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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 979-297-2136 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 or Juanita Oppermann unless otherwise noted. ***

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Texas CDA - www.texasda.org



Regent Message

REGENT MESSAGE

Happy New Year again! We have already completed the 1st quarter of 2023. Isn't it crazy how fast time goes by? We continue to provide coffee and donuts after mass, deserts to the parish for events, and have started selling raffle tickets for spaghetti dinner in April. Planning has started for our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year, the Chicken Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 23rd. We have implemented the red roaster the last several years. It is a great way to donate money directly to buying of the ingredients used for the preparing of the dinner. If you are unable to participate in spaghetti dinner fundraiser this year, you are always welcomed to drop a check off in Janet Gipson's mailbox outside her office. The cost for one roaster is \$65.00. The more money donated to buy what we need, the more money we can save and use for something charitable.

My 2023 plans, I have a couple of trips planned for myself that I am super excited about. In the past 6 years or so, I have been to several "mindfulness" and "yoga" retreats. The one I continue to go back to is in the middle of nowhere in East Texas. Back in the piney woods, where you can hold your arms out as you walk down a trail and touch a pine tree with every step. I love the peacefulness. It's a weekend get-away for women that meet as strangers but leave as friends. Friday nights we share an awesome meal, tea, coffee, and wine, and of course introductions. Yoga before bed and become fast friends in the matter of hours. Saturday morning you awake with more yoga and afterwards breakfast. More yoga, quiet time, coloring, making scented oils, reading, prayer, and exploring. Saturday evening, dinner and more yoga and home on Sunday. I have loved meeting the friends and I have

built a support system of friendship. Thoughtfulness and acts of kindness are given through the weekend.

The act of thoughtfulness or sharing a kind word, makes us feel wonderful, but it only works when there is a receiver that is happy and accepting of the gift on the other end. When we offer a kind word, a gift, or a thought and the receiver has a comeback of you shouldn't have done that, oh please I can't take it, it's an uncomfortable let down. Allowing yourself to be a gracious receiver is a humbling experience and is an act of love and acceptance to the other person. It is part of the blessing.

Just being accepting of each other unconditionally and all the wonderful work we are doing for others, that is a true blessing. Speaking kindly to others and showing patients and mercy to others should be the norm. We all have trails we go through. Sometimes we go through the motions every day, and someone takes notice and just simply wants to do something nice for you. You deserve it, accept it with a happy heart. That is what is intended.

Heavenly Father, I cherish my incredible CDA sisters. Thank you for their existence in my life. I pray that you watch over them and steer them into hope and blessing. I believe that you will safeguard and carry them when life is difficult. Lord, enable me to be a good friend to them. Amen.

Regent Katie Bailey



National News

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National Regent's Message National Regent Emily Guilherme

MY DEAR SISTERS OF THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS,

If you have ever met me, you know that I have a decisive nature. I've never had an issue deciding which kind of dress I wanted to buy, which place I wanted to visit, or how I wanted to spend my time. Yet, when I was discerning what my National Regent verse would be for my term, I was plagued by second guessing and the thought that my theme had to be the perfect theme. The problem with that is that every word out of Christ's mouth is perfect. Then, in the midst of my frustration, I spotted a plaque on my cabinet in my kitchen that read, "Faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains." It was at that moment that I felt God was speaking to me. He was shining a light on the scriptural verse He wanted me to contemplate, reflect, and foster during my time as National Regent.

Faith is one of the trickiest things in our lives to maintain. We can lose faith in people, in the world, and sometimes we can even lose faith in ourselves. The mere idea of having our faith be diminished can send us into a downward spiral. But one of the things I love about this concept of faith, is its paradoxical nature: we cannot be certain about faith, or it ceases to exist. "Faith," as St. Paul tells us, "Is what is hoped for, things unseen." (Hebrews 11:1) If we are certain about faith, it is considered to be "knowledge," and that's not what Christ said will move mountains.

So, if your faith in God has ever been plagued by doubt, riddled with insecurity, I



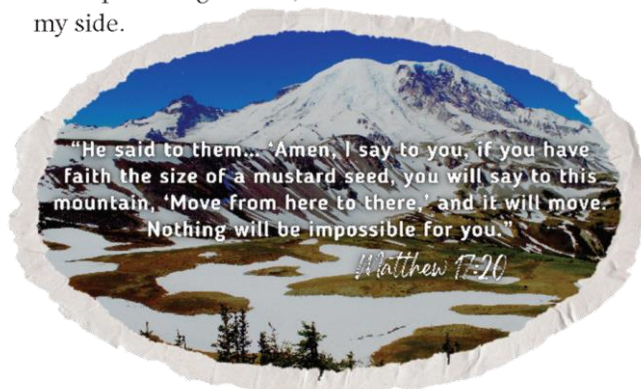
Emily Guilherme
National Regent

encourage you. In those moments you are right where you need to be. Clinging to your faith in times of hardship and trials emboldens our belief. It is in those times of doubt that we must tell ourselves, "Doubt is essential to faith."

In those moments, when we press forward in our faith, we reinforce our devotion. When we reinforce our devotion, those mountains will move. Nothing will be impossible for us, because to the rest of the world, having confidence and faith in things that cannot be seen or proven is unbelievable; faith astonishes, and many times inspires unbelievers. It was the blood of the martyrs in the early church that brought unbelievers to be baptized. It is by the courage of our convictions that new believers are being brought into our faith now in this digital age.

I pray that during my time as your National Regent, my faith may inspire others to be bold and ask great things of the Lord. There are over eighty verses in scripture that talk about faith – may you be emboldened to pursue the paradox of faith and have the courage to move mountains.

To learn how to be strong in one's faith takes a lifetime, but armed with the faith, we have the fortitude to undergo the hardships and trials that can surprise us. My faith journey has not always been easy, but clinging to my mustard seed of faith helps me know that God is real. He is providing for me, and He has never left my side.



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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.

I have been thinking a lot about being blind, eyes that are unseeing, and what that means to me on a spiritual level. How often do we not see something that is right in front of us? How often do we rationalize what we see so our actions can be justified? Only Jesus can heal our blindness and give us eyes to see the truth. **A sight given with grace and mercy. A sight with love, compassion, truth, honesty, and humility.**

I attended a multi-district workshop in Round Rock not to long ago. Father talked about how we are beloved daughters of God. We are beloved, not because of what we do or have done, not because of how much money we have or how pious we are, and not even because of who we know or how many boards we volunteer for. We are beloved because God made us in his image to serve him. St. Theresa of Lisieux said, "Holiness is not in one exercise or another, it consists in a disposition of the heart, which renders us humble and little in the hands of God, conscious of our weakness but confident, even daringly confident, in his fatherly goodness." St. Theresa was very wise. She also said, *"This I know very well; although I should have on soul all the crimes that could be committed, I would lose none of my confidence; rather, I would hasten with my heart broken into pieces of sorrow, to cast myself into the arms of my savior."* When I close my eyes, my mind can see the open arms of my savior; inviting and waiting. God's love for us is unconditional. We must open our eyes to see past what is physically in front of us. Knowing we are weak, God gives us strength and confidence to trust in Him completely. **We are beloved daughters of God; have faith in that truth.** May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know the truth and respond to His call.

In a few short months, my time as State Regent will come to a close. The journey has been a blessing from God. Texas CDA is a beautiful organization of Catholic women who strive to serve God on this earth with grace and mercy. Here are a few items to take care of before the convention in April.

Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation during lent and often after that. Our service flows from our spiritual life. Stay close to God.

Keep using grace and mercy with others around you. We can often become blind at our court meetings and discussions can get a little heated.

Be patient with others. We do not always see the difficulties others are having. Say an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be when you feel the need arise.

Pray always, Pray everywhere, Pray for everything. Prayer is powerful and we are called to pray. unceasingly. Do not lose faith when you do not see answered prayer. God answers prayers in his way, not ours!

Be faithful and beloved daughters of God. Let others see our faith and see that we are Catholic Daughters. What makes us a Catholic Daughter? What does your service look like? Does pride slip in and take over our minds? Let go of pride, pray for guidance, and follow God's call.

Be mindful of any convention deadlines. You can register individually online or send a court check with the registration forms to the chairman. Be generous with a donation to the Walk/Run event. The funds will be divided between the MOMs (Mission of Mercy) projects.

May y'all have a spiritual renewal as you journey with Jesus during Lent. May God help open your eyes to the truth and his path. May the hope of Easter bring you closer to God.

See y'all at the convention in Galveston!
In Christ We Live.



"Most Blessed are You." Luke 1:42



State News

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Habitat for Humanity Chairman by Mary Montague & Co-Chair Cynthia Heffernan



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MY THANKS TO GOD & EVERYONE! We have procured 100% of our \$50,000 build sponsorship and without any National funding! Of course any surplus funds will be used for the next build. The biggest part of the home build was finished during the 11 work days concluding on 10/5 by a great team of volunteers; both CDA & the community. There are still a few more work days to be scheduled. The delay was due to cabinets which have still not arrived since their late December delivery date. The dedication ceremony/reception is still targeted before the end of March. I will know at least 30 days in advance & will notify everyone.



Pictured above is the outside as of January, 2023.

In addition to the courts already listed in the prior newsletter, the following seven courts have also made monetary donations: Brazoria/West Columbia, Copell, El Campo (San Roberto); Houston (San Gabriel); Odem; San Antonio (St. Matthew) and Spring (Our Lady of Pines). This brings the total court participation up to 52%

I still have t-shirts for sale; please advise if you need one.

Prayer List

- ♥ Let us pray for the Holy Father, Pope Francis, all Bishops and Priests that the Lord might grant him health, wisdom, guidance and strength so that they may continue to spread the Word of God.
- ♥ Let us pray for all catechumens and candidates, seeking to join the Catholic community of faith; that trusting in the truth of Christ, they may find freedom of mind and heart and preserve it always.
- ♥ Let us pray for the conversion of our hearts and minds during this Lenten season, that we would strive to imitate our Lord and the blessed Virgin Mary
- ♥ Let us pray for the Convention Committee, that they continue to work as a team for the good of the organization and to always keep God at the forefront of any decision.
- ♥ Special Intentions:

Pray for St. Hyacinth Catholic Church and Court #2361, Court of St. Hyacinth, Deer Park. They were hit by a tornado and lost their education building and roof on the church.

Dee Scheetz, Past State Regent, she can no longer walk and has fluid on her lungs. She is enjoying the many visitors she has received and all congratulations on her 85th birthday.



Education Contest

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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST

Date: SEPTEMBER 2022

TO: STATE REGENTS AND LOCAL COURT REGENTS
FROM: DARLENE MORITZ, NATIONAL EDUCATION
CHAIRPERSON

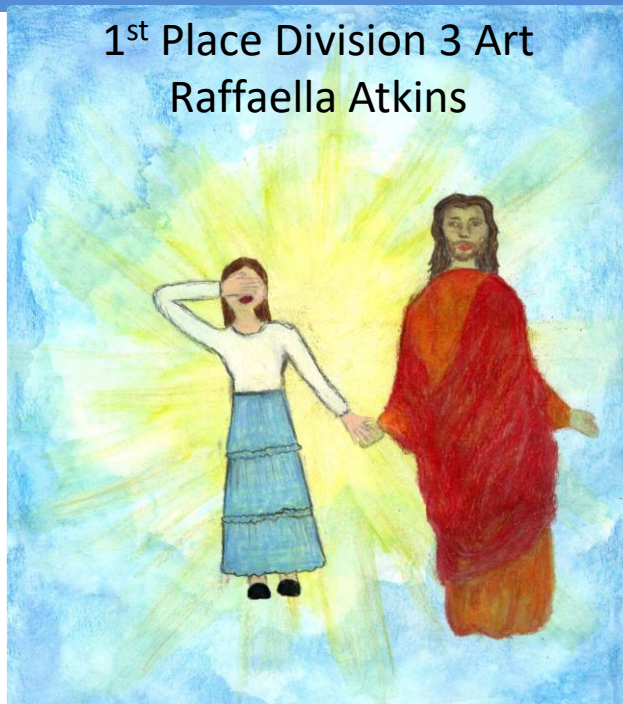
SUBJECT: 2022-2023 NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST

THEMES: "We walk by faith, not by sight" 2
Corinthians: 5:7 OR "When do I have to lean on my
faith more than sight?"

Each local court should make a very special effort
to sponsor the EDUCATION CONTEST. The themes
selected for the contest encourage lively imagination
and freedom of thought when student talent and
application go hand in hand. The contest enables
students of our communities, schools, and CCD classes
to compete and strive for awards while following
certain fixed rules. The choice of the categories is:

ART ESSAY POETRY COMPUTER ART MUSIC
PHOTOGRAPHY

1st Place Division 3 Art Raffaella Atkins



OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE LAKE, COURT 2364 NATIONAL EDUCATION CONTEST LOCAL WINNERS

THE 2023 WINNERS FOR THE LOCAL NATIONAL CDA EDUCATION CONTEST WERE:

ESSAY – Division 2

1 st Place	"We Walk by Faith and not by Sight"	Zadan Lara	\$20.00
2 nd Place	"We Walk by Faith and not by Sight"	Peter Nguyen	\$15.00

ART – Division 3

1 st Place	"We Walk by Faith and not by Sight"	Raffaella Atkins	\$20.00
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ART – Division 2

1 st Place	"We Walk by Faith and not by Sight"	Macy Pretz	\$20.00
2 nd place	"We Walk by Faith and not by Sight"	Amanda Jaso	\$15.00
3 rd place	"We Walk by Faith and not by Sight"	Sebastian Garcia	\$10.00

POETRY – Division 2

1 st Place	"We Walk by Faith and not by Sight"	Benjamin Albarran	\$20.00
2 nd Place	"We Walk by Faith and not by Sight"	Aiden Robotham	\$15.00
3 rd Place	"We Walk by Faith and not by Sight"	Anthony Salazar	\$10.00

Computer Art - Division 2

1 st Place	"We walk by Faith and not by Sight"	Natalie Calzada	\$20.00
2 nd Place	"We walk by Faith and not by Sight"	Brady Mergenhausen	<u>\$15.00</u>

TOTAL PRIZES AWARDED **\$180.00**

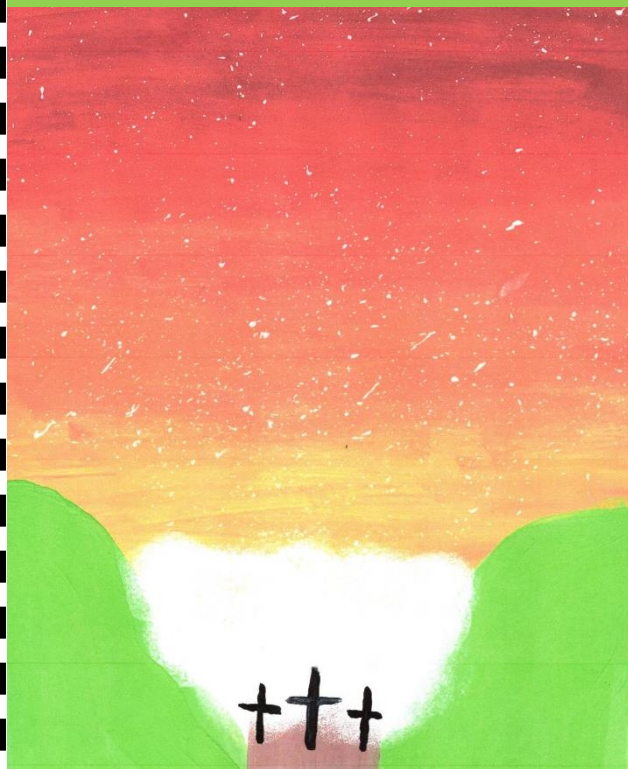


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1st Place Division 2 Art Macy Pretz



1st Place Division 2 Essay Zaden Lara

"We walk by faith, not by sight"
By: Zaden Lara

I would like to begin my essay with this bible verse that I read every night before I go to bed, "Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong."
1 Corinthians 16:13

On Monday night, January 2nd 2023, thirteen million people thought they were watching a football game and ended up at a prayer meeting. The Buffalo Bills were playing against the Cincinnati Bengals for the NFL playoffs. During the first quarter, a healthy twenty-four-year-old DeMar Hamlin collapsed on the field after a hard hit to the chest and his heart stopped. As a nation we were told that he died on the field as both team physicians and athletic training staff rushed to the field to perform CPR.

America had a prayer meeting and millionaires that were on that field knew at that time that their money could not fix the heart of DeMar, but praying to God and having faith could do the work. There are three things that I learned about Monday Night Football: (#1) money cannot fix our nation only prayer and faith; millionaire athletes fell to their knees because that is what their heart told them; the richest and the most powerful people need help and the bottom line is we need God and faith in our hearts. (#2) when it comes to life and death all the laws that man has made to keep prayer and God out are out the door and when those people started praying no one thought about ESPN, NFL, or our government they just said that we need God and faith right now. Commentator Dan Norvoski right on live TV on ESPN said, "I know we are talking about praying but I would like to pray right now" and he started to pray and he said, "God we come to you and we believe you are God, we pray for healing for DeMar because you are the only one that can heal him." (#3) finally, I realized that our nation can be brought to their knees in one single moment.

Lastly, faith is so important because when our nation stops listening to God, God will find a way to get our attention. God is good all the time and when we believe our faith is stronger than ever. That night no one cared about race, gender, or religion, but it brought our nation together as one. In the words of Demar Hamlin, "If you get a chance to show some love today do it! It won't cost you nothing. Keep up the faith."

1st Place Division 2 Poetry Benjamin Albarran

We Walk By Faith

We walk by faith
Not by sight
Otherwise, we will encounter the wraith
Whose heart is as black as night
Though we wander we are not alone
Our faith in him to guide
May lead us to someplace unknown
But we always know where we'll go once we've died

1st Place Division 2 Computer Art Natalie Calzada





Committee News

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MARCH 22, 2023



L to R: Front Row: Education Committee Chair Juanita Oppermann, Peter Nguyen, Anthony Salazar, Macy Pretz, Sebastian Garcia, Carol Peltier. Back Row: Benjamin Albarran, Aiden Robotham, Amanda Jaso, Natalie Calzada, and Brady Mergenhagen. Not shown in the picture Zadan Lara.



Education Chair Juanita Oppermann presents Ella Atkins with the certificate and prize for winning 1st Place in Division 3 Art in the Local portion of the CDA National Education Contest.



L to R: Natalie Calzada receiving 1st Place in Division 2 Computer Art and Juanita Oppermann.



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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MARCH 22, 2023



L to R: Peter Nguyen 2nd Place
Division 2 Essay and Juanita
Oppermann.



Brady Mergenhausen 2nd
Place Division 2
Computer Art.



L to R: Macy Pretz 1st Place
Division 2 Art and Juanita
Oppermann.



L to R Amanda Jaso 2nd Place
Division 2 Art and Juanita
Oppermann.



L to R: Sebastian Garcia 3rd Place
Division 2 Art and Juanita
Oppermann.



L to R: Benjamin Albarran 1st
Place Division 2 Poetry and
Juanita Oppermann.



L to R: Juanita Oppermann and
Anthony Salazar 3rd Place
Division 2 Poetry.



L to R: Juanita Oppermann and
Aiden Robotham 2nd Place
Division 2 Poetry.



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COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

Be sure to check the schedule and note the date and task you are scheduled for coffee and doughnuts. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** Not signed up to help with coffee and doughnuts and would like to join the team, please call Monica Caraballo at 321-848-1720 or email her at monica.p.caraballo@gmail.com and give her your name and contact Information.



Regent Katie Bailey and Juanita Oppermann prepare to serve coffee and doughnuts on January 15, 2023.



March 26, 2023
Juanita Oppermann left and Isabel Respondek right served coffee and donuts.



L to R are coffee and doughnut volunteers Monica Caraballo and Margie Kaus.



Pam Ermis and Shirley Girouard prepare to serve coffee and doughnuts after 8:00 a.m. Mass on March 5, 2023.



Bunny Swist serves coffee and doughnuts on January 8, 2023.



L to R Ann Riedel and Janet Spicer served on March 26, 2023.



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WAYS AND MEANS

MARCH 2023

The Ways and Means Committee has been busy planning the Chicken Spaghetti Dinner/Raffle/Silent Auction (CSD). The prizes have been obtained, sign up for the various jobs has been started, and raffle tickets and donations for the "Red Roaster" has begun after all the Masses starting March 1st. The notice now appears in the bulletin and it has been announced from the pulpit in church. What we need now are volunteers to fill the various work slots, the purchase or selling of raffle tickets by the members of the court, and donations to the "Red Roaster." When the CSD started the members of the court used to provide the ingredients for the dinner. But, in order to be consistent with the needed supplies we began asking for monetary donations in place of the actual ingredients about 8 years ago. **Please make a donation. It takes about \$65.00 to cook one roaster. Please pick up raffle tickets from the tables in the hall after the Saturday and Sunday Masses.**



PRIZES





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WAYS AND MEANS



L to R Toni Sabrsula, Lynette Walsh, and Monica Caraballo.

Members who have signed up to help include the following:

Sandy Seeley
Candace Novak
Juanita Oppermann
Gina Zavala
Regent Katie Bailey
Vice Regent Janet Spicer
Treasurer Sarah Ebey
Delia Hock



Traci Smith and Margarita Prinz help sell raffle tickets.

Members of the Catholic Daughters, Court 2364, have been volunteering after the Saturday and Sunday masses selling raffle tickets, gathering donations for the "Red Roaster," and helping members sign up to work at the Chicken Spaghetti Dinner/Raffle/Silent Auction. Members are encouraged to stop by the tables and pick up raffle tickets to buy or sell, sign up to help April 22nd and 23rd, and to make a donation toward the cost of ingredients by donating to the "Red Roaster".



ALL CDA SISTERS, BE SURE TO DONATE TO THE "RED ROASTER." TO COVER COST OF INGREDIENTS. THANK YOU!

Thank you
so much

MARCH 2023



L to R Janet Spicer, Sarah Ebey, and Joan Taplett.

Volunteers Continued:

Carmen Galvan
Toni Sabrsula
Betty Jo Jurries
Monica Caraballo
Joan Taplett
Kathleen Watkins
Isabel Respondek
Stephanie Hildebrand
Binnie Bauml
Lynette Walsh



Betty Jo Jurries



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CARING HEARTS COMMITTEE

Caring Heart members gathered along with CiCi Pislak and Sandra Boston to celebrate Patty Matus' 85th birthday on March 1, 2023. The group said a rosary with Patty and then enjoyed coffee and cake. Dottie Mensik provided a delicious strawberry shortcake recipe. The group enjoyed visiting with Patty and sharing stories of times past.

Left to right back row are Dottie Mensik, Doraine Morgan, Isabel Respondek, Juanita Oppermann, Bunny Swist, Cisi Pislak, Toni Sabrsula, Joan Taplett. Front row Patty Matus and Sandra Boston.



Patty blows out her Candles.

Caring Heart Committee reported the following contacts January through March 2023.

	Jan	Feb	Mar
Total Contacts Made	29	39	30
Calls Messages	11	18	12
#Home Visits	3	1	3
#Meals Delivered	1	0	1
#Rides given	10	15	13
#Rosaries	1	0	1
Other	3	5	0

Prayer Blanket Committee Report

The prayer blanket committee has distributed 622 prayer blankets to CDA members, family, friends, parishioners, and the community. Committee members do most of the sewing at home. The committee is excited to announce that Margie Kaus, Jo Ann Brown, Jennifer Cary, and Emily Matzke have joined the prayer blanket committee. Thanks to everyone for carefully choosing recipients including CDA members, parishioners, family, and friend who are facing difficult situations.



Written by Binnie Bauml
Committee Co-Chair

Mar-23

85th Birthday Bash for Patty Matus. Dottie arranged a visit for Patty including CDA sisters and a couple of Patty's longtime friends. We prayed the rosary, visited, laughed and had cake with candles.
Home visit with Patty Sayes - included CDA sisters and two of her friends. Prayed the rosary and visited. Patty was very moved and appreciative - she has such a positive spirit in spite of all the issues she has had.



Fundraising

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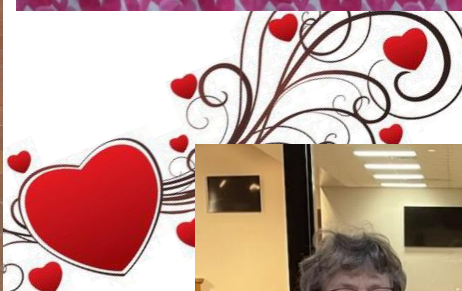
VALENTINES BAKE SALE

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Thanks to the leadership of Janet Gipson, the court made \$1149.00 at the Valentine Bake Sale. Money earned will go towards our charitable donations.



Left to right are Janet Gipson, Isabel Respondek, and Candace Novak.



Left to right Sandy Sealey, Juanita Oppermann, and Renee Duhon



Left to right Juanita Oppermann and Karen Koranek.



Parish Happenings

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DEACON JOHN KYLE ORDINATION RECEPTION February 18, 2023

Congratulations on the
Ordination to the Deaconate
Deacon John Kyle



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The Catholic Daughters, Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court 2364 provided and served desserts at the reception honoring Deacon John Kyle upon his ordination to the deaconate on February 18, 2023. The court also presented Deacon John with a reversible stole. One side of the stole is used at baptisms and the other at weddings.



Written by Juanita Oppermann:
Photos by Juanita Oppermann, Katie Bailey, and Janet Gipson.



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DEACON JOHN KYLE ORDINATION RECEPTION February 18, 2023

The decorations were elegant, the meal and the desserts were delicious and plentiful.



Deacon Kyle left cutting the cake as wife Deb Kyle looks on.



Regent Katie Bailey left and Gina Zavala right cut desserts to serve at the reception.



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KC FISH FRY



Lynette Walsh and Isabel Respondek prepare to serve desserts at the KC Fish Fry on March 3, 2023.

Toni Sabrsula helps sell tickets for the KC Fish Fry on March 3, 2023



CDA Sisters helping with desserts



Helping the K/C with desserts on March 17, 2022, are left to right Toni Sabrsula, Donna Daugherty, Danna Kolafa, Lina Gamino, and Doris Grigar.



January Business Meeting

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JANUARY 26, 2023

The regular meeting of Court Our Lady Queen of the Lake No. 2364 was called to order by Regent Katie Bailey on January 26, 2023, at 6:33 p.m. in person.

Attendance: 27 members + 5 Officers + 3 guests

Circle of Love: Juanita Oppermann reported we will be submitting four Circle of Love Reports to State. Reports completed and ready to mail are Respect for Life and Leadership. We will be working on Quality of Life and Family. We will have all four reports submitted by the deadline of March 1, 2023.

Prayer Blankets: Binnie Bauml reported that in 2022, The Prayer Blanket Committee gave away 161 Prayer quilts. They also gave two quilts to OLQP which raised \$700.00, four quilts to Pregnancy Help Center, two quilts to Uvalde School, a quilt for our parish raffle, and a lap quilt for CDA Spaghetti Dinner Raffle, and a quilt for Becky Brown, State Regent. The committee also made and distributed to the residents at Country Village 45 small lap quilts/prayer blankets. The committee also helped WOSM make the quilt for Mums and Mistletoe raffle. See Committee News for more from the committee.

Education: The entries for the local level of the National Education Contest have been received. In Division 3: one entry for Art. In Division 2: two entries for Computer Art, eight entries for Poetry, two entries for Essay, and 14 entries for Art. Instead of \$25.00 for first prize the court will be awarding \$20.00 to match the first prize given by the Angleton court.

Ways & Means: Chicken Spaghetti Dinner - Sandy Seeley reported plans are well under way for the fundraiser to be held, April 23, 2023. The date is booked for the predinner selling of the raffle tickets. The court will be selling raffle tickets after all Saturday and Sunday masses starting on March 1st. All gifts have been purchased except the Past Regent's gift.

Hospitality/Refreshments: Patti Bettge stated sign-up sheet has been filled from the last meeting.

Valentine's Day Bake Sale: Will be held on February 12, 2023, after all Sunday masses.

Funeral Visitation Rosary: Janet Gipson stated that the Catholic Daughters leading the rosary at the visitation has been well received. If you would like to sign up to lead Rosary at funerals for Catholic Daughters and families, please let her know. Families have expressed appreciation.

State Convention: Katie Bailey reported the State Convention will be held at Moody Gardens, Galveston, Texas April 26 – 30, 2023. The second call to the convention was received. The second called contained all the information for registration and attending the convention. With the 123 members the court had in September 2022, we are eligible for 6 delegates and 12 alternates. Eight ladies have stated they are interested in being delegates. The Regent is automatically a delegate. The court will have to elect the remaining five delegates from the eight candidates. The five ladies receiving the highest numbers of votes will be the delegates and the three ladies with the lowest votes will be alternates. The delegates elected are as follows: 1.) Regent Katie Bailey, 2.) Recording Secretary Gera Martin, 3.) Dottie Mensik, 4.) Juanita Oppermann, 5.) Bunny Swist, and 6.) Joan Taplett. The Alternate are: 1.) Treasurer Sarah Ebey, 2.) Carmen Galvan, and 3.) Renee Duhon. We have five ladies that are interested in driving back and forth. They are going to be attending as "CDA members." Financial Secretary Janet Gipson and Vice Regent Janet Spicer are going to let the court know if they will be able to attend. If they attend, they will be going as "CDA members." The total number of members committed to attend the convention from the court is 18.

John Kyle Ordination to the Diaconate: Katie Bailey stated that John Kyle will be ordained as a deacon for our parish on Saturday, February 18, 2023. There will be a reception after the 5:30 pm Mass to celebrate his ordination. The Parish Council has requested that the Catholic Daughters provide desserts. Janet Gipson asked John what he would like for a gift from the Catholic Daughters. He had a wish list and court selected to purchase a stole that is reversible. The stole can be used for Baptisms and Weddings. Patti Bettge moved that we purchase a stole for John Kyle and Carmen Galvan seconded it. Motion passed. Patti Bettge made a motion to take \$100.00 from the Christmas Bake Sale funds to pay for the stole for John Kyle. Rachel Warner seconded it. Motion passed.

Welcome our new Members: Stephanie Hildebrand, Joanna Evans, and Gina Zavala.





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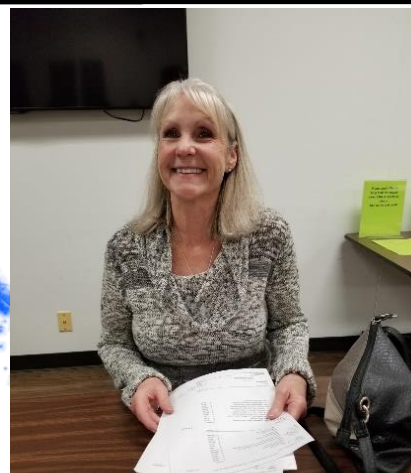
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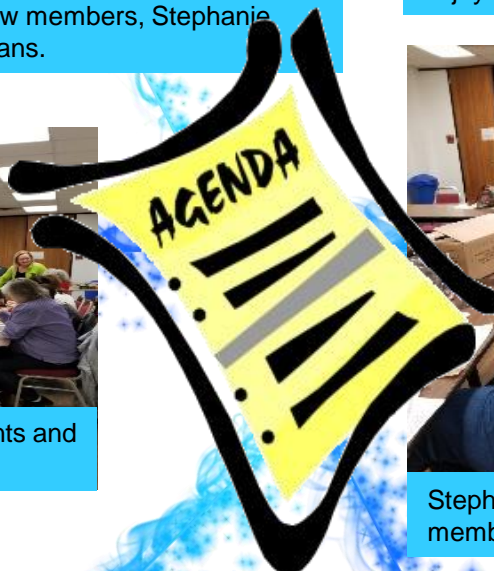
L to R: Regent Katie Bailey welcomes new members, Stephanie Hildebrand, Gina Zavala, and Joanna Evans.



New member Gina Zavala enjoys her first meeting.



The court members enjoy refreshments and socializing prior to the meeting.



Stephanie Hildebrand, new member



L to R: Charlene Jones, Lynette Walsh, Toni Sabrsula, Patti Bettge, and Binnie Bauml.



L to R: Doris Grigar, Candace Novak, and Isabel Respondek.



L to R: Financial Secretary Janet Gipson, Recording Secretary Gera Martin, and Vice Regent Janet Spicer



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State Convention: Katie Bailey reported that the state convention will be held at the Moody Gardens, Galveston, Texas April 26 – 30, 2023. All reports have been completed and submitted to the state. These reports include the following: Circle of Love – Family, Leadership, Quality of Life, Respect for Life, and Spirituality. National Newsletter contest materials have also be sent to state. The list of our deceased members has been made and sent to the state, for the memorial mass to be held at the convention. Ten members have signed up for the whole convention. One member coming to stay on the weekend, and six attending one day, two of which are officers. Sarah Ebey reported that she has State Convention raffle tickets. They are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. You do not need to be present to win. There is 45 total prizes.

Convention Ad: Katie Bailey reported that District 35 will be purchasing an ½ page ad for \$150.00 to be printed in the Convention Program Book. The cost of the ad for our court is in the budget. Angleton, Brazoria, and Clute courts have paid the \$37.50 to the court and the Treasurer, Sarah Ebey, sent in the ad and paid the fee online.

Gift Bags for Convention: Katie Bailey stated that the members of the court cut out 600 prayer cards & 600 bookmarks to be used in the gift bags given out at the convention.

Mission of Mercy: The \$100.00 budget for the State Missions of Mercy (MOM) Projects has been sent.

State Regent: State Regent Becky Brown reported that District Deputies and State Chairman can be reimbursed up to \$500 for attending the convention. This covers most of the expenses for attending the state convention. The District Deputy must present a receipt to be considered for reimbursement.

St. Michael's Bazaar on Sunday, February 5, 2023: Chair Janet Gipson reported that the cake booth made \$900.00 for the church bazaar. The bazaar netted \$93,000.00.

Valentine's Day Bake Sale: Janet Gipson Committee Chair reported the court made \$1149.00, on Sunday, February 12, 2023.

John Kyle will be ordained a Deacon: Regent Katie Bailey informed the court that John Kyle will be ordained a Deacon on Saturday, February 18, 2023. A reception will be held for the parish after the 5:30 mass. The court will provide and cut desserts in addition to a sheet cake provided by the parish. The court purchased a stole for John Kyle to be used for Baptisms and Weddings

Spaghetti Dinner: Sandy Seeley Committee Chair

Raffle Tickets: The court will be selling raffle tickets in the hall after the Saturday and Sunday masses on March 4th & 5th, 11th & 12th, 18th & 19th, and 25th & 26th. As well as April 1st & 2nd and 15th & 16th, 2023. Members can pick up raffle tickets to sell, make a donation to the "Red Roaster," and sign up to help during those times.

Square: Janet Gipson reported, while the court has the Square for those who want to charge the cost of raffle or dinner tickets or to purchase an item at the silent auction, cash or check is preferred.

Meal Tickets: Tickets will be \$12.00 for dinner.

Prep Days: Friday, April 21st and Saturday, April 22nd.

Silent Auction: New items only can be dropped off with Janet Gipson in the Youth Office.

KC Fish Fry: KC Fish Fry are February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st, 2023.

Our Lady Queen of Peace: A motion to contribute \$500.00 to OLQP Golf Tournament was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Quarterly Communion on Sunday, March 19th, 2023, at 9:30 am Mass: Officers wear robes.

Everyone may wear their CDA shirts. Meet at the entrance of the Church at 9:15 a.m. We will take a group picture afterwards.

Mobile Mammogram Bus: Sandy Seeley made a motion for the court to sponsor the Mobile Mammogram Bus for breasts cancer screening at St. Michael's Parish. Elsa Branson seconded it. The motion passed. Tentative date: January 20, 2024.

SVdP Fundraiser: Gwen Williams SVdP has a Mattress Fund. They purchase mattresses for women/children, especially those who are in abusive situations. They set them up with bedding, furniture, linens, towels, kitchen items, etc. In the State of Texas there is a law that prevents organizations from giving away used mattresses. If a member wants to donate specifically to the mattress fund, they must indicate it on the check or by note with a cash donation.

Priest Appreciation: Katie Bailey stated Priest Appreciation is June 3rd, 2023, after 5:30 Mass.

New Member Induction: State Regent Becky Brown inducted Kathleen Watkins as a new member.

Good of the Order: State Regent Becky thanked Sarah Ebey for all her help with the State Convention t-shirts, ad design, prayer cards, bookmarks, and all her creativeness. Thank you for all who are attending.

Written by Juanita Oppermann



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Providing refreshment for the meeting are left to right Lisa Matzke, Shuria Thompson, Regent Katie Bailey, and Carmen Galvan. Not Pictured is Treasurer Sarah Ebey.



L to R: State Regent Becky Brown, Monica Caraballo, Danna Kolafa, Shuria Thompson, Joan Taplett, Gina Zavala and Jan Denomy.



L to R: State Regent Becky Brown welcomes new member Kathleen Watkins to the court along with Regent Katie Bailey.



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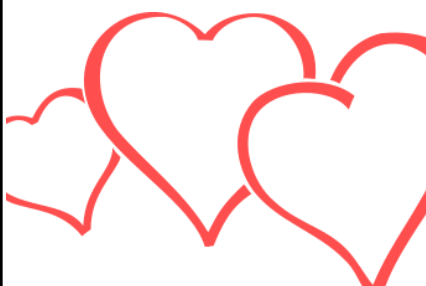
L to R: Treasurer Sarah Ebey, Recording Secretary Gera Martin, Financial Secretary Janet Gipson, and Vice Regent Janet Spicer.



State Regent Becky Brown right welcomes Kathleen Watkins left as a new member.



L to R: Toni Sabrsula, Dolores Hibbetts, Binnie Bauml, Jennifer Cary, Joan Stanfill, Lynette Walsh, and Margaret Cadenhead.



L to R: Patti Bettge, Joann Evans, Jennifer Cary, Stephanie Hildebrand, Binnie Bauml, Lynette Walsh, and Candace Novak.



L to R: Delia Hock, Elsa Branson, Ann Riedel, Cindy Grandjean, Sandy Seeley, and Dolores Hibbetts. In the background left Sharon Ernst and right Toni Sabrsula.



L to R: Elsa Branson, Ann Riedel, Cindy Grandjean, Karen Koranek, Toni Sabrsula, Dolores Hibbetts, and Margaret Cadenhead.



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The March meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Regent Katie Bailey. There were 29 members, five officers, three guests, and one guest speaker present. The guests were Joan Stanfill, Camille Wharmby, and Teresa Gonzales. Joan Stanfill was inducted as a new member by Regent Katie Bailey. Highlights of the meeting include the following:

Standing Committee Reports: Juanita Oppermann reported the scrapbook is up to date and is on the back table for review. The awards for the Education Contest have been awarded to the students at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School. Ten students at OLQP received certificates and monetary awards. Tonight, at the meeting, the 1st Place Division 3 in Art will be awarded to Ella Atkins. The Scholarship applications have been loaded on the parish website by Janet Gipson and the deadline for turning the scholarship applications is April 18th. Jude Calhoun has returned his scholarship from last year to the court since the Air Force will be paying for his college program. The \$1000.00 will be added to this year's amount allotted for scholarships.

Ways and Means: Sandy Seeley reported on the progress of the Chicken Spaghetti Dinner/Raffle/Silent Auction (CSD). The notices have been submitted to the parish bulletin, and an announcement will be read from the pulpit weekly until the date of the CSD. The members have begun selling raffle tickets, seeking donations to the "Red Roaster," and signup to help with the CSD after all Saturday and Sunday Masses.

State Convention: All plans have been completed for the state convention April 26 thru April 30. We have 18 members attending. Twelve will stay the week and 6 (which includes two officers) will go for one day. The bookmarks and prayer cards the members prepared have been sent.

KC Fish Fry: The Knights continue the Friday Fish Fry. Please support and bring desserts if possible.

Quarterly Communion: The quarterly communion was attended by 38 members plus State Regent Becky Brown.

Pregnancy Help Center: Executive Director Michelle Deavenport visited the court and thank the members for all their help. She said help is needed on April 19-21 to set up for a Baby Supply give away. If anyone is interested to give their name to Regent Katie Bailey.

Cookbook: The court voted to comply a cookbook to sell at the Mums and Mistletoe Market to be held November 3rd – 4th. More information and needs to follow.



L to R: Toni Sabrsula, Patti Bettge, Candace Novak, Monica Caraballo, Sharon Ernst, and Regent Katie Bailey.

Clergy Appreciation Day: The date for Clergy Appreciation Day has been changed to June 24th, since Father Dwight was not available on June 3rd.

Coffee & Doughnuts: A new schedule to include our new members and update several dates is being developed by Monica Caraballo and will be available shortly.

Habitat for Humanity: Mary Montague alerted the court the dedications for the state build in Angleton is set for May 21, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Lenten Soup: The court will provide soup for the Lenten Soup following the Live Stations of the Cross at noon on Good Friday. Anyone who wants to help can contact Janet Gipson or Candace Novak.

Financial Review: Five volunteers were acquired for the financial review to be held on April 22, 2023, in the FLC.

Refreshments: Refreshments provided by Toni Sabrsula, Patti Bettge, Candace Novak, Monica Caraballo, Sharon Ernst, and Regent Katie Bailey.

Next Meeting: April 20th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

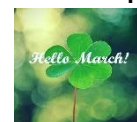


Written by and photos by
Juanita Oppermann



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Regent Katie Bailey inducts Joan Stanfill into Court 2364.



Prepared for the meeting left to right Treasurer Sarah Ebey, Secretary Gera Martin, Financial Secretary Janet Gipson, Vice Regent Janet Spicer, and Regent Katie Bailey.



Michelle Deavenport, Executive Director
Pregnancy Help Center.



Before the meeting enjoying refreshments.



L to R: Juanita Oppermann and Ella Atkins, 1st Place Division 3 Art in the National CDA Education Contest at the Local Level.



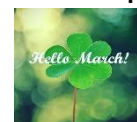
Socializing before the meeting.

Pictures submitted by Juanita Oppermann.



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L to R: Shuria Thompson and Toni Sabrsula.



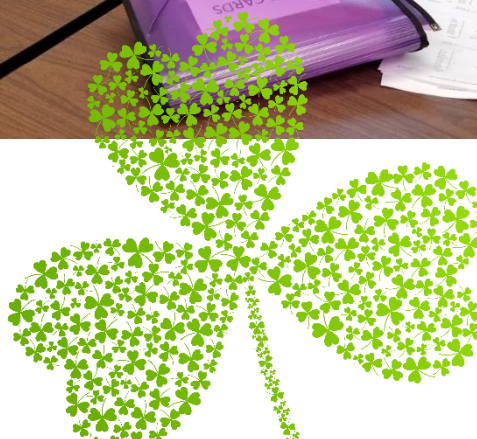
L to R: Bunny Swist, Jan Denomy, Monica Caraballo, Stephanie Hildebrand, Gina Zavala, Candace Novak, Joan Taplett, and Sharon Ernst.



L to R: Sandy Seeley, Delia Hock, Ann Riedel, Patti Bettge, Shuria Thompson, Lisa Matzke, and Susie Mensik.

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L to R: Teresa Gonzalez and Toni Kwan.



L to R: Karen Koranek, Grace Hatfield, Lynette Walsh, Toni Sabrsula, Teresa Gonzalez, Toni Kwan, and Sofka Werkmeister.



Photos submitted by Juanita Oppermann.



Preparing for State Convention

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Left to right Toni Sabrsula, Bunny Swist, and Gina Zavala.



Members of the Catholic Daughters, Court 2364 met prior to the February 23, 2023, meeting to finish cutting the prayer cards and bookmarks to be used in the gift bags for the State Convention. Sarah Ebey created, copied and laminated the cards and bookmarks prior to the meeting.

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be our
defense against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil. May God
rebuke him, we humbly
pray, and do thou, O Prince of
the heavenly hosts, by the
power of God, thrust into hell;
Satan, and all the evil
spirits, who prowl about the
world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.



Left to right Binnie Bauml, Toni Kwan, Ann Riedel, Vice Regent Janet Spicer, Recording Secretary Gera Martin, and Margarita Prinz.



Left to Right Monica Caraballo, Doraine Morgan, Juanita Oppermann, Financial Secretary Janet Gipson, Carman Galvan, and Stephanie Hildebrand



Left to right Stephanie Hildebrand, Regent Katie Bailey, Financial Secretary Janet Gipson, and Doraine Morgan.



Corporate Communion

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QUARTERLY COMMUNION

MARCH 19, 2023

The quarterly communion for Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court 2364 on March 19, 2023, at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Lake Jackson, TX. There were 38 members in attendance which included 4 officers. State Regent Becky Brown honored the court with her attendance. The Mass was officiated by Rev. Dwight Canizares and Deacon Jeff Cadenhead.



L to R: Front row Juanita Oppermann, Judy Ozuna, Recording Secretary Gera Martin, Treasurer Sarah Ebey, State Regent Becky Brown, Vice Regent Janet Spicer, Regent Katie Bailey, and Patti Bettge. Second row Deacon Jeff Cadenhead, Kathleen Watkins, Shuria Thompson, Binnie Bauml, Elsa Branson, Bunny Swist, Jan Denomy, Sharon Ernst, Monica Caraballo, Toni Kwan, Dottie Mensik. Back row Kathleen Calhoun, Elizabeth Calhoun, Toni Sabrsula, Sandy Seeley, Lisa Matzke, Kathy Ward, Susie Mensik, Ann Riedel, Norma Taylor, Delia Hock, Renee Duhon, Isabel Respondek, Danna Kolafa, Joan Taplett, JoAnn Forse, Carmen Galvan, and Father Dwight Canizares.

Written by Juanita Oppermann



L to R: Regent Katie Bailey, State Regent Becky Brown, altar server Steven Calhoun.



Candace Novak served as Lector.



L to R: Court Regent Katie Bailey, State Regent Becky Brown, and Vice Regent Janet Spicer carry the gifts.

Photos by Carmen Galvan.



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A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS OF COURT 2364

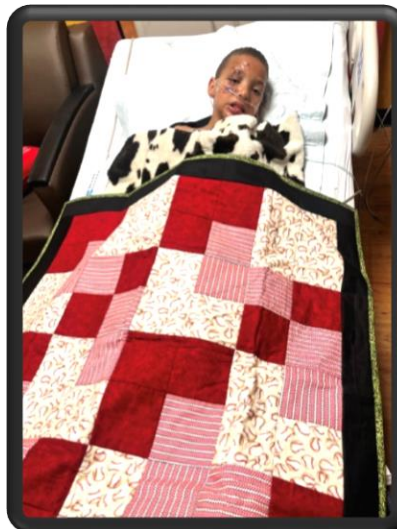
Carmen Galvan wants to say a special thank you to all the members of the Catholic Daughters who prayed for the recovery of her grandson Kameron Carethers and to the Prayer Blanket Committee for the prayer blanket that meant so much to him.

Carmen explained the purpose of the prayer blanket to Kameron and read the accompanying prayers to him. He asked to be covered with the blanket in ICU. Kameron spent 7 days in the hospital (4 days in ICU) and has returned to his home. Carmen and his grandpa kept him over the weekend and Carmen brought him to Mass at St. Michael's and introduced him to the Catholic Daughters who had prayed for him while he was in the hospital and even now for his speedy recovery. Carmen says he is doing great and will go to school half days this week, Carmen also said that she and the family are so grateful for all the prayers and concern shown to her and Kameron during this trying time.

Written by Juanita Oppermann



Kameron and his twin sister prior to the wreck.



Kameron with his Gigi Carmen.



Kameron with his Grandpa John.

He wanted to sleep with the blanket on tonight cause he believes the prayers that were prayed over the blanket will make him better. His words. Not mine. I had put the blanket away earlier and he asked for it right before falling asleep.



Kameron enjoying a doughnut.



Kameron helping Ann Riedel left with C & D with Carmen Galvan right.



L to R Jan Denomy, Bunny Swist, Regent Katie Bailey, Kameron Carethers, and Treasurer Sarah Ebey.



Regent Katie Bailey and Kameron Carethers.

Pictures by Carmen Galvan



Power of Prayer

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A Special Thanks to All Who Prayed for our Family

"Our God made each one of us perfect and gave us gifts to able to live a full life. Our lives changed a year ago when our family got covid. Everyone recovered after a week, but my daughter Alexis, who was born with a metabolic disorder. She started to change emotionally, she started to become agitated, and day after day a new symptom showed. Some days she couldn't talk, other days she couldn't see, and yet other days she didn't even recognize us. This is when I turned to my CDA sisters and asked for prayers, January 2022. After requesting prayers from our CDA sisters, by suggestion of her geneticist, we took her to a neurologist and all the studies began. All her doctors pointed out that people that take medication for many years like her, sometimes the brain would be affected.

Several months passed and nothing was definitive. At this point Alexis was completely gone mentally. But we did not give up. Weekly we sent out requests for prayers through our CDA Prayer Requests. At this point, everything needed to be done for her: bathing, dressing, taking her to the restroom. In December Alexis stopped eating, sleeping, and taking medications. Alexis was hallucinating. We called her neurologist and he suggested we take her to Baylor St. Luke emergency room; on December 10, 2022, she was admitted. During the 31 days in the hospital, she endured some painful testing, and for Alexis not to be alone Daniel and I took turns staying in the hospital with her. Thanks to all the prayers, Daniel and I were able to endure the pain of seeing our daughter suffer and the physical tiredness.

Through all this we asked for prayers that the doctors would figure out what was wrong with my daughter. Many people, including CDA sisters, deacons, and a few priests were praying and saying Mass for her. There were some days that I was so tired that I couldn't pray but say "Father I place my daughter Alexis in your arms". Daniel and I were able, because of everyone's prayers, to bear the agony of seeing our daughter Alexis going through the pain of losing her mind.

The hardest part was when the doctors decided to transfer Alexis to a psychiatric hospital. Since she is an adult, we had no say as to which hospital she was going to be taken. To our dismay, Alexis was taken to the hospital with the worst reviews in the area. From the moment she was admitted we saw the disorganization and the lack of compassion in the people working there. The pain that I felt leaving my incapacitated daughter in a place where I didn't know if they were going to take good care of her was the hardest thing that I ever endured.

We could only visit her three times a week for one hour and one person at a time. I won't describe to you the conditions and the behavior of the people that work there, because by this point that didn't matter anymore because I had given everything to God: my pain, my worries, and above all my daughter. Alexis stayed 10 days at this place and only because of the prayers, she is back. Alexis continued to be on the Prayer Request List.

Monday January 16, 2023 was my turn to visit Alexis at the 6:40 p.m. visiting time. While I was there, she was lost in her world and I was greatly disheartened to not see any improvement in her condition. I went home and prayed for her. Next day early in the morning my phone rang and to my surprise it was Alexis. She asked me why she was in the hospital. She said she was fine and didn't needed to be there. She said they had ran out of her metabolic medication and to please bring her some more medication. Alexis was fine from one day to the next, it was God's answer to all the prayers.

Alexis stayed 3 more days at this place after her phone call. She is back home and doing better. Alexis is now enrolled in college, can't drive until doctors are sure medications are not going to cause adverse effects. We have no definitive diagnosis; they only said that Alexis suffered a Psychotic episode. Alexis doesn't remember the last year of her life. She has an uphill battle possibly for the rest of her life, but everything is possible with God."

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 ⁸Three times I prayed to the Lord about this and asked Him to take it away. ⁹But His answer was: "My grace is all you need, for my power is greatest when you are weak." I am most Happy, then to be proud of my weaknesses, in order to feel the protection of Christ's power over me."



L to R: Monica, Alexis, and Daniel Caraballo on April 2, 2023 after Mass.

Written by Monica Caraballo



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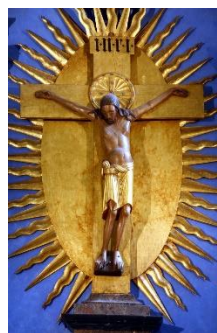
Prayer Request

Lord Jesus, who cured the sick and laid a healing hand upon the lame, the blind, and the disabled; look with compassion upon those on our prayer request list and all who have received our prayer blanket in their suffering. If it is not your will to cure them, then give them the strength to bear their burden and offer it up to You. You suffered so much for us. Give them the grace to offer their sufferings in union with Your own, and in reparation for their sins and those of others.

*Mary, compassionate Mother, pray for your weary children.
The health of the Sick, Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for me
We pray for the healing and comfort of:*

Alexis Caraballo & Family
Sue Merritt and family
Mary Phillips" daughter-in-law's mother
Shirley Girouard
Ronnie Hock
Delia Hock
James Matula
Carrie Bailey
Sharon Ernst
Phyllis Shomette
Mary Phillip's sister-in-law
Mary Phillips
Sherry Bergen
Josef Sterzinger
Paul & Colette Garcia
Christine Calhoun
Peggy Robinson
Dottie's cousin Glenda Stavinoha

Maurice Badeaux
Sharon Ernst's daughter
Doug's brother Charlie
Mike and Donna Dougherty
Donna Janak's daughter and her family
Patty Matus
Paul Perdue (Recovery from stroke)
Paula Price
Sarah Langston
Rachel Warner (healing from knee surgery)
Louis Bauml
Katie Bailey (for job continuation)
Lisa Cadenhead and family
Patty Sayes
Scott Morgan
Terry Shomette (Recovery from heart attack)
Kameron Carethers



We pray for the souls of: Gaylin Black, Bubba Moore, Bobbie G. Jasek, Mirella Sherman, Lillian Sablatura, Lori Sipple, Joyce Sykora, Dolores Garza Salinas, Wendy Burke, Laura Rodriquez, Sherry Aaron. John Merritt, Boots Ermis.

Give them eternal peace, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, as well as the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace, Amen

Submitted by
Monica Caraballo



Happy Birthday!

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Happy
Birthday

JANUARY

- 5 – Ann Riedel
- 9 – Gera Martin
- 13 – Deborah Pasztor
- 15 – Diane Koester
- 19 – Bunny Swist
- 22 – Bartlett Ramsey
- 23 – Janet Gipson
- 29 – Donna Janak
- 30 – Sarah Ebey



FEBRUARY

- 4 – Olivia Gomez
- 9 – Margaret Chelette
- 20 – Coletta Stover
- 21 – Candace Novak
- 24 – Lois Loftus
- 27 – Alison Pottratz
- 28 – Joan Stanfill



MARCH

- 1 – Patty Matus
- 9 – Janice Hawley
- 15 – Gina Zavala
- 23 – Monica Caraballo
- 25 – Maria Villarreal
- 28 – Idalia Gallardo
- 29 – Joanna Evans



APRIL

- 3 – Shirley Girouard
- 3 – Joan Harris
- 5 – JoAnn Forse
- 5 – Lisa Matzke
- 13 – Collette Garcia
- 14 – Lisa Peralez
- 14 – Shuria Thompson
- 23 – Kathy Moore



MAY

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



JUNE

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





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Date	Event	Time	Location
2023			
April 1 & 2	Selling Raffle Tickets	After all Saturday and Sunday Masses	Family Life Center
April 2	Palm Sunday Coffee & Doughnuts	After All Sunday Masses	Katie Bailey Gina Zavala Stephanie Hildebrand Monica Caraballo
April 9	Easter Sunday	No C & D	
April 15 & 16	Selling Raffle Tickets	After All Saturday and Sunday Masses	Family Life Center
April 16	Coffee & Doughnuts	After All Sunday Masses	Karen Koranek Toni Kwan Dottie Mensik Doraine Morgan
April 21 & 22	CSD Work Days	TBA	Family Life Center
April 23	Chicken Spaghetti Dinner, Raffle and Silent Auction Fundraiser		Family Life Center
April 26-30	State Convention		Moody Gardens Galveston, TX
April 30	Coffee & Doughnuts	After All Sunday Masses	Isabel Respondek Dolores Hibbets Betty Jo Jurries Pat Williams
May 1 - May 7	Cruise with CDA 7 Night		Galveston, TX
May 7	Coffee & Doughnuts	After All Sunday Masses	Shirley Girouard Pam Ermis Lisa Matzke Shuria Thompson
May 14	Coffee & Doughnuts	After All Sunday Masses	JoAnn Forse Monica Caraballo Kathy Ward Rachel Warner
May 21	Senior Graduation Mass	11:00a	Dinner- Family Life Center
May 21	Coffee & Doughnuts	After All Sunday Masses	Kim Blackwell Katie Bailey Cindy Grandjean Delia Hock
May 25	Court Meeting	6:00p	Angelina Room



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Date	Event	Time	Location
2023			
May 28	Coffee & Doughnuts	After All Sunday Masses	Janet Gipson Dolores Hibbetts Margie Kaus Debbie Massey
June 4	Coffee & Doughnuts	After All Sunday Masses	Juanita Oppermann Doris Grigar Sharon Ernst Susie Mensik
June 11	Coffee & Doughnuts	After All Sunday Masses	Toni Kwan Karen Koranek Lynette Walsh Binnie Bauml
June 18	Coffee & Doughnuts	After All Sunday Masses	Bunny Swist Isabel Respondek Doraine Morgan Dottie Mensik
June 24	Clergy Appreciation	6:30p	Wleczyk Hall FLC
June 25	Coffee & Doughnuts	After All Sunday Masses	Shirley Girouard Pam Ermis Peggy Robinson Sandy Seeley
TBA	Perfect Attendance Dinner		
July 27	CDA BUNCO	6:00p	Wleczyk Hall
August 1	Pay your Annual Dues for the 2023-2024 Year!		
August 24	Court Meeting	6:00p	Angelina Room
August 31	Last Day to Pay Annual Dues for the 2023-2024 Year!		
September 28	Court Meeting	6:00p	Angelina Room
October 21	National CDA Day	TBA	Family Life Center
October 26	Court Meeting	6:00p	Angelina Room
November 9	CDA BUNCO	6:00p	Wleczyk Hall
November 23	Thanksgiving		
November 30	Court Meeting	6:00p	Angelina Room
December 2	CDA/KC Christmas Party	6:30p	Wleczyk Hall



This And That

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RECIPE

Gemma's Best-Ever Irish Scones Recipe Author: Gemma Stafford

Prep Time 20 mins **Cook Time** 22 mins **Total Time** 42 mins

With a lightly sweet crust and densely moist center, my Best-Ever Irish Scone recipe is a tried and true classic. Take it from an Irishwoman and chef!

Course: Breakfast, Dessert **Cuisine:** Irish **Servings:** 12 scones **Calories:** 376 kcal

Ingredients

- 4 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups (1lb 8oz/680 g) self-raising flour (plus extra for dusting)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (6oz/170g) butter (frozen)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (4 oz/115 g) granulated sugar
- 3 level teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup (5 oz/142 g) raisins/sultanas
- 2 large eggs (beaten)
- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup (10 fl oz/300 ml) whole milk

Instructions

In a large mixing bowl, add the self-raising flour. Using a cheese grater, grate the frozen butter in until it is all gone. (Alternatively using a pastry cutter, cut/rub the butter into the flour until fully crumbed and resembles coarse bread crumbs. Stir in sugar, baking powder, and raisins.



In a small mixing bowl, whisk eggs and milk until thoroughly combined. Pour the mixture into your flour mix and stir until a soft dough is formed. Transfer dough to a floured surface and press to 1- inch thick. (If your scones are not forming a dough add a little more liquid.)

Cut scones out with a round 3-inch cookie cutter. Gather remaining dough in a ball, re-flatten then cut more scones. Repeat until the entire batch of dough is cut into scones. It will yield 9-12

Place cut scones onto a baking tray lined with parchment and brush with egg wash.

Bake at 425°F (210°C) for roughly 22-26 minutes. (Update: In the video, I said 12 minutes but to get them really golden brown you will want to bake for longer)

Cool on a wire rack for a few minutes before serving with butter, jam, or fresh cream. Store leftover scones in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 2 days. Heat in the oven to refresh.

Recipe Notes

BAKE TIME: In the video, I said 12 minutes, but to get them really golden brown you will want to bake for longer. I ended up baking for over 20 minutes — but due to differences in ovens and elevations, your timing may vary! Just keep an eye for the perfect color.

1. **Riddle:** How do eight eights add up to one thousand
2. **Riddle:** I have many faces, expressions, and emotions, and I am usually right at your fingertips. What am I?
3. **Riddle:** I'm full of holes but strong as steel. What am I?
4. **Riddle:** A barrel of water weighed 60 pounds. Someone put something in it and now it weighs 40 pounds. What did the person add?
5. **Riddle:** You are my brother, but I am not your brother. Who am I?
6. **Riddle:** If all Wibbles are Criggles, all Borkins are Kwumblins, no Hoggles are Borkins, and all Criggles are Borkins, is it true that all Borkins are Criggles?



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RECIPE

Best Big, Fat, Chewy Chocolate Chip Cookie

These cookies are the pinnacle of perfection! If you want a big, fat, chewy cookie like the kind you see at bakeries and specialty shops, then these are the cookies for you!

Prep: 10 mins **Cook:** 15 mins **Additional:** 15 mins **Total:** 40 mins **Servings:** 18 **Yield:** 1 1/2 dozen

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips



Directions

- **Step 1**
Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets or line with parchment paper.
- **Step 2**
Sift together the flour, baking soda and salt; set aside.
- **Step 3**
In a medium bowl, cream together the melted butter, brown sugar and white sugar until well blended. Beat in the vanilla, egg, and egg yolk until light and creamy. Mix in the sifted ingredients until just blended. Stir in the chocolate chips by hand using a wooden spoon. Drop cookie dough 1/4 cup at a time onto the prepared cookie sheets. Cookies should be about 3 inches apart.
- **Step 4**
Bake for 15 to 17 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the edges are lightly toasted. Cool on baking sheets for a few minutes before transferring to wire racks to cool completely.

Nutrition Facts Per Serving:

285 calories; protein 2.8g; carbohydrates 40.1g; fat 13.9g; cholesterol 42mg; sodium 110.7mg.

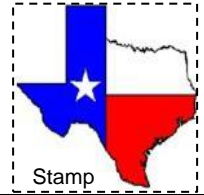
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Answer to the Riddles on page 29:

1. **Answer:** $888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000$.
2. **Answer:** Emojis.
3. **Answer:** A chain
4. **Answer:** A hole.
5. **Answer:** I am your sister.
6. **Answer:** Nope.



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