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Lake Jackson, TX

## Lakeside News



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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 979-388-3324 with any suggestions, future newsletter items or corrections.

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

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

**For more Catholic Daughter news visit these Websites**

National CDA - [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)

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



# Regent Message

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*Best  
Mom  
Ever*

## Why I Love the Catholic Daughters

### A Little Story and A Lot of Forgiveness

Regent! Are y'all sure? I made it very clear with my stuttering I don't speak in front of people. Well, that didn't last long. A couple of weeks later we lost Lori and then Lillian. Huge loss. Catholic Daughters is so special to me. My Mom joined CDA back in the early 70's when the court was started at St. Mary's in Freeport. I have several memories of sitting in the corner of the room coloring and all these women playing their part to keep me busy while the meeting was going on. I joined CDA two months after my mom passed away in February 1998. I thought I would share one of my personal reasons why CDA is so special to my heart.

I met my husband Michael in 1986 when I was in high school, and he was in his last year of college. Yes, there is a 6-year age difference. He would work out in the Summer at Brazosport High School in the gym which is where we met. We dated secretly for almost 3 1/2 years, reason being he is black and back then that was still very forbidden. I found out I was pregnant, and my OB decided to admit me to the hospital, at that point I had no choice but to tell my mom. My mom knew I had gone out with some guy named Michael and he was Catholic but that was it. Mom came to the hospital, and I told her I was pregnant. She was not happy but asked if it was by that Michael boy? I said, yes. Her response was kind of shocking. She said isn't he Catholic; you can just get married right away. I then had to tell her. Mom, he is Catholic, but he is black. The absolute fear, shock, confused look on her face is something I will never forget.

Do you remember the movie "Guess Who is Coming to Dinner"? Well, that is exactly how everything played out when we told my dad. Exactly like the movie. The priest was there to cushion the blow with my dad, but it didn't help much he was still furious. My Mom was very supportive and loved unconditional, however, she was married to my dad and had been for close to 50 years and knew he did not approve. My Mom, Father Jesse, and I set out for Catholic Charities in Houston to give the baby up for adoption. After several visits and lots of agonizing praying and self-reflecting, I just told my mom that I wanted to keep the baby and that was that. My Mom completely stood up and went totally against what my dad had said about helping me. She was grace and strength and truly an angel.

All the while, Mike loved me, cared for me, and would take me back and forth to the doctor. I was single, pregnant, and living alone. I was scared but knew this was what God would want me to do. I was not allowed to come back to the house in Freeport or go out in public where my parents' friends would see me pregnant much less with a black guy. I even had to be checked into Brazosport Hospital under the name Jane Doe when I gave

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*Regent Message*  
*cont.*

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## Why I Love the Catholic Daughters

## A Little Story and A Lot of Forgiveness cont.

birth, so none of my parents' friends, who were Pink Ladies, would recognize my name. I was released in the middle of the night so I wouldn't be seen in lobby leaving. My father gave my mom grief about coming to see me, but she had an army of beautiful kind women around her to support when she physically couldn't, The Catholic Daughters. CDA ladies supported, not only me, but for my mom. They called me and checked on me. BUT mostly they continually supported my mom. Not like a card or hello after mass, but they were invested in the friendship. They supported her, cried with her, prayed with her, brought food to me for her. Since Dad had forbidden Mom to help me or to see me so the Catholic Daughters, her friends, her sisters, were her eyes. Those ladies were so loyal to my mom and were the best friends. I am truly grateful they were so kind and loving during this time. That is when I fell in love with the Catholic Daughters. That is when I truly saw what friendship was and what doing for others was all about.

The most perfect little girl was born, and we named her Meagen. Michael and I are still married and have had two more beautiful children, Melanie, and Scotty. Our families finally came together after years and years. Grace was shown and forgiveness had, all thanks to God and the Catholic Daughters.

I would like you to know, that through a lot of prayer, growth and grace, Mike and my dad even became great friends. Mike spent a lot of time taking care of my dad for the last 8 years of his life, while my dad suffered with Alzheimer's. Mike sure didn't have to help care for him, but this was just another way of showing God's grace. Lord knows my dad wasn't the nicest and said hurtful things to him and about him, but I look at it as this, that is what God shows us daily, grace, love, and kindness. We can forgive and move on, and still love. How many of us really forgive when we are hurt or mad about something? But Mike taught me that forgiveness is so important. Of course, you don't forget how things made you feel, but you can show compassion and break bread with that person again. Mike and I were from two different worlds, but the one thing we had was our Catholic faith.

Standing here grateful for you wonderful women. How you continue to give of yourself in your ministry, continue to look past others faults and forgive... You never know when you are going to leave a lasting impression on another. I think of those CDA ladies often. Most

Mothers hold their children's  
hands for a short while,  
but their hearts forever.

~Author Unknown

of them are gone now. I am forever grateful, and I hope I can be that for someone else one day. My love to Janice Hawley and Shirley Theriot, two of the angels that made a difference almost 35 years ago.

**Written by  
Katie Bailey, Regent**



# National News

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## National Director

### Duchess Collins is installed as a National Director of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

#### Installation Mass of the National Board for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas July 23, 2022

The Installation Mass was held on Saturday afternoon at 4:00PM. The new National Board members were installed by National Chaplain Fr. Shenan Boquet.

You will meet the new National Board members in the pictures gallery. (Click on the link below for the picture gallery.) During Mass each new officer signed a pledge under their officer position, which read in part:

We the elected Officers, pledge our fidelity and service to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas®, to our Country, to our Church and to our God. We have a clear understanding of the responsibilities we assume. We will demonstrate initiative, courage, objectivity and determination. We accept the responsibility and challenge to affect the Catholic Daughters of the Americas across our State and to be a powerful, active force performing God's work in every Court in our Nation.

Each National Officer and Director received a Pin with the name of either National Officer or National Director attached to a bar which with their office title. The bar was attached to a ribbon and placed around their neck since the pins cannot be worn on the robe itself.

*Special thanks to Rita Carlson for a clear explanation of these Installation detail*



**Duchess Collins National Director**

**Submitted By  
Juanita Oppermann**

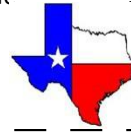




# State News

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## Words from the State Regent

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



As the saying goes, “time flies when you are having fun!” What a wonderful experience the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the term has been and how quickly the 2<sup>nd</sup> year has started. To start with, here are some updates you will need and like to know:

- 1) At the national convention a motion was adopted to increase national dues by \$3.00 per year. Therefore, each court will see an increase of \$1.50 per member on the November and April invoices from national.
- 2) Several bylaws were discussed and voted on. Be sure to get a copy of the new bylaw book when they are available. Here are some of the changes:
  - a) Article III, Sections 2,3, & 4 made some changes to membership classes & applications.
  - b) Article IV, Section 1 changed the wording for dual membership dues
  - c) Article VIII changed to elections for national office to be the majority for 2 candidates and a plurality for more than 2 candidates for each office.
- 3) A recommendation to the national board for a committee to study CDA robes and the dress code was made at the convention. Changes may or may not be seen in the coming year.
- 4) Texas had lots of winners in different contests and categories. Congratulations to everyone who participated and was recognized. I was overwhelmed with emotion when accepting these awards on your behalf. **THANK YOU TEXAS!!!**
- 5) **The 1<sup>st</sup> call to the 2023 convention will be sent out before October 1, 2022. Start planning now to attend the Texas State Convention at Moody Gardens in Galveston on April 26-30, 2023. How wonderful if 14,000 CDA members and their families descended on Moody Gardens.**
- 6) The Texas Information Notebook has updates to various pages, including court regents, district deputies, and court lists. Please be sure you have printed and/or downloaded the most recent updated pages. Remember, the notebook is password protected. The password was given out at the officer training sessions. But if you still need the password, contact me.
- 7) The 10<sup>th</sup> Habitat for Humanity build ground blessing will be September 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. See Mary Montague’s article for more information.
- 8) We were sent almost \$1,500.00 from the Astros organization from the Day at the Ball Park Event. Those funds have been designated for the Habitat for Humanity build. Thank you to everyone who attended and to those who planned the event! We all had a great time.

The national convention was interesting and fun. Texas night was a hoot. Puerto Rico is a beautiful island, the people were so welcoming, and we all had a great time, even if some of us came back with COVID.

**At the National Convention in Puerto Rico, Sherry Nilles announced that CDA will no longer accept funds for Smile Train. Courts may send donations to Smile Train if that is a decision of the court, however send those checks directly to Smile Train. Checks received at the National Office for Smile Train will be returned to the sender.**

**Human Life International (HUI) has been added to the list of National Charities. HUI is a U.S. based Roman Catholic anti-abortion organization. It is the largest international pro-life organization in the world and has affiliates and associates in over 80 locations worldwide.**

I want to thank each of you, our chaplains, the past state regents, the state chairmen, the district deputies, and all CDA families for the strength and support for each other y’all have shown this year. Texas is truly the **GREATEST STATE** in the union.

As the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the term starts, I have to start with a joke. A genie granted me 1 wish, so I said, “I want to be happy.” Now I am living in a cottage with 6 dwarves and working in a mine.

Be careful what you wish and pray for. There might be unintended consequences.



As always, remember to give each other mercy and grace, to love each other as God loves us, to see God in each and everyone you know and meet, and to treat others with respect. Take care and God Bless you all.

In Christ We Live

*"Most Blessed are You." Luke 1:42*

Taken from the Lone Star Messenger September 2022

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# State News

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## State Habitat Build

Ground breaking ceremony and blessing of the home for the 10<sup>th</sup> Habitat build sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas was held September 24, 2022, at 10:00a.m. at 1301 Caldwell in Angleton, TX. Father Khoi Le, Pastor of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Angleton, officiated. The groundbreaking ceremony was attend by all 5 state officers which included State Regent Becky Brown, First State Vice Regent Carolyn Ritchey, Second State Vice Regent Terri Vacek, State Secretary Virginia Olsovsky, and State Treasurer Mary Jane Albert. Also in attendance was immediate past state regents Melodie Brunt and Rosie Stockwell, and National Director Duchess Collins. Attending from Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court #2364 was Regent Katie Bailey, Dottie Mensik, Carmen Galvan, Margarita Prinz, Gloria Millsap, and Juanita Oppermann. Gloria Millsap delivered a message from State Senator Joan Huffman, District 17. The Mayor of Angleton, Jason Perez, also addressed the crowd.

The Blessing and groundbreaking was preceded by refreshments. The wall raising was September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Before the groundbreaking and blessing of the home the volunteer crew was already hard at work. These are wonderful volunteers. It was really hot today and I am sure it is the same everyday. Have you donated to the success of the project yet. Donations can be mailed to Mary Montague, CDA Habitat Chair, 11701 Gates Ridge Ct., Pearland, TX 77584. Our court is scheduled to provide breakfast and lunch on October 4. The Court's schedule work day is Friday, October 7, 2022. To work or to obtain for information as to how you can help, contact Sandy Seeley at 979-297-1233 or 979-236-8201.

Left to right are State Secretary Virginia Olsovsky, Second State Vice Regent Terri Vacek, State Regent Beck Brown, Father Khoi Le, Jamie Smith, State Treasurer Mary Jane Albert, and First State Regent Carolyn Ritchie.



The Habitat Home is being Built for Jamie Smith New Owner

Written By  
Juanita Oppermann





# Habitat Build Photos

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## State Habitat Build



Angleton Mayor, Jason Perez, Delivers an address to the crowd.



Left to right Dottie Mensik, Regent Katie Bailey, Gloria Millsap, Mary Montague, Juanita Oppermann, and Carmen Galvan.



State Regent Becky Brown, Father Khoi Le, and Melissa Alexander, Habitat Executive Director



State Regent Becky Brown Delivers information about the build.



Father Koi begins the blessing of the house.



Gloria Millsap delivers State Senator Joan Huffman's good wishes for the success of the build.



Attending the Groundbreaking and blessing of the home left To right are Margarita Prinz, and Regent Katie Bailey.



Left to right Carmen Galvan, Juanita Oppermann, Regent Katie Bailey, and Dottie Mensik.





# Fundraiser

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## BUNCO

July 28, 2022

The July 28, 2022 BUNCO for SVdP Food Pantry was a success. The event began weeks before with the gathering and labeling of door prizes. The day of the BUNCO the decorating and set up committee met at 9:00 a.m. The set up committee consisted of Pat Williams, Betty Jo Jurries, Scarlett, Juanita Oppermann, Dottie Mensik, Bunny Swist, Norma Taylor, Rachel Williams, Doris Grigar, and Isabel Respondek. Many Catholic Daughters donate door prizes and refreshments. The evening of the event District Deputy Rachel Warner and Sarah Ebey manned the sign in table. Food was checked in and sorted by Janet Gipson, Ed Sabrsula, Betty Jo Jurries, Meagen Bailey-Taylor, and Regent Katie Bailey. Not pictured is Binnie Bauml, who sorted the food according to type and expiration date and delivered the food to the SVdP pantry with Toni and Mike Sabrsula.

The food provided for the evening was delicious. Fifty-four (54) registered to play. The evening netted \$1025.00 and 1055 food items for the Saint Vincent de Paul food pantry. Sixty-five (65) door prizes were awarded.

<b>Number of Players 55 (55X \$10)</b>	<b>\$ 540.00</b>
<b><u>Donations</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 485.00</u></b>
<b><u>Total Dollar Donation to SVdP</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,025.00</u></b>

<b><u>Total Number of Food Items Donated</u></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,055</b>
<b><u>Number of Door Prizes</u></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65</b>



### Bunco Bash Cash Prize Winners

<b>Most Buncos \$20 = Jan Denomy</b>	<b>Most Wins \$15 = Isabel Respondek</b>
<b>Bunco Baby \$10 = Barbara Lanier</b>	<b>Most Losses \$5 = Nora Jones</b>



Winners of the door prizes





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## BUNCO

July 28, 2022



Helping with sign in District Deputy Rachel Warner and Treasurer Sarah Ebey.



Preparing the door prizes left to right are Scarlet Sellers, Pat Williams, and Betty Jo Jurries.



Decoration Crew: Left to right Dottie Mensik, Norma Taylor, Juanita Oppermann, and Bunny Swist.



65 Door Prizes were awarded.







# Bunco for SVdP

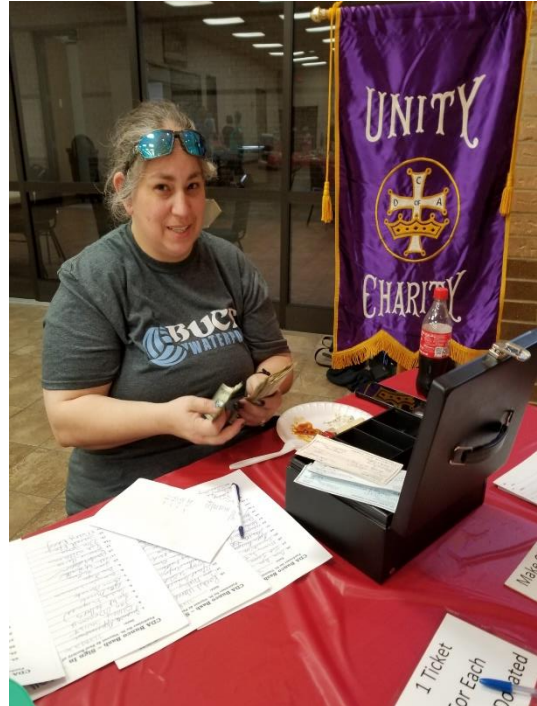
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## BUNCO

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In charge of collecting and sorting food donations are left to right Janet Gipson, Meagen Bailey-Taylor, Ed Sabrsula, Betty Jo Jurries, Toni Sabrsula, and Regent Katie Bailey.



In charge of money is Treasurer Sarah Ebey.

In charge of the kitchen are left to right Pat Williams, Scarlet Sellers, Bunny Swist, District Deputy Rachel Warner, Juanita Oppermann, Isabel Respondek, Doris Grigar, and Dottie Mensik.



BUNCO Prize Winners are left to right Most Losses – Nora Jones; Bunco Baby - Barbara Lanier; Most Wins – Isabel Respondek; and Most Buncos – Jan Denomy.





# Perfect Attendance

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## Perfect Attendance

July 19, 2022

The "Perfect Attendance Dinner" was held on July 19, 2022, at Asiel's Restaurant. There were 14 members in attendance. The "Perfect Attendance Dinner" is a reward to the members who attend all nine business meetings.

Those who earned perfect attendance this 2021-2022 are:

Regent Katie Bailey

Candace Novak

Jan Denomy

Isabel Respondek

Monica Caraballo

Bunny Swist

Sarah Ebey

Dottie Mensik

Sharon Ernst

Juanita Oppermann

Doris Grigar

Toni Sabrsula

Gera Martin

Rachel Warner



Pictured in the front row left to right are Gera Martin, Dottie Mensik, Jan Denomy, Juanita Oppermann, Isabel Respondek, and Sarah Ebey. Back row left to right are Rachel Warner, Toni Sabrsula, Monica Caraballo, Elsa Branson, Bunny Swist, Candace Novak, Doraine Morgan, and Regent Katie Bailey.



# Committee News

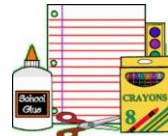
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## Adopt-A-Family Report

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 the following for the family to date.

Christmas gifts for the children	\$423.73.
\$35.00 Target birthday gift card for each child	\$ 140.00
School supplies	\$118.43
School shoes and clothes for the 5 and 6 year old	\$273.14
2 Car Seats	\$ 97.70
Electricity bills	\$350.00
Walmart gift card for food	\$300.00
Total Spent of donated and court funds	\$1703.00



The Adopt-A-Family also contacted Gwen Williams with St. Vincent de Paul to help with needed food. SVdP provided food items several times from. A court member also donated \$120 to fill the mother's car up with gas a couple of times.

Thanks to the generous donations from the court members, spouses, and Knights at the Christmas party the court through the Adopt-A-Family committee was able to provided for the many needs of this family during the past year.

Submitted by  
Janet Spicer

## Calling Committee

The names of the current members of the Calling Committee and the names of the members they will call are as follows:

Jo Ann Forse	H:979-297-2615	A-B
Toni Sabrsula	C:979-482-1616	C-E
Karen Koranek	H:979-297-7354	F-H
Isabel Respondek	C:979-480-3871	I-Mat
Candace Novak	C:979-997-1810	Men-Per
Lisa Matzke	C: 979-236-9379	Ph-Sp
Gloria Milsap	C: 979-480-4190	Spo-W
Juanita Oppermann	H: 979-297-2136	No Emails



**"Please answer when I call."**

Submitted by  
Jo Ann Forse





# Committee News cont.

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## Coffee and Donuts

Members of Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court 2364, continue to provide of coffee and donuts after all the Masses on Sunday for the parishioners to facilitate community but more volunteers are needed. Are you new to the Catholic Daughters or just ready to help serve in this ministry? If you would like to help serve coffee and doughnuts, please contact Monica Caraballo at [monica.p.caraballo@gmail.com](mailto:monica.p.caraballo@gmail.com) or 321-8481720. Usually you will be scheduled once every 3 months or less often if we are able to acquire more volunteers. If, after you receive the schedule, the date for which you are scheduled is inconvenient, you can call someone on the schedule and switch dates. Once you have switched dates, please contact Monica and Doris Grigar (979-299-8442) and have them record the change. We need more volunteers. Please volunteer if you are able.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are scheduled to **pick up** the donuts, they are picked up at H.E.B. The donuts and donut holes are usually ready by 7:30 a.m. The items are paid for in advance so you just ask for them and leave without checking out. **One thing you need to be aware of is what exactly you should be picking up. For each week we order and pay for the following:**

**5 dozen glazed donuts**

**2 plastic cartons of powdered sugar donut holes.**

**1 plastic carton of Sour Cream donut holes.**

**Please make sure you are given what we ordered.** The Sour Cream donut holes are for Father Dwight. They have less sugar. Do not let them substitute. Also, be sure the donut holes are in the cartons and not dumped into a large container. The workers have written instructions as to what is to be provided.

Written by  
Juanita Oppermann

Left to right Juanita Oppermann and Joan Taplett prepare serve C & D to after 8:00a.m. Mass on September 4, 2022.



Karen Koranek prepares to serve orange juice after the 8:00a.m. Mass for coffee and donuts on July 24, 2022.



Serving Coffee and Donuts the morning of September 11, 2022, are, left to right, Pam Ermis and Shirley Girouard.





# Committee News cont.

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## Prayer Blanket Committee

According to the last report by the Prayer Blanket Committee, 523 blankets have been made and distributed to those in need. The committee also sent 2 prayer blankets to the Uvalde Community.



## Caring Hearts Committee



Toni Sabrsula, Chair of the Caring Hearts Committee sends a thank you to all of the court members Who signed up for a “Caring Hearts” team. **Team 1, 4 and 6 are still in need of one additional member.** If you are interested in making home visits, praying the Rosary with a sister, or providing a ride to a meeting, event, or appointment, please sign up for a team. Below is a list of the six teams with contact information. God Bless you for your willingness to serve our sisters in need.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS  
OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE LAKE COURT, #2364  
CARING HEARTS COMMITTEE 2022-2023

### Team 1

1. Dottie Mensik	979-235-0358
2. Toni Kwan	979-299-9058
3. Isabel Respondek	979-480-3871
4. Joan Taplett	979-583-3281
5.	

### Team 2

1. Dolores Hibbetts	979-487-9618
2. Karen Koranek	979-297-7354
3. Cynthia Grandjean	979-236-8193
4. Gwen Williams	979-236-4064
5. Binnie Bauml	979-285-5595

### Team 3

1. Bridget West	409-497-5231
2. Doris Grigar	979-297-5894
3. Doraine Morgan	979-373-4722
4. Juanita Oppermann	979-388-3324
5. Rachel Warner	979-236-7668

### Team 4

1. Janet Spicer	979-235-0561
2. Bunny Swist	979-739-0448
3. Margarita Prinz	979-236-1948
4. Delia Hock	979-549-5623
5.	

### Team 5

1. Judy Ozuna	979-373-7524
2. Sandy Seeley	979-236-8201
3. Grace Hatfield	979-236-9754
4. Pat Williams	979-239-8646
5. Betty Jo Jurries	979-297-2962

### Team 6

1. Margie Kaus	979-236-8615
2. Shirley Girouard	979-236-7449
3. Candace Novak	979-997-1810
4. Norma Taylor	979-236-2980
5.	



Submitted by  
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	Aug	Sept
Total Contacts Made	16	27
Calls/Messages	13	19
#Home Visits	1	1
#Meals Delivered	1	0
#Rides given	2	2
#Rosaries	1	0
Other	1	5

**NOTE:** Phyllis Shomate has moved to Carriage Inn. Sisters who asked for prayers - Ruth Ermis, Sharon Ernst, Gaylin Black, Gloria Villarreal, Alice Drapela, Delia Hock, Veronica Bohuslav





# August Business Meeting

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## August Business Meeting

August 25, 2022

The August 25, 2022 meeting convened in the Angelina Room At St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church at 6:30 following a social. The refreshments were supplied by the officers and Carmen Galvan.

The meeting began with a prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States, and the Texas pledge. There were 35 members, 5 officers, and 3 guests present. The guests included Becky Brown, State Regent, Meagen Bailey-Taylor, and Kathy Albert.

The court under the direction of newly elected Regent, Katie Bailey, addressed many business items including the proposed budget for the coming two (2) years and a review of the Standing Rules. Changes in the budget and Standing Rules were suggested. Approval of the budget was table until the next meeting so that the proposed changes could be made and more investigation into the need for a confidentiality clause could be investigated.

Pat Williams reported that the July 28<sup>th</sup> BUNCO \$1025.00 and 1055 food items for the Saint Vincent de Paul food pantry. There were 54 players and 65 door prizes. The winners of the cash were: Most Buncos (\$20) – Jan Denomy; Most Wins (\$15) – Isabel Respondek; Bunco Baby (\$10) – Barbara Lanier; Most Losses (\$5) – Nora Jones. The fall BUNCO will be November 10, 2022. Members can begin bringing door prizes and leave them in the Youth Office with Janet Gipson.

Sandy Seeley reported that the Chicken Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for April 23, 2023. We will start our meal prep on April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hall has been reserved.

Regent Katie Bailey reported that "National CDA Day" will be sponsored by the Clute CDA Court on Saturday, October 22, 2022. The court will pay the registration and meal cost for each member that wishes to attend.

For a complete report on the business conducted by the court read the minutes dated August 25, 2022.

Written by  
Juanita Oppermann



Providing refreshments for the meeting left to right are Janet Spicer, Gera Martin, Regent Katie Bailey, Sarah Ebey, Carmen Galvan, and Janet Gipson.



# Business Meeting Photos

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## August Meeting Photos

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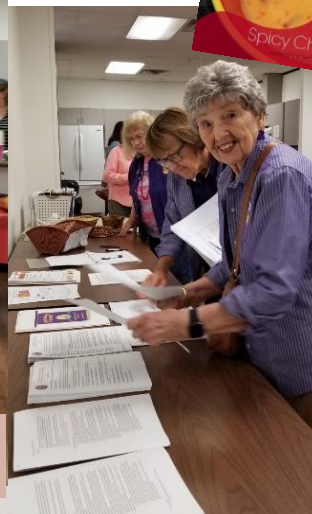
Left to right Ann Riedel, Shirley Girouard, Kathy Albert, and Norma Taylor.



Bunny Swist prepares for the meeting.



Ann Riedel (right) with her guest Kathy Albert (left).



Left to right Candace Novak, Joan Taplett, and Shirley Girouard sign in.



Left to right Lois Loftus, Isabel Respondek, and Lisa Matzke.



L. To R are Doris Grigar, Lois Loftus, and Isabel Respondek



Left to right Charlene Jones, Toni Sabrsula, Rachel Warner, Joan Taplett, and Carmen Galvan socialize before the meeting.





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## More August Meeting Photos

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L to R Janet Gipson, Shuria Thompson, Dottie Mensik, Regent Katie Bailey, and Candace Novak.



Left to right Carmen Galvan visits with Meagen Bailey-Taylor.



Great turnout for the first meeting of the year..



Left right Elsa Branson and Monica Caraballo.



Left to right Sarah Ebey, Gera Martin, Janet Gipson, Janet Spicer, and Regent Katie Bailey.



# September Business Meeting

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## September Business Meeting

September 22, 2022

The September meeting convened at 6:30p.m. after the 6:00p.m. Social. The meeting began with a prayer to St. Michael the Archangel followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and the Pledge of Allegiance to the state of Texas. The guest for the evening, Deborah Pasztor, was introduced and she stated she was ready to join the CDA at this meeting. The court correspondence and bills were read by Gera Martin. The bills submitted by Janet Gipson included the cost of the CDA Banner and the cost of the bench for St. Michael parish donated to the parish in memory of deceased members of the Catholic Daughters. Both were purchased with money donated to the court in memory of Lillian Sablatura. Standing Committee reports were given. Under "Old Business" the proposed budget for the 2022-2024 with changes suggested at the previous meeting was approved by the court. The "Standing Rules" for the 2024 time frame with changes suggested at the last meeting and an additional change about payment for the state convention was also approved by the court. Sandy Seeley reported that the court will provide breakfast and lunch on October 4 for the workers at the habitat build. Number of workers has not been determined. The habitat build is also in need of persons to provide snacks on October 4 and other days. Sandy Seeley also stated that a few more slots were needed to be filled at the Coke Booth at the Brazoria County Fair. There will be a schedule in the booth with the names and phone numbers of the volunteers so that you have the ability to call the person scheduled if needed. Katie will have the tickets for each volunteer along with a map.

David Moore, Executive Director of the Women's Refuge Center, was present and expressed a need for volunteers to work at the shop run by the group. He said he was asking that each CDA Court commit to one day each month. But anyone could volunteer. Applications for volunteer to complete were distributed. It was voted by the court to provide 2 volunteers one day a month with the day of the month to be decided after consultation with the other courts by Rachel Warner, District Deputy.

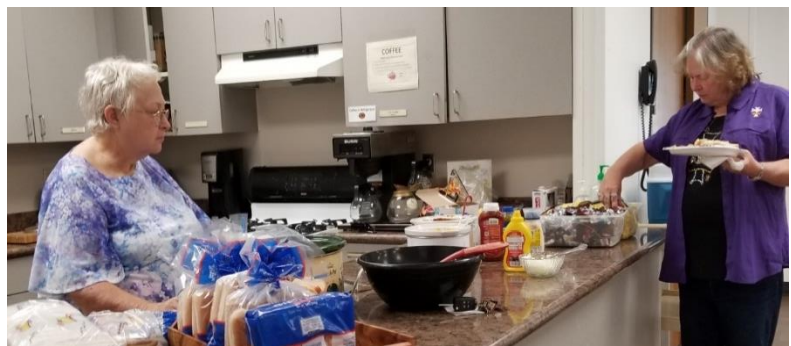
Binnie Bauml reported for "Make a Difference Day" the court will provide prayer blankets to the residence of a nursing home. The date is not decided, but it will be a day in November.

Volunteer for the financial review in October were solicited. The court voted on the member to compete with the nominees of the other courts of District 35 at National CDA Day for the title "Member of the Year. Candance Novak, Respect Life Chair, stated that the court will hold a shower for the Pregnancy Help Center in October. A list of items needed will be sent out to the members.

Deborah Pasztor was inducted into the court as a new member by District Deputy Rachel Warner. The prize money was won by Sandy Seeley, and painted shells donated by Candace Novak were won by Patty Bettge. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Patti Bettge



Patti Bettge provided a meal for the September meeting. Pictured are Patti Bettge and Rachel Warner.





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## September Meeting Photos

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District Deputy Rachel Warner (L) inducts new member Deborah Pasztor into membership in the court.



Left to right Renee Duhon, Dottie Mensik, and new member Deborah Pasztor visit before the meeting.



Left to right Secretary Gera Martin and Financial Secretary Janet Gipson



Left to right Monica Caraballo, Carmen Galvan, and Joan Taplett prepare for the meeting.



Enjoying the meal are left to right Shirley Girouard, Rachel Warner, Monica Caraballo, and Renee Duhon.



Left to right Gwen Williams, Lynette Walsh, Binnie Bauml, and Betty Jo Jurries.



Left to right Regent Katie Bailey and District Deputy Rachel Warner welcome Deborah Pasztor into the court.



Left to right Isabel Respondek, Shirley Girouard, and Doraine Morgan listen to the report.



Left to right Margarita Prinz, Binnie Bauml, Betty Jo Jurries, Danna Kolafa and Mary Montague.





# In Memory of

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## Lillian Sablatura

Our beloved Lillian Sablatura died on July 24, 2022. She was a charter member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court 2364.

She was previously a member of the St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Daughters joining in 1989.

Visitation was held at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church on Monday, August 2 and the funeral was Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. During the Visitation Katie Bailey, Regent, presented the Certificate of Condolences to Lillian's family. The Catholic Daughters provided an Honor Guard at the visitation and led the rosary. After the funeral, the Catholic Daughters provided the desserts at the funeral meal. Lillian was a very active member of the court. She rarely missed a meeting and took part in almost all of the activities and events of the Catholic Daughters. She will be missed by all of her Catholic Daughter sisters.

July 24, 2022

*In Loving Memory of*



*Lillian Ann Maedler Sablatura*

June 27, 1938 - July 24, 2022

**Funeral Mass**

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church



A group of attendees at the Visitation. Left to right front row Toni Sabrsula, Pat Williams, Betty Jo Jurries, Karen Koranek, Janet Gipson, Carolyn Sablatura, Second row Sarah Ebey, Gera Martin, Monica Caraballo. Third row Regent Katie Bailey, Candace Novak, Shuria Thompson, Bunny Swist, Isabel Respondek, Joann Forse. Fifth row Ann Riedel.



Honor Guard for Lillian Sablatura left to right Juanita Oppermann, Dottie Mensik, Sandy Seeley, Regent Katie Bailey, Sandy Bergen, District Deputy Rachel Warner, Gera Martin, and Monica Caraballo.



At the funeral for Lillian left to right Rev. Leo Wlecyzk, Regent Katie Bailey, Juanita Oppermann, District Deputy Rachel Warner, and Dottie Mensik. Second row Peggy Robinson, Candace Novak, Sherry Bergen, Danna Kolafa, Monica Caraballo, and Mary Montague. Third row Toni Sabrsula, Binnie Bauml, Kathy Ward, Toni Kwan, Shuria Thompson, Joann Forse, Pam Ermis,. Fifth row Kathleen Calhoun, Cynthia Grandjean, Ann Riedel, Bunny Swist, Jan Denomy, and Lois Loftus.





# The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

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## Our Lady of Sorrows

As a sinner, I am responsible for the pain on Mary's face, for her son, Jesus, came to die for the sins of the whole world, Did you know that September is traditionally dedicated to honoring Our Lady as the Sorrowful Mother? This month culminates in September 15th, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, which is the day after the feast of the Holy Cross, on September 14th. The feast of the Holy Cross, honors the cross that Christ was crucified on, when he died to redeem us from our sins. Well, the crucifixion is also one of seven sorrows of Mary, perhaps the roughest one of all of them for Mary as His mother.



The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows has been celebrated in the Catholic Church since the 12th century under various names. During the 15th century it was known as Our Lady of Compassion. By the 17th century it became known as the feast of the Seven Dolors, meaning seven sufferings, and refers to the seven moments in Blessed Mary's life that she suffered the most. In 1913 Pope Pius X declared September 15 to be the official feast day and it would be known as Our Lady of Sorrows. This September 15, let us take the time to reflect on Blessed Mary's Seven Sorrows. By doing so, we unite ourselves with the Passion of Christ and His holy Mother's suffering.

### The seven sorrows of Mary are:

1. When Jesus is a tiny baby, Simeon prophesizes that a sword will pierce his mother's heart
2. Mary and Joseph must flee to Egypt, to avoid the persecution of Herod.
3. Mary and Joseph discover that Jesus is missing! For three days they search for him in Jerusalem.
4. Mary meets her bloodied son on the way to Calvary.
5. She stands at the foot of the Cross in agony.
6. Jesus is taken down from the Cross and placed in her arms.
7. Her son is buried.

The sixth sorrow of Mary has always been one of particular interest for many, including great artists through history. There are many beautiful works dedicated to it; surely none as famous as the famous sculpture by [Michelangelo](#), *Pieta*, replicated with stunning [Pieta statues](#). *Pieta* is an Italian word that means *compassion*, and it's this compassion we see on Mary's face as she lovingly gazes upon her recently sacrificed son as she holds him in her lap one last time. What pain she must have felt in that moment! While we know the wonderful compassion that our mother Mary has for all of us, as well as her son, it's this pain that reminds us that she is not just the mother of God, but also is quite human.

When reflecting on the seven sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is good to reflect on this image and remember these two things:

1. Even though I am a sinner, Mary, the Mother of Sorrows, and my mother too, still loves me!
2. During this month of September, as we remember our Sorrowful Mother, let's unite our own sufferings to her, and ask Mother Mary for help. Mary, the Mother of Sorrows, pray for us!

For more detail on [Our Lady of Sorrows](#) take a look at our other blog post on this:

Submitted by  
Juanita Oppermann

Taken from:

<https://www.catholicfaithstore.com/daily-bread/our-lady-of-sorrows/>



Happy Birthday

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HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY



### JULY

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

### OCTOBER

11 Sally Dodge  
12 Danna Kolafa  
13 Gwen Williams  
14 Vera Munro  
14 Lynette Walsh  
15 Erin Spoor  
19 Isabel Respondek  
24 Juanita Oppermann  
25 Paula Price  
25 Caroline Sablatura  
27 Diana Schutze  
28 Phyllis Voyles  
31 Kathy Ward

### AUGUST

1 Janet Spicer  
13 Dolores Hibbetts  
17 Bevelyn Granger  
20 Gloria Villarreal  
21 Jannie Amador  
22 Klarissa Mitchell  
24 Jennifer Cary  
24 Cynthia Grandjean  
24 Karen Morrow  
24 Mirella Sherman  
25 Norma Taylor  
27 Kara Dick  
27 Mary Phillips  
28 Sherry Bergen

### NOVEMBER

1 Sandy Seeley  
4 Sarah Langston  
5 Teresa Sablatura  
9 Rita Anderson  
14 Peggy Robinson  
15 Theresa Greenwell  
16 Patricia Williams  
17 Sharon Ernst  
20 Alicia Sanchez  
24 Toni Kwan  
25 Kerry Drabek  
25 Carmen Galvan  
25 Karen Koranek  
27 Kathleen Calhoun  
29 Pamela Ermis

### SEPTEMBER

3 Joyce Sykora  
6 Patty Sayes  
9 Joan Taplett  
16 Linda Churchill  
17 Betty Jo Jurries  
18 Rose Marie Filip  
23 Katie Bailey  
23 Patti Bettge  
29 Jan Denomy  
29 Toni Sabrsula

### DECEMBER

4 Gloria Millsap  
8 Shirley Theriot  
9 Ruth Ermis  
9 Dottie Mensik  
15 Betty Bartos  
16 Phyllis Shomette  
17 Mary Montague  
18 Susie Fast  
19 Alice Drapela  
24 Rachel Warner  
25 Elsa Branson  
25 Sofka Werkmeister  
30 Margarita Prinz







# Prayer Request

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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:***

Sue Merritt	Marella Sherman
Mary Phillips" daughter-in-law's mother	Maurice Badeaux
Shirley Girouard	Jennifer Cary's daughter and baby
Ronnie Hock	Sharon Ernst's daughter
Bubba and Kathy Moore	Monsignor John Peters
Joyce Sykora	Kathy Ward's son Dan
James Matula	Doug's brother Charlie
Carrie Bailey	Mike and Donna Dougherty
Sharon Ernst	Donna Janak's daughter and her family
Phyllis Shomette	Mirella Sherman
Mary Phillip's sister-in-law	Patty Matus
Mary Phillips	Cousin of Dottie Mensik



*We pray for the souls of: Dolores Garza Salinas, Wendy Burke, Laura Rodriguez, Lillian Sablatura, Lori Sipple, Sherry Aaron and John Merritt.*

*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 Carabello



# CDA Cruise

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## 7 Nights on Royal Caribbean Allure of the Sea

### 7 Nights on Royal Caribbean *Allure of the Seas*



Welcome!!  
All CDA members,  
friends & family.

**REQUIRED DEPOSIT:  
\$250 PP/\$500 CABIN**

**SPACE IS LIMITED –  
BOOK BY 9/30/22 TO  
RECEIVE \$100 OBC  
PER CABIN. \$50 AFTER**

Sun:	2:00 PM	Galveston, TX
Mon:	Cruising	
Tues:	Cruising	
Wed:	8:00a -5:00p	Roatan, Honduras
Thur:	8:00a -5:00p	Costa Maya, Mexico
Fri:	7:00a -5:30p	Cozumel, Mexico
Sat:	Cruising	
Sun:	6:30 am	Galveston, TX

### Sailing from Galveston Sunday, April 30- May 7, 2023

**Prices include \$100 CDA donation per stateroom**

2D	Spacious Balcony	\$1010.55 p/p*
4N	Ocean View	\$ 819.55 p/p*
4V	Interior	\$ 754.55 p/p*

**\$250 Deposit per person is due @ booking, and is refundable until 12/15/22. Please note that pricing includes updated taxes/fees for our new itinerary, and gratuities for 7 days, at the new rate of \$16 per day pp.**

**\*Prices are based on double occupancy, including port fees, taxes & gratuities**

**\*\* Terms and conditions apply:**

**Once our group space has sold, other stateroom categories may be available at prevailing rates, including 3rd/4th person prices and suites – call for availability**

**Ask how you can protect your trip with Cruise Protection!!**

**Valid U.S. Passport or birth certificate/driver's license for U.S. citizens on cruise voyages.**

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# CDA Court Calendar

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Date	Event	Time	Location
<b>2022</b>			
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	6:30p	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 1	Feast of St. Michael Pot Luck	6:30 p	Wleczyk Hall FLC
October 2	Coffee & Donuts	Workers: Joan Harris, Binnie Bauml, Pat Williams, & Monica Caraballo	
October 3	Respect Life Sunday		
October 4	Habitat Build Serving Breakfast		Angleton, TX
October 9	Coffee & Donuts	Workers: JoAnn Forse, Isabel Respondek, Lynette Walsh, & Lisa Matzke	
October 14-22	Brazoria County Fair	See Schedule	Brazoria County Fair Ground
October 16	Coffee & Donuts	Workers: Dottie Mensik, Monica Caraballo, Betty Jo Jurries, & Katie Bailey	
October 22	National CDA Day	8:00a	Clute, TX
October 22	Make a Difference Day	National	TBA
October 23	Coffee & Donuts	Workers: Joan Taplett, Juanita Oppermann, Melanie Viktorin, & Shuria Thompson	
November 6	K of C Blood Drive	8:30a-1:00p	Wleczyk Hall FLC
November 6	Coffee & Donuts	Workers: Janet Gipson, Toni Kwan, Doraine Morgan & Peggy Robinson	
November 10	BUNCO for SVdP	6:00p	Wleczyk Hall FLC
November 13	Coffee & Donuts	Workers: Karen Koranek, Bunny Swist, Kathy Ward, & Sandy Seeley	
November 6	K of C Blood Drive	8:30a-1:00p	Wleczyk Hall FLC
November 6	Coffee & Donuts	Workers: Janet Gipson, Toni Kwan, Doraine Morgan & Peggy Robinson	



# CDA Court Calendar

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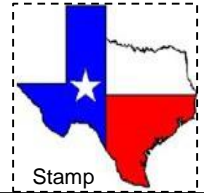


Date	Event	Time	Location
2022			
November 10	BUNCO for SVdP	6:00p	Wleczyk Hall FLC
November 13	Coffee & Donuts	Workers: Karen Koranek, Bunny Swist, Kathy Ward, & Sandy Seeley	
November 17 – 18	Mums & Mistletoe	Thurs 10a – 6p Fri 10a – 5p	Wleczyk Hall FLC
November 20	Coffee & Donuts	Workers: Joan Harris, Binnie Bauml, Monica Caraballo, & Candace Novak	
November 24	Thanksgiving		
November 27	Advent Begins		
November 27	Coffee & Donuts	Workers: Isabel Respondek, Norma Taylor, Rachel Warner, & Pat Williams	
December 1	Court Meeting	6:00p	Angelina Room
December 3	CDA/KC Christmas Party	6:00p	Wleczyk Hall FLC
December 4	Coffee & Donuts	Workers: Kim Blackwell, Delia Hock, Lisa Matzke, & Betty Jo Jurries	
December 8	Immaculate Conception		
December 11	Coffee & Donuts	Workers: Shirley Girouard, Pam Ermis, Sharon Ernst, & Katie Bailey	
December 18	Coffee & Donuts	Workers: JoAnn Forse, Dolores Hibbetts, Cindy Grandjean, Debbie Massey	
December 25	Christmas Day	No Coffee & Donuts	
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
April 23	Chicken Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction/Raffle	9:00	Wleczyk Hall FLC
April 26 – 30	53 <sup>rd</sup> Biennial Texas State Convention		Galveston, TX
April 30 – May 7	7 Night Cruise with CDA		Galveston, TX





# *Lakeside News*



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