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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.***

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National CDA - www.catholicdaughters.org

Texas CDA - www.texasda.org



Regent Message

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How Do you go about naming a saint?

If you could just name a saint, even if they are Baptist, my mother-in-law Carrie Bell Bailey would be just that. With her love, grace, kindness, and servant's heart, she in my eyes would be a top pick. A Servant's Heart is described as giving of ourselves even when we may feel like there is nothing left to give to someone else. God can use us to accomplish many things in people's life if we can learn to give of our time, love, money, and words and expect nothing in return.

On numerous occasions I have been asked (after learning that my mother-in-law, Mrs. Carrie lives a block over from us), "Is it awful to live that close to your mother-in-law?" I tell them with a smile, "quite the contrary, it is delightful. "She has taken care of me from the moment I met her, welcoming me to her table with the first question she ever asked me, "Are you hungry?" When you are welcomed at someone's table that itself is a labor of love and shows grace and adoration for the other person. Let me tell you too, if you ever have a chance to taste her cooking, you should always reply you are hungry for her food is full of the love she gives. I loved having her around the corner while the kids were growing up. She kept them from the time they were 6 weeks old because I had to work. She loved them, taught them, and supported me by doing that. When the kids were older, they would ride their bike to her house in the morning before school and she would make them breakfast with all the fixings eggs, grits, pancakes. I mean a huge breakfast. I would come home after work and swing by to pick up our babies and she would have cooked supper for all of us. Her servant heart, she never asked for anything from us. She showed love in a way that any

mother would appreciate after long hours at work with her food and taking care of my kids. There is no way to list all the acts of love and charity Mrs. Carrie has done for us we would be here all day, maybe even year! The love and charity she has shared with us, her other children friends, and even strangers is her real gift. Another beautiful testament to our relationship, is no matter where I have worked since, 1996, I speak to her on my entire drive to work every single morning; and, I better not miss a day, or she is calling and looking for me. Little does she know how much I need her and how grateful I am for that time.

One thing I will never forget is the first time I was ever introduced to her church family, I had 3 babies under 4. She asked me to come to the Juneteenth Celebration and bring the kids. I loaded them up and off we went. As soon as I approached the picnic area, I heard over the microphone someone say, this is my dear friend who happens to be my daughter-in-law, what an introduction and a wonderful feeling! I was immediately surrounded by the elders of the church, who took my babies and immediately started passing them around from one to another they made me feel loved, accepted, and wanted. Over the years, I made it a point to attend functions with Mrs. Carrie. I wanted the kids to be exposed to as much of every culture as possible. While attending those functions, I have seen Mrs. Bailey feed those that have no food, find clothes for those with no clothes, raise money to pay taxes on people's land. She would pay the cemetery fees for someone who needed to be buried when they were not able to. No one will ever know how many meals she has cooked and

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taken out to Mims to feed family and friends and she doesn't even want glory for it. She does it because of Jesus and Grace!

She continues today, in her limited mobility, to do for others. I was so excited this past Thanksgiving that she allowed me to cook Thanksgiving Dinner. She taught me step by step how to make everything from scratch. I stood there in awe as she was sharing with my girls and new daughter-in-law the steps of the cornbread dressing. I watched her hands. Her hands tell lots of stories, helped a lot of people, held my babies, cooked us meals, hugged my neck. This has made me think of the acts of charity and service we all share in CDA. In one way or another we all share a "Servant's Heart." We serve our families, our husband, our children, but most of all we share our talents and time with others who are total strangers. We share with every call through Caring Hearts, every Prayer Blanket, every rosary that is said, every meal, every donation private or otherwise. Every gesture tells a story and sometimes we are reaching out to those and helping others that do not have the first thought of how to help themselves.

I have attended too many funerals to count at Mrs. Baileys church. And at those

funerals usually a couple of the family members go to the front and tell some stories of their loved one. One day I am going to have to stand up there and tell of this sweet woman that took me in and shared some of her greatest talents with me to which I will pass to my girls. A Servant's Heart. Wow! What a legacy to leave. I have shared with her many stories of CDA and of your families. She is praying for you and so am I.

Many Blessings for a Happy New Year and peace and strength for those that for whom we provide support.



Mrs. Bailey and Scotty Bailey



Mrs. Bailey and Mengen Bailey-Taylor



St. Monica
Patron Saint of Mothers



Melaine Bailey and Mrs. Bailey



National News

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National Chaplain's Message Father Shenan J. Boquet

Be a Blessing to Others



Father Shenan J. Boquet
National Chaplain

DEAR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS, Everything we have in life is because of God's magnanimity, most especially the gift of life itself. With a willing and grateful heart, God wants us to be generous as He is generous. And He blesses us, so that we can be a blessing to and for others, living not for ourselves. Our Lord intends this love to always express benevolence and good will, which are due to every person and should be done heartily and sincerely, with a view to the neighbor's good, and God's glory: "You shall love the Lord your God...[and] love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39).

However, to begin to love our neighbor, we need to know two things: to know what love is and that we are loved. "This is love," says St. John. "Not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10). We are the object of this love. And not just loved, but unconditionally loved; God having loved us first is the source of our love: "It's God who works in us" (Philippians 2:13).

Loving God and our neighbor pleases our Heavenly Father, and grace helps us to accomplish this, teaching us proper love and respect for ourselves and for our neighbor. Freely receiving grace also empowers us to freely give it. For "without cost you have received; without cost you are to give" (Matthew 8:10).

People often note that loving God is much easier than loving one's neighbor. We all know at least one person who proves this observation true. However, that does not excuse us from seeking to carry out the command: "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12). Loving our neighbor cannot be limited to what is convenient. A neighbor is anyone in our path who needs our help (Luke 10:29-37), and we ought to treat each person the way we would want to be treated, acting with their best interests in mind, irrespective of our feelings toward them or the present circumstances.

In obedience to Jesus' command, we manifest our love for God, which brings blessings: "...And whoever loves me

will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him" (John 14:21). This kind of love shapes our view and actions: "There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale ... and they were distributed to each according to need" (Acts 4: 34-35).

This is all part of how God, who is good and generous, makes us more like Himself. "And I will give them one heart and put a new spirit within them. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 11:19). In other words, to have a heart of flesh means that God has put His spirit within us, so that we might understand Him, follow Him, and proclaim our love for Him in and through our lives: "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:16). The whole glory belongs to Him alone.

My inaugural column begins with this reflection because it best expresses and describes my experience with the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and how your witness to discipleship – love of God and neighbor – has impacted my spiritual journey. My initial encounter with CDA occurred when I was a teenager, where I witnessed firsthand both the interior and active life – the interior life being manifested through acts of charity in the service of neighbor. I have never forgotten this experience.

Nothing is more delightful and encouraging to a parent, teacher, or pastor than to witness the fruit of their parenting, teaching, or ministry, as shown in the lives of those whom they love, form, and serve. I pray the CDA members who helped nurture the Gospel in my heart, as well as those who continue to support my priestly vocation, receive the blessings of God for being a blessing to me.

May I in turn be a blessing to others.

Your brother in Christ,
Father Shenan J. Boquet
National Chaplain



State News

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State Regent, Rebecca Brown

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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 1st year of the term has been and how quickly the 2nd 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:
 - 1) Article III, Sections 2, 3, & 4 made some changes to membership classes & application.
 - 2) Article IV, Section 2 changed the wording for dual membership dues.
 - 3) 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 contest 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 1st 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 10th 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 2nd 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





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Catholic Daughters State Habitat Build

10-4-2022



Six (6) members of Court 2364, Lake Jackson provided breakfast, lunch, and snacks for the habitat build in Angleton on October 4, 2022. We fed approx. 20 workers breakfast, lunch and snacks.

Photos submitted by Carmen Galvan and Sandy Seeley. Information supplied by Sandy Seeley and written by Juanita Oppermann



Gloria Millsap (left) and Carmen Galvan prepare for Breakfast for the workers.

Wow! What an incredible turnout of volunteers. Thank you ALL for your incredible support & prayers. The 1st wall went up Thursday & look at what's been accomplished after 7 days of work!! God is good All the time. And as of today, they will finish up Wednesday! Then sub contractors will come do their thing!



Worker help themselves to lunch while Gloria Millsap looks on.



State Regent Becky Brown (left) talks with Renee Duhon (right) during breakfast at the Habitat Build.



The DOW Crew



Habitat works are left to right Sandy Seeley, Janet Spicer, Carmen Galvan, and Gloria Millsap.



A hungry crew partakes in a hearty meal prepared By members of Court 2364.



The work goes on.



Workers relax and enjoy A meal.



Enjoying a minute between meals are left to right Karen Koranek, Carmen Galvan, Sandy Seeley, Renee Duhon, and Gloria Millsap.



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National CDA Day, October 22 Hosted by Our Lady Queen of the Americas, Court #2334



Members of Court 2364 attending National CDA Day left to right front row: Shirley Theriot, Joan Taplett, Secretary Gera Martin, Regent Katie Bailey, Treasurer Sarah Ebey, District Deputy Rachel Warner, Candace Novak, and Juanita Oppermann. Second row Ann Riedel, Isabel Respondek, Sherry Bergen, Sharon Ernst, Shuria Thompson, and State Regent Becky Brown: Back row Norma Taylor, Binnie Bauml, Lynette Walsh, Toni Sabrsula, Dottie Mensik, Jan Denomy, Danna Kolafa, Bunny Swist and Monica Caraballo.

Sunday, October 16, 2022, was formally designated as this year's National Catholic Daughter Sunday and a formal proclamation has been issued which states.

"Whereas, The Catholic Daughters of the Americas was instituted as an organization in 1903 for women with the purpose of growing in spirituality and working in faithful service and love for God, and

Whereas, Since its beginning, the Catholic Daughters have consistently and unselfishly used their God given talents and time to work for quality of life and defense of humanity, and

Whereas, Catholic Daughters have worked for social justice and show compassion for those in our parishes, community, nation, and world who are vulnerable, homeless, voiceless, and most in need and

Whereas, Catholic Daughters participate in the March for Life, pray and work effortlessly to defend the right to Life at all stages from conception to natural death as designed by God's creation, and

Whereas, Sunday, October 16, 2022, has been designated by the National Board of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas as Catholic Daughter Sunday; now, therefore, be it Resolved, that I hereby proclaim Sunday, October 16, 2022, as Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day."

To celebrate this day, the Clute Court #2334, Our Lady Queen of the Americas, hosted "National CDA Day" on Saturday, October 22, 2022. The day began with the sacrifice of the holy Mass officiated by Monsignor Leo Wleczyk and Deacon Agustin S. Cruz. Guest speaker was State Regent Rebecca Brown with the talk entitled, "Most Blessed Are You". State Regent Rebecca Brown inducted the District 35's four court officers and installed new members of the courts. A memorial service was conducted for the deceased members of the four courts since October, 2021. District Deputy Rachel Warner announced the winner of the "District 35 Member of the Year", Juanita Oppermann. The celebration ended with the awarding of the traveling angel to the court with the most members present. This year the court to receive this award was the Clute court, Our Lady Queen of the Americas, Court #2334.

Written and photos by Juanita Oppermann



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National CDA Day continues:



Regent Katie Bailey, Joan Taplett, Lee Terry, and Gera Martin visit prior to the start of the meeting.



A good time was had by all!



Regent Katie Bailey lights a candle in memory of all deceased members of Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court 2364 since October, 2020.



L to R Treasurer Sarah Ebey and Regent Katie Bailey.



New members Danna Kolafa, Norma Taylor, Monica Caraballo are inducted into Court #2364.



Father Leo and Shuria Thompson



Regent Katie Bailey poses with Member Shirley Theriot who has been a Catholic Daughter since 1988.



Gail Thomas (left) poses with Bernetta Cook and her daughter Gera Martin. Bernetta was honored for 64 years of service to the Catholic Daughters and Immaculate Mary Court #2134.



Pictured at the table left to right are Danna Kolafa, Sherry Bergen, and Monica Caraballo.



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National CDA Day Continued:



Inducted as Regents of the District Courts are left to right Katie Bailey Court 2364, Ana Gonzalez Court 2134, and Blanca Ochoa Court 2134. Also pictured Binnie Bauml.



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District Deputy Rachel Warner announces Juanita Oppermann as District 35 "Member of the Year" as State Regent Becky Brown applauds.



District Deputy Rachel Warner and Clute Regent Ana Gonzales prepare the door prizes for CDA Day.



Court Secretaries inducted are Left to right Sylvia Benavides Court 2334 and Gera Martin Court 2364.

District Deputy Rachel Warner Inducts the Treasurers. Left to right are DD Rachel Warner, Cynthia Hefferman Court 2134, Lupita Sanchez Court 2334, and Sarah Ebey Court 2364. Also pictured Lynette Walsh Brazoria 2289



Father Leo Wleczyk officiated At the National CDA Mass. Pictured Left to right are Danna Kolafa, Father Leo, Isabel Sabrsula, and Sherry Bergen.



Pictured left to right are Monica Caraballo, Norma Taylor, Lynette Walsh, Binnie Bauml, and Toni Sabrsula.



Enjoying the morning are left to right Candace Novak, Ann Riedel, Isabel Respondek, Juanita Oppermann, Bunny Swist, Jan Denomy, and Sharon Ernst.



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FINANCIAL REVIEW - GOING OVER THE BOOKS

October 27, 2022



District Deputy Rachel Warner gives directions to the volunteers conducting the financial review.



Volunteers to conduct the financial review are L to R Juanita Oppermann, Bunny Swist, Isabel Respondek, Cynthia Grandjean, and Dottie Mensik.



Officers present for the financial review were L to R Treasurer Sarah Ebey, Secretary Gera Martin, Financial Secretary Janet Gipson, Vice Regent Janet Spicer, and Regent Katie Bailey.

Photos submitted and written
by Juanita Oppermann

QUARTERLY DISTRICT MEETING

DECEMBER 13, 2022



Seated left to right are District Deputy Rachel Warner, Regent Katie Bailey, Sarah Ebey, Regent of the Clute Court, Anna Gonzales, and Regent of the Angleton court, Blanca Ochoa.

The quarterly Regent / Vice Regent District 35 meeting was held December 13, 2022, in Angleton at Smithhart's. The meeting was hosted by Angleton Court Immaculate Mary, Court 2134 in Angleton. On the agenda was a discussion about plans for the state convention and the selection of delegates. Rachel discussed the feasibility of the District 35 courts doing a joint project. More to come on that later. Copies of the October Financial Review were distributed. All courts passed their financial review

Written by Juanita Oppermann
Photos by Sarah Ebey.



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BRAZORIA COUNTY FAIR COCA-COLA BOOTH

OCTOBER 15-22, 2022



October 14, L to R Janet Spicer, Rudy Spicer, and Katie Bailey.

Who would have thought that selling coke products could be so much fun. This fall Our Lady Queen of the Lake Court 2364 won the lottery, the Brazoria County Fair Lottery to work the coke booth for \$2000.00.

Every two years, the Brazoria

County Coke Booth allows a charitable organization to work its booth. Sandy Seeley saw the opportunity to enter our name into the lottery and we won. At the October meeting our court voted to use the \$2000.00 to help members attend the state convention in Galveston, Tx. Volunteers to work the booth are pictured here. Some worked more than one shift so you may see their pictures more than once.

Volunteers not pictured include Joan Taplett, Ken Taplett, Renee Duhon, Jim Schneider, Patrick Martin, Rich Kaus, Margarita Prinz, Binnie Bauml, and Candace Novak.

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October 14, L to R Gera Martin, Katie Bailey, and Juanita Oppermann.



October 18, L to R Juanita Oppermann and Debbie Massey.



October 14, L to R Dottie Mensik and Katie Bailey.



October 19, L to R Katie Bailey and Carmen Galvan.



October 19, L to R Teresa Sablatura and Lori Smith

Written By Juanita Oppermann



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BRAZORIA COUNTY FAIR COCA-COLA BOOTH Cont.



October 20, L to R Pat Williams, Dottie Mensik, Katie Bailey, and Betty Jo Jurries.



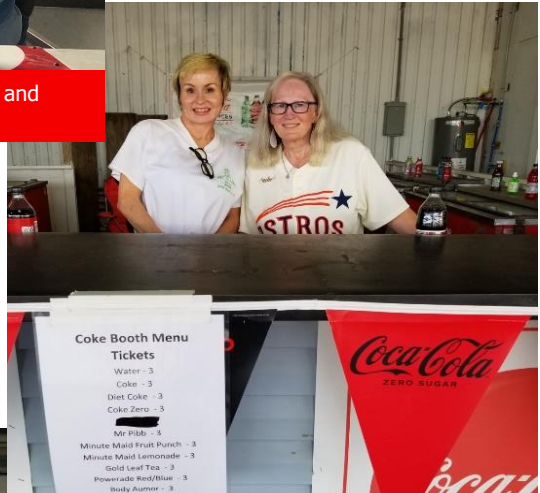
October 21, L to R Regent Katie Bailey and Mike Bailey.



October 21, L to R Margie Kaus and Sandy Seeley.



October 21, L to R Craig and Lisa Matzke.



October 22, L to R Deborah Pasztor and Sandy Seeley.



October 18, L to R Brenda Vincent and Pam Ermis



October 22, L to R Kirk and Kathleen Calhoun and Sarah Ebey in the background



October 22, L to R Sarah Ebey and Juanita Oppermann.



Written by Juanita Oppermann.
Photos by Carmen Galvan, Katie Bailey, Sandy Seeley, and Juanita Oppermann



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SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS DECEMBER 8-9, 2022

On December 8 and 9, 2022 members of Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court #2364 volunteered to be bell ringers for the Salvation Army's annual Christmas fundraiser for the first time in 3 years. When you volunteer to ring bells, you are helping The Salvation Army rescue Christmas for hundreds of local families. Helping with the bell ringing program this year was especially important to the needy families in our local area because there has been a shortage of bell ringers since the start of the pandemic. There has been such a need for volunteers throughout the country that the Salvation Army has needed to recruit paid bell ringers. Paying bell ringers results in less money going toward the needs of many families. Thanks to the members who volunteered to perform this important function this year. The following is a listing of those who were bell ringers – Janet Gipson, Gera Martin, Rachel Warner, Lynette Walsh, Isabel Respondek, Doris Grigar, Grace Hatfield, Dottie Mensik, Margie Kaus, Natalie Edwards, Sylvia Edwards, Pat Williams, Betty Jo Jurries, Jennifer Cary, JoAnn Forse, Bunny Swist, Juanita Oppermann, Regent Katie Bailey, Carmen Galvan, Janet Spicer, and Karen Koranek.



L to R Betty Jo Jurries and Pat Williams.



L to R Juanita Oppermann and Bunny Swist.



L to R Katie Bailey, Regent and Carmen Galvan.



L to R Joann Forse and Jennifer Cary.



L to R Karen Koranek and Janet Spicer.



Written by Juanita Oppermann

Photos by Katie Bailey and Juanita Oppermann.



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Bunco Fundraiser

BUNCO

November 10, 2022



Winners of the 59 Door Prizes

The BUNCO held on November 10 was a success. It netted \$930.00 and 1432 food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The court had 36 players at \$10.00 each plus \$543 in donations. Members of the court provided 59 door prizes and prizes were awarded for most wins, most losses, most BUNCOS, and to the person who had "Baby BUNCO" at the end of the games.



Decorating Committee L to R Bunny Swist, Pat Williams, Juanita Oppermann, and Dottie Mensik.



Setting up the beverages are L to R Isabel Respondek, Janet Spicer, and Carmen Galvan.

Written and photos by Juanita Oppermann



Bunco for SVdP

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BUNCO cont.



Bunco Rules:



Roll. Chat. Repeat.



Receiving the food donations L to R Janet Gipson, Betty Jo Jurries, Pat Williams, Toni Sabrsula, and Katie Bailey.



Working the sign-in table are L to R Juanita Oppermann and Sarah Ebey.



Dottie Mensik (left) and Betty Jo Jurries MC the games.



Sorting Food and checking dates L to R are Pat Williams, Cynthia Grandjean, and Margie Kaus.



Helping to prepare the food Transport Is Grace Hatfield.



BUNCO WINNERS below are L to R Most Buncos \$20 = Traci Smith; most Losses \$5 = Sarah Ebey; Most Wins \$15 = Janet Spicer; and Bunco Baby \$10 = Jennifer Cary.

Written and Photos
by Juanita Oppermann



December Bake Sale

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FUNDRAISER

December 18, 2022

Thanks to the many volunteers, bakers, and donations from CDA members the December Bake Sale held on December 18 was a success. The bake sale netted about \$1080.00. Volunteers who worked the bake sale included Renee Duhon, Isabel Respondek, Toni Kwan, Regent Katie Bailey, Lisa Matzke, Toni Sabrsula, Ann Riedel, Sharon Ernst, Joan Taplett, and Candace Novak.



L to R Sharon Ernst and Lisa Matzke.



L to R Sharon Ernst and Joan Taplett.



L to R Ann Riedel and Toni Sabrsula.



L to R Toni Kwan and Isabel Respondek.

Written by Juanita Oppermann
Photos by Janet Gipson



Committee News

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Adopt-A-Family Report

At the October 27 court meeting, Janet Spicer, Chairman of the Adopt-A-Family Committee, reported that a family has been selected for the 2022-23 year. The committee chose a mother with 3 children. She is divorced with no support from the father. The children are 12, 14, & 15. The mother is working 2 jobs to support the family. She does not receive any government support though she has received help from SVdP with her electricity bill and food. At the December Christmas party \$1002.00 were donated by the Knights of Columbus and spouses, and the members of the Catholic Daughters and spouses. This amount will be added to the \$500.00 in the budget for a total of \$1502.00 to be used for the family at Christmas and throughout the coming year.



L to R Bunny Swist, Janet Spicer, Janet Gipson, and Karen Koranek.



To begin the year, the committee shopped for the family and prepared Christmas for the children. Janet Spicer reported that the committee gave each of the three children 2 gifts and a \$200 gift card from Amazon. The committee also gave the mother a \$200 gift card from Walmart. Gwen Williams, with SVdP, gave the family a Christmas tree, ornaments, and 2 gift cards for \$25.00 for gasoline from a gas station.



Wrapping packages are L to R Karen Koranek, Janet Gipson, and Bunny Swist.

Submitted and photos 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:

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Toni Sabrsula

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C-E

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Isabel Respondek

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I-Mat

Candace Novak

C: 979-997-1810

Men-Per

Gloria Millsap

C: 979-480-4190

Ph-Sp

Lisa Matzke

C: 979-236-9379

Spo-W

Juanita Oppermann

H: 979-297-2136

No Emails



"Please answer when I call."

Submitted by Jo Ann Forse

Regent Katie Bailey will have updated roster sent out to those for Calling Committee.



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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 or 321-848-1720. 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.

THE NEW C & D SCHEDULES
ARE AVAILABLE.
PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL.



L to R Cynthia Grandjean and Debbie Massey serve on 12-18-2022

L to R Juanita Oppermann and Joan Taplett serve coffee and donuts on October 23, 2022.



L to R Lynette Walsh and Joan Harris prepare to serve coffee and donuts October 2, 2022.



Written by Juanita Oppermann;
Photos by Juanita Oppermann and Dottie Mensik



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Prayer Blanket Committee

The prayer blanket committee has given out a total of 600 prayer blankets to date. This includes the 37 prayer blankets made to give to the residents at Country Care Village for "Make A Difference Day" and four prayer blankets given to a Phillips 66 worker who has Stage 4 Pancreatic cancer and her sisters who also have breast cancer. Also, the Prayer Blanket Committee recently helped make the quilt for Women's of St. Michaels "Mums and Mistletoe" fundraiser.



Katie Bailey delivered a Prayer blanket to a Phillips 66 employee (left) and her sisters (Right). The sisters were so moved by the reception of the prayer blankets that they donated an undisclosed amount to help the Prayer Blanket Committee continue their important work.

The Impact of the Prayer Blanket Committee
Many prayer blankets have been distributed by the Prayer Blanket Committee, but except for the thank you notes the court receives, often we do not know the impact of this ministry. Below is a posting from Facebook and pictures placed on Facebook giving thanks for the reception of one of the prayer blankets expressing thanks for the caring that was shown to her..

Written by Juanita Oppermann

[Susan Williams](#)

[December 3 at 3:44 PM](#)

Yesterday morning, while walking to one of my RLA co-teacher's classrooms, one of my sweet fellow teachers blocked my way and handed me this beautiful prayer quilt that she and her Catholic quilting fellowship group made for me! She said that I was on their prayer list and that she knows the past couple of years have been tough but that I keep going. Was I surprised? Yes. Did I cry in the hallway with kids passing by? Absolutely! It's okay for them to see real, honest human emotion and to see people care for one another. Thank you so much [Sarah Ebey](#). I appreciate it more than you will ever know.



Quilt for the Women's of St. Michaels "Mums and Mistletoe"

Photos by
Katie Bailey,
Susan Williams, and
Juanita Oppermann.





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Caring Hearts Committee



Report November 2022

November 9 – Twelve (12) CDA members delivered Prayer Blankets to the residents at County Care Village. Patty Matus was in residence and the members were able to say a prayer with her and give her a prayer blanket and visit for a brief time.

	August	September	October	November
Total Contacts Made	16	27	24	38
Calls/Messages	13	19	11	17
# Home Visits	1	1	4	2
# Meals Delivered	1	0	0	0
# Rides given	2	2	7	12
#Rosaries	1	0	2	0
Other	1	5	0	7

Checked on Susie Mensik after her shoulder repair. Dottie (her mother) reported she is doing well.

Dec. Checked with Delia Hock. She reported that Ronnie Hock will have a procedure on Dec. 2. Asked for prayers for her and Ronnie. Delia has not been feeling well and has an appointment with her doctor.



Submitted by

Chairperson: Toni Sabarsula (979) 482-1616

tonisab@Comcast.net

Respect Life

October 27, 2022

The Respect Life Committee, under Chairman Candace Novak, planned a baby shower for the Pregnancy Help Center (PHC). The Baby shower was held during the October 27th meeting. Items requested by the PHC included large boxes of size 1 diapers, gender neutral hooded baby bath towels, newborn diapers, size 4 diapers, all white bibs, and Johnson's sleepy time baby gift sets. Monetary donations were also welcome. The items pictured were collected at the meeting, along with a total of \$300.00. District Deputy Rachel Warner, Jan Denomy, Dottie Mensik, and Juanita Oppermann delivered the items and money to the PHC on October 28 to Michelle Davenport, Executive Director.



Left to right: District Deputy Rachel Warner, Jan Denomy, Executive Director Michelle Davenport, Dottie Mensik, and Juanita Oppermann.

Written and photos by Juanita Oppermann



Make a Difference Day

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Prayer Blanket Committee

November 9, 2022

L to R first row are: Juanita Oppermann, Donna Rogido, Jan Denomy, Binnie Bauml, and Lynette Walsh. Second row are Margie Kaus, Gera Martin, Dottie Mensik, Norma Taylor, Bunny Swist, Toni Sabrsula, and Sue Merritt.



Patty Matus receives her Prayer Blanket.



For "Make a Difference Day, the Prayer Blanket Committee made 37 Prayer Blankets for the residents at Country Care Village (CCV) in Angleton. The prayer blankets were given to all residents regardless of religious affiliation. The residents were touched some to the point of tears. It was a moving experience for everyone.



The crew enjoy a lunch after the visit to CCV. L to R are Gera Martin, Dottie Mensik, Juanita Oppermann, Toni Sabrsula, Donna Janak, Margie Kaus, Binnie Bauml, Norma Taylor, Donna Rogido, and Lynette Walsh.

Written and photos by Juanita Oppermann



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October Business Meeting

October 27, 2022

The regular meeting of Court Our Lady Queen of the Lake No. 2364 was called to order by Regent Katie Bailey on October 27, 2022, at 6:29 p.m. in person. There were 20 members, 5 officers, the court Chaplin Father Dwight Canizares, and 1 guest present.

Dina Tonche with Our Lady Queen of the America's #2334 presented Juanita Oppermann CDA District #35 with the certificate for Member of the Year, flowers, and \$200.00 in a check and gift card. Regent Katie Bailey presented the Court Chaplin, Father Dwight, a \$100.00 check for Priest Appreciation.

The court held a baby shower for the Pregnancy Help Center (PHC) and 2 large bags of supplies were donated along with \$300.00. Candance reported that the supplies and money would be delivered to the PHC on October 28. She said she was not able to attend and Dottie Mensik, Juanita Oppermann, Rachel Warner, and Jan Denomy volunteered to deliver the donations.

Regent Katie Bailey reported that the Brazoria County Coke Booth fundraiser was successful. All time slots were manned. The court should be receiving a check for \$2000.00.

The St. Michael's parish Bazaar will be held on February 5, 2023. The Prayer Blanket Committee has been making a quilt for the silent auction. She suggested that the \$100.00 budgeted for the Bazaar be used to supply the backing for the quilt. The court also donated \$200.00 to the K of C ALS Golf Tournament fundraiser.

Dottie Mensik reported that the deceased member plaque has been updated with Lillian Sablatura, Lori Sipple, and Joyce Sykora's names.



Refreshments for the October meeting were provided L to R by Doris Grigar, Candace Novak, Ann Riedel, and Isabel Respondek.



Written and photos by Juanita Oppermann



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October Meeting Photos Cont.



L to R Candace Novak, Ann Riedel, and Isabel Respondek prepare the refreshments.



Regent Katie Bailey (right) presented Court Chaplin Father Dwight Canizares a \$100.00 check for Priest appreciation at the October meeting.



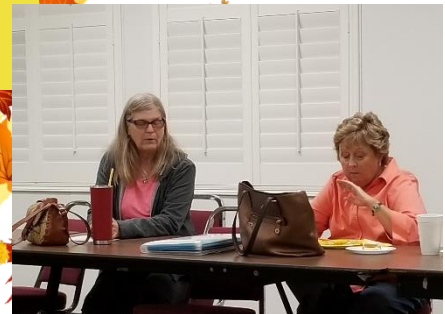
L to R Toni Sabrsula and Lynette Walsh discuss a quilt they are working on.



Ready for the meeting L to R Binnie Bauml, Grace Hatfield, Janet Gipson, Lynette Walsh, Toni Sabrsula, Rachel Warner, and Sarah Ebey.



L to R saying the Opening prayers are Lynette Walsh, Toni Sabrsula, and Grace Hatfield.



L to R Pat Williams and Binnie Bauml.

Welcome
Autumn



Dues for the 2022-2023 year are past due. Dues are \$30.00 a year. Please place in an envelope and drop in the box outside of the youth office or mail to Janet Gipson, 103 Zinnia, Lake Jackson, TX 77566



L to R Candace Novak, Doraine Morgan, Karen Koranek, Katie Bailey, Bunny Swist, Jan Denomy, Sandy Seeley, and Ann Riedel.



November Business Meeting

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November Meeting

December 1, 2022

The December meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm in Wleczyk Hall by Regent Katie Bailey. There were 25 members and 4 officers present.

Janet Spicer gave a report on our Adopt-A-Family for Christmas and the coming year. The committee has chosen a single mother with 3 children ages 15, 14, and 12. The mother is divorced and working 2 low wage jobs. Because she is working, she does not qualify for federal assistance. Janet stated that a collection for the family would be taken up at the Christmas party on December 3rd. She said that any one not attending the party could make an donation at the meeting tonight.

Regent Katie Bailey reported for Janet Gipson that 62 members have not paid their dues this year. Letters will be mailed in the near future to remind members that dues are now past due. Dues for the year are \$30.00.

Regent Katie Bailey also reminded the court that the December Bake sale will be held on December 18. A signup sheet was passed around for volunteers to work. Also, she stressed that bake items are needed. She also informed the Court that a check was received from the Brazoria County Fair for \$2000.00 as a result of all the volunteers from our Court who ran the Coke booth. Other news of interest included that the Catholic Daughters will run the bake sale for the Parish Bazaar. The parish as a whole will provide the baked goods. She also distributed the schedule to those who volunteered to be bell ringers for the Salvation Army on December 8 & 9 at Kroger in Clute.

Juanita Oppermann reported on the plans for the upcoming National CDA Education contest.

Candace Novak reported the results of the Pregnancy Help Center (PHC) Baby Shower. Two bags of the requested items were delivered to the PHC along with a check for \$300.00. All items and money were delivered to the PHC by Dottie Mensik, Jan Denomy, District Deputy Rachel Warner, and Juanita Oppermann.

Binnie Bauml reported on the "Make A Difference" project. She stated that 12 CDA members visited the Country Care Village and delivered 37 Prayer Blankets to the residents.

Individually wrapped candy was collected from members of the Court for the Prison Ministry. Monica Caraballo read a Prayer for the Court members and the meeting closed at 7:50 p.m.



Providing refreshments for the December meeting L to R are Juanita Oppermann, Dottie Mensik, Regent Katie Bailey, Toni Kwan, and Bunny Swist.





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November Meeting Photos



Identifiable at the refreshment table are L to R Isabel Respondek, Grace Hatfield, Candace Novak, Ann Riedel, and Renee Duhon.



Enjoying a visit prior to the meeting are standing L to R Isabel Respondek, Toni Kawn, Rachel Warner, Gera Martin, Bunny Swist, and Jan Denomy. Seated is Toni Sabrsula



L to R Ann Riedel and Renee Duhon.



DUES ARE PAST DUE. IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2022-2023, PLEASE PUT THE DUES IN AN ENVELOPE AND PLACE IN THE LOCK BOX OUTSIDE THE YOUTH OFFICE OR MAIL TO JANET GIPSON, 103 ZINNIA, LAKE JACKSON, TX 77566.



L to R Vice Regent Janet Spicer and Regent Katie Bailey prepare for the meeting.



At the front table L to R Sharon Ernst, Joan Taplett, Karen Koranek, and Monica Caraballo. At the back table Lynette Walsh, Gwen Williams, Candace Novak, Grace Hatfield, Toni Kawn, and Toni Sabrsula. Walking in the back Rachel Warner.



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Christmas Party

December 3, 2022

The Knights of Columbus/Catholic Daughter Christmas Party was held in Wleczyk Hall on December 3rd after the 5:30 pm Mass. Honored guests were Father Dwight Canizares, Monsignor Leo Wleczyk, and Deacon Jeff Cadenhead. Regent Katie Bailey open the party by introducing Monsignor Leo Wleczyk who said the blessing. The blessing was followed by a delicious meal of pork roast with potatoes, carrots, and gravy prepared by Jim Schneider and his team. The entrée and fixing were provided by the Knights of Columbus. The side appetizers, side dishes, and desserts were prepared by the Catholic Daughters.

Following the meal, Regent Katie Bailey presented Christmas gifts to Father Dwight, Monsignor Leo Wleczyk, and Deacon Jeff Cadenhead in appreciation for their service to the parish. She then presented the family the Catholic Daughters will provide help for the 2023 year. The family this year is a single mother, who is divorced, with 3 children. She receives minimal support from the father and is not eligible for federal support because she has a full time job as a secretary at the Covenant Presbyterian Evangelical Church. She has three children 12, 14, and 15. Thanks to the generosity of those in attendance \$1002.00 was collected to aid the family in the coming year.

After the presentation of the Adopt-A-Family, 24 door prizes were awarded. Katie Bailey thanked those in attendance for joining in the Christmas celebration and all the Catholic Daughters and Knights who helped make the evening a success. Thanks were given to the Knights of Columbus for the entrée' and the Catholic Daughters for all the side dishes and desserts. She especially thanked the decorations committee of Norma Taylor, Dottie Mensik, Bunny Swist, Renee Duhon, Rachel Warner, Gera Martin, and Juanita Oppermann. The decorations were spectacular. A special thanks to Janet Gipson for her help with the technical side of the evening and her help and advice in the kitchen and to Isabel Respondek, Lynette Walsh, Rachel Warner, and Juanita Oppermann for helping to cut and arrange the desserts.

A good time was had by all visiting with friends and fellow members in the Catholic Daughters and the Knights of Columbus. Clean up was provided by the Knights of Columbus and many of the Catholic Daughters in attendance.





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Christmas Party Photos



Decoration and Setup Committee L to R Norma Taylor, Juanita Oppermann, Bunny Swist, District Deputy Rachel Warner, Janet Gipson, Gera Martin, Renee Duhon, and Dottie Mensik. Not pictured Regent Katie Bailey.



A great selection of desserts!



A good time was had by the members of the Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus and their families and friends while eating a wonderful meal.



L to R Susie Mensik, Doug & Janet Gipson, Monsignor Leo Wleczyk, Father Dwight Canizares, Norma Taylor, Regent Katie Bailey, and Dottie Mensik. Standing in the background is Danna Kolafa



L to R Joanna & John Evans, Albert and Rose Esquivel, Lucy and Aaron Ware, and Paul Bettge



L to R Ann Riedel, Kathy Albert, John Riedel, and Michael Kaatz.



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Christmas Party Photos Cont.



L to R Veronica and Gilbert Bohuslav, Sarah and Shawn Ebey, Rosemarie's son and daughter-in-law, and Rosemarie Filips.



Regent Katie Bailey and Financial Secretary Janet Gipson present Father Dwight Canizares (left) and Monsignor Leo Wleczyk (center), and Jeff Cadenhead (right) checks for Christmas in appreciation of their service to the parish.



L to R Grace Hatfield, Binnie & Louis Bauml, Dan & Lynette Walsh, and Toni Sabrsula.



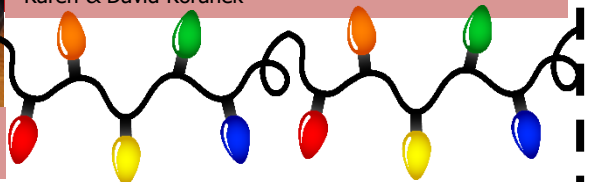
L to R Ted Oppermann, Dan Swist, Harley Aaron, Margie & Rich Kaus, Jan Denomy, and Bunny Swist.



L to R Sherry Bergen, Diana Phipps, Danna Kolafa, Emily Phipps, and Patrick Martin.



Karen & David Koranek





In Memory of Joyce Sykora

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Joyce Sykora

Sept 3, 1938 – Sept 29, 2022

Joyce Arlene Sykora, 84, of Lake Jackson, Texas passed away on September 29th, 2022, after a lengthy battle with cancer. Joyce was born on September 3rd, 1938, to parents, Raphael Leon Plant and Mercedes Eloise Plant in El Campo, Texas. Joyce married her High School sweetheart, George Sykora on her 17th Birthday in 1955. They were blessed to have celebrated 62 years of Marriage together.

Joyce and George moved to Lake Jackson in 1962 where she worked as an Executive/Personal Secretary for 45 years. She was a devoted employee to the Wilson, Denton Families whom she considered as Family. After retirement, Joyce & George enjoyed spending time in Rockport with their family boating, fishing and relaxing.

Joyce was a Member of St. Michael's Catholic Church since 1966 and also a Member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 2364. Joyce was a wonderful wife, mother and friend to many and she will be greatly missed.

The visitation and funeral Mass were held on October 4, 2022, at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church. Visitation and a Rosary were held at 10:30 a.m. in the church with the rosary led by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 2364. The funeral Mass was at 11:00 a.m. officiated by Father Dwight Canizares with Homily by Father Leo Wylcezyk. The Catholic Daughters provided the desserts for the meal that followed the Mass. Catholic Daughters providing desserts were Janet Spicer, Janet Gipson, Danna Kolafa, Regent Katie Bailey, Candace Novak, Isabel Respondek, Juanita Oppermann, Joan Taplett, Toni Kwan, and Sofka Werkmeister.



Regent Katie Bailey presents the Certificate of Condolences to the Daughter, Sonya Wright.



Attending the rosary and funeral Mass are L to R Front row Isabel Respondek, Janet Gipson, Toni Sabrsula, Regent Katie Bailey. Second row Bunny Swist, Candace Novak, Pat Williams, Doraine Morgan, JoAnn Forse, Cynthia Grandjean, and Toni Kwan. Third row are Joan Taplett and Dottie Mensik. Present but not picture were Dolores Hibbetts and Danna Kolafa



Preparing for the funeral meal and the Rosary are left to right Regent Katie Bailey, Isabel Respondek, Pat Williams, Janet Gipson, and Janet Spicer.

Written and photos by Juanita Oppermann



In Memory of Mirella Sherman

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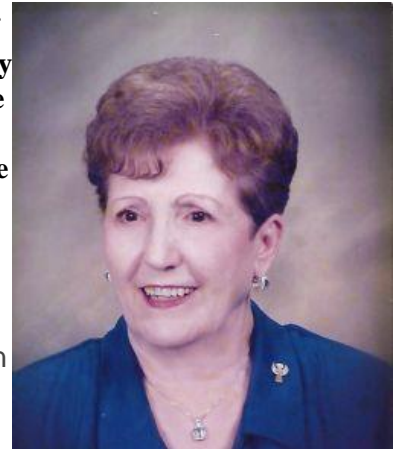
Mirella Sherman

Aug 24, 1929 - Nov 9, 2022

Catholic Daughters, Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court 2364, lost Mirella Sherman on November 9, 2022. Mirella Sherman was a charter member of the Catholic Daughter and the oldest member of the court. Mirella was very active through all the years she was a member of the court. Her sweet smile and lively sense of humor will be greatly missed. Members of the Court led the rosary and served as the honor guard at the Visitation and provided the desserts at the funeral meal. Her obituary follows.

Mirella Sherman Obituary

Mirella C. Sherman, 93, of Lake Jackson, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, November 9. She had spent the days prior surrounded by her daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.



Mirella was born in Scaperia, Italy, a province of Florence, on August 24, 1929, to her parents, Ugo and Pierina Cesarini. She and her family prevailed through the difficulties of World War 2 in Italy before immigrating to America. She arrived in America in July of 1954, coming through Ellis Island before arriving in Texas on July 9, 1954. She proudly became a US citizen in 1959. In 1960, she began a 58-year marriage to the love of her life, Earl, and had one daughter, Cindy, later that year.

Despite not knowing English when she arrived, she was able to secure a job at Weingarten's soon after arriving in Lake Jackson. She was incredibly grateful for the opportunity, and worked hard to not only be a good employee but to learn the language to assimilate into the American culture, though always remaining very proud of her home country. After Weingarten's, she spent five years working for Boggs Nursery School, Wilson's, and eventually retiring from Sablatura's Office Supply.

She was very proud to be a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and was a member from the church's beginning as a mission. She was a C.C.D. teacher for seven years, the final two being the coordinator of communion classes. She was one of the first presidents of the Women of St. Michael's, now known as the Catholic Daughters of America 2364, and served on the funeral committee and St. Vincent de Paul Society. She was also a longtime volunteer with the Brazosport Regional Hospital.

Nonna, as she was known to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, was the definition of the American dream. She always put others first and was most proud of her volunteer work and family. Even at 93 years old, she was an avid user of Facebook, mainly to keep up with her family all over the world, and especially to see her great-grandchildren. She passed on the values of giving of one's self, the importance of faith and family, and the belief that you can accomplish all things through hard work and determination.

Mirella is preceded in death by her husband, Earl; sister, Luciana Farrar; and Brother, Nick Cesarini. **She is survived by her daughter, Cindy Williams; grandchildren, Cullen Williams and wife Lacey, Cody Williams, and Carly Williams; and her great-grandchildren, Jackson, Josephine, and Jace; Sister-In-Law, Elena Cesarini, and numerous nieces and nephews.**

The family would like to thank the many family members, friends, and members of the Catholic Daughters for their support during this time, as well as Dr. Alkesh Amin for his many years of care. Also, a very special thank you to Marely Cordova and Mina Torres for their loving care for the past five years.

Taken from [The Facts](#)



Mirella Sherman Photos Cont.

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Mirella Sherman Continued:



Attending the funeral were left to right first row Elsa Branson and Mary Montague. Second row: Juanita Oppermann, Kerry Drabek, Gera Martin, Sharon Ernst, Sherry Bergen, Danna Kolafa, Dolores Hibbetts. Third row: Cindy Grandjean, Lynette Walsh, Binnie Bauml, Doris Grigar, Isabel Respondek, JoAnn Forse, Delia Hock, Nan Smith, and Grace Hatfield. Fourth row: Lisa Matzke, Betty Jo Jurries, Teresa Sablatura, Candace Novak, Karen Koranek, Bunny Swist, Dottie Mensik, Sue Merritt, and Patty Sayes. Present but not pictured were Regent Katie Bailey, Carman Galvan, Janet Gipson, Janet Spicer, Kathy Moore, Vera Munro, and Coletta Stover.



Honor Guard for Mirella Sherman left to right are Juanita Oppermann, Carmen Galvan, Katie Bailey, and Dottie Mensik.



The Catholic Daughters led the rosary for Mirella. Clockwise starting upper left, Janet Gipson, began the rosary. Juanita Oppermann, said the second decade. Isabel Respondek, said the third decade. Lynette Walsh, said the fourth decade. Regent Katie Bailey center, said the fifth decade and then gave the Certificate of Condolences to Mirella's Daughter Cindy Williams.



<https://bit.ly/MShermanCondolence>

To watch the reading of the Condolence, copy the link below the information video image or scan the QR Code.



Written by Juanita Oppermann.
Photos submitted by Juanita Oppermann and Carmen Galvan.
Video submitted by Carmen Galvan.



In Memory of Bobbie Jasek

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Bobbie G. Jasek

Jul 20, 1930 - Nov 30, 2022

Bobbie G. Jasek joined the Catholic Daughters Our Lady Queen of the Lake, Court 2364 in 1991 and was a charter Member. Her obituary follows.



Bobbie Jasek Obituary

Bobbie Gene Jasek, 92, of Lake Jackson, Texas, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on November 30, 2022. Bobbie was born on July 20, 1930, in San Antonio, Texas, to Sherman and Lillian Green. She married Leon Jasek on May 31, 1958, and they had three children.

Bobbie graduated from Brackenridge Hospital School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse and worked at the Lake Jackson Children's Clinic. Bobbie retired after 23 years as a Parish Secretary for St. Michael's Catholic Church. She was an avid sports fan and enjoyed camping, dancing, quilting, traveling and playing video games.

Bobbie is preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Leon Jasek; her parents, her beloved daughter-in-law, Nelda Jasek and numerous family members.

Bobbie is survived by her three children, Mark Jasek, Lynn and Chris Armstrong, Trish and Brian Murphy; grandchildren, Andrea Jasek, Jon and Allison Jasek, Jessica Jasek (Jacob Kenner), Cody and Rachael Armstrong, Garrett Murphy, Mason Murphy

Kennedy James Armstrong and soon-to-be (Karlie DeCola); great granddaughters, Nora Gray Jasek; brother, Wallis and Mary Ann Green, sister, Pam and Greg Reif; brother-in-law, Jim and Shelly Jasek, sister-in-law, Marlies Jasek and numerous nephews and nieces.

Her grandchildren will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2364.

Please pray for the repose of Bobbie's soul. Visitation at Restwood Funeral Home, Lake Jackson is Thursday, December 8, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a rosary at 6:30pm. Funeral services are Friday, December 9, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Lake Jackson.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Vincent de Paul Society or a charity of your choice in memory of Bobbie.

The family would like to thank Oak Village Healthcare for their love and care of our mom.



In attendance for the funeral Mass L to R were Ann Riedel, Coletta Stover, Lina Gamino, Candace Novak, Dottie Mensik, Bunny Swist, Kathy Ward, Sherry Bergen, Margie Kaus, and Joann Forse. Present but not in the picture were Margarita Prinz, Lois Loftus, Sherie Hanson, Melanie Viktorin, Kathleen Calhoun, Sally Dodge, Nan Smith, and Georgia Nagle.

Written Juanita Oppermann
Photo by Dottie Mensik.



Parish Happenings

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The Feast Day of St. Michael the Archangel

On October 1, 2022 St. Michael the Archangel parish in Lake Jackson, TX, celebrated the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel with a covered dish dinner. The Catholic Daughters of Our Lady Queen of the Lake Court 2364, were in charge of cutting and preparing the desserts for the evening. The event followed the 5:30 p.m. Mass officiated by Father Dwight Canizares, Pastor. After the Mass, Father Dwight introduced the newly elected Parish Council and gave the members a blessing. Then, Father Dwight opened the meal with a blessing followed by "Grace Before Meals." The food selection was bountiful and proved to be delicious. You could not have asked for more delicious desserts.



Cutting the desserts for the parish "St. Michael the Archangel" celebration are left to right Toni Sabrsula, Juanita Oppermann, Regent Katie Bailey, Monica Caraballo, Margie Kaus, Joan Taplett, and Betty Jo Jurries.

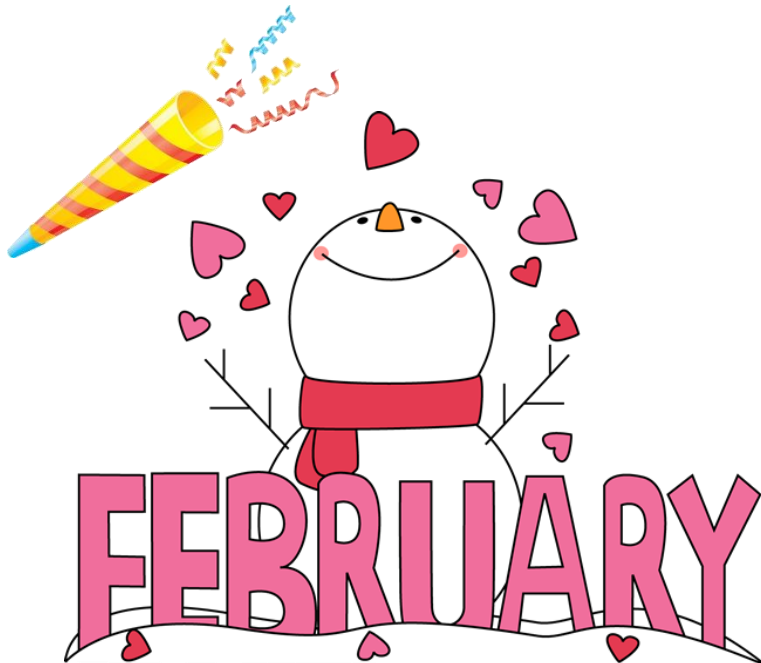
Written Juanita Oppermann



JANUARY



- 05 – Ann Riedel
- 09 – Gera Martin
- 13 – Deborah Pasztor
- 15 – Dianne Koester
- 19 – Bunny Swist
- 22 – Gaylin Black
- 22 – Barlett Ramsey
- 23 – Janet Gipson
- 29 – Donna Janak
- 30 – Sarah Ebey



FEBRUARY

- 04 – Olivia Gomez
- 09 – Margaret Chelette
- 20 – Coletta Stover
- 21 – Candace Novak
- 24 – Lois Loftus



MARCH

- 01 – Patty Matus
- 09 – Janice Hawley
- 23 – Monica Caraballo
- 25 – Maria Villarreal
- 28 – Idalia Gallardo
- 27 – Alison Pottratz





Prayer Request

Prayer Request

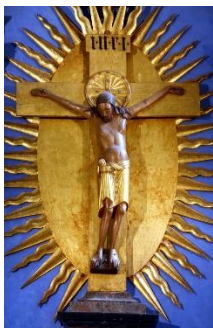
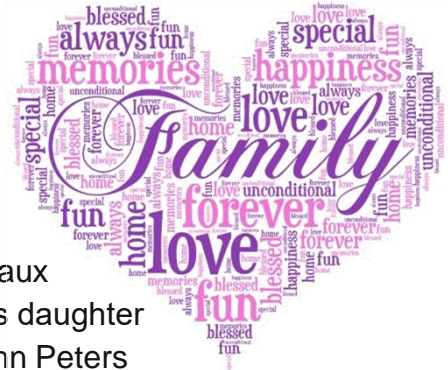
Lord Jesus, who cured the sick and laid a healing hand upon the lame, the blind, and the disabled; look with compassion upon those on our prayer request list and all who have received our prayer blanket in their suffering. If it is not your will to cure them, then give them the strength to bear their 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
Bubba and Kathy Moore
James Matula
Carrie Bailey
Sharon Ernst
Phyllis Shomette
Mary Phillip's sister-in-law
Mary Phillips
Sherry Bergen

Maurice Badeaux
Sharon Ernst's daughter
Monsignor John Peters
Kathy Ward's son Dan
Doug's brother Charlie
Mike and Donna Dougherty
Donna Janak's daughter and her family
Mirella Sherman
Patty Matus
Sandy Seeley (Healing from Surgery)
Paul Perdue (Recovery from stroke)
Susie Mensik (Recovery from surgery)
Grace Hatfield's sister
Charlie Gipson
Theresa Greenwell, her dad, stepdad,
and cousin



We pray for the souls of: 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.



CDA Cruise

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7 Nights on Royal Caribbean Allure of the Sea

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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

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Date	Event	Time	Location
2023			
January 1	Solemnity of Mary	No C & D	
January 6	Epiphany		
January 8	Coffee and Donuts	Doris Grigar, Janet Gipson, Margie Kaus, Melanie Viktorin	
January 8	K/C Blood Drive	8:00a	Wleczyk Hall
January 15	Coffee and Doughnuts	Juanita Oppermann, Lisa Matzke, Doraine Morgan, Dottie Mensik	
January 20	National Prayer Vigil for life		
January 21	March for Life		
January 22	Coffee and Donuts	Janet Spicer, Bunny Swist, Ann Riedel, Shuria Thompson	
January 26	Court Meeting	6:00 pm	Angelina Room
January 29	K/C Pancake Breakfast		No C & D
February 5	St. Michael Bazaar	Cake Booth	TBA
February 12	Valentine's Day Bake Sale	8:00a	Family Life Center Hall
February 12	K/C Pancake Breakfast	8:00a	Wleczyk Hall
February 19	Coffee and Donuts	Isabel Respondek, Monica Caraballo, Rachel Warner, Kathy Ward	
February 22	Ash Wednesday		
February 23	Court Meeting	6:00p	Angelina Room
February 24	K/C Fish Fry	5:00p	Wleczyk Hall
February 26	Coffee and Donuts	Kim Blackwell, Katie Bailey, Pat Williams, Betty Jo Jurries	
March 3	K/C Fish Fry	5:00p	Wleczyk Hall
March 5	Coffee and Donuts	Shirley Girouard, Pam Ermis, Delia Hock, Cindy Grandjean	
March 5	K/C Blood Drive	8:00a	Wleczyk Hall
March 10	K/C Fish Fry	5:00p	Wleczyk Hall



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Date	Event	Time	Location
2023			
March 10	K/C Fish Fry	5:00p	Wleczyk Hall
March 12	Coffee and Donuts	Joann Forse, Dolores Hibbetts, Debbie Massey, Susie Mensik	
March 17	K/C Fish Fry	5:00p	Wleczyk Hall
March 19	Coffee and Donuts	Joan Harris, Janet Gipson, Melanie Viktorin, Margie Kaus	
March 23	Court Meeting	6:00p	Angelina Room
March 24	K/C Fish Fry	5:00p	Wleczyk Hall
March 26	Coffee and Donuts	Doris Grigar, Juanita Oppermann, Janet Spicer, Ann Riedel	
March 31	K/C Fish Fry	5:00p	Wleczyk Hall
April 2	Palm Sunday		
April 9	Easter Sunday		
April 20	Court Meeting	6:00p	Angelina Room
April 21 & 22	CSD Work Days	TBA	Family Life Center
April 23	Chicken Spaghetti Dinner	9:00a	Family Life Center
April 26-30	53 rd Biennial Texas State Convention		Moody Gardens Galveston, TX
April 30-May 7	7 Night Post Convention Cruise	2:00p	Galveston, TX
May 25	Court Meeting	6:00p	Angelina Room
June 3	Clergy Appreciation	6:30p	Wleczyk Hall
August 31	Dues for 2023-2024	Aug 2023	Dues for the 2023-2024 year are due by August 31, 2023.



Need a Laugh

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Thoughtful Cartoons

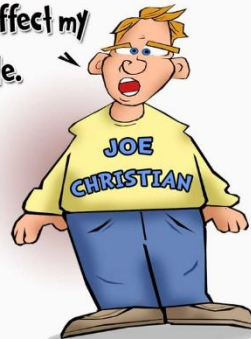
The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



JOHN THE BAPTIST Mt 3:4
Before 'Chips & Salsa' there was..
'Locusts and Honey'.

Find more thought cartoons at
www.thebackpew.com/blog
Submitted by Juanita Oppermann

I do not allow my 'DEEP' personal
faith affect my
lifestyle.

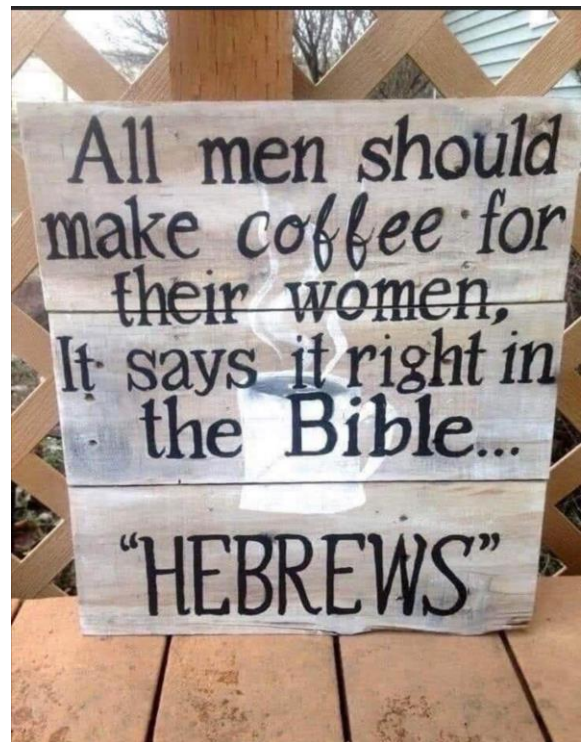


ASYMPTOMATIC CHRISTIANITY? James 2:14-26



There is a Christmas story about a 4th grade girl, that wanted to play with the boys at recess every day in Catholic school. Everyday Sister Valerie would tell the young girl to go play with the girls and stop playing football with the boys. Everyday, the young girl determined to be quarterback would squeeze beside the boys and would get picked to play with them. One afternoon, the boys decided to throw rocks in the playground for the last day before Christmas Break. Of course, the young girl was all about it. She joined in, determined to throw the rock further than any boy, she picked up a rock and threw a Hail Mary pass across the playground to were Sister Valerie was sitting on a bench. The rock hit Sister Valerie in the side of her forehead and immediately blood followed. Sister Valerie grabbed her head, stood up, and wiped the blood from her habit. She received 8 stitches that day. The young girl, well, that was none other than yours truly, Katie! My days at the convent were numbered after that.

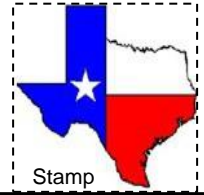
Submitted by Katie Bailey



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Lakeside News



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