



Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374 **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

P.O. Box 125 EL CAMPO, TEXAS

NOVEMBER 2023



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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REGENT'S MESSAGE

BY LORI KOCUREK

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. As a reminder of our duty to pray for the suffering faithful in Purgatory, the Church has dedicated the month of November to the Holy Souls. The Holy Souls are those who have died in the state of grace but who are not yet free from all punishment due to their unforgiven venial sins and all other sins already forgiven for which satisfaction is still to be made. They are certain of entering Heaven, but first they must suffer in Purgatory. The Holy Souls cannot help themselves because for them the night has come, when no man can work (John 9:4). It is our great privilege of brotherhood that we can shorten their time of separation from God by our prayers, good works, and, especially, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. And to conclude the month of November what better way to start the season of Advent by participating in the Christ the King Procession on Sunday, November 26, 2023, at 3:00pm at St. Philip the Apostle Church and walking with our God to St. Robert Bellarmine Church. If you plan on attending, please be at St. Philip church by 2:45pm.

The court's annual Financial Review was held on Friday, October 27th and the books were found to be in order. Thank you to the court members that helped with the review.

Our annual Catholic Daughter and Knights of Columbus Memorial mass was held on Monday, November 6, 2023. During the mass the court remembered 9 court members who we have lost since our last Memorial Mass, and we also remembered all our sisters and brothers in Christ that have gone before us.

The Over 60's Party will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2023, in the Mikeska Fellowship Hall from 2pm until 4pm. Sandra Knesek is overseeing this party.

The Catholic Daughters will join Knights of Columbus 2490 for the annual **Christmas party on Monday, December 4, 2023**, at the Columbus Club Hall with social at 6pm and meal to follow at 7pm. The KC's will be cooking the meat, gravy, and rice. The court members attending are asked to bring a side dish and dessert. Also please bring your bucket raffle prize. If you are planning on attending the party, please contact me at 979-541-6241 or lorikocurek@yahoo.com by November 30th, so a count can be given to the KC cooks.

For those court members who have a senior in high school, the state Catholic Daughter Scholarship is due by **January 31, 2024**.

Those court interested in participating in the 2023 National Education Contest, this year's themes are "God's love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky". Luke 1:78 or How does my love shine for others?

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, November 20, 2023, at 6:30pm**, following the rosary in the Sacred Heart Chapel at 6:00pm.

"UNITY AND CHARITY"



OCTOBER MINUTES

The regular meeting of Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374 was called to order by Regent Lori Kocurek on Monday, October 16th at 6:35pm. Roll call found all officers present.

Regent Kocurek led the court in the blessing of the meal and led opening prayer, followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and Texas flags.

Correspondence

Thank you cards: court received 13 from 4th grade CCE class for the bibles; Regina Kaspar for remembering her birthday; Dianne Mozisek & family sympathy for mother Dottie Nixon.

The following bills that were read and paid: \$55.00-seminary burse; Dorothy Nixon memorial: \$100-Sandra Kachmar, reimbursement (deposit@ post office postage due): \$300.00-Post Office, bulk mailing: \$100.00-stipend each Sandra Kachmar, Lorena Janik, Lori Kocurek.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total members	406
Honorary members	11
Bakeless Bake sale	\$1015.00
Donations	\$225.00
Total Dues Paid 10-2-2023	\$1325.00
Total members paid	68
Members present	22

Chaplain: Not present

Quality of Life-Negative: Negative

Social/Craft: Olivia McDonald had no report.

Spiritual: Rosary leaders since last meeting: Nelda Schmidt and Tish McAlister Nelda shared a brochure entitled "The Infinite Value of the Holy Mass" and handed out a sheet containing 3 prayers that are to be said each morning to spiritually join and be blessed by every Mass said that day in the entire world. She also handed out the prayer "Devotion to St. Joseph's Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys". Nelda spoke about adoration schedule & how slots still are open and need to be filled. Christ the King procession is Sunday before Advent and encouraged members and their families to attend. The vocation crucifix is needing families. How about volunteering?

Refreshments: Taco soup, shrimp dip, desserts, coffee, water & tea. Those that helped and/or provided desserts included Jeraldine Socha, Nelda Schmidt, Jane Ladewig, Susie Priesmeyer, Kathy Tumblison, Susie Orsak and Josephine Rucka.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Regent Kocurek got back with Grand Knight Tim Drapela and the annual CDA/KC Christmas party will be at Columbus Hall on Monday, December 4th with social at 6pm and meal 7 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Rose Ann Mitchell made a motion to donate \$100 to the city-wide Thanksgiving meal. It was seconded and adopted. The court went over the yearly budget and decided to table it till the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

The annual memorial mass is Monday November 6th beginning at 6:30pm. Please try to attend. Elaine Phelps will now take over the bulk mailing of bulletins. Faith Trot 5K decision was tabled until November meeting. Trim-a-Tree is back and located at Tree house furniture. After much discussion Sandra Kachmar made a motion that Catholic Daughters have a tree. It was seconded, approved, and adopted. Any Junior in high school that plans on applying for court scholarship in 2025 should aim on participating. This is one of several activities' students can help with. Sandra also volunteered to chair this project. Decorating tree is on November 16th. Contact her for more information.

BIRTHDAYS/ATTENDANCE

October Birthday: None
Attendance Prize: Bettie Konvicka
Traveling Rosary: Lorena Janik

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm. Regent Kocurek led our closing prayer, and the next meeting will be on Monday November 20th, at 6:30pm.

Submitted by

Susie Orsak



Newsletter Editor ROBIN HENSLEY 979-541-9004	Memorial Cards ROSE ANN MITCHELL 979-541-7130	Funeral Donations & Cakes JANE LADEWIG 979-541-3200	Hospitality Cards MARGIE SWOBODA 1602 Ave. F, EC 979-543-4734	Funeral Chairman JANE LADEWIG 979-541-3200	Court Chaplain Fr. Michael Rother 304 W. Church St. 979-543-3770	Send \$25.00 Dues & Correspondence to: CDA #1374 P.O. Box 125 El Campo, TX 77437
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OCTOBER HOSPITALITY CARDS SENT

Birthdays

Bernice Popp
Jeanette Socha
Edith Molberg
Gerry Graham
Mary Ann Kruppa

Barbara JuneK
Virgie Klatt
Irene Cerny
Rose Borak

Sympathy

Vivian Kulac - Brother
Becky Koudela - Mother in Law
Tina Graham - Mother in Law
Janice Smaistrila - Sister
Josie Marcaurele - Daughter
Evelyn Grahman - Sister in law

Get Well /Thinking of You

Verna Hubenak
Georgia Henderson
Evelyn Dybala

Congratulations

Mildred (Micky) & Wilbur Howard - Married 70 Years
Kathryn & Stanley Sellers - Married 60 Years

Get well cards are sent to members who are ill. Sympathy cards are sent to members upon the death of a husband, child, father, mother, sister, brother, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, or grandchild. Congratulations are sent for the birth of a child, golden wedding anniversary, 60th anniversary, 65th anniversary, etc. Cards of encouragement will be sent to the seriously ill. Birthday cards will be sent to members age 75 and over....from the standing rules; adopted in 1999

If you know of any occasion which necessitates sending a hospitality card, please call me at 543-4734.
— Margie Swoboda



NEXT MEETING:

November 20th, 2023

(Rosary for Deceased Members @ 6:00 p.m. in the chapel
followed by Meeting & Meal in the Mikeska Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 p.m.)

A LIGHT MEAL WITH DESSERTS WILL BE SERVED.
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Birthday ladies come for the monthly drawing!!

Don't forget to sign-in and put your quarter in the bowl.
You may win the monthly door prize!!

Over 60's Party

DECEMBER 3RD

in the

Mikeska Fellowship Hall

2pm - 4pm

Party is overseen by Sandra Knesek



CDA/KC Christmas Party

Monday, December 4th

Social starting at 6:00 PM

Meal starting at 7:00 PM

at the Columbus Club Hall

Please RSVP to lorikocurek@yahoo.com by **Nov. 30**
(see Regent's Message for more info)



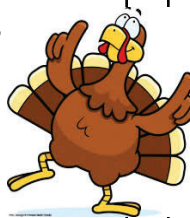
Community-Wide

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day - November 23th, 2023

From 11:30 - 1:00 P.M.

El Campo Civic Center



Questions or you would like to
contribute or donate
Call 979-543-5073

Donatations can be made at First State Bank or mailed to
PO Box 443, El Campo, TX 77437

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NEWS *from* **STATE**

Spiritual Enhancement Chairman Mary Lou Anderle. As we begin this new year, I want to encourage all courts to find ways to increase spirituality. among their courts and members. The description of Spiritual Enhancement in the COL explains that this spoke is extremely important for our members because we are “to nourish and strengthen their relationship with God” so as to help them realize God’s love and mercy. Through this realization they will begin seeing their service as God intended and not just going through the motions. In order to truly fulfill our motto of “Unity & Charity,” we must be doing our service for the right reasons. If you are unsure of what or how, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me for assistance. God speed!

✚ Please pray for the Holy Father, Pope Francis, all Bishops, and Priests that the Lord might grant them health, wisdom, guidance, and strength so that they may continue to spread the Word of God.

✚ Please pray for our State Board as they begin a new term. May the Lord grant them wisdom, compassion, and humility as they lead us to live out our motto of “Unity and Charity.”

NEWS *from* **NATIONAL**



Our Mission

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Our Motto

Unity and Charity

Our Two-Fold Purpose: Spirituality and Service

The integration of spirituality and service is the foundation of the Catholic Daughters. CDA helps women develop their spirituality and provides avenues of service to live out that spirituality. The CDA gives members a unique opportunity to share their faith with other Catholic women. Helping others through charitable acts in the spirit of Jesus Christ is the heart of our organization.

“Spirituality and Service” the heart and soul foundation of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.