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Lake Jackson, TX

## Lakeside News



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## May/June 2019 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](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)

Texas CDA - [www.texasda.org](http://www.texasda.org)



# *Regent Message*



## **REGENT MESSAGE**

Well the year has come to an end for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #2364. Summer has started. We have a two month break from regular business meetings and then in August we begin again. We wish you a relaxing and fun filled summer.

Save the date of July 25 for our Summer Bunco. The flyer is included in this newsletter. We want to have a grand turnout. Please plan on coming and bring your family, friends, and acquaintances. We always have a great time. And, SVDP especially needs our help in the summer. Also, door prizes will be needed. You may leave any door prizes in the youth office.

Our Court ended the year with a Mass and the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by a social and a meeting. Rachel Warner did an excellent job planning our liturgy. Twenty-eight members were in

attendance. Becky Brown, First Vice State Regent attended the meeting. She announced that we had a new District Deputy, but reported that she could not announce the new District Deputy until June 8. We have since been informed that our new District Deputy for District 35 is Rachel Warner. Congratulations to Rachel!

Planning is already underway for the coming year. We will need your help to make all of our projects successful in order that we will be able to help the youth of our parish and the community at large. We hope to see you August 22<sup>nd</sup> at our first meeting for 2019-2020. When asked to serve, be generous. Remember, in his letter to the Hebrews St. Paul states, "For God is not unjust, that he should forget your work, and the love which you have shown in his name, you who have ministered, and do minister to the saints." (Hebrews 6:10).

**By Juanita Oppermann, Regent**



# National News



## LEADERSHIP

### FOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR HELPING MEMBERS GROW

*Especially over the summer*



Sherry Nilles  
National Regent-Elect  
National Leadership Chairman

Many courts do not meet during the summer, therefore providing more leisure time for court officers to recommit to growing as members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. It also provides opportunities for members to grow by adding good programs and workshops into their yearly planner. The following suggestions may help us prepare so all members have the opportunity to continue their growth as Catholic Daughters and local leaders in their community.

#### 1. Rule-making and the heart

Every organization needs rules to keep the group running smoothly. Catholic Daughters have the Bylaws and Tools of the Trade as their guides. The important word in that sentence is guide. Because this organization is made up of human beings, sometimes it is good to remember that the members are volunteers who willingly give of their time. It is unrealistic to expect a member who is experiencing a distressing time in her life to be at an event or help with that event even though she had been assigned to be there. Anytime you must decide between the policy and the heart, go with the heart.

#### 2. Expenses and training

Training for new officers can seem expensive. Yet focusing just on the cost is counterproductive to having officers who are trained and competent in serving their court. Encourage all members, but especially the officers to attend workshops and conventions presented by the state and national officers. Support court officers financially as well. Put the cost of travel, lodging and registration in your court budget. Your investment will be rewarded with outstanding officers and members more willing to take on a new office because they have had the training and

support of their local court members.

#### 3. Asking all or just a select few

Every court has that one person who can set up the bazaar, do all the advertising, manage the bake sale, and run the lunch stand. She has her clique who work with her and "outsiders" are really not made to feel welcome. Be certain that all members feel they can contribute to a venture. Members who feel insignificant will soon lose interest and could become lost members of the court. New ideas should always be encouraged and welcomed.

#### 4. Controlling or coaching

Asking a member to be a Circle of Love chairman or to be the chairman of an event or project can be rewarding to that member if she is allowed to use her own creative resources. The best leaders will coach the member rather than only pointing out the mistakes that could be or were made. Coaching allows the leader to accentuate strengths and improve weaknesses. Coaching also gives the member courage to tackle another task and grow in their love and understanding for our wonderful organization.

Continue to be positive and helpful to all members. Enjoy your leadership position. -

Taken from Share Magazine Spring 2019 p. 10

For entire magazine go to <http://books.midstatesgroup.com/books/ovbo/>



# State News



## HISTORY

Do you know how our Catholic Daughters Texas State Court got its start? It actually got started right in our own neck of the woods, Houston, Texas. There were twelve courts included in the Establishment of the Texas State Court. Eight of the first eleven State Regents came from courts that were part of the initial establishment in 1917. (Denoted by matching color of Regent and Court Below.)

### Excerpt from CDA Texas State Website:

The National Order selected Houston, Texas as the site to institute the eighth state court in the nation. On **January 25, 1917**, Genevieve Walsh, Supreme National Regent 1915-1923, presided at the establishment of the **Texas State Court** with twelve courts. (A state must have a minimum of five courts before the formation of a state court)

### The Original Twelve Courts

Court Name #	Location	Established	Court Name #	Location	Established
Maria Galante #115	Austin	Nov 28, 1909	Star of the Sea #228	Galveston	Feb 15, 1914
Saint Rita #182	Beaumont	Oct 13, 1912	Our Lady of Victory #234	Houston	Apr 19, 1914
Santa Maria #184	Marshall	Jan 5, 1913	Corpus Christi #246	Corpus Christi	Aug 23, 1914
Our Lady of Guadalupe #206	Yoakum	Jun 11, 1913	Saint Mary #249	Muenster	Dec 6, 1914
Louise #209	Fort Worth	Jun 22, 1913	Mater Dolorosa #256	Scotland	Ap 6, 1915
Saint Anthony #214	San Antonio	Oct 26, 1913	Our Lady of Perpetual Help #296	Windthorst	Dec 15, 1916

## TEXAS STATE REGENTS

Regent	Location	Years	Regent	Location	Years
Mary Drake	Fort Worth	1917-1919	Cecina Koeijmans	Dallas	1990-1992
Alice Van Cleve	Corpus Christi	1919-1919	Dolly Pena	Laredo	1992-1994
Mary Drake	Fort Worth	1919-1921	Eunice Perusic	Houston	1994-1996
Loretta Yeager	Galveston	1921-1923	Amy Rueda	El Paso	1996-1998
Ina Marie Poth	Yoakum	1923-1931	Libby Ramirez	Victoria	1998-2000
*Mamie LeBlanc	San Antonio	1931-1952	Duchess Collins	Sugar Land	2000-2002
Betty Rohan	Yoakum	1952-1960	*Dee Scheetz	Austin	2002-2005
Loretta Knebel	El Campo	1960-1966	Olga Samaniego	El Paso	2005-2007
Madeline Schmidt	San Antonio	1966-1972	Carolyn Bachmann	Scotland	2007-2009
Millie Schiurring	Garwood	1972-1976	Sheila Martinka	Houston	2009-2011
Margaret Hosty	Dallas	1976-1980	Carolyn Malik	Shiner	2011-2013
Eleanor Treanor	Houston	1980-1984	Peggy Hill Rosales	Austin	2013-2015
Rowena Johnston	Weimar	1984-1986	Eve Trevino	Corpus Christi	2015-2017
Margaret Cutbirth	Crosby	1986-1988	Rosie Stockwell	Edinburg	2017-2019
Mary Dvoracek	West	1988-1990	Melodie Brunt	Texarkana	2019-Current

\*(During Mamie's term, State Conventions were moved to the same year as National Conventions. During Dee's term they were moved back to alternating years resulting in 3yr. terms)

Taken in part from the Texas CDA website. To get more information on this topic please visit:  
<http://www.texasda.org/texashistory.php> or <http://www.texasda.org/paststateregents.php>



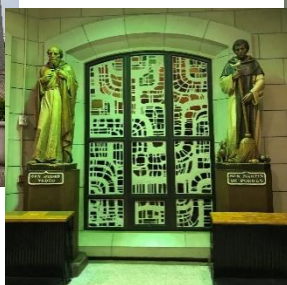


# 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial Texas State Convention



## 51<sup>ST</sup> BIENNIAL TEXAS STATE CONVENTION 2019

We were all taken back by the beauty of the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle where the opening Mass was held for the 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial Texas State Convention 2019. Below are some of the many beautiful scenes in and around the Basilica.



Below: During the convention we were honored to hear from our Worthy National Regent Olga Samaniego.



L to R: Worthy National Regent Olga Samaniego and National Director, Texas and State Parliamentarian Carolyn Malik

San Judas Tadeo and San Martin De Porres Statues

## Current State Officers before Mass



L to R: Carolyn Ritchey, State Secretary; Melodie Brunt, First Vice State Regent; Rosie Stockwell, State Regent; Becky Brown, Second Vice State Regent; Mary Jane Albert, State Treasurer

## Newly Elected 2020 – 2021 State Officers



Terrie Vacek, State Secretary; Rebecca Brown, 1st Vice State Regent; Melodie Brunt, State Regent; Fr. Justin Braun, State Chaplain; Carolyn Ritchey, 2nd Vice State Regent; Virginia Olsovsky, State Treasurer;



# District 35



## AT THE 51<sup>ST</sup> BIENNIAL TEXAS STATE CONVENTION 2019

Catholic Daughters from Angleton Court 2134 Immaculate Mary, Brazoria Court 2289 Our Lady Queen of Hope, Clute Court 2334 Our lady Queen of the Americas, and Lake Jackson Court 2364 Our Lady Queen of the Lake attended the 51st Biennial Texas State Convention May 3 – 5, in McAllen, Texas. Everyone had a great time all weekend. On Sunday, many of us gathered for a photo op.

Court members were surprised when District 35 received a Special Recognition for Outstanding Support of Respect Life Activities as a District. Thanks goes to Gloria Milsap for the idea that she proposed at Lake Jackson's monthly meeting in September. Gloria proposed that we combine our District 35 CDA Day and with "Make a Difference Day". Members from all four courts collected donations totaling \$534.00 that was donated to our local Pregnancy Help Center.

**Written By Sarah Ebey, Newsletter Editor**

*As published in the 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial Texas State Convention Awards Book:*

**District 35: Courts from Angleton, Brazoria, Clute, and Lake Jackson. These Courts worked together to support a Pregnancy Help Center in their area with a fund drive that the benefited their Help Center. This was their "Make A Difference Day" Project**



State Convention Opening Mass  
L to R: Blanca Ochoa, Ann Rediel,  
Rachel Warner and Juanita  
Oppermann

Right:  
After the Installation Mass  
L. to R: First Vice State Regent  
Becky Brown and State  
Chaplain Fr. Justin Braun



District 35 members L to R: Rebecca Mireles, Angleton; Dottie Mensik, Lake Jackson; Sarah Ebey, Lake Jackson; Rachel Warner, Lake Jackson; Becky Brown, Angleton; Lori Greak, Angleton; Rosie Salazar, Brazoria; Cyndi Brecht, Brazoria; Cynthia Heffernan, Angleton; and Juanita Oppermann, Lake Jackson







## Court 2364



### STATE CONVENTION 2019



State Convention Opening Mass  
Standing L to R: Dottie Mensik,  
Rachel Warner, Ann Rediel,  
Juanita Oppermann, and Bunny  
Swist. Sitting: Sarah Ebey



Formal Banquet Saturday Night  
L to R: Bunny Swist, Juanita Oppermann, Rachel  
Warner, Sarah Ebey, Dottie Mensik, and Ann Rediel



Business Meeting District 35 Court 2364  
L to R: Dottie Mensik, Ann Rediel, Sarah Ebey,  
Rachel Warner, Bunny Swist, Juanita Oppermann



Fun Night with the Mariachi Band  
Front Row L to R: Dottie Mensik, Juanita  
Oppermann, and Sarah Ebey  
Back Row L to R: Rachel Warner, Bunny  
Swist, and Ann Rediel



"A Night in Old Mexico" Fun Night  
L to R: Sarah Ebey, Dottie Mensik, Rachel Warner,  
Bunny Swist, Juanita Oppermann, and Ann Rediel



## State Awards



**1st Place  
Local Newsletter Contest**

**STATE  
AWARDS**

**Category V: 126 + Members  
Division II: 5 or more issues  
a year**



**1st Place  
Respect Life Contest**

**Category V: 126 + Members**



**2nd Place  
Local Scrapbook Contest**

**Division V: 126 + Members**



**2nd Place  
Circle of Love –  
Education**

**Category V: 126 + Members**



**3rd Place  
Circle of Love –  
Spiritual Enhancement**

**Category V: 126 + Members**

**Congratulations to all  
the sisters of Court 2364**

**Our Lady Queen of the Lake for all your hard work throughout the  
year. These awards are a reflection of the dedication that each Catholic Daughter puts into our  
organization. See page 14 for Education Awards and page six for the District 35 award.**

**By Sarah Ebey, Newsletter Editor**





# Creating Summer Memories



## SHARE MAGAZINE



Written By  
Essie Walker - National Secretary-Treasurer  
Nation Family Chairman

Sharing quality time together during the summer months can put everyone in a different frame of mind and focus. With the right mindset, summer can be a time of rest and relaxation. However, we know that everyone is busier than ever during the summer. Regardless of how busy we may find ourselves, there is no better way to stay connected than for courts to plan activities that everyone can take part.

Since the summer months go by so quickly, now is the perfect time to come together and take inventory of a few summer activities that can be shared among our CDA members. When planning, take into consideration families, friends and even those in the neighborhood. It's important to choose activities that will enhance participants' spiritually as well as strengthen their relationships with others.

Keep in mind, our sick and shut-in members. Include them by taking time to visit and say the Rosary, run errands, or just sit and share with them news from national, state, and local courts.

- Rotate parishes and attend Mass together.
- Plan to meet in the park for a daily group walk.
- Bake cookies together and share with youths in a summer program.
- Attend a Sip and Paint class.
- Plan a board game tournament. Include CDA trivia.
- Get creative and hold a cook-off. Have family members join you for a meal.
- Attend a ballgame in the area.
- Plan a Scavenger Hunt. Use CDA items.
- Learn new card games.
- Watch a faith-related movie.
- Organize a book club over the summer or continue the one already in place.
- Host a neighborhood potluck.

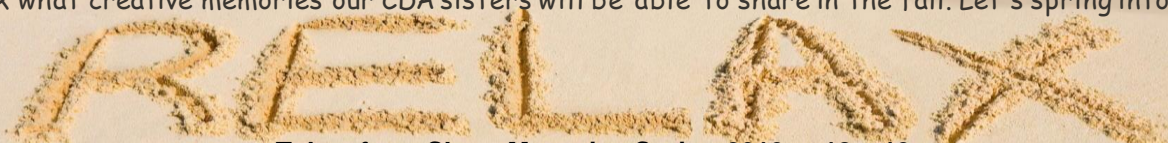
- Everyone brings a dish.
- Organize a small cooking class. Try out new recipes.
- Go to a fruit farm and pick your own fruit. Try your canning abilities.
- Take a one-day road trip. Make sure to visit points of interest along the way.
- Organize a monthly bike ride in the community or in the park.
- Host a cookout.
- Play a round or two of Mini golf.
- Organize a family and friends' day.
- Plant a community garden and share harvest with those in need.
- Visit the zoo or aquarium.
- Organize a walking tour of the city.
- Make potpourri from seasonal

- flowers and share with each other.
- Go to a free music festival.
- Go camping as a group.
- Spend a CDA fun day at the community pool.
- Join an exercise class as a team.
- Visit a free museum.
- Have a neighborhood yard sale and donate funds to a charity.
- Go on a picnic. Each member brings her favorite dish.
- Plan an ice cream social.
- Volunteer together.
- As a group, check to see how you can help the church. Work in the food pantry, clean the flower bed, or help in the office.

Ideas can be posted on the court's webpage and published in the court or state newsletter. When events are held, make available a flip chart, so that members can post their ideas for future events.

Check for teams of volunteers to organize these activities during the summer months. If your court meets all summer, select an activity or two to participate in on the day of your meeting.

Remember, interacting with one another will give us an escape from our everyday routine. Building fun memories together is an important aspect for strengthening our CDA family bond. Just think what creative memories our CDA sisters will be able to share in the fall. Let's spring into action!



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## PATRIOTIC ROSARY



Back Row L to R: Lina Gamino, Bunny Swist, Karen Koranek, Rhonda Palasota, Dina Tonche, Rachel Warner. Front Row L to R: Sharon Ernst, Rose Marie Filip, Paula Price, Juanita Oppermann, Joan Harris

### *Why We Pray the Patriotic Rosary*

For about 30 years now on the first Monday of the month at 7pm, a group of parishioners has been gathering in our church to pray the rosary for our country. We pray specifically for our government leaders, for every state and for every soul in that state. We pray that as a nation we will turn back to God and seek His guidance, direction, and healing for this great land. History records many instances where the power of the rosary has prevailed over insurmountable circumstances. Many saints have attested to the power of the rosary and we believe that for change to come we must pray and seek God's intervention.

**St. Paul exhorts us in 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2: 1-3,** *"First of all, then, ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving be offered for everyone, for kings and all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior."*

**Can you give 30 minutes of your time and join us in praying for our nation? God bless you and God bless America! ~ Deacon**



# Education



## SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

We had about 20 seniors from our parish submit an application for Senior Scholarship. Catholic Daughters was able to award four \$1000.00 scholarships. Constance McEntee, Education Committee Chair, worked with her committee to weed through all the excellent applications that were submitted. At the Senior Breakfast Constance was able to present Anne Calhoun, Jennifer Duran, Isaac Tepperman and Anne Thomas each with a \$1000.00 scholarship.

Congratulations to all the senior scholarship winner.

By Sarah Ebey, Newsletter Editor

### Senior Scholarship Winners



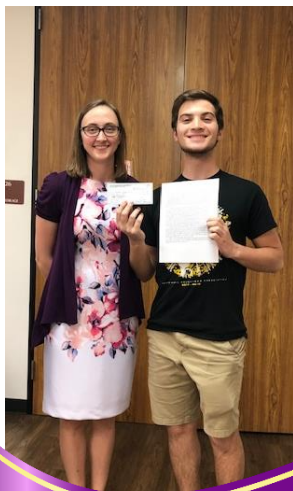
L to R: Constance McEntee, Isaac Tepperman, Jennifer Duran, Anne Calhoun, Anne Thomas

## LOCAL EDUCATION WINNERS

Pictures from left to right: Constance McEntee, Education Chair, with each of the winner. Isaac Tepperman with an Essay entry, Ella Atkins, with an Art entry, and Jacob Garcia with a photography entry. Each entry was submitted to state, Jacob won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Photography Division III and Isaac won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Essay Division III, with his first place win Isaac's essay

was sent to the National level. We are still waiting on the results from National to see how he did. Please see entries on page 12-13.

**Congratulations to each of our local winners!**



Education Contest  
Category Essay: Division III  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Isaac Tepperman

Education Contest  
Category Photography: Division III  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jacob Garcia

By Sarah Ebey,  
Newsletter Editor





## Local Education Contest Entries



### LOCAL CONTEST ENTRIES

This years education contest theme was "Here I am Lord, I Come to do Your Will". Unfortunately we only had three entries this year but each entry depicts just that theme. All the entries were in different categories and received 1<sup>st</sup> place for that category, a \$25.00 check and moved on to the state level.

By Sarah Ebey, Newsletter Editor

### Isaac Tepperman's Essay Entry

#### "Here I Am Lord, I Come to do Your Will"

As members of the body of Christ, we are called to serve the Lord through our ministry to one another. This mutual service is clearly detailed in Psalm 40: 8-10, as it is written, "See; I come with an inscribed scroll written upon me. I delight to do your will, my God ... When I sing of your righteousness in a great assembly, See I do not restrain my lips ...." Throughout our lives, God provides bountiful opportunities for us to be the scroll of His inscriptions, made ready to be translated and understood by those in need of His love and mercy. These occasions usually present themselves as consoling a grieving friend, sharing our time and talents for the benefit of our community, or even just continually attending Mass and inspiring those around us to do the same.

In fact, in a broader sense, our whole lives are chances to answer the Lord's call and to see that His will be done. Another book of the Old Testament makes this apparent, as it is written in Jeremiah 1 :5 that, "Before I [the Lord] formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." Though the Lord spoke these words to a young Jeremiah, a future prophet himself, His message also applies to our lives today. From the beginning of time, God had planned and dedicated each one of us to a life on earth. This was done by His power and according to His plan. Everyday we spend moving forward in life is another day spent doing God's will, for truly He has placed each of us here for a reason. Through our accordance with His will by continuing to live the life He gave us, we also open ourselves up to do His will through the spiritual gifts He has divided among us. Our discernment and application of these gifts makes us all modern-day prophets and stewards to His will.

One of the most extraordinary Biblical figures to answer God's call in this way, particularly to us as Catholics, was Mary, the mother of our Lord. Upon her visitation by the angel Gabriel with startling news of her future, Mary was initially confused and troubled, as she was a young virgin who had never had relations with any man. However, just four verses later, Mary accepts all that the angel had revealed to her, confidently saying, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word," By agreeing to give birth to Jesus, Mary provides a shining example of perfect service to the Lord for us to emulate.

Though we cannot all stand before Israel and preach as Jeremiah, nor bear the Savior of the world as Mary, we can all seek to live our lives with grace so that we may answer God's call and proclaim, "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will."





## *Local Education Contest Entries cont.*



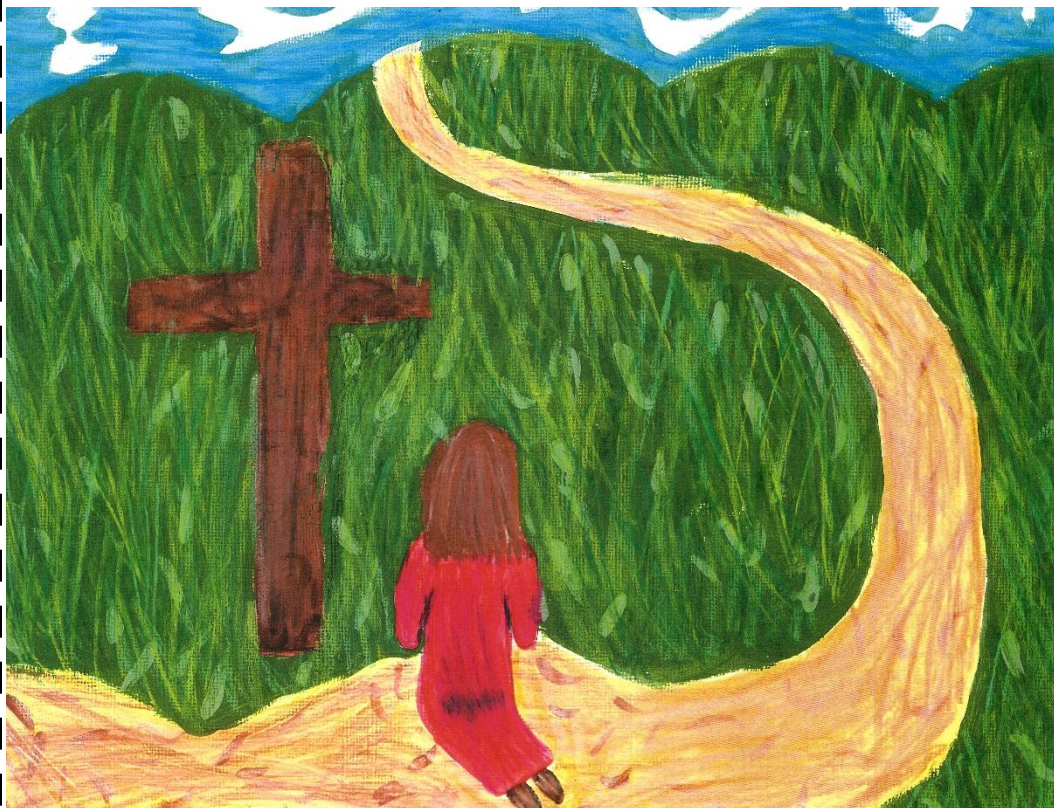
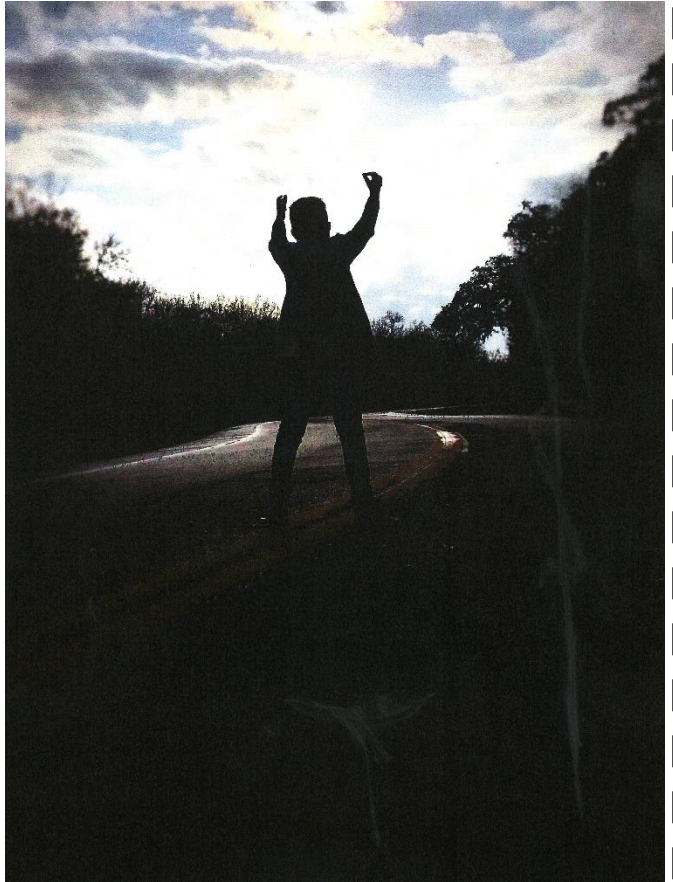
### **LOCAL CONTEST ENTRIES**

**Right:**

#### **Jacob Garcia's Photography Entry**

##### **Description of Photography to the right:**

In this photograph I captured what the theme "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will" means to me. Therefore, I took a picture of my little brother depicting me at that age surrendering my life to Christ. This picture symbolizes my commitment to God and that I am here and ready to serve Him so that I may be His faithful and loyal servant. The road in the photo represents the path of which you will take on your walk with Christ. The sun symbolizes to me the beauty and greatness of the Lord and how we always look up to him. Most importantly, the hands being raised show submitting all to Christ and receiving his will for my life. During the planning and capture of this photo, I started to think of what God's complete will is for me.



**Left:  
Ella Atkins'  
Art Entry**



## Bake Sale



### BAKE SALE

Thanks to all the bakers who donated items to our Mother's Day Bake Sale. According to Janet Gipson, Bake Sale Committee Chair



Bunny Swist, Sofka Werkmeister, Customers browsing the selection, Rachel Warner, Karen Koranek



### Mother's Day Bake Sale

Table waiting for parishioners to get out of Mass.

it was a huge success. We were able to top our goal and completely sell out earning \$1023.00

By Sarah Ebey,  
Newsletter Editor

### MOTHER'S DAY

**M** is for Meticulous, careful with details

**O** is for Original, an independent thinker

**T** is for Talented, gifted with ability

**H** is for Helpful, ever willing to lend a hand

**E** is for Eclectic, your interests are wide-ranging

**R** is for Radical, overthrowing norms

### FATHER'S DAY

**F** is for Frank, honest and forthcoming

**A** is for Affable, instantly likeable

**T** is for Tenacious, not one to give up

**H** is for Honest, so genuine

**E** is for Essential, you are important to us

**R** is for Radical, overthrowing norms





## May Crowning and Meeting



### MAY CROWNING

The Court began the May meeting with a Mass and the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Father Loc officiated. The Mass was followed with a social and the regular monthly business meeting. Becky Brown, First State Vice Regent attended the meeting. Twenty-eight members attended the meeting including the officers.



**24 Catholic Daughters participated in the May Crowning**



**Mother Mary**



**Juanita Oppermann crowning Mother Mary**

**By Regent  
Juanita Oppermann**

### MAY MEETING

Thank you ladies for the wonderful refreshments that were provided for your monthly meeting!

**By Sarah Ebey, Newsletter Editor**



**Ladies waiting in line for the delicious spread that May Refreshment Committee provided.**



**Refreshment Committee: Dottie Mensik, Lynette Walsh, Binnie Bauml, and Rachel Warner**



**Foreground L to R: Janet Spicer, Jan Denomy, and Joan Taplett  
Background L to R: Rachel Warner and Dottie Mensik**





# Clergy Appreciation



## CLERGY APPRECIATION

Thank you to Msgr. Leo, Father Loc and Deacon Gary

for everything you do for our court and our parish.



L to R: Father Loc, Msgr. Leo, Deacon Gary



The room is ready



Bunny Swist, Joan Taplett, Cynthia Grandjean, and Rachel Warner – Decorating Committee



Food Set-up – Oliva Gomez, Margie McAda, Deanna Hudgeons, and Ann Riedell



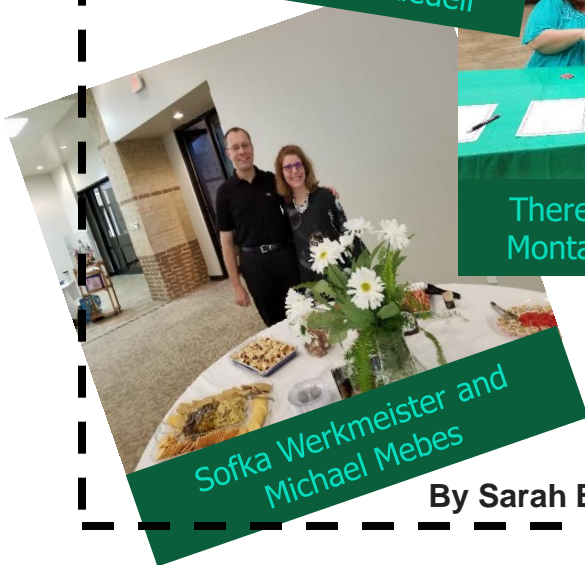
Beverage Set-up – Joan Taplett and Margie McAda



Sheri Hanson and Sharon Ernst



Theresa Greenwell and Mary Montague (Welcoming Crew)



Sofka Werkmeister and Michael Mebes



Harley and Sherry Aaron, John Rosser, JoAnn Forse and Dottie Mensik

By Sarah Ebey, Newsletter Editor





# Farewell



## FAREWELL MSGR. LEO WLECZYK

Monsignor Leo arrived at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 35 years ago, in 1984. He had been ordained 19 years earlier attending St. Mary's Seminary in Houston. Lake Jackson wasn't a new area to Father Leo because he grew up in Freeport and graduated from Freeport High School. It wasn't until August 1991 that St. Michael chartered a Catholic Daughters of the Americas court.

Our Lady Queen of the Lake Court 2364 was chartered with 90 members and Msgr. Leo as our Court Chaplain. A stipulation to starting a Catholic Daughter court at the parish was that they had to serve coffee & donuts. Father Leo was open to the idea and in August 1991 Our Lady Queen of the Lake was chartered. Twenty-eight years later and 32 of those members are still active.

While talking with Msgr. Leo he said it was a blessing to have parish members willing to step up and saying yes to contribute and participate as a growing and vibrant parish. He said, "I believe that St. Michael is one of the best parishes in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston." He also wanted to truly thank all the members of Catholic Daughters, members that have passed away, members that are currently here and those members still to come for wanting to grow in our faith and make this a great place to worship.

Catholic Daughters would like to give a big thank you to Msgr. Leo for all spiritual guidance and support that he has given us over the years.

# Thank You!

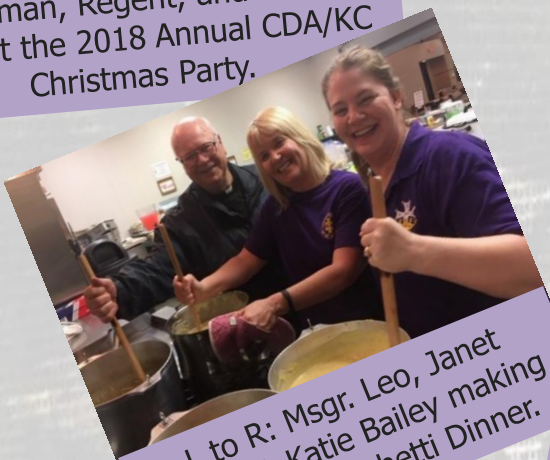
By Sarah Ebey, Newsletter Editor



L to R: Msgr. Leo, Junita Opperman, Regent, and Deacon Gary at the 2018 Annual CDA/KC Christmas Party.



Msgr. Leo Wleczyk speaking to the membership at the August 2018 monthly meeting.



L to R: Msgr. Leo, Janet Spicer & Katie Bailey making Chicken Spaghetti Dinner.



L to R: Msgr. Leo Wleczyk, Court # 2364 Regent Juanita Oppermann, and District # 24 District Deputy, Faye Marshall at the 2018 National CDA held at St. Michael.





# Retirement Party



## RETIREMENT PARTY MSGR. LEO WLECZYK

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church hosted a retirement party for Msgr. Leo on Sunday, June 23 after the 11:00 Mass. They had over 700 people RSVP for the event. There were many hands that worked together to provide a great time for all those that RSVP'd. Setting up tables and chairs and all the decorating for such a large turnout took almost two weeks. Michael Pelizzari starting setting tables and chairs up ten days earlier and Norma Taylor started the decorating on Tuesday before the big party.

During his 35 years as the priest of St. Michael, he has presided over 603 Funerals, 2252 Baptisms and countless number of First Communions. Father Leo was honored by Lake Jackson Mayor Bob Sipple, Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 was declared Msgr. Leo Wleczyk Day for the city of Lake Jackson. On behalf of State Senator Joan Huffman, Gloria Millsap presented Senate Proclamation No. 31 recognizing his retirement. She also presented him with a Texas Flag that flew over the capital building on his ordination day, May 27, 2019. Father Leo was also presented with a Proclamation signed by Brazoria County Judge L.M. "Matt" Sebesta, Jr. Father Leo will also be presented with House Bill 1645 signed by State Representative Dennis Bonnen.

Through generous donations St. Michael Parish was able to present a check for \$23,140 to help Father Leo in his retirement. After the party and the week following more donations have come in and put the total over \$30,000. We are glad to know that Father Leo will be staying in the area. He will be living at the rectory at Saint Jerome with Father Jim Lyens. On occasion he will preside over Mass here at St. Michael.

By Sarah Ebey,  
Newsletter Editor



**Gloria Millsap  
presenting  
Proclamation  
and Texas Flag  
to Father Leo**



**Lake Jackson Mayor Bob Sipple  
presenting Father Leo with  
Proclamation.**



**Father Leo  
excited to  
receive a check  
for \$23,140.**





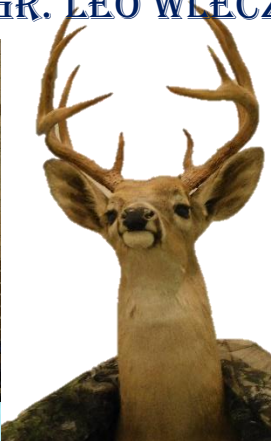
# Everything in Place



## RETIREMENT PARTY MSGR. LEO WLECZYK



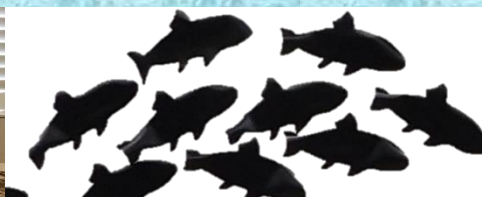
**Standing L to R: Georgia Nagle, Lois Loftus, Sandy Polka and Isabel Respondek  
Sitting: Tom Loftus**



**L to R: Knight of Columbus, Toni Kwan, Lynette Walsh, Binnie Bauml, Melanie Viktorin (with back to camera) and Janet Gipson**



**L to R: Janet Spicer, Margie McAda, Isabel Respondek, and Paula Price**



**L to R: Toni Kwan, Lynette Walsh, Binnie Bauml, and Janet Gipson**



**L to R: Lynette Walsh, Sue Merrit, Binni Bumbl, Margie McAda and Janet Gipson**



**L to R: Isabel Respondek, Ann Riedel and Rachel Warner**

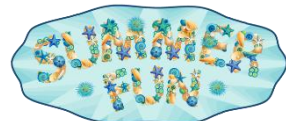


**L to R: Mary Montague, Karen Koranek and Sofka Werkmeister**





## Posing for the Camera



L to R: Msgr. Leo and  
Melanie Viktorin



L to R: Kerry Drabek and  
Msgr. Leo



L to R: Kirk and  
Kathleen Calhoun and  
Msgr. Leo sitting.



L to R: Msgr. Leo  
and Janet Gipson



L to R: Sandy  
Seely and Msgr.  
Leo



L to R: Margaret Reed and  
Camille Forse



L to R: Barb and  
John White and  
Msgr. Leo



L to R: Msgr. Leo  
and JoAnn Forse



L to R: John and Isabel  
Respondek and Msgr. Leo  
sitting.



L to R: Sarah Ebey,  
Msgr. Leo, and Michelle  
Ebey



L to R: Mary Montague and  
Msgr. Leo



L to R: Msgr. Leo and Joey  
White





## Summer Fun



### SUMMER BUNCO



### **CDA Annual Summer Bunco Bash Fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Michael's July 25, 2019 - Thursday**

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Court Our Lady Queen of the Lake #2364

No bunco experience required and everyone is welcome!  
(don't have to be Catholic Daughter, St. Michael's or even Catholic )

**Date: July 25, 2019 \*\*\* Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

**Where: Wleczyk Hall**

**St. Michael's Catholic Church**

**100 Oak Drive South**

**Lake Jackson, TX**



**\$10 per person to play \*\*\* Winners get cash prizes \*\*\* Door Prizes  
Proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)**

Please consider bringing non-perishable food items needed for SVdP food pantry.  
(spaghetti sauce, jello, cereal, pop tarts, canned meat, complete pancake mix,  
and SNACKS FOR KIDS are especially needed!)

Random door prize drawings: You receive one ticket just for coming and then one ticket  
for every item donated (5 items = 5 tickets!)

**Bring a friend - all are welcome - the more the merrier!  
Please bring an appetizer, finger food or sweet to share  
Drinks will be provided**

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**\*\*\* RSVP by Monday, July 22 \*\*\***

Betty Jo Jurries at 979-297-2962 or  
jjurries@comcast.net

OR

Pat Williams at 979-239-8646 or  
goober900@comcast.net





## Coffee & Donuts



### COFFEE & DONUTS

These ladies are ready, they have the coffee, donuts and orange juice ready for the St. Michael Parishioners when they come out of Mass. This ministry can always use ladies to help. If you are interested in joining this ministry after just one Mass a few times a year contact Sheri Hanson via email at [slhanson@coastal-link.net](mailto:slhanson@coastal-link.net) or by phone at (979) 285-7434.

By Sarah Ebey,  
Newsletter Editor

### Coffee & Donuts



L to R: Alice Drapela and Margie McAda

*Jesus Christ*  
eternally refreshing

Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst  
JOHN 4:14

# FAITH

is not believing that God can  
it is knowing that He will.







# Prayers and Prayer Blankets



## PRAYER BLANKETS

Jan Denomy moved into the St. Michael/CDA Community and immediately began searching for her niche! She found her love with the CDA Prayer Blanket Ministry ..... knitting lap blankets! Knitting these small blankets led Jan to the Pregnancy Help Center where she has knitted over 30 Baby Blankets! Her current goal is to present each PHC Graduate with a beautiful knitted Baby Blanket as seen below!!!

By Dottie Mensik



Jan Denomy with a few of the many prayer blankets she has knitted for the Pregnancy Help Center

## PRAYER

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

Condolences for those we have lost recently:

Joe Hernandez & Doris Carrisalez – brother & sister of Gloria Millsap; Nick Cessarini- brother of Mirella Sherman; Kathy Latino- St. Michael's former parishioner

Faithful prayer warriors, please continue to pray for all those on our prayer lists & especially pray for those below on our current detailed **prayer request list:**



By Mary Montague

Gaylin Black	Tom Lotus
Hudson Flanagan	Ernie Mensik
Theresa Greenwell's son	Bubba Moore
Sherri Hanson	Gilbert Ramirez Jr
Sarah Langston	Wendy S
	Patty Sayes
	Mirella Sherman
	Vic Smajstrla
	Joyce Sykora
	Ray Villarreal

## PRAYER BLANKETS



Charlene Jones, Lynette Walsh and Mary Lux working on a quilt in our sewing room.

Our CDA court has given away over 330 Prayer Blankets. We meet once a month on the first Wednesday from 9-1 pm. Join us for fellowship while we serve others through this ministry! Blessings!

By Binnie and Lynette Committee Co-Chairs





# Birthdays



Apologies to Charlene Jones in the last newsletter we had her birthday listed as the May 17<sup>th</sup> it was actually May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

4 – Grace Kiefer  
7 – Judy Ozuna  
7 – Nan Smith  
10 – Debbie Massey  
25 – Susie Mensik  
25 – Rhonda Palasota  
27 – Lillian Sablatura  
28 – Bridget West

## JULY BIRTHDAY'S

1 – Debra Kyle  
2 – Maryjane Donley  
4 – Laura Wilchester  
7 – Elizabeth Calhoun  
14 – Mary Jones  
20 – Melanie Viktorin  
27 – Theresa Beach

CDA Court 2364 Chaplain  
June 21 – Msgr. Leo Wleczyk

*May the light of the Lord  
shine upon you and grant  
you happiness on this  
birthday and for many  
years to come.*

cs lewis  
YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO SET ANOTHER GOAL  
OR TO DREAM A NEW DREAM.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.

NUMBERS 6:24-26





# CDA Court Calendar



Date	Event	Time	Location
23 May	Regular Business Mtg	6:30p social / 7p mtg	Angelina
1 June	Clergy Appreciation Day	TBA	Family Life Center
2 June	Cardinal DiNardo's Mass and Reception to Follow	9:30a Mass After Mass	Church Wleczyk Hall
21 June	CDA Court 2364 Chaplain Msgr. Leo Wleczyk 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday		
23 June	Msgr Leo Retirement Party	After 11a Mass	Wleczyk Hall
27 June	Perfect Attendance Dinner	6p	Picket Fence
1 July	Patriotic Rosary	7p	Church
25 July	July BUNCO	6p	Wleczyk Hall
27 July	Quarterly Communion	9:30a	Church
1 August	Deadline for Payment of 2019 – 2020 Dues		
5 August	Patriotic Rosary	7p	Church
7 August	Prayer Blanket	9a – 1p	F Wing
7 August	Board Meeting	6:30p	409 Wisteria, L.J.
22 August	Monthly Meetings	6:30p	Angelina Room
2 September	Patriotic Rosary	7p	Church
3 September	Prayer Blanket	9a – 1p	F Wing
11 September	Board Meeting	6:30p	409 Wisteria, L.J.
26 September	Monthly Meetings	6:30p	Angelina Room



# *CDA Court Calendar cont.*

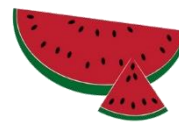


Date	Event	Time	Location
2 October	Prayer Blanket	9a – 1p	F Wing
7 October	Patriotic Rosary	7p	Church
10 October	Board Meeting	6:30p	409 Wisteria, L.J.
24 October	Monthly Meetings	6:30p	Angelina Room
27 October	Quarterly Communion	9:30a	Church
4 November	Patriotic Rosary	7p	Church
6 November	Prayer Blanket	9a – 1p	F Wing
6 November	Board Meeting	6:30p	409 Wisteria, L.J.
7 November	Fall BUNCO	6:00p	Wleczyk Hall
21 November	Monthly Meetings	6:30p	Angelina Room
28 November	Thanksgiving		
2 December	Patriotic Rosary	7p	Church
3 December	WOSM Christmas Dinner	6:30p	Wleczyk
7 December	KC/CDA Christmas Party	6:30p	Wleczyk
12 December	Board Meeting	6:30p	409 Wisteria, L.J.
22 December	Christmas Bake Sale	After All Masses	Hallway FLC
25 December	Christmas		



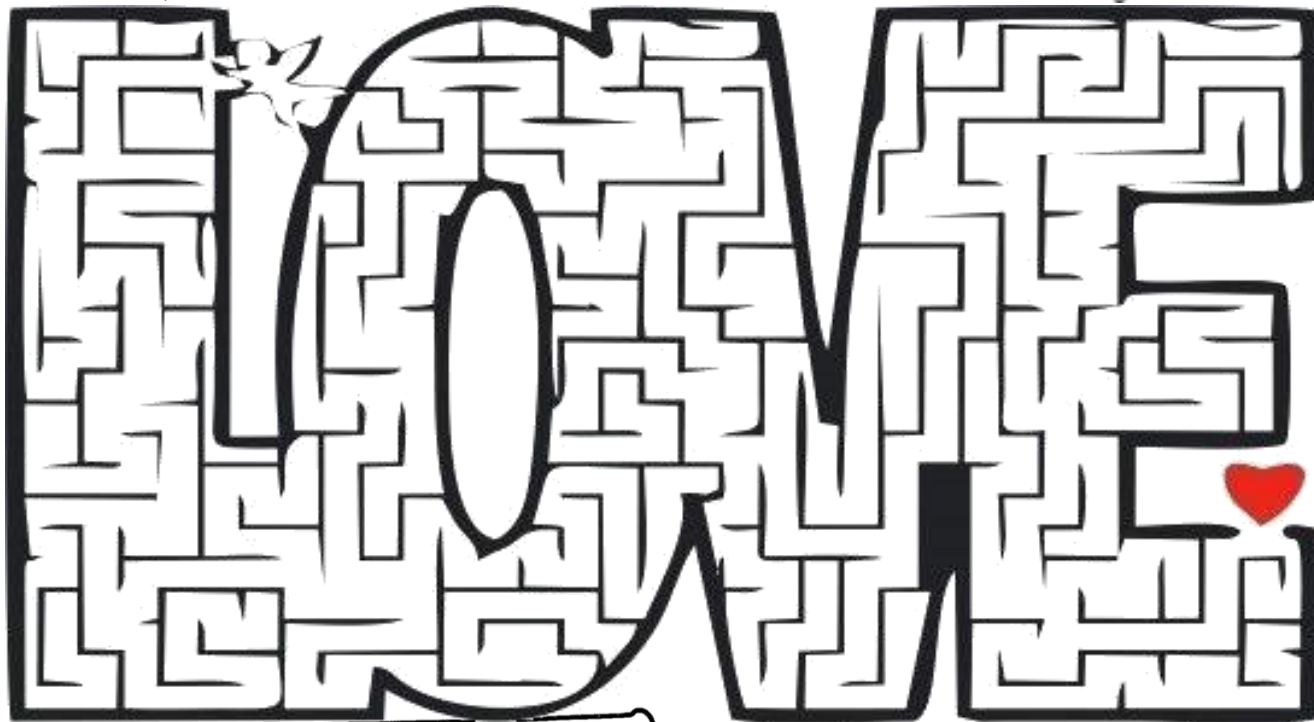


## Fun & Relaxing



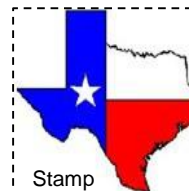
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