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**REGENT'S MESSAGE**

BY LORI KOCUREK

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. It started almost simultaneously in Canada and France. The Association of the Holy Family was founded in Montreal in 1663, and by the daughters of the Holy Family in Paris in 1674. This devotion soon spread and in 1893 Leo XIII expressed his approval of a feast under this title and himself composed part of the Office. On the account of the flight into Egypt this feast has been observed by the Copts from early times. The feast was welcomed by succeeding Pontiffs as an efficacious means for bringing home to the Christian people the example of the Holy Family at Nazareth, and by the restoration of the true spirit of family life, stemming, in some measure, the evils of present-day society. In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, “Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues.”

If there is a red star on the label of your newsletter, then your court dues are now past due. Please contact Sandra Kachmar to pay your dues. The court dues are \$25.00 and if you would like to contribute to the court's Bakeless Bake Sale or to simply make a donation in addition to your dues that would be great. The mailing address for the court is CDA#1374, P.O. Box 125, El Campo, Tx 77437. Please pay your due promptly so the court does not have to spend any extra money on postage sending out overdue reminders. Also please include with your payment any mailing address, phone number and email address changes so the court records can be updated.

Last reminder that if you have a High School Senior this year, the court scholarship application deadline is March 15, 2026.

Our next Meeting will be on Monday February 16, 2026, at 6:30pm following the Rosary in the Mikeska Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm.

*Happy Valentine's Day!*



**NEXT MEETING:**

**February 16th, 2026**

*(Rosary for Deceased Members @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
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!!*

**"UNITY AND CHARITY"**



JANUARY MINUTES

The regular meeting of Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374 was called to order by Regent Lori Kocurek on Monday, January 19th at 6:33 pm. Silent roll call found all officers present.

Regent Kocurek led the blessing of the meal. After the meal Regent Kocurek led the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

November minutes were approved with no corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The court received a thank you letter from the Diocese of Victoria acknowledging our donation to the Seminary Burse. The court received thank you letters from St. Philip fourth grade students for their bibles.

The court received a bill from HEB in the amount of \$239.34.

TREASURER REPORT:

Beginning Balance \$12,308.66
Convention Fund 4,000.00
Ending Balance \$13,792.30

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Total Members 307
Honorary Members 15
Total Dues Paid \$6,950.00
Bake Sale \$4,537.00
Donations \$ 970.00
Total Collected \$12,457.00
Total Members Paid 239
Members Present 28

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Quality of Life: Vice Regent Susie Orsak read the Resolution of Condolence of Member Carol Zieschang Tomlinson.

Crafts/Games: No report

Spiritual: Nelda Schmidt reported rosary leaders at Paradigm since last meeting were Sandra Kachmar, Mary Kay Price and Nelda Schmidt. Rosary days at Paradigm were moved back to the first and third Thursdays at 10:00 as now the high school students are coming on Fridays.

Nelda told members about the special Jubilee Year proclaimed by the Pope coinciding with the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi and she handed out a prayer for the Jubilee Year. The year began on January 10, 2026 and will end on January 10,2027.

Nelda also shared information about the Three Hail Mary Prayer which is to be said each day and it will bring many

blessings to those who pray it.

Nelda then gave the floor to Janet Holub who spoke to the members about the Legion of Mary, being active members and auxiliary members.

REFRESHMENTS:

Susie Orsak reported the following members provided and/or served the meal: Diann Srubar, Lorine Stary, Mandy Stary, Jeanette Stock, Peyton Stock, Shelley Stock and Pat Korenek.

MEMORIAL CARDS: Susie Orsak reported \$3.00 in Memorial Cards.

OLD BUSINESS:

Janiece Holub reported the Education Contest had 61 entries. Judging the contest was Kaye Hubenak, Mindy Clark, Cindy Witcher and Janice Korenek. First place entries have been sent to compete on the state level.

Regent Kocurek reported State Scholarship Application are available on the EC High School website and must be postmarked by January 31st.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be more discussion at the February meeting on the court making dressing for KC Teacher Supplies Fried Chicken Dinner Fundraiser which is held in August.

BIRTHDAYS/ATTENDANCE – Vice Regent

December Birthday – Jeraldine Socha
January Birthday – Nelda Schmidt
Attendance – Sue Hubenak
Traveling Rosary - Shelley Stock

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm. Regent Kocurek led the closing prayer. Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 16, 2026 at 6:30 pm with rosary prayed at 6:00 pm in the Mikeska Room.

Submitted by,
Janiece Holub



God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen

Table with 6 columns: Newsletter Editor (Robin Hensley), Memorial Cards (Rose Ann Mitchell), Funeral Donations & Cakes (Jane Ladewig), Hospitality Cards (Margie Swoboda), Funeral Chairman (Jane Ladewig), Court Chaplain (Fr. Dalton Ervin), and Send \$25.00 Dues & Correspondence to: CDA #1374, P.O. Box 125, El Campo, TX 77437.

*Ash Wednesday & Lenten Services*

**St. Johns Nepomucene - New Taiton**

*Ash Wednesday - 7 am & 6 pm*

***Fridays during Lent***

Mass - 7am

Stations of the Cross - 6 pm Mass 6:15 pm

**St. Philip Apostle Church**

*Ash Wednesday - 6:30 am, 8:15 am (with SPS),  
12:10 pm, 1:45 pm (GV) & 6:45 pm*

***Fridays during Lent***

Mass - 2/20, 3/13, 3/27 at 8:00 am

Mass - 2/27, 3/6, 3/20 at 8:15 am

**St. Robert Bellarmine Church**

*Ash Wednesday - 6 am (Bilingual), 4 pm (English),  
7 pm (Spanish)*

**"All are from the dust,  
and to dust all return."**

Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV



**LENTEN FISH PLATES!**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

*KC Fish Plates - El Campo*

FEBRUARY 18TH

*\$15.00/plate*

Columbus Club Hall - 1456 CR 406

4pm - Sold OUT

**\* NO Pre Sale Tickets \***

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

*Mikeska's - El Campo*

*Nade KC Fish Fry (evening only) - Nada*

*WCC (lunch only) - Wharton*

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**7th Biennial**

**Pray and Play Retreat Weekend**

Event registration is open until February 14. To guarantee a T-Shirt, register by February 6. \$50 Registration Fee includes retreat, Saturday night dinner, bowling, games, and T-shirt.

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**NEWS**  
*from* **NATIONAL**



**February 1: Education Contest deadline for entries to Local Court Chairperson**

**February 14: St. Valentine's Day**

**February 17: Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras)**

**February 17: Ash Wednesday**

**February 22 : JCDA Sunday**



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✓ CDA National website: [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)