Mont Belvieu, Texas



Motto

"Unity and Charity"

Mission Statement

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive 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 mankind.

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Newsletter Article Submissions

Deadline for the November newsletter is November 18, 2023. Please email submissions/photos to: itsbrigette@hotmail.com.



Regent's Corner

A taste of cool crisp days has finally come with us all enjoying the change of season. As activities keep us all checking our calendars, we need to take quiet moments to pray to our Blessed Mother Mary for her peace, protection, and love to pour down upon these days, both here and throughout the world.

Our parish has so many things going on and I hope the Ministry Fair gave parishioners some great information to see where they'd like to share their time and talents. CDA Sunday was very nice and many thanks to our sisters for their attendance. Soon Thanksgiving will be here, and Advent will bring Christmas and all the family times to celebrate over those weeks. I just want to say how grateful I am for the court as we have wonderful hard-working ladies doing great things to keep us strong.

Yours in Christ, Rosalyn Boehme



Children's Mass Books – Children's Mass books have been placed in the church and a few in the Cry Room. There are also a few copies available for purchase for \$5 in Nancy's Nook.

Adopt A Family – If you know of a family preferably with children, which is in need during the holidays, please contact Suzanne Croft so our court can provide Christmas Gifts for the family.

Court Committees – There are a few vacancies in committees, please prayerfully consider signing up and serving.

Kolbe Prison Retreat – Brigette Whitman, on behalf of her husband David, gave a brief overview on the Men's Kolbe Prison Retreat and asked for court members to sign up for a slot to pray for the incarcerated retreatants and the team members for their upcoming retreat November 9-12, 2023.

Parish Communications – We will be going back to Flocknote for better texting, the Evangelist App will be used for the bulletin distribution, and the My Parish App is used for the Goggle Calendar for the Parish Calendar.

Parish Council – Tamra Strano is a representative for the Parish Council. If you have parish items that you would like the council to address, contact her.

Veterans Day Recognition – any parish veterans, contact Rose Marshall, Suzanne Croft, or Caroline Browder so they can be announced and recognized on the weekend of Nov 11th and 12th in honor of Veterans Day.

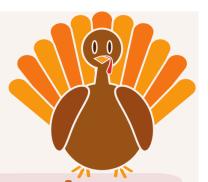
Sister to Sister – Linda Cooper shared a Save the Date invitation from Sister to Sister. They are hosting an Advent Ladies Morning of Reflection on December 9th from 8am – Noon in the Ferris-Wismer Fellowship Hall. Speaker, Katie Hartfield, will be giving a talk. This day of reflection is suitable for us and for your teenage granddaughters and daughters. Contact Linda for more information, space is limited.

"Phill" the Box – Caroline Browder provided information to the court on the new fundraiser for the church, "Phill" the Box. The blue boxes are located in the church parking lot. Additional information is available in pamphlets located in the Narthex and in the Bulletin.

From Father Khanh – Sister Maria and Sister Kim have decided to come back for Christmas, and they will be bringing their supervisor. They will be coming on December 18th thru January 8th and will be staying with Charlie and Darla Lastovica. After Christmas, there will be four more sisters from Boston, from the same congregation, but will be coming to visit for a few days. Father does not have their schedule vet.

Blessed Mary – Suzanne Croft took home our Blessed Mother until the next meeting in November.





OCTOBER,

October

 Respect for Life Month for more information visit: www.respectlife.org/celebrate

October 21st

Ministry Training beginning at 1pm

October 29th

 Trunk or Treat in church parking lot, please donate candy or trinkets, box is located in the Narthex.

November

Nov 1st

 All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

Nov 2nd

 All Souls Day, please bring pictures of your deceased loved ones to display in the Narthex for All Souls Day.

Nov 2nd

 Christmas Service Project at Kay Lafitte's Home. Bring a brown bag lunch, lunch, drink and a folding chair.

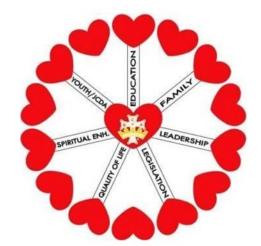
Nov 5th

CDA Social Event at Yepez
 Vineyard . Bring an appetizer to share and your chair. No outside alcohol allowed.

Nov 21st

 Parish Thanksgiving mass at 6pm and dinner afterwards.

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Circle of Love Committees and Chairs

This is who we are and what we do in CDA. The seven spokes program is bound together by the common interest of LOVE. To be effective in doing good works, we must reach out to those who are suffering and use our God given talents in making a positive difference in the lives of others. Two or three spokes of the program can be focused on each year or for a two-year term.

Circle of Love – Jeanette Jett

- **Education** Deborah Kinsey
- Family Brigette Whitman
- **Leadership** Jeanne Newman
- **Legislation** need volunteer
- Quality of Life Jeanette Jett
- Spiritual Enhancement Meg Deskin
- Youth need volunteer

Adopt-a-Family - Suzanne Croft and Caroline Browder

Baby Shower – Ann Best, Kim Crain, Caroline Browder, Suzanne Croft, and Sandy Vargas

Budget – Court Officers

Ceremonial Coordinator - Deborah Kinsey

Church Festival Activity — Court Volunteers to run/work an activity.

Financial Review — Kim Crain, Ginger Downs, Sandra Wilson, and Court Officers

Fundraising: Poinsettia Sale - Mary Wilson, Jeanne Newman, Rosalyn Boehme, and Brigette Whitman Spring Event - Julie Bukowski, Darlene Vyoral, Brigette Whitman, and Rosalyn Boehme

Historian/Scrapbook/Photos – need volunteer

Liturgy – **Meg Deskin**, Brenda Guillory

Pastoral Council – Tamra Strano

Media/HT Website & Facebook/Photos - Darlene Lovinggood and Kay Lafitte

Memorial Mass Cards - Suzanne Croft and Beth Strickland

Newsletter - Brigette Whitman

Parliamentarian - need volunteer

Receptions: First Holy Communion – Nancy Johnson, Caroline Browder, Veronica Skillern, Josie Vela, and

Sandy Vargas

Confirmation – _____, Josie Vela and Darlene Deen

Rosary – Jeanette Jett, Darlene Deen and Nancy Johnson

Scholarships – Angela Heffner, Meg Deskin, Darlene Vyoral, Kim Crain, and Rosalyn Boehme

Service Project – Darlene Lovinggood, Kay Lafitte, Meg Deskin, and Mary Wilson

Social - Mary Wilson, Darlene Lovinggood, Meg Deskin, Kay Lafitte, Deborah Kinsey, and Veronica Skillern Standing Rules – Beth Strickland, Mary Cole, Kim Crain, Jeanette Jett, and Court Officers

Brigette Whitman, Alt.

Sunshine (Birthday Cards) – Brenda Guillory

Yearbook - Brigette Whitman



Circle of Love (Jeanette Jett)

Mont Belvieu, Texas

- There are several ways to record your volunteer hours:
 - Scan the QR Code with your phone.
 - Access the website address.
 - Use the paper form and email to Jeanette Jett.

Hours can be recorded once a month, once a year, twice a year – just make sure your hours are recorded.

*QR Code and website address are on the last page of the newsletter

Liturgy (Meg Deskin)

- Oct 21 Evangelization Committee has invited Troy Guy to speak from 9am to Noon
- · Oct 21 Ministry Training for Lectors 1pm-2:30pm, Communion 2:30pm-4:00pm and Hospitality after all masses.
- Oct 29 Trunk or Treat, candy donations requested. Please leave in box in the Narthex.
- Nov 1 All Saints Days, Holy Day of Obligation
- Nov 2 All Souls Day, Book of Remembrance is in the Narthex. Names of those deceased this year will be read in the evening mass.
- Nov 21 Thanksgiving Mass and dinner

Social Events (Kay Lafitte)

Yepez Winery Nov 5 at 2pm, Bring a small appetizer to share and your outdoor chair. Spouses/Significant others are welcome. ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL ALLOWED

Service Project (Darlene Lovinggood)

Christmas Service Project at the Kay Lafitte's Home on Nov 2nd at 11am. We will be painting coasters for the residents of the Mont Belvieu Rehabilitation & Wellness Center. Bring a brown bag lunch, your drink of choice and a folding chair. BYOB

Yearbook (Brigette Whitman)

Send any updates to address, email and/or phone numbers so the roster can be updated.

If you created a distribution list, please ensure that it is correct. Refrain from "piggybacking" off a previous emails sent out.

Memorial Mass Cards (Suzanne Croft)

Memorial Mass Cards can be purchased for \$5 for anyone living or deceased.

Poinsettia Sale (Mary Wilson)

Forms are now available to start selling. Price is \$15 for each plant. Mary will check with Mont Belvieu Bloom Room to see what price they have and then will decide whether to go with them or with our current supplier.

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OCTOBER

B. Guillory, R. Marshall and J. Newman

NOVEMBER

- C. Carley, C. McElroy, T. Strano and
- S. Vargas

DECEMBER

- A. Ruiz, R. Boehme, B. Whitman,
- M. Bartkowiak, M. Johnson, R. Karl and
- D. Kinsey









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.

2023/2025

Texas State Officers

Carolyn Ritchey
State Regent

Mary Jane Albert First Vice State Regent

Virginia Olsovsky Second Vice State Regent

> Debbie Johnson State Secretary

> Janet Purdy State Treasurer

Bishop Brendan Cahill State Chaplain

Deacon Ben Munguia Associate State Chaplain

> Where God Guides, He Provides

> > Isiah 58:11

State News

Robe Survey

National is now conducting a survey on the current style of CDA Ceremonial Robes. Vote today! Go to the Texas CDA Website for more information. Deadline is January 31, 2024.

National CDA Fall Retreat (Nov 10, 2023)

CDA National Chaplain, Fr. Shenan Boquet, will lead a retreat entitled, "PUT YOUR NETS OUT INTO THE DEEP: MOVING MOUNTAINS".

Multi-District Fall Retreat (Nov 18, 2023)

"A Day of Reflection with Mary", if interested contact Regent, Rosalyn Boehme for more information. (Flyer was emailed to membership in mid-October)

Spread the Word (CDA Products)

The website is currently being updated. Stayed tuned!

Important Dates

October 28: Make A Difference Day October 29-November 4: White Ribbons Against Pornography (WRAP) Week

> For additional information refer to www.texascda.org



National News

2022/2024 National Officers

Emily Guilherme National Regent

Susan Mone' National Regent Elect

Essie Walker First Vice National Regent

Connie Dronette Second Vice National Regent

Darlene Moritz National Secretary/Treasurer

Rev. Shenan J. Boquet National Chaplain

Prayer Request for Traveling Catholic Daughter Pilgrims

Monday, October 23, is the day when a group of your CDA sisters will embark on their long-awaited Pilgrimage to Portugal and Spain. They will return on November Please include them in your prayers as they travel: for spirituality, enjoyment, good travels -- and above all, safety.

Announcing: "A Girl's Trip to the Grand Old Lady In New York City" Fundraiser

For just \$50 you can help the 1903 Society and possibly win a fun trip to CDA Headquarters ("The Grand Old Lady") in the "Big Apple!" For more information go to the National Website and Click on the flyer for downloadable Entry Form.

National Convention 2024 Is On the Horizon: Save the Dates!

August 14-18, 2024, in New Orleans. More information and complete details to come.

For additional information refer to www.catholicdaughters.org

CDA **SUNDAY**



Sunday October 15, 2023 has been formally designated as this year's National Catholic Daughters Sunday. This year our court members celebrated with a Mass by Father Khanh.

Photo Credit: Denise Cernosek



We as Texas Catholic Daughters have a right and responsibility to vote. We must be educated on the issues on the ballot and vote with integrity and knowledge. This is a great website that gives information on the ballot:

www.ballotpedia.org/Texas 2023 ballot measures.org

This site details on the amendments to our Texas Constitution and informs the voter what voting "yes" or "no" actually means.

Important Dates to Remember:

October 10 – last day to register to vote October 27 – last day to apply to vote by mail October 23 through November 2 – early voting November 7 – Voting Day

Source: www.ballotpedia.org/Texas 2023 ballot measures.org



Need Some New CDA Stuff?

Shirts (spreadthewordproducts.com)

http://store.catholicdaughters.org/









Check Us Out on Facebook!

Special Thanks to Darlene Lovinggood.

Search for our group by typing in "Holy Trinity Catholic Daughters"

If you have a Facebook Account, you can click "Join Us."

Holy Ghost Cookies

- Nutter Butter Cookies
- · Almond Bark
- Mini-Chocolate Chips

Take the Nutter Butter cookies and dip them in melted almond bark. Use mini chocolate chips for the eyes. Let set on waxed paper.



Heavenly Haystacks

- · 1 large can of Chow Mein Noodles
- · 1 package Butterscotch Morsels -- melted
- 1/2 cup Peanuts



Combine the can of chow mein noodles with the package of melted butterscotch morsels and peanuts. Drop into small haystacks on wax paper and let set. We look forward to these each year! Enjoy :)

Source: Busy with Blessings

FUN FACTS!

All Saints Day

- In Mexico, All Saints' Day lasts for one week. It falls on the first day of the Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) celebration. parades and festivals are held at this time.
 - In Portugal, children go door to door for candy on All Saints'
 - In Europe, flowers are offered on graves.
 - In Eastern Europe, instead of giving flowers, people light
 - In the Philippines and France, people restore and repaint the tombs of their loved ones.

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HOSTESS

NOVEMBER

Sandra Wilson Mary Johnson Victoria Wenger

DECEMBER

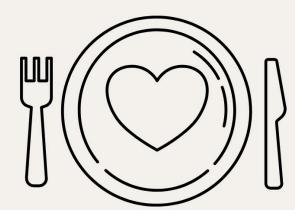
Advent Party/Meeting (12 noon Potluck Bring side dish and \$10 ornament/gift).

JANUARY

Baby Shower Kim Crain Caroline Browder Suzanne Croft Sandy Vargas

FEBRUARY

Brigette Whitman Darlene Vyoral Cecilia Munoz



We pray for our friends and loved ones who are facing illness in their lives.

May your resurrection life Lord, bring healing and comfort to them and their families during this hard time. Please pray for our CDA Sisters and their families and friends.

Charity Hours	Monetary Donations
	24.7



Daughters of the Holy Trinity #2548 Website: www.htcc-mb.org/cda **CDA National Website: www.catholicdaughters.org** CDA State Website: www.texascda.org