



## 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.

**2022/2024**

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## Regent's Corner

Dear sisters,

Are you all good after time with family and friends over the holidays? I am very grateful for blessings that came my way, as well as the kind things CDA did for our Christmas Family and the MB Rehab. folks.

Now we start 2024 with the freezing weather but a so warmly generous Baby Shower for the Pregnancy Resource Center East gifts.

Thank you all for that special event again. Our next focus is on our parish events with Lent, Easter, and Spring activities. I truly look forward to the unity and spirituality ahead with you sisters working together for our common good at Holy Trinity.

The more you participate the better our great court becomes! So, check in and join us, as we are a very blessed group.

Yours in Christ,  
Rosalyn Boehme

## Newsletter Article Submissions

Deadline for the February newsletter is February 23, 2024.  
Please email submissions/photos to: [itsbrigitte@hotmail.com](mailto:itsbrigitte@hotmail.com).



**Opening Prayer** – Meg Deskin – Led a beautiful opening prayer the *Marian Contemplation/Memorare*.

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

**Parish Communications** – Tamra Stano - Pastoral Council is forming a fundraising committee to assess future fundraising events for consideration by Father, Pastoral Council and Financial Committee.

**Robe Survey** – Please complete the robe survey online at the Texas CDA Site, deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Annual Dues** – Annual Dues are due in January \$35, by check or cash. There are envelopes at the CDA box in the Narthex. Pay by PayPal in the amount of \$36.19, as \$1.19 is fee for PayPal use. All members need to pay dues by the end of January to be in “good standing”.

**First Call for National Convention** – Regent, Rosalyn Boehme received the First Call for the National Convention in NOLA at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Aug. 14-18. On Aug.13th there will be workshops at 1 and 3 pm and a concert. (2 Delegates allotted and 4 Alternates by elections). Discounted hotel rate is \$158 + tax per/room, per/night. Please see Rosalyn if you are interested.

**Texas Habitat for Humanity** – This is our state charity event every 2 yrs.- St. Chair Paula Frnka asks each court for a donation. There is already \$100 is in our budget for this project. The rebuild is for an eligible couple who lost their home in a storm. Corporate Donations letter is included for possible sponsors- if any business suggestions known, please speak to Regent or any board member ASAP.

**Stations of the Cross** – CDA will lead Stations of the Cross on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please be at the church at 6:45pm We need at least 14 sisters to attend and participate in the readings.

**Closing Prayer** – Meg Deskin – Led the closing prayer the *Pater Noster* which was sung by Pope John Paul II.

**Blessed Mary** – Mary Johnson took our Blessed Mother home until the next meeting in February.

## February



### February 2

- No Mass in the morning, only at 6pm Candlemas.

### February 3

- Feast of St. Blaise, blessing of the throats for healing is at 8am with Adoration after mass.

### February 6

- Penance Service from 6:30-8:00pm



### February 11

- Bring old, blessed palms to the church to burn after the 10:30am mass to prepare for Ash Wednesday.

### February 14

- Ash Wednesday masses are at 8 am, 5:30 and 7:30 pm. Stations of the Cross every Friday at noon and 7 pm and will be led by Deacon David Workman or Seminarian Hoang Nguyen. The evening Stations of the Cross will be led by the designated ministry groups volunteers.

## March

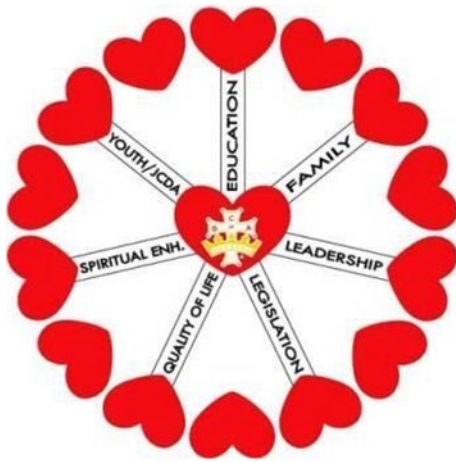


### March 3rd - 5th

- Lenten Mission: Presenter is Fr. Eugene who assists Fr. Andy. - "From the Basket to the Casket". *Note: this is the week before Spring Break.*

### March 19

- After March Meeting - Easter Service Project & Cookie Contest in the Ferris-Wismer Fellowship Hall at 7pm. Bring 2 dozen cookies for entry.



## Circle of Love Standing Committees

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** – Brigitte Whitman
- **Leadership** – Jeanne Newman
- **Legislation** – *need volunteer*
- **Quality of Life** – Jeanette Jett
- **Spiritual Enhancement** – Meg Deskin
- **Youth** – *need volunteer*

## Special Committees

**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 Brigitte Whitman  
Spring Event – **Julie Bukowski**, Darlene Vyoral, Brigitte 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** – **Brigitte 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  
 Brigitte Whitman, Alt.

**Sunshine (Birthday Cards)** – **Brenda Guillory**

**Yearbook** – **Brigitte Whitman**

## Committee News

### Circle of Love - Education (Deborah Kinsey)

- Applications for National Graduate level and State Memorial Scholarship Fund for high school students, deadlines are January 31st, 2024. Applications are available online at [www.texascd.org](http://www.texascd.org), under the Resources/General Forms tabs. Applicant must be a relative of a CDA member.

### Liturgy (Meg Deskin)

- Mass Attendance for Christmas: Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm 505 people, Midnight Mass 205 people and Christmas Day Mass at 9am 140 people attended.
- Long Lines and Gaps in the communion lines will be addressed by Tammy Smith.
- Saturday March 9th is Hoang's Transitional Ordination in Beaumont. The parish will host a reception for him on Mar. 17th after 10:30 mass in Hall.
- 2nd yr. Confirmation will be on Sunday April 28th at 6 pm. Rehearsal will be April 26th at 6 pm.
- First Communion will be on Sunday May 5th, at the 10:30 am mass Rehearsal will be May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. The May Crowning of Blessed Virgin Mary will also be at this mass.

### Social Committee (Darlene Lovinggood)

- Line Dancing in the Ferris-Wismer Hall on January 26th at 6pm. Bring a friend, small appetizer, and beverage of your choice. Wear your dancing shoes.

### Service Project (Darlene Lovinggood)

- The painted coasters were delivered to the residents of the Mont Belvieu Rehabilitation & Wellness Center during their Christmas Party. The volunteers along with Santa and Mrs. Claus were truly touched by the smiles and joy as we shared our time and talents sharing God's love.
- Mardi Gras Masks were painted by our court. They are so creative and beautiful! Volunteers will pass them out to the residents on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. *Meet at the Mont Belvieu Rehabilitation & Wellness Center.*

### Adopt A Family (Suzanne Croft)

- Suzanne reported that the family really appreciated all the gifts they received. In addition to the CDA Funds that were provided, the committee received additional cash donations totaling over \$500. The committee was able to purchase each child clothes, toys, gift cards and even movie tickets for the whole family to enjoy!

### Poinsettia Sale (Mary Wilson)

- Poinsettia Sale was a success!! Thank you to all who sold and volunteered over both weekends!



## 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

## Texas Rally For Life

January 27, 2024, 1pm – 4pm Join thousands of Texans from across the state at the 2024 Texas Rally for Life. Show our elected officials, the media, and the Supreme Court that Texas is pro-life!

For more information go to [www.texasrallyforlife.org](http://www.texasrallyforlife.org)

## 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Pray and Plan Retreat

**Weekend (Saturday February 17, 2024)**

Registration deadline February 16, 2024

Retreat cost \$40 for all events, benefits Missions of Mercy Projects.

For more information go to [www.texascd.org](http://www.texascd.org).

## 54<sup>th</sup> Biennial Texas State Convention

April 23- 27, 2025 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel in Dallas, Texas

## New Courts

Court Joyful Ladies of Saint Anthony du Padua in Danbury #2797

## Court Anniversaries

January 10 – Court Mary, Mother of God #2084 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hempstead

For additional information refer to  
[www.texascd.org](http://www.texascd.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*

## Robe Survey

Deadline is January 31, 2024. Don't forget to take the survey!

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

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

## Please Pray

Our Second Vice National Regent, Connie Dronette slipped and fell on the ice seriously injuring her shoulder while marching in the National March for Life in Washington DC. Please keep her in your prayers.

For additional information refer to  
[www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)

# Christmas SERVICE PROJECT

CDA Members along with Santa and Mrs. Claus spread joy to the residents of the Mont Belvieu Rehabilitation Center.





CONGRATULATIONS



**Cecilia Munoz**  
RENEWED HER PLEDGE



**Carrie LeBlanc**  
NEW MEMBER



Mary Johnson recently attended the Multi-District Retreat for Districts #17, #38 and #45 on November 18, 2023. She had a wonderful time at this day of reflection with Mary our Mother.

The speakers were great. They did several spiritual activities throughout the day. Father Garcia encouraged the participants to start their day with this simple prayer:

With palms facing up say

“Lord here is my heart, show me who you are and what you want me to be”.

At the end they all participated in the Living Rosary. Mary came away feeling enlightened.

## Mardi Gras Service Project

Members decorated Mardi Gras Masks for the residents of the Mont Belvieu Rehabilitation and Wellness Center

The masks turned out beautiful! There are so many talented ladies in our court!







## **January**

- Victoria Wenger, Ann Barrios, Suzanne Croft, Caroline Browder and Cindy Burns

## **February**

- Linda Verret and Dawn Mortus

## **March**

- Irene Garcia, Jeanette Jett, Veronica Skillern, Jammie Rogers, Angela Cox and Meg Deskin

# Baby Shower

Benefitting the Pregnancy Resource Center East

Gail Duhon, Director of Pregnancy Resource East, shared with the court information on the Pregnancy Resource Center East and what they provide to mothers and their babies, through their baby's 1st Birthday. The mothers earn Mommy Money by attending nutritional and parenting training and can then purchase items for their baby at the Hope store at the Center.

Paula Savage, the Events Director, gave a brief overview of their upcoming fundraisers in 2024. Paula shared that a Family Expo will be April 20th at Sterling High School and Admission is free! She encouraged court members to attend, as there would be all kinds of activities for families.

Both Gail and Paula were very touched by the outpouring of donations from our Court and members of Holy Trinity. Thank you for supporting these mothers and their babies!

For additional information: [www.thefamilyexposhow.com](http://www.thefamilyexposhow.com) and [www.prce.org](http://www.prce.org)



Special thanks to Suzanne Croft, Caroline Browder, Kim Crain, Sandy Vargas and Ann Best for the wonderful Baby Shower, games food and desserts!

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Pope Francis announces 2024 as a Year of Prayer to prepare for the Catholic Church's 2025 Jubilee

A jubilee is a special holy year of grace and pilgrimage in the Catholic Church. It typically takes place once every 25 years, though the pope can call for extraordinary jubilee years more often, such as in the case of the 2016 Year of Mercy or the 2013 Year of Faith.

Jubilees have biblical roots. The Book of Leviticus called for jubilee years to be held every 50 years for the freeing of slaves and forgiveness of debts as manifestations of God's mercy. The practice was reestablished by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300.

The 2025 Jubilee Year begins on Dec. 24, 2024 (Christmas Eve), and concludes on Jan. 6, 2026.

In his Angelus address, the pope stated that 2024 will be "'a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world.'"

For additional information go to : [www.catholicnewsagency.com](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com)



### Need Some New CDA Stuff?

[Shirts  
\(spreadthewordproducts.com\)](http://spreadthewordproducts.com)

<http://store.catholicdaughters.org/>

**SPREAD THE WORD**  
products

Thanks for visiting the  
**Catholic Daughter Store**



# stuffed peppers

In honor of St. John Bosco, Feast Day January 31. He is the patron saint of apprentices, editors, publishers, schoolchildren and magicians.

## Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup uncooked long grain white rice
- 1 cup water
- 6 green bell peppers
- 2 (8 ounce) cans tomato sauce
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- Cheddar Cheese



## Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Place the rice and water in a saucepan, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and cook 20 minutes.

In a skillet over medium heat, cook the beef until evenly browned.

Remove and discard the tops, seeds, and membranes of the bell peppers.

Arrange peppers in a baking dish with the hollowed sides facing upward. (Slice the bottoms of the peppers if necessary so that they will stand upright.)

In a bowl, mix the browned beef, cooked rice, 1 can tomato sauce, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, and pepper.

Spoon an equal amount of the mixture into each hollowed pepper.

Mix the remaining tomato sauce and Italian seasoning in a bowl, and pour over the stuffed peppers.

Bake 1 hour in the preheated oven, basting with sauce every 15 minutes, until the peppers are tender.

Top with Cheddar cheese if desired.



*Please pray for Father Khanh, Jose Yzquierdo, Meg Deskin's sister, Jeanette Jett, and Teresa Ackerman's mom.*



## HOSTESS SCHEDULE

### February

- Darlene Vyoral, Cecilia Munoz and Brigitte Whitman

### March

- Kay Lafitte, Darlene Lovinggood and Meg Deskin

### April

- Josie Vela, Veronica Skillern, Angela Heffner and Barbara Butler



**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."

### Circle of Love

#### Charity Hours

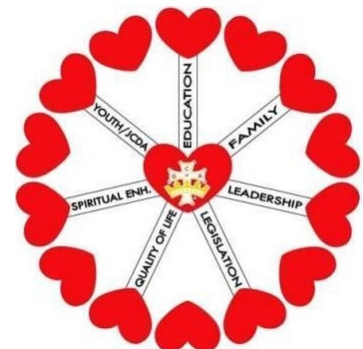


<https://tinyurl.com/3yay96zz>

#### Monetary Donations



<https://tinyurl.com/jcj4jrsm>



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