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Catholic Daughter of the Americas *St. Isidore Patron of the Land # 2340*

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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,

How are you preparing your heart this Lenten Season? Instead of giving something up try to do a good deed, help someone in our community, volunteer at a center or serve for the church. Go to adoration and spend an hour with Lord. Jesus is calling all of us to serve. You just need to sit in silence, listen and pray. Easier said than done because many of us are so busy with other things in our lives. I know this is difficult, but I have taken the Hallow 40-day challenge. I am taking time every day to spend time with the Lord on my Lenten Journey. I listen to Station of the Cross every day. I joined a Lenten Walk with Jesus here at St. Michael's on Tuesdays. This year I want to improve my connection with Jesus mentally and spiritually. Just take a little bit of time each day and pray to Jesus this Lenten season. See how the Lord works through you. I want to thank everyone who helped worked or brought items to our Bake Sale with the Knights of Columbus Fish Frys. We made a total of \$699.00. A job well done by our court. We will have another bake sale on April 4th. Items may NOT be dropped off at the church because I will be out of the office due to Confirmation Retreat with the 10th graders. If you have items for the bake sale reach out to other members of our court and see if they can help you. We have 6 members that will be attending the State Convention in Dallas on April 23rd through the 27th. We hope to learn and grow to bring back information to our court from the convention. I hope all of you can attend our meeting this month. We haven't seen some of our members in a long time. It would be great for our 4 new members who joined last month to meet you all. I would like to welcome Paige Kalmus, Danielle Prihoda, Samantha Wixom and Katy Palermo to our court. Please continue to pray for Pope Francis and his recovery from double pneumonia. Pray for all clergy, first responders, military personnel and all CDA members.

Thank you,
Veronica Kresse
Regent

FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- CDA Multi-District Gathering was held on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at Holy Rosary in Rosenberg. Six Members from our court attended and shared the information and ideas received from other participants with our court.
- A motion was made to donate two \$50.00 gift cards for the silent auction gift baskets for the State Convention.
- Danielle Prihoda offered to make and donate a blanket for the Silent Auction.
- A motion was made to order customized purple pens with black ink with our court name and number for the State Convention Attendance bags.
- Members are encouraged to bring any Bath and Body Works items that they would like to donate to our March Meeting so that we can fill an old convention bag for our Court's Door Prize Donation.
- The Financial Review has been set for April 8, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the St. Michael's Parish Hall.
- We will have 2 bake sales in conjunction with the KC Fish Fry on March 7, 2025 and April 4, 2025. Please have all bake goods / canned goods brought to the Columbus Club Hall by 4:30 PM. Volunteers needed to help with the sale and also inside of the hall.
- A motion to amend Rule #6 of the standing rule was emailed to Worthy Regent Veronica Kresse to keep a member anonymous. The motion failed because we did not have a two thirds vote.
- A reminder that anyone who is a current CDA member and has a relative of a graduating senior can apply for a scholarship on the local and state levels.
- Four new members were installed to our court. Welcome Danielle Prihoda, Paige Kalmus, Katy Palermo, and Samantha Wixom.
- The attendance prize was won by Veronica Wesneski who was not in attendance.
- Door Prizes and winners were: Dish towel set donated by Annette Prihoda and won by Debbie Asselin; Angel with cross donated by Vivian Jedlicka and won by Paige Kalmus; "Chicken" pillow donated by Annette Prihoda and won by Veronica Kresse; Ladybug Bag Clips donated by Wanda Hubenak and won by Josie Lazo; Blessed Mother statue donated by Kathleen O'Dowd and won by Rosemary Gonzales.
- The Court sang Happy Birthday to all members celebrating birthdays in February.
- Our nex meeting will be held March 25, 2025 in St. Michael's Parish Hall.



2023-2025

Texas State Officers

State Regent

Carolyn Ritchey

"Where God Guides, He
Provides."

Isaiah 58:11

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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

Greetings!

Only a month away from the state convention in Dallas. Time has gone by so fast. Hopefully, everyone is ready to make the trip to Dallas for an exciting week of learning, fun, prayer, and fellowship. To make this convention run smoothly, I ask that you please re-read all your convention materials and are aware of all the instructions and information you will need when you arrive. Our convention committee will be there for assistance, so look for the purple-vested ladies. Remember to pack your patience and wear a big smile! We have a lot of great vendors set up for your shopping enjoyment including our State Sales tables and Spread the Word Products from Cathy Bittner. Do not forget about the Silent Auction, Raffle, and Lucky Lotto. Our Ways and Means Co-chairmen, Cynthia Novak and Darice Mischke have done an excellent job in securing some awesome items. Just to give you a hint, there is going to be a Texas Bag in the silent auction from the State Board as well as a "spirits" bag and an all-chocolate bag. Yum! Our workshops are based on the topics you requested in the evaluations from the last convention in Galveston. So, be sure to sign up for those. We are offering one new topic in our workshops, which is about becoming a district deputy. It can be a challenging task for a State Regent to build her team of district deputies and state chairmen. With over 15,000 members in the State of Texas, there is a huge pool to pull from of very qualified ladies. I believe in seeking out as many leaders as possible and that is why we encourage ladies to step forward and let the State Board know of your interests. This workshop at convention is a beginning to explain the duties of a district deputy and ask ladies to volunteer for their district. We have several interests of new courts in areas that we do not have a district deputy, so we will be expanding in the next term and hope to have more of you on board to help grow our membership in

Texas. Now let us turn our focus to the upcoming Lenten season. Lent begins on March 5. What are you doing special? How about adding daily Mass to your schedule? How about getting a prayer group together? Do not forget those random acts of kindness. Lent is not necessarily "giving something up" or making sacrifices. Lent is a reflection time for us to contemplate the biggest sacrifice of all – Jesus's suffering and dying on the cross for all of us. Close your eyes and picture Jesus hanging from that cross. See the pain in his face and blood dripping from the crown of thorns. "Repent and believe in the Gospel."



National Officers
2024-2026

National Regent

Emily Guilherme

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

National Regent

Susan Mone

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Brenda Anderson

National Chaplain

Reverend Erick Villa

National News

(taken from national website)

**12 Days Footsteps of St. Paul
National CDA Greece & Turkey
October 17th – 28th, 2025 from NY (JFK)**

PRICE: \$5,600 All-inclusive except lunches

Enrollment fee - \$800

50% due - May 17, 2025

Full balance due - July 17, 2025

Roundtrip air transportation from JFK to Athens

First Class Hotels

Land transportation via deluxe private bus

Taxes, Fuel Surcharges and Tips Breakfast and Dinner Daily

Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary

Daily Masses Professional Christian English-speaking guide

Porterage includes one bag per pilgrim

3-Day Cruise All-inclusive based on IA, IB cabins. For cabins upgrade prices please check on our website or contact us.

Land only Price \$4,600

Single occupancy \$1,100

For more information, please contact: P.O. Box 2015, Lawrenceville, Ga. 30046

Toll free: 1 833 944 8242 booking@Lpjp.org

Interested in learning more about CDA?

Websites

Texas CDA www.texascdca.org

National CDA www.catholicdaughters.org

National Council of Catholic Women

www.nccw.org



MARCH

Mary Ann Zwahr – 3
Joy Pumphrey – 11
Nancy Sury – 20
Rosemary Gonzalez – 27



*** 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.

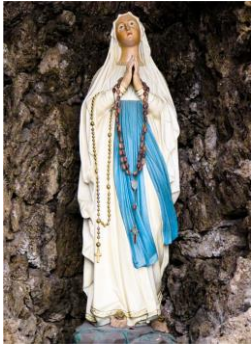
VOLUNTEERS are always needed.....

PRAYER LIST

Please add these members and families to your personal prayers.

Cliff Asselin
Merv Albert
John Doggett
Fred Fojtik
Zelma Groze
Marcella Hackstedt
Allen Hanzik
Alice Krhovjak
Josie Lazo
Delores Macha
Kristine Martin
Kelly McDaniel
Loretta Myska
Beverly Petrussek
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
Irene Hubenak
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.



Queen of Peace
Rosary
Held in the Sts.
Cyril & Methodius
Chapel on the 25th
of every month at
10:00 A.M.

The Chaplet of
Divine Mercy
Recited after the
8:00 AM Mass at
St. Michael's on
the First Friday of
every month in the
Church



Mark Your Calendars

Fridays During Lent

Drive Thru Fish Plates – \$12 per plate 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Sunday, 3/23/25

Blood Drive - St. Michael's CCD Building – 8:00 A.M.–
12:30 P.M.

Sunday, 3/23/25

Needville American Legion Chicken Fried Steak
fundraiser - \$15 per plate, Needville American Legion Hall
11:00 A.M.– 2:30 P.M.

Sunday, 3/23/25

Andy Guajardo Benefit – BBQ Plates @ Church Pavilion,
603 Parrott Avenue, Damon, Texas

Sunday, 3/30/2025

Drive Thru Chicken Dinner benefitting Central Emergency
Medical Services (CEMS) @ CEMS Station, 400 N. 13th
Street, West Columbia, Texas - 11:00 A.M till sold out

Sunday, 4/20/25

Easter Sunday

4/25/25 – 5/4/25

Needville Youth Fair

Sunday, 5/31/2025

Keith Warncke Benefit – Columbus Club Hall, Needville,
Texas

Congratulations!!

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Danielle Prihoda, Paige Kalmus, Samantha Wixom, Worthy Regent Veronica Kresse and Katie Palermo

BAKE SALE SUCCESS!



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