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Catholic Daughter of the Americas

St. Isidore Patron of the Land # 2340

P.O. Box 872, Needville, Texas

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Mission Statement:

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principal of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

Regents Message:

Hello CDA Sisters,

I hope all of you are staying warm. It was so nice getting to play in the snow and reminded me of being young at heart. Were you able to build a snowman? My family and I built a large snowman, and I built a small one. It was a great Birthday present for my mother who turned 67. We had a great Christmas party in December. It was nice seeing all the members who could attend. Our DD Nancy Zurek was able to join us. We played pin the nose on the reindeer, Christmas scratch off tickets, and Christmas Bingo. Prizes were given to the winners. Our Chicken Fried Steak February Fundraiser is fast approaching, and I hope all of you are selling your tickets. We decided to up our tickets to 900 because many members need extra tickets and if you haven't turned in unsold tickets please do so as soon as possible. We hope this fundraiser is very successful and sell out. I would like to thank everyone who donated towards the Gabriel project for St. Michael's. The donations will help this young mother out tremendously. We voted on helping the 3 adopted families every other month of \$100 with either groceries, a water bill or electricity bill. This is a great cause, and the families truly appreciate it. Those who are interested in attending the State Convention in Fort Worth please stay for a meeting on Tuesday, January 28th after our regular meeting. We need to finalize the paperwork and get a head count on who is attending. We will also discuss donations for the state convention and the LA wildfires. If you have any questions, please reach out to me before the meeting. I hope to see all of you there. Please pray for our first responders, military personnel, clergy and all homebound CDA members.

Thank you,
Veronica Kresse
Regent

Mark Your Calendars

January 25, 2025	Queen of Peace Rosary – Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel – 10:00 AM
January 26, 2025	27th Anniversary Leroy Miksch Sr. Citizens Fundraiser – Needville Columbus Club Hall
February 2, 2025	St. Isidore Patron of the Land Chicken Fried Steak Fundraiser- Drive Thru – Needville Columbus Club Hall
February 7, 2025	The Chaplet of Divine Mercy – St. Michael's after 8:00AM Mass
February 8, 2025	St. Michael's Youth Ministry Valentine's Dinner – St. Michael's Family Life Center
February 16, 2025	Support Veteran's – Drive Thru Fundraiser – VFW Post 8551 in Sweeny, Texas
February 23, 2025	Springfest – St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 6th Annual Spring Fest Fundraiser - Needville Columbus Club Hall
February 28 thru March 1, 2025	Damon Little League BBQ Cook off & Live Auction-Half Time Bar & Grill – Damon. Texas
March 9, 2025	Polka Fest – Needville Columbus Club Hall

NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- CDA Christmas Party held on December 15, 2024 @ 2:00 PM in the parish hall.
- A motion was made and approved to purchase an infant carrier and stroller combo (up to a value of \$200.00) for the mother of our Gabriel Project. This also served as our Make a Difference Day project.
- Our court has 4 delegates for the State Convention which is to be held on April 23-27, 2025. The 4 officers who are attending were voted to be the delegates. Alternate Delegate will be chosen from anyone else who would like to attend.
- A motion was made and approved for our Court to donate a \$200.00 gift card to the Blue Santa Needville PD project.
- Our court sponsored 2 boys, 2 girls, and 2 senior citizens with the Angel Tree this year. Each will receive a gift of \$25.00 from our court.
- Our Court will have a Bake Sale at the Needville Country Christmas on December 6, 2024 in the Parish Hall. The youth will decorate ornaments and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.
- Our Court will furnish gift baskets for the two Nursing Homes. \$100.00 for each basket will be given.
- Shirley Kaminski reported that the Western Deanery made 153 shoe boxes for the seafarers this year.
- A motion was made to give \$100 for phone cards to be given to the Seafarers.
- A CDA Multi-district meeting will be held February 22, 2025 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church from 9 AM-2:00 PM
- The attendance prize was won by Joy Pumphrey who was not present.
- Door Prizes and winners were: Aroma gift candle set donated by Wanda Hubenak and won by Julia Mueck; a soup bowl and 2 dish towels donated by Josie Lazo and won by Wanda Hubenak; a Mystery gift (cup towel and jelly) donated by Annette Prihoda and won by Brenda Zwahr.
- The Court sang Happy Birthday to all members celebrating birthdays in November and December.



2023-2025

Texas State Officers

State Regent

Carolyn Ritchey

"Where God Guides, He Provides."

Isaiah 58:11

First Vice State Regent

Mary Jane Albert

Second Vice State Regent

Virginia Olsovsky

State Secretary

Debbie Johnson

State Treasurer

Janet Purdy

State Chaplain

Bishop Brendan Cahill

Associate State Chaplain

Deacon Ben Munguia

State Mission Statement

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



State News

(Taken from the State Website)

State Regent Message by Carolyn Ritchey

A month before the State Newsletter is to be published, our wonderful State Newsletter Chairman Louise Barcak sends out a first reminder to those who contribute with an article. Then a week later comes our second and even a final reminder. Oh, how I appreciate those reminders. However, this time those reminders only meant that I had to get it together and write to you about Advent and Christmas. You cannot imagine how hard this article would be for me to write. As most of you know, I lost my mother in August and was just thinking about not having her here for Thanksgiving and now the Christmas holidays make me sad, and the tears keep flowing. However, I am a bit stronger because of all of you! I cannot thank you enough for all the prayers. I am still working on thank you notes. We were just flooded with cards and donations. What joy that has brought us! But let us talk about happy and exciting things! Convention is just around the corner! Everyone should have gotten the First Call to Convention via Flock Note. If not, it is on our website. Please print a copy for your court. Be thinking of your delegates and alternates. You need to get those voted on if you have not already done so as the deadline to turn your names in to me is quickly approaching. Remember court dues must be current with both national and state for your court to be eligible to have voting delegates on the convention floor. More information on this will be coming soon in the Official Call to Convention. Plan to attend the convention. We are going to have so much fun! Advent is a time of preparation. Are you ready for the coming of Jesus? I am right there with so many of you being caught up in the joy of the season – even the hectic planning to make sure everything is exactly right for that Christmas party and that all the gifts are bought and wrapped. I, too, tend to forget to take this time to prepare myself spiritually. Let us all find that time to celebrate the Sundays of Advent, do daily devotions, help someone in need, or just simply sit and listen to God and his message to us for this Holy Season. For where God guides, He provides. Many blessings for a peaceful and joyous Advent and Christmas Season!



National News

(taken from national website)

**National Officers
2024-2026**

National Regent

Emily Guilherme

“A Beacon of Hope; A
Light in the Darkness”

National Regent
Susan Mone

**National Regent –
Elect**

Essie Walker

**First Vice National
Regent**

Connie Dronette

**Second Vice National
Regent**

Nancy Bambenek

**National Secretary-
Treasurer**

Brenda Anderson

National Chaplain

Reverend Erick Villa

“This was the first time we saw people who were really, really very hungry,” the officers agreed. “It was joyous but sobering to help them.”

Seen in the picture below with the priest from Blessed Sacrament, left to right, National Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Anderson, Second Vice National Regent Nancy Bambenek, National Regent-Elect Essie Walker, National Regent Susan Monè (next to Father), and First Vice National Regent Connie Dronette.



Interested in learning more about CDA?

Websites

Texas CDA www.texascd.org

National CDA www.catholicdaughters.org

National Council of Catholic Women
www.nccw.org



January

Vivian Jedlicka – 3
Jo Svatek – 4
Jeanette Seiler – 7
Brittany Foerster – 9
Bonnie Limbaugh – 27
Linda Jan - 28



*** News You Need to Know ***

Prayer Cards:

* If you need a Mass Card, contact Kathy Taylor (713)504-5912) or you can get one from her at our meeting, for \$3.00 ea. Court must sell \$50 per year to be able to enter Senior Scholarships.

* Shirley Kaminski has Mass Cards for ACCW for \$5.00 each. Court must sell \$50 per year to be able to enter Senior Scholarships.

CDA Sales:

* Our homemade noodles are on sale at Needville Feed.

* Religious Articles are on sale every 3rd weekend of the month. Volunteers are needed. Contact Shirley Kaminski (979-793-6638) & Denise Sbrusch

** Find Texas CDA on Facebook and join to keep up with all the State CDA news! You will need our Regents name (Veronica Kresse) and our Court Name/Number to join.

VOLUNTEERS are always needed.....

Our deepest sympathy to the
family of Ethel Horak who passed
away
December 12, 2024. Please keep
her family in your prayers



PRAYER LIST

Please add these members
and families to your
personal prayers.

Cliff Asselin
Merv Albert
Jody Buchta
John Doggett
Fred Fojtik
Zelma Groze
Marcella Hackstedt
Allen Hanzik
Alice Krhovjak
Josie Lazo
Delores Macha
Kristine Martin
Kelly McDaniel
Loretta Myska
Beverly Petrusek
Veronica Prihoda
Alice Poncik
Joe Rosales, Sr.
Joe & Eva Rosales
Annie Schilhab
Jeanette Seiler
Deborah Stavinoha
Nancy Sury
Thomas Sury
Billy Svatek
Natalie Wesneski
Deacon Brady Williams
Jo Svatek
Nursing Home Residents
All CDA Members,
Living & Deceased
All Military Personnel & First
Responders

If you need to add someone to
this list, please notify, Veronica
Wesneski, Newsletter editor, at
713.501.2834.

Congratulations!!



Sarah Danielle Norman graduated from Texas A&M University in College Station on Thursday, December 12, 2024 with a Bachelor of Science in Allied Health. She graduated Cum Laude and with Honors. She will now be attending Texas A&M School of Nursing in Round Rock, Texas to attain her Bachelor of Science in Nursing with plans of becoming a Registered Nurse. She is the daughter of Sheryl and Todd Norman. She is the granddaughter of Delores Macha and Richard and Peggy Norman. Her grandfather, Adolph Macha, is deceased.



Say Hello to Norma Marin who joined our Court in October!

CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS



If you have anything you would like to have included in the newsletter, please reach out to me via email: vwesneski@hotmail.com or phone – 713.501.2834