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Lake Jackson, TX

Lakeside News



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April-June 2022 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.texascdca.org



Regent Message

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REGENT MESSAGE

“Dear Jesus, motivate us to a more devout prayer life along with acts of service & charity!!

We had many projects of service during month of April 2022 and needed all the prayers!

April 3rd – Chicken Spaghetti Fundraiser (CSF) was both a “financial” and an absolute ‘team work’ success with 48 ladies helping make a “smooth” fun fundraiser!! Chairman Sandy Seeley thanked everyone for their generous help in making 2022 CSF a complete success. She did add a bit of humor, “we have enough plastic ware until 2025” so no need to purchase any!!

April 15th – Lenten Soup Friday: 3 ministries (Hispanic, Women of St. Michael’s and CDA) each provided soup for 30 people, and served it after the youth ‘live’ Stations of the Cross! Ninety (90) or so attended this new endeavor for St. Michael’s and CDA felt privileged to be asked to be a part.

April 30th – CDA Habitat for Humanity Build Concert: A state-wide fundraising project held in West Columbia. Members volunteered to work setting up and cleanup and in various concessions (crafters, food, raffle and dance at night) throughout the day and night at dance. Unfortunately, the fundraising didn’t meet the foreseen goal to raise enough money to begin the Habitat build in the fall in Angleton.

May didn’t slow up either – the Nomination Committee provided the 2022-2024 Slate of Officers at the April Meeting: Regent – OPEN; Vice Regent – Janet Spicer; Financial Secretary – Janet Gipson; Recording Secretary – Katie Bailey and Treasurer – Sarah Ebey.

Our May meeting was a little suspenseful to begin: Katie Bailey ‘resigned’ as Recording Secretary; Gera Martin was nominated to fill Katie’s spot as Recording Secretary; Katie Bailey was nominated for Regent!! Thank God, all five were elected by acclamation followed by a huge applause!!

We were privileged to have Dela Garza, State Treasurer present “You Can’t Send a Duck to Eagle School,” which encouraged growth in our own time and way!! We each received special little ‘yellow duckies’ as favors. What a way to send our CDA season! Thank you Dela!!!

It has been a pleasure to serve you as your Regent for the past 18 months. There were times that I forgot things but always loved seeing your understanding smiling faces and then volunteering for whatever was needed. I’ll be here to work with each of you so there’s not much difference except you have a new, young, enthusiastic Regent and 4 Officers that will make 2022-2024 another BANNER year. God bless each and every one of you!!

Dottie Mensik, Regent

*If God brings you to it,
He will bring you through it.*



National News

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MESSAGE ON SELF CARE



Emily Guilherme
National Regent Elect
2022 Convention Chair

As we enter into a time when Covid-19 is dwindling, the sun is beginning to shine, and we start packing our bags for our National Convention in Puerto Rico, I would like to encourage all of my Catholic Daughter sisters to join me in some spring cleaning. Not the typical “cleaning out our closets and attics,” but the spring cleaning for our bodies and souls. If you’re like me, Covid has taken its toll emotionally, physically, and spiritually. The past two years have no doubt created separation from loved ones, and a departure from the feeling of security. This has wreaked havoc on our emotional and mental health, and this has impeded how we care for our bodies - the temple of the Holy Spirit! For many of us, we’ve been brought up and raised to practice self-mortification and denial of things that may seem too lavish or extravagant. Let me tell you one thing: caring for yourself, the body and mind which God gave you, is one responsibility that we cannot push aside. I’m going to give you five easy ways that you can utilize self-care practices to give you an opportunity to focus on yourself (as strange as it may feel). Relaxing bath - it’s an oldie but a goodie - get some Epsom salt, bubble bath, a bath bomb, or some candles and just soak and enjoy. Turn on some prayerful music and take some time to reflect on how God created you for a life of abundant love - especially for you. Go for morning or evening walks - get your heart rate elevated and experience an endorphin rush. Endorphins naturally relieve pain and increase a feeling of goodness and well-being. Not able to go for a walk? Find a nice bench to sit on and enjoy the sunshine. Absorb some vitamin D and meet some new people! Treat yourself - what’s your favorite dessert? As long as you’re medically able to consume it (without any diabetic or allergen-fueled repercussions), make sure you give yourself a chance to indulge just a little bit - the dopamine your brain releases will give you a sense of enjoyment and help you feel just a little bit happier. Go to the movies - when’s the last time you went to see a movie by yourself and just relaxed in the air conditioning and watched something silly or sweet? There’s a sort of peace in sitting in the dark and disconnecting. Choose to watch something that will bring you joy and help you unwind. Get that bloodwork done - sometimes avoiding the doctor and any possible medical complications can lead to bigger medical issues. Getting a basic blood panel done can either give you peace of mind that there aren’t any medical issues, or help you and your provider develop an action plan to get you healthy. Remember - God wants us happy, holy, and healthy. Avoiding a diagnosis doesn’t bring us health - it simply pulls blinders over our eyes. We need to be brave and bold. Get those blood tests done. Get a spiritual director - find a diocesan or order verified and certified spiritual director. Their ministry will help you know where God is calling you to grow and will help you become more attuned to the Holy Spirit. Encounter Christ in the sacraments - we can receive two sacraments daily - reconciliation and the Eucharist. Make sure you are setting time aside to attend daily mass, adoration, and go to confession at least once a month. There are many different ways we can care for our bodies and help not just ourselves, but all those around us. In an airplane safety demonstration, we have to put our own oxygen mask on before we can help others around us. In the same way, we have to take care of ourselves first before we can adequately care for others. God bless and keep you dear sisters, until next time!



State News

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State Regent's Message by Rebecca Brown

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Greetings and peace be with you my dear sisters in Christ.

Have y'all heard about the irate lady who called her local newspaper? Well, she was very upset and I mean VERY upset about not receiving her Sunday paper. When she finally got to speak to the customer service representative, she said, "I want to know where my Sunday newspaper is? I have been a customer with this newspaper before you were born and I have never been more dissatisfied." "Ma'am," said the customer service rep. "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper will be delivered tomorrow." A very long pause followed. "Well," said the lady in a much more subdued tone, "that explains why no one showed up for church this morning." Be sure you show others grace and mercy in all you do.



In our busy lives, we sometimes forget to give God's grace and mercy to others. When you feel the necessity to spread bad words about others or gossip, stop and think first. Turn those words into grace filled words. As I have said before, **our courts must be places where women can be filled spiritually, see charity working, feel grace moving in our lives and know we are blessed because God created us.**

Many courts are having issues with meetings and having women volunteer to serve as a court officer. People everywhere are still hurting from the COVID shutdowns and from fear and apathy that are still hanging onto our souls. How do we respond to stress, family, problems, and difficulties? Sometimes, we get overwhelmed with all that is happening around us. **It is time to break down those barriers and fight back together.** Like Jesus, we need to be refreshed spiritually and take a minute, or three to fifteen minutes, or 24 hours to go into a desert and pray. Touch base with what God is saying to us and what he is calling us to do.

In Acts Chapter 5, the Apostles are sent to jail for teaching about Jesus. An angel comes, sets them free, and tells them to go and tell everyone about Jesus. They didn't stop to check their schedules or to tell the angel they had something else to take care of or start saying evil things about where the angel could go or fail to hear God's voice....they simply responded by going straight to the temple to tell others about Jesus.

We as Catholic Daughters belong to a very special and one-of-a-kind organization. I don't know of another Catholic Women's group where you can journey spiritually with each other and serve God in whatever capacity He is calling you. We must let others see our service, not as burdensome, but as rewarding. Not as time consuming, but as time well spent. We must begin to be examples of faith, strength, courage, and love. Remember, God is calling each of us to serve others as He served, to love others as He loved, and to pray for others as He prayed.

Ok, so now I'll get off my soapbox and say how proud and thankful I am of all the hard work State Habitat for Humanity Chairman Mary Montague and the group of volunteers did on the music festival fundraiser. The attendance was not what was expected, but everyone there had a wonderful time. Be on the lookout for the ground breaking/blessing event to be in September and for dates to come to Angleton and work on the house. We need to raise \$50,000.00 for the build and we have about \$25,000.00 so far. I know it is a lot of money to raise. However, **we would surpass the \$25,000.00 still needed if each court donated \$100.00.** Some courts, business, and individuals have already donated and thank you very much for those donations. CDA in Texas is strong and I know we can meet this challenge and provide a much needed home for a single mom and her children.

Please encourage all members to visit the state website, texascda.org, and become followers of the Texas CDA Facebook page. Great information, updates, prayers, events, and pictures can be found on both. Communication is important to us all and these are only 2 of the tools we have at our disposal. Use them often.

One more thing to mention, thank you to the officers who are serving their courts. Upcoming officer training sessions are this summer. The state board has decreased the number of trainings from 13-14 to 6 or 7 in hopes to meet the needs in Texas CDA. Please be sure to get with your District Deputy for the dates, times, and other information. **The training is mandatory for all new and returning officers and open to any members.** I have a year left, and I need to start doing something productive. My plan is to visit as many areas in Texas as possible. I do hope I get the chance to visit with you!

In Christ We Live

"Most Blessed are You." Luke 1:42

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Taken from the Lone Star Messenger March 2022

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State Court Goals

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TEXAS STATE COURT GOALS

Mission Statement

The members of the Texas State Court love Christ and His Church and are dedicated to leading others to Christ and His service through the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Goals

1. Develop spiritual charity with grace and mercy among members.
2. Help courts be places where members are filled spiritually.
3. Help members see charity working and feel grace moving.
4. Increase membership in Texas CDA.
5. Improve communication in our courts and across the State.

Attaining our Goals

1. Pray all the time and in everything we do.
2. Ask your Spiritual Enhancement chairman to provide spiritual activities.
3. Host District Spiritual Retreats.
4. Encourage your court Chaplain to attend meetings and provide guidance.
5. Seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation monthly.
6. Plan activities outside your comfort zone, participate in activities, money isn't everything.
7. Recognize Jesus in everything and all around us, graces will follow.
8. Connect with current members, seek new members, and contact inactive members.
9. Contact a membership team member for ideas.
10. Take advantage of social media outlets, court newsletters, and phone calls.
11. Visit the State website, search the State Facebook page, and read/share the State newsletter.



"Most blessed are you."

Luke 1:42

Taken from the State Website



State and National Awards

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CIRCLE OF LOVE AND NEWSLETTER AWARDS



Left to right Juanita Oppermann
And Regent Dottie Mensik.



At the May 26, 2022 meeting, Regent Dottie Mensik reported that Our Lady Queen of the Lake had been awarded two awards in the State Contest. The 2 awards were 2nd place in the Texas State Contest “Leadership” category and 1st Place in the “Local Court Newsletter Texas State Contest: Category V-Division 1”.. She also informed the court that the newsletter had won 1st Place in the National Contest. Thanks to all of the court members who through their hard work and dedication made these awards possible.

Written by
Juanita Oppermann



Left to right Newsletter Editor Sarah Ebey and
Regent Dottie Mensik





CDA At the Park

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CDA AT THE PARK JUNE 11, 2022 3 P.M. GAME

To order tickets, click on this link
<http://fevo.me/3j6bn8A>

Order yours today!
Available thru June 4, 2022

TICKETS

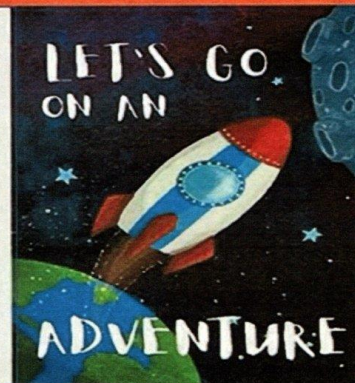
FIELD BOXES (LOWER LEVEL) \$55

MEZZANINE (NEXT LEVEL) \$37

VIEW LEVEL (UPPER LEVEL) \$23

IF YOU WANT YOUR GROUP TO SIT TOGETHER,
COORDINATE YOUR SEATS

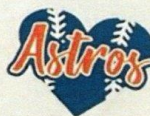
ASTROS Organization will donate \$5 for every Field Box Ticket
And \$2 for every Mezzanine and View Level Ticket purchased!
All money will benefit the Tx CDA Habitat for Humanity Build



Dela Garza (CDA)
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TOGETHER
AGAIN
A Match
made in Heaven



Ashli Henk (Astros)
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Join us at Annunciation Catholic Church (Crawford & Texas)
11:45 for tailgate party
followed by a Rosary inside the church at 1 p.m.



District 35 News

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DISTRICT 35 REGENT/VICE REGENT MEETING

The District 35 Regent/Vice Regent meeting of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas was held on June 14, 2022 at St. Jerome's in Clute. Attendees included Blanca Ochoa, Regent, Court Immaculate Mary in Angleton; Past Regent of Our Lady Queen of the Americas, Clute, Dina Touche; current Regent Ana Gonzalez of Our Lady Queen of the Americas, Clute; District Deputy Rachel Warner; Katie Bailey, Regent Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Lake Jackson; Dottie Mensik, Past Regent of Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Lake Jackson; and Sarah Ebey, Recorder for District 35; and, Janet Spicer, Vice Regent, Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Lake Jackson.

Written by
Juanita Oppermann



Pictured in the photo left to right are Regent Katie Bailey, Vice Regent Janet Spicer, District Deputy Rachel Warner, Recorder Sarah Ebey, and Past Regent Dottie Mensik.



Fundraiser

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CHICKEN SPAGHETTI DINNER RAFFLE SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER, APRIL 3, 2022

Sandy Seeley, Chair reported the Chicken Spaghetti Dinner/Raffle/Silent Auction was a success. The committee had lots of kitchen help and everything ran very smoothly. We had a total of 48 CDA volunteers work to make the day a success. There were plenty of deserts.

The earnings were as follows:

Silent auction - \$2663.00

Red Roaster - \$407.00

Raffle Tickets - \$4908.00, charges

<\$292.90> Balance of \$4615.10

Meals - \$3575.15 charges and supplies

total <\$904.83>, Balance of \$2670.

Total net balance = \$10355.42

Prize Winners:

Grand Prize, Quilt – Betty Jo Jurries

1st Place, Cardinal Basket - Monica Caraballo

2nd Place, Tuscany Basket – Steven Sanchez

3rd Place, Cynthia Grandjean Painting – Albert Sanchez

4th Place, Angel – Toni Sabrsula

5th Place, Lowe's Gift Card – Thomas Kibodeaux

6th Place, St. Benedict Statue from Plantation House – Chris McBurnett

7th Place, Fire Pit –District Deputy @44 Imelda M. Tovar

Left to right Isabel Respondek, Lynette Walsh, Binnie Bauml, and Donna Janak.



Carmen Galvan and Janet enjoy a moment of fun after chopping vegetables. Thanks Binnie for the great meal.



After the work is done, lunch is served. Left to right Bunny Swist, Regent Dottie Mensik, Lynette Walsh, Binnie Bauml, Donna Janak, Janet Gipson, and Carmen Galvan.



Margie Kaus (left) and District Deputy Rachel Warner set of the table to sell raffle and meal tickets



Prizes



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Katie Bailey (right) and Margie Kaus (right) begin the decorating process.



Peggy Robinson places the centerpiece.



Finished Product!



Joan Taplett and Danna Kolafa sharing some much needed love.



Left to right: Norma Taylor, Regent Dottie Mensik, and Bunny Swist prepare the flowers for the centerpieces.



Janet Spicer begins the second roaster. Katie Bailey is in the background.



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CHICKEN SPAGHETTI DINNER - PAGE 3



Left to right Binnie Bauml, Janet Spicer And Katie Bailey.



Thanks to the help of Doug Gipson and Rudy Spicer



Pam Ermis is hard at work.



Dottie Mensik (left) and Pat Williams keep the chicken spaghetti warm.



Janet Gipson fires up the stove.



Left to right Carmen Galvan and Gwen Williams.



Juanita Oppermann washes dishes.



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CHICKEN SPAGHETTI DINNER - PAGE 4



Janet Gipson tests the doneness of the Spaghetti; Did it stick to the wall. YES!



Cindy Grandjean cooking the spaghetti.



Work begins on the silent auction. In the back ground are left to right Janet Gipson, Sandy Seeley, Pat Williams and Doraine Morgan.

Shuria Thompson (right) and Betty o Jurries beginning setting up the silent auction.



Silent Auction Setup Crew left to right Monica Caraballo, Sandy Seeley, Diana Schultze, Shuria Thompson, and Betty Jo Jurries.



Fundraiser cont.

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CHICKEN SPAGHETTI DINNER - PAGE 5

Getting the desserts ready are Carmen Galvan in the Foreground and left to right Shirley Girouard, Danna Kolafa, Ann Riedel, Lynette Walsh, and Jan Denomy.



Left to right Shirley Girouard, Doraine Morgan, and Regent Dottie Mensik.



Awaiting customers in the serving line are left to right Isabel Respondek, Monica Caraballo, and Gwen Williams.



Also helping with desserts are left to right Isabel Respondek, Toni Sabrsula, and Joan Taplett.



Serving parishioners are Monica Caraballo (left), And Isabel Respondek (right)



The kitchen and serving crew: left to right Diana Schultze, Peggy Robinson, Regent Dottie Mensik, Susie Mensik, Mary Montague, Joan Taplett, and Danna Kolafa.



Bake Sale

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MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE May 8, 2022



Left to right Co-Chair Karen Koranek with District Deputy Rachel Warner, and Toni Sabrsula.



Our Lady Queen of the Lake held the annual Mother's Day Bake Sale on Sunday, May 8, 2022 after all Masses on Sunday. Members bring the baked items starting on Saturday. This year the bake sale earned \$745.00. Thanks to all who baked items and volunteered to serve at the bake sale on Mother's Day.



Written by
Juanita Oppermann



Starting off the bake sale are left to right Janet Gipson, Co-chair, Joan Taplett, JoAnn Forse, Juanita Oppermann, Co-Chair Karen Koranek, and Renee Duhon.



Committee News

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CARING HEARTS APRIL 4, 2022

Regent Dottie Mensik reported that Team #1 had visit Patti Sayes after her last surgery. Dottie said "Thank you Team #1 for the food & great visit with Patti Sayes! We learned a lot about her medical experiences!! Frankly, I don't know how she can be as 'up' as she is!! We definitely need to continue praying for Patti & Kyle and her Caretakers!!" Left to right are Back Row are team members Toni Sabrsula, Regent Dottie Mensik, Joan, Taplett, and Isabel Respondent. Center Front Patty Sayes.

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Juanita Oppermann



Left to right are Back Row are team members Toni Sabrsula, Regent Dottie Mensik, Joan, Taplett, and Isabel Respondent. Center front Patty Sayes.



Present left to right are Regent Dottie Mensik, Juanita Oppermann, Lillian Sablatura, Shelly Key, Isabel Respondek and Bunny Swist.

Members of the Caring Hearts Committee joined Chair, Bunny Swist, in singing happy birthday to Patty Matus on her birthday.

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Juanita Oppermann



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COFFEE DONUTS

Member of Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court 2364, Joan Taplett (right) and JoAnn Forse (left) await customers on May 8, 2022 as they prepare the table for serving coffee and doughnuts to parishioners as they leave Mass.

Written by
Juanita Oppermann



PRAYER BLANKET

The sewing room received a facelift with the installation of the new Carpet. Removing all the contents of the sewing room and replacing them after the carpet was installed are left to right front row Dan Walsh, Ed Sabrsula, and Louis Bauml. Second row Lynette Walsh, Toni Sabrsula, And Binnie Bauml.





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ADOPT-A-FAMILY

REPORT FROM JANET SPICER, CHAIR

Each year the Adopt-A-Family Committee chooses a family for whom to provide Christmas and to meet other needs throughout the year. This year the committee chose a single mother with four children. The ages of the children are 6, 5, 4, and 2.

The committee provided Christmas gifts for the children for a total of \$423.73. We gave each of the kids a \$35.00 Target gift card for their birthday.

Other problems the court helped the family with included:

The mother had her car repossessed and she couldn't afford to buy new car seats. We replaced the car seats for a total of \$97.70. They had their electricity turned off a few times because she couldn't afford to pay her bill. We spent \$350.00 to help pay the electricity bills.

As ongoing care, the Adopt-A-Family Committee will address school needs, and help with other problems as the year progresses. Final

Written by
Juanita Oppermann

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

2022 Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court 2364
Scholarship Recipients



Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court 2364, awarded four (4) \$1000.00 Scholarships to the St. Michael the Archangel parish class of 2022 graduating seniors. Left to right are Regent Dottie Mensik, and recipients Ben Latta, Jude Calhoun, Allison Futschik, and Cristian Finley.



Parish Events

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K of C Fish Fry



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Each Lent members of the Catholic Daughters volunteer to bring desserts to the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. On April 8, 2022 Catholic Daughters along with Gina Crawford prepare to serve desserts. Left to right are Toni Sabrsula, Gina Crawford, Lina Gamino, and Lynette Walsh.



Parish Events

Youth Live Stations of the Cross Good Friday, April 15, 2022 at 12 Noon

Doris Grigar (right) and Kandace (left) prepare To serve their offering of Lentil Soup after the Live Stations of the Cross presented by St. Michael's Youth Ministry.



LENTEN SOUPS

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court 2364, participated in the "Lenten Soups" along with the Hispanic Ministry, and Women's of St. Michael's. Each group prepared a soup to be served after the Good Friday, Noon Live Stations of the Cross by the St. Michael's Youth Ministry. The event was attended by over 80 parishioners. The court served Lentil Soup which everyone said was very tasty. The lentil soup was prepared by court members Doris Grigar and Kandace Novak.





Parish Events

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST JUNE 18, 2022

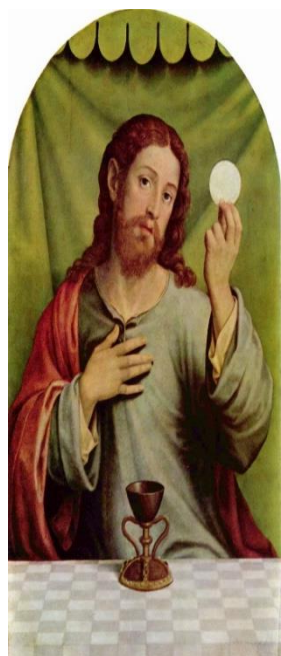
The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court 2364, participated in the St. Michael the Archangel procession in honor of the "Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ," on June 18, 2022 by preparing on the five altars visited in the procession. The altar was prepared by Monica Caraballo, and Juanita Oppermann. The procession began at the church door and processes through the parking lot saying the rosary. Each altar represented one of the decades of the rosary. Submitted by: Juanita Oppermann



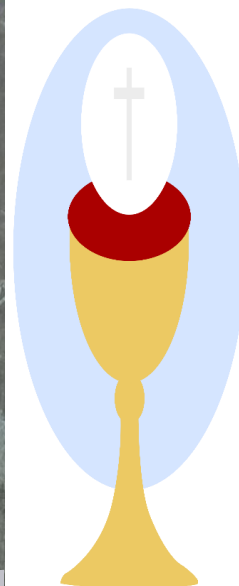
Monica Caraballo poses with the altar The Catholic Daughters prepared for the procession of the most precious Body and Blood of Christ



The Knights of Columbus 4th degree participated in the procession.



Father Dwight, Pastor, processes with the Most Holy Body of Christ.





CDA BUSINESS MEETING

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APRIL 28, 2022

The April Monthly meeting of the Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court #2364 was held in the Angelina Room on April 28, 2022. There were 24 members and 4 officers present.

Sandy Seeley, Chairman, gave a summary of the results of the Chicken Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction/Raffle. Sandy reported that the Chicken Spaghetti Fundraiser, held on April 3rd, 2022, was a success. The court had lots of kitchen help and everything ran very smoothly. Good turnout as far as volunteers go. We had plenty of desserts. The earnings were as follows:

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Total net balance = \$10355.42

Kathy Ward, Chairman of the Donations Committee, report on the requests made for donations this year. She said there were 5 requests. The budget allotment was \$1000.00.

The money was divided as follows:

Refuge for Woman Texas Gulf Coast - \$250.00

Home Delivered Meals - \$100.00

Grandparents as Parents - \$200.00

Live Oak Clinic of Brazosport - \$200.00

Faith Formation St. Michaels-VBS - \$250.00

Juanita Oppermann reported that the Scholarship Committee had received 10 applications for senior scholarships. She said the Committee would be meeting on April 29 at 7:00 p.m. to determine the winners of the scholarships. She had already distributed copies of the applications to the Committee.

The Scholarship members of the committee are: Juanita Oppermann, Chair, Sharon Ernst, Candice Novak, Joan Taplett, and Kathy. Our first meeting will be Friday, April 29 at 7:00. The Court allotted for the scholarship. The deadline for turning the names into Janet Gipson in the youth office is May 9, 2022.



**Written by
Juanita Oppermann**

Refreshments were provided by left to right, Lisa Matzke, Sherry Bergen, Cynthia Grandjean, Susie Mensik, and Sarah Ebey.



CDA BUSINESS MEETING APRIL 28, 2022 Cont.

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Meeting



Left to Right Recording Secretary Katie Bailey, Vice Regent Janet Spicer, and Regent Dottie Mensik

Left to right Monica Caraballo, Gera Martin, Cynthia Grandjean, Isabel Respondek, Treasurer Sarah Ebey, and Toni Sabrsula.



Enjoying the social time prior to the meeting



Joan Taplett (right) and Lynette Walsh visit during the social time.



Left to right Susie Mensik, and Lisa Matzke

Left to right Gera Martin, District Deputy Rachel Warner, Treasurer Sarah Ebey and Toni Sabrsula.





FINANCIAL REVIEW

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APRIL 28, 2022

The Financial Review was held on April 28, 2022. Volunteers to help with the review were Gera Martin, Cynthia Grandjean, Isabel Respondek, and Sharon Ernst. The court passed the review with flying colors.



Waiting for instruction to begin the financial review are left to right Isabel Respondek, Sharon Ernst, Gera Martin, and Cynthia Grandjean.



Busy at their job are left to right Gera Martin, Treasurer Sarah Ebey, District Deputy Rachel Warner, Cynthia Grandjean. Isabel Respondek, and Sharon Ernst.



CDA BUSINESS MEETING

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MAY 26, 2022

The Monthly meeting of Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court 2364, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Wleczyk Hall in the Family Life Center. All four officers were present. The meeting began with the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary by District Deputy Rachel Warner with a prayer led by Chair of the Spiritual Committee, Gera Martin. Reports were given by the chairs of the various committees with a final account of the funds raised by the Chicken Spaghetti Dinner/Raffle/Silent Auction. Treasurer Sarah Ebey gave a handout that compared the results of this year to the funds raised the previous three years.

Janet Gipson reported that the May Mother's Bake Sale earned \$745.00.

Elections for the new officers for the 2022-2024 term were held. Nominations were called for from the floor for the open position of Regent. Juanita Oppermann Nominated Katie Bailey. Regent Dottie Mensik called for anymore nominations for Regent. There were none. Katie Bailey resigned from Recording Secretary and accepted the nomination. Then nominations were called for from the floor for the open position of Recording Secretary. Gera Martin was nominated. Gera accepted the nomination. Regent Dottie Mensik called for any additional nominations from the floor for the position of Recording Secretary. There being none the court accepted by acclamation the slate of officers as submitted by the nomination committee with the nominations from the floor for Regent and Recording Secretary. The new slate of officers are:

Regent - Katie Bailey
Vice Regent – Janet Spicer
Financial Secretary – Janet Gipson
Recording Secretary – Gera Martin
Treasurer – Sarah Ebey

The meeting closed with a presentation by Dela Garza entitled, "You Can't Send a Duck to Eagle School."

Written by
Juanita Oppermann



State Treasurer Dela Garza, gives a presentation to the court entitled, "You Can't send a Duck to Eagle School."



DESSERT TABLE



District Deputy Rachel crowned the Blessed Mother while the head of the Spiritual Committee, Gera Martin reads the prayer leading up to the Crowning.



Refreshment Crew: Left to right Vice Regent Janet Spicer, District Deputy Rachel Warner, Recording Secretary Katie Bailey, Joan Taplett, Financial Secretary Janet Gipson, Gera Martin, Shuria Thompson, and Isabel Respondek.



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MAY 26, 2022 Cont.



Regent Dottie Mensik calls the meeting to order. Seated at the table with her are left to right Treasurer Sarah Ebey, Recording Secretary Katie Bailey, Financial Secretary Janet Gipson, and Vice Regent Janet Spicer.



Regent Dottie Mensik passes on the Regent Pin to the new Court Regent Katie Bailey.



Regent Dottie Mensik presents Sarah Ebey with the certificate Designating 1s Place in the State Contest for the Newsletter and 1st Place in the National Contest for the Newsletter.



New officers for the coming 2022-2024 term. Left to right are Recording Secretary Gera Martin, Vice Regent Janet Spicer, Financial Secretary Janet Gipson, Regent Katie Bailey, and Treasurer Sarah Ebey.



Katie Bailey passes on the Recording Secretary Pin to The new Recording Secretary Gera Martin.



Margarita Prinz updates the court concerning the fund raiser held for the benefit of the State Habitat Build.



Juanita Oppermann (left) receives the 2nd Place Certificate for Leadership in the State Circle of Love Contest.



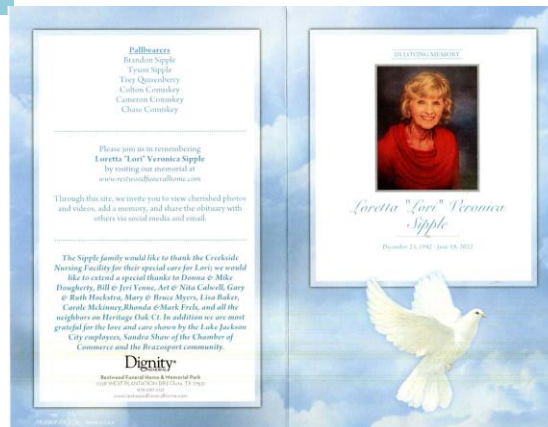
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Lori Sipple

Lori Sipple was a charter member of of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court 2364. She, died on June 18, 2022 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. The visitation was held on June 23 with the funeral held at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church on June 24 at 10:00 a.m. Katie Bailey, Regent, presented the Certificate of Condolences from the Court at the visitation to her husband. The Catholic Daughters provided the desserts for the funeral meal.



Written by
Juanita Oppermann



Katie Bailey, Regent, presents the Certificate of Condolences to Mayor Sipple and her family.

Attending the Visitation and Rosary for Lori are left to right
Front row: Katie Bailey, Regent; Dottie Mensik, Shirley
Girouard. Second Row: Juanita Oppermann, Carmen Galvan,
Lynette Walsh, and Charlene Jones. Back row: Bunny Swist,
Doraine Morgan, and Isabel Respondek.



Ann Riedel (left) and Shirley Girouard (right) prepare desserts at Lori's funeral





Education Contest Division II Entries

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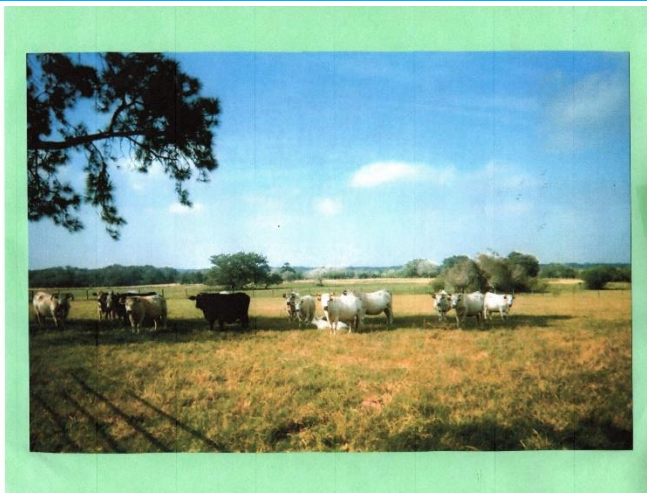


Education Contest Certificates and Prizes were awarded to the local winners of the National Education contest at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School on May 18, 2022. Left to right are Regent Dottie Mensik, Aryahi Kadiyala, Melissa Aaron, Hadley Collins, Peter Nguyen, Audrey Mulholland, Mason Whittington, and Education Chair Juanita Oppermann



PHOTOGRAPHY

Division II Photography
1st Place Hadley Collins



Photography
1st Place -Hadley Collins





Education Contest Division II Entries

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ESSAY

Division II Essay 1st Place Aryahi Kadiyala

God is with me through my Struggles

I used to always be teased for the way I was. In third grade, I had no friends, and I was constantly judged. I felt really lonely and sad all the time. I didn't tell anyone about my problems, not even my parents. I became distant from God around that time.

Once, a kid in my class threw my food onto me, leaving me embarrassed. After that incident, I contemplated on my relationship with God. I realized that I didn't pray as much as I needed to. When I got home that day, I made up my mind to pray to God. I felt slightly better, but it wasn't an immediate change. Even though the outcome wasn't what I expected, I placed my trust in God, and made it a habit to pray daily. Gradually, I felt less separated from God and started to find comfort in praying. I prayed to God for true friends. After praying every day for a few months, I felt like giving up hope, but I believed that God had a plan, so I kept praying.

I also used to go to faith classes every Sunday during that time. I didn't feel particularly able to talk to any the kids there, though. They were all the happy-go-lucky type, extroverted, and would run around the classroom all the time. I always thought that they had no challenges in life, as they were always so happy. Because of that feeling, I felt slightly left out, as I believed that no one would be able to understand me. Despite this, I would have a good time every time I went, and would also learn a lot.

One class, we had an activity in which we were invited to talk about what problems we faced in life, and everyone would offer a piece of advice to help. Initially, I felt scared to tell others about myself. As everyone shared their challenges and insecurities, though, my nervousness slowly melted away. They didn't seem to be kids with perfect lives anymore to me. They talked about how they were bullied, or if they were failing in academics. They were all nervous to speak about themselves, but they conquered their fear. I felt empowered, and I made up my mind that I wouldn't shy away from this opportunity.

I told everyone about how my life was, about how I made it a habit to pray, and how I still didn't have a friend who would stay by me during good times and bad. They empathized with me, and offered me advice. I realized that I had good classmates, and they are still my friends to this day. My situation at school was mostly mended, and I wasn't teased or left out anymore.

By placing my trust in God, I was able to find happiness in my life. I made good friends and my hardships were lessened. God helped me through my struggles, and never left me.



Aryahi Kadiyala
1st Place
Essay

Division II Essay 2nd Place Mason Whittington

How God helps Me With My Struggles

Sometimes I struggle with writing an essay, for example, like this one. I don't Really know why I do but I'm just never able to think of anything to write about. It's like my mind just goes blank like a white canvas waiting to be painted. But then I ask myself if there is anybody who I can ask to help me. Maybe my friends, my family, My dog? But then I realize I can turn to God and ask him to help me. So then I pray to him knowing that he will respond. And the way I know he will respond is because after I pray, some random time in the middle of the day, he always sends an answer back to me.

He always has an answer for me, like for baseball. He gave me a good arm to throw with, He gave me a good swing to use when I'm up to bat, but most of all, he gives me confidence. He gives me confidence when I'm struggling with pitching. Sometimes when I'm pitching I can give up a hit or a run and that brings me down. And when I'm down I start doing even worse than I was before. But then I realize that I'm messing up, so I step off the mound and take a breather. While taking that breather I pray to him. When I'm praying to him I feel the energy of the crowd and the energy of the game all go quiet. Just so that it's me and God talking. I ask him for a little bit of help. Then I suddenly feel a shockwave of energy, and it flows through my entire body. And that's how I know God listened to my prayer and answered it.

He can also help me with overall life, like leading me on the right path, and giving me good friends. Sometimes I don't realize that I could be going down the wrong path but when I do, I ask God to help me through prayer. And every prayer is like another step towards the right path. And once I'm on the right path I still continue to pray so I'm able to go further and further down the right path, and I can get closer and closer to God.

Mason Whittington
Essay 2nd Place





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ESSAY

Division I Essay 3rd Place Peter Nguyen

A lot of the time, when I am called to wash the dishes, I never want to, but I do it anyway. Most of the time, that happens. I am expected to wash the dishes because it is the right thing to do. Sometimes, Jesus calls us to do God's will, even though we might want to. The hardest thing when doing a task is starting it. Then, after starting it, we realize that you have the hang of it and you start doing it more. It is also like prayer. We often use the excuse of being busy or not having the time to do it, when all it takes is just at least one minute of our time. We have 24 hours per day. 8-10 hours of sleep, which means about 14 hours of daytime, yet we call ourselves busy. We could at least just do the sign of the Cross when we wake up which only takes about 10 seconds.

When I was younger, I used to always forget to take out my lunchbox. Then, my parents started punishing me. After my parents started punishing me for not taking out my lunchbox, I never forgot to take out my lunchbox. Now, I know that my parents were just teaching me the consequences of my actions. Sometimes, God does that to us. He never likes punishing us, but God wants us to know our consequences. He wants to teach us.

We should all pray and talk to God more often. God knows more about us than we know us. He can teach us and help us learn more. He created us. Science only teaches us the way the universe works.. God teaches us the way Heaven works.



Peter Nguyen
Essay 3rd Place

ART

1st Division II Art 1st Place Audrey Mulholland



Audrey Mulholland 1st Place
Art



Birthdays

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MAY



6 – Andrea Drabek-Guice
8 – Sue Merritt
13 – Doraine Morgan
15 – Deanna Hudgeons
19 – Charlene Jones
20 – Doris Grigar
21 – Grace Hatfield
23 – Mary Lux
25 – Kim Blackwell
27 – Georgia Nagle
27 – Pat Perdue

BIRTHDAY'S

Lily of the Valley

**MAY
BIRTH FLOWER**

Humility
Purity
Sweetness

JUNE



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

BIRTHDAY'S

Rose

**JUNE
BIRTH FLOWER**

Love
Beauty
Honour

JULY



1 – Deb Kyle
4 – Laura Wilchester
7 – Elizabeth Calhoun
14 – Mary Jones
20 – Melanie Viktorin

BIRTHDAY'S

Delphinium

**JULY
BIRTH FLOWER**

Positivity
Dignity
An open heart



CDA Court Calendar

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Date	Event	Time	Location
2022			
June 23	Perfect Attendance Dinner	6:00p	Asiel's
July 10	K of C Blood Drive	8:30a-1:00p	Wleczyk Hall FLC
July 20-24	National Biennial CDA Convention		Puerto Rico
July 28	BUNCO for SVdP	6:00p	Wleczyk Hall FLC
August 25	Court Meeting	6:00p	
September 6	District 35 Meeting Regent, Vice Regent		Angelina Room
September 11	K of C Blood Drive	8:30a-1:00p	Wleczyk Hall FLC
September 22	Court Meeting	6:00p	Angelina Room
September 22	Habitat Build	8:30a	1301 Caldwell Rd Angleton, TX 77515
September 24	Habitat Build Ground Breaking	10:00a	1301 Caldwell Rd Angleton, TX 77515
October 3	Respect Life Sunday		
October 4	Habitat Build Serving Breakfast		Angleton, TX
October 14-22	Brazoria County Fair	See Schedule	Brazoria County Fair Ground
October 16	National CDA Day	8:00a	Clute, TX



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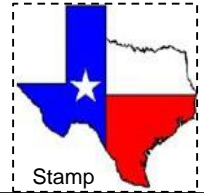
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Date	Event	Time	Location
2022			
October 22	Make a Difference Day		
October 27	Family Life Center Hall	Family Life Center Hall	Family Life Center Hall
November 6	K of C Blood Drive	8:30a-1:00p	Wleczyk Hall FLC
November 10	BUNCO for SVdP	6:00p	Wleczyk Hall FLC
November 24	Thanksgiving		
November 27	Advent Begins		
December 1	Court Meeting	6:00p	Angelina Room
December 3	CDA/KC Christmas Party	6:00p	Wleczyk Hall FLC
December 8	Immaculate Conception		
December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe		
2023			
January 1	Solemnity of Mary		
January 6	Epiphany		
January 20	National Prayer Vigil for life		Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Washington, DC
January 21	March for Life		Washington, DC
January 26	Court Meeting	6:00p	Angelina Room
February 12	Valentine's Day Bake Sale	8:00a	Family Life Center Hall
February 17-18	Work Days for CSD	TBA	Wleczyk Hall FLC
February 19	Chicken Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction/Raffle	9:00	Wleczyk Hall FLC



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