTUS *Online*™ is the brand name that identifies a state-of-the-art, web-based platform that provides best practice resources 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our system provides a comprehensive menu of functions for churches, religious organizations, and facilities from one convenient web-based resource. Through these functions we can help church organizations prevent wrongdoing, manage risk and improve service to community through education, training, and best practices. The home page (the page you are now viewing) is provided free of charge to anyone in the world with access to the Internet. The subscriber pages (pages requesting a user name and a password) are intended for users from organizations that subscribe to the VIRTUS® program.

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Most training programs (seminars, live sessions, videos) establish awareness, but few change behavior. With the VIRTUS programs, the potential for successful behavioral change can be increased via our VIRTUS *Online* system. Every training program, in addition to live and video awareness sessions, provides ongoing web-based training. These regularly scheduled online bulletins and web-based training courses reinforce the knowledge points made during the awareness sessions. Moreover, every training program is tracked so the organization knows who has or has not trained. Plus, most of the online training bulletins and modules are interactive allowing trainees to contact and interact with a training.

Taken from the VIRTUS Online Website

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From Msgr. Leo. Chaplain

From Msgr. Leo: Many of our parishioners who are serving in our ministries are no longer in compliance with the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program (Virtus). After 5 years of attending a training session, you are required to complete an online training update. If you volunteer with children, youth, scouts or SVDP you are required to be in compliance. It is highly recommended that all members of the parish be in compliance because of the number of children and youth that are present at so many events. Please help us keep them safe. If you have questions, or are no longer an active volunteer, please contact Melanie at melanie@smlj.org/979-297-3041.

UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAININGS

Protecting God's Children (PGC)
St. John, Alvin: Dec. 1 @ 9 am
Shrine of the True Cross, Dickinson: Dec. 15 @ 9:00 am St. Dominic Chancery (Morkovsky Hall), Houston: Dec. 18 @ 1 pm

To locate other trainings and to register: www.virtus.org

PLEASE DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT

Contact Melanie at 979-297-3041/melanie@smlj.org with any questions.

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CDA Annual Fall Bunco Bash



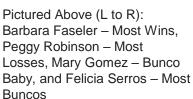
Fun and Fellowship was Had by All

for our lucky winners. We raised \$887 -

Thanks to all who attended and/or helped make our Fall Bunco Bash such a huge success. Our decorating crew of Dottie Mensik and Bunny Swist made everything look beautiful. Karen Koranek, Isabel Respondek and Susie Mensik kept the drink containers filled and the food tables organized. As always, we had a great variety of delicious dishes to sample. Ann Riedel and Sarah Ebey managed the steady line at the check in table – we had 65 participants. There were 887 food items donated. The donation table was really busy. This kept Pat, Katie and Betty Jo jumping - greeting old and new friends, counting/tearing tickets and moving the food out of the way as fast as possible. There was a lot of fellowship and much laughter going on – screams of "BUNCO!" were continually heard throughout the hall. There were 47 door prizes

Blessings, Betty Jo, BUNCO Co-Chair

Pictured Below: 2018 Fall BUNCO Door Prize Winner







Making a Difference & Prayer Request



CDA Sisters Making a Difference

At National CDA Day, Courts from District 35 chose to take up a collection for "Make a Difference Day" and donate the money to the Pregnancy Help Center. A check for \$534.47 was

Hopkins Fuller,

Director.



presented to Jackie Pictured from L to R: Dottie Mensik, Regents: Juanita Oppermann-Our Lake Queen of the Lake #2364 - Lake Jackson, Jackie Fuller-Pregancy Help Center Director, Blanca Ochoa-Immaculate Mary #2134 - Angleton, and Lisa Schaubroeck-Our Lady Queen of Hope #2289 - Brazoria. Not pictured: Dina Tonche-Our Lady Queen of the Americas #2334-Clute.

Prayer Request

We have so many members & friends in need of prayers.

Condolences for those we have lost over the last 2 months: Roberto Luna, from Monterrey, married to Mary Montague's 1st cousin

Faithful prayer warriors, please continue to pray for all those requesting prayers & especially pray for those on our Immediate prayer request list:

Anthony & Jerry Deacon Augustin Cruz; Igor Radulic; (Montague); Carolyn Erikson; J.R.Ramirez:

Pete Stavinoha & Glenda Boots & Ruth Ermis: Jim S.:

Katie-Anne Marie Schilling: (Mensik): Marlo Fischer (Kiefer):

Melissa Allred; Virgie Holub (Mensik); Mirella Sherman: Jim Aud: Cindy Matula Larson; Joyce Sykora; Rocky Thomas; Sherry Bergen; Kathy Latino; Denny Blackwell; Ray Villarreal; Ernie Mensik;

Peyton Boaz: **Bridget West Grandmother Bubba Moore:**

Nick Cessarini; Paul Perdue;

Diane Christenson (West); Linda Price; **By Mary Montague**

To submit a prayer request please send an email to Mary Montague irmontague@comcast.net



Birthdays



November Birthday's

1 - Sandy Seeley

2 - Sandy Polka

4 - Sarah Langston

5 – Debbie Matula

5 - Teresa Sablatura

9 - Rita Anderson

14 - Peggy Robinson

16 - Patricia Williams

17 - Sharon Ernst

18 -Becki Pena

20 - Pat Gaspard

20 - Alicia Sanchez

24 – Toni Kwan

25 – Elizabeth Benbrook

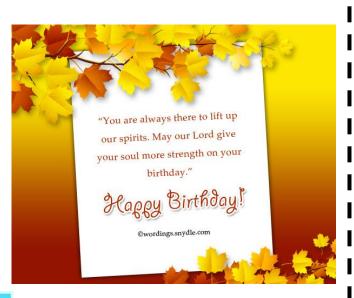
25 – Kerry Drabek

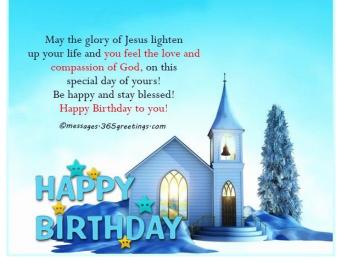
25 - Carmen Galvan

25 - Karen Koranek

27 - Kathleen Calhoun

29 - Pamela Ermis





December Birthday's

4 - Delia Hock

4 - Gloria Millsap

7 – Jodi Radulic

8 - Shirley Theriot

9 - Ruth Ermis

9 - Dottie Mensik

16 - Phyllis Shomette

17 - Mary Montague

18 - Susie Fast

19 – Alice Drapela

25 - Elsa Branson

25 - Sofka Werkmeister

30 - Margarita Prinz

January Birthday's

5 - Ann Riedel

19 - DanDee Trevino

9 - Gera Martin

22 – Gaylin Black

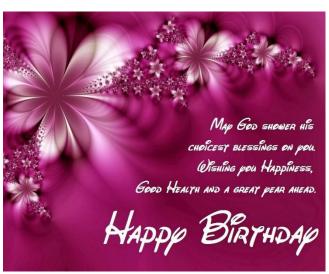
10 - Donna Ditges 15 - Dianne Koester 22 - Bartlett Ramsey

16 - Constance McEntee

23 - Janet Gipson

30 - Sarah Ebey

19 - Bunny Swist





CDA Court Calendar



Date	Event	Time	Location
29 Nov	Regular Business Mtg	6:30p social / 7p mtg	Angelina
1 Dec	CDA/KC Christmas Party	6:30p	Wleczyk Hall
2 Dec	Blood Drive	8:30a – 1p	Wleczyk Hall
3 Dec	Patriotic Rosary	7 p	Church
4 Dec	WOSM Dinner	6:30p – 8:30p	Wleczyk Hall
6 Dec	Last Day to Turn in GAP Christmas Present		
6 Dec	Gathering Place Annual Christmas Party	11a – 2p	First United Methodist Church, Angleton
9 Dec	St. Michael's Meet & Greet	8:30a12p	Wleczyk Hall
9 Dec	KC Pancake Breakfast	8:30a – 11a	Wleczyk Hall
11 & 12 Dec	Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army	Sign up will be available at Nov. Mtg	Kroger's in Clute
16 Dec	CDA Christmas Bake Sale	9a – 12:30p	FLC Hallway
18 Dec	District 35 Mtg	5:30p - 8:30p	Angelina
24 Dec	Christmas Eve (Parish Office closed)		
25 Dec	Christmas Day (Parish Office closed)		
31 Dec	New Year's Eve (Parish Office closed)		
1 Jan 2019	New Year's Day (Parish Office closed)		
7 Jan	Patriotic Rosary	7 p	Church
9 Jan	Sewing Day	9a – 1p	F-Wing
24 Jan	Regular Business Mtg	6:30p social / 7p mtg	Angelina
4 Feb	Patriotic Rosary	7 p	Church
6 Feb	Sewing Day	9a – 1p	F-Wing
14 Feb	St. Valentine's Day		
28 Feb	Regular Business Mtg	6:30p social / 7p mtg	Angelina
2 & 3 Mar	Chicken Spaghetti Dinner	Check out future newsletters for more information.	



CDA Court



Recipe: Sweeties Submitted By Barb White

Ingredients:

1 cup Butter Softened

2 cups Sugar

3 Eggs beaten

1 tsp Almond Extract

4 cups Flour

1 TBSP Baking Powder

½ tsp Cream of Tartar

½ tsp Salt

Red Food Coloring

Frosting: (you want frosting

mixture to be runny)

Powder Sugar

Milk

1 tsp Almond Extract

Directions:

Cream: butter (soften) and sugar

Add: beaten eggs and almond extract

Add: flour, baking powder, cream of tartar and salt

Add: drops of red food coloring, mix until red is

swirled in cookie dough

Make a ball of dough, then slightly pat on ungreased

cookie sheet

Bake at 350° until edges of cookies are slightly brown.

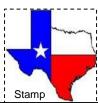
When cookies are cooled frost with the runny frosting

mixture





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