



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

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**REGENT'S MESSAGE**

BY LORI KOCUREK

In Catholic tradition, May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God. May presents the opportunity to celebrate our love and reverence for the Blessed Mother through feasts, processions, and song. One well-loved Marian hymn refers to Our Lady as “Queen of the May.” Due to Mary’s vocation as the Mother of God, she has been given a special place of honor in Heaven and, as many saints have attested, Her requests are never refused. This is most advantageous for the faithful because from the cross Our Lord gave His Mother to us as our own. Mary has a maternal love for us and as our Mother, She is concerned with our well-being and spiritual progress. We are filled with humble gratitude to Jesus for giving us His Mother and to Mary for Her loving solicitude.

Our Audit was held after the April meeting, and all books were found to be in order. Thank you to the court members that stayed and helped with the audit.

Elections of officers will be held at our May court meeting, and the following officers will be voted on: Regent Susie Orsak; Vice Regent Sandra Kachmar; Recording Secretary Patricia Korenek; Financial Secretary Stacy Amestoy and Treasurer Amanda Leopold. If any other court member would like to run for one of the offices listed above, please contact Lori Kocurek, regent at 979-541-6241. All court members that are listed above or any others interested in holding an office needs to be in attendance at the May meeting.

This year the court awarded court scholarships to Jayden Clark and Braden Krausky. Congratulations to these scholarship winners.

Our May meeting will be on Monday May 18, 2026, at 6:30pm in the Mikeska Fellowship Hall following the praying of the Rosary in the Mikeska Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm.

Happy Mother’s Day!!

**CONGRATS TO COURT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

**JAYDEN CLARK &  
BRADYN KRASUCKY**



**"UNITY AND CHARITY"**



APRIL MINUTES

The regular meeting of Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374 was called to order by Regent Lori Kocurek on Monday, April 20th at 6:30 pm. Silent roll call found all officers present.

Regent Kocurek led the court in the blessing of the meal. After the meal, Regent Kocurek led the court in the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags. Regent Kocurek asked the court if there were any corrections to the March minutes, there were none, so minutes were approved as printed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The court received a thank you letter from WCYF Special Friends Day for our sponsorship. Also, a thank you note from Sienna from Taiton CCE for the bible.

No bills were presented for payment.

Irene Nohavitza moved that the court pay the 10 delinquent dues. Motion adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Quality of Life: no report

Crafts: Olivia McDonald brought all sorts of craft/sewing goodies to share with members. She brought several sizes of sewing/embroidery hoops and gave ideas on how they could be used.

Spiritual: Nelda Schmidt reported that Sandra Kachmar and Cecelia Polasek lead rosaries at Paradigm since the February meeting.

Nelda added to the prayer card for Daily Neglect by telling members that A Poor Claire, who just died, appeared to her Abbess who was praying for her and said to her: "I went straight to heaven, for, by means of this prayer recited every evening, I paid all my debts." So do say that prayer each night with your night prayers.

Nelda handed out a prayer to be said before leaving your home by St. John Chrysostom: I renounce you satan, your works and your service, and I AM IN CHRIST.

Nelda handed out a prayer card with a Prayer before Mass and Thanksgiving after Mass on the flip side because the Mass is the most powerful prayer we can say because it is a living miracle, offered to us daily. And, she also handed out information about a simple prayer prayed during Mass at the Consecration that will unlock miracles. "Jesus, I unite my intentions, my sufferings, and my hopes to Your sacrifice on this altar. I trust You completely." This prayer is to be said when the priest lifts the Host and the chalice, when heaven touches earth.

Refreshments: Susie Orsak reported the following ladies provided the meal: Dana Sterndel, Claudette Tupa, Lori Tupa, Lena Tupa, Kathy Tumlinson and Carol Turner. Lori Tupa and Rose Ann Mitchell helped in the kitchen.

Memorial Cards: Susie Orsak no report

OLD BUSINESS: Court audit will be done after the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tentative slate of 2026-2028 officers:

- Regent – Susie Orsak
Vice Regent – Sandra Kachmar
Recording Secretary – Patricia Korenek
Financial Secretary – Stacy Amestoy
Treasurer – Amanda Leopold

Other Business:

Kimberly Eide reported they received four applications for CDA scholarships. Two applications qualified. The recipients are Jayden Clark and Braden Krasucky.

BIRTHDAYS/ATTENDANCE- Vice Regent Susie Orsak
April Birthday - Barbara S. Socha
Attendance – Barbara S. Socha
Traveling Rosary – Janiece Holub

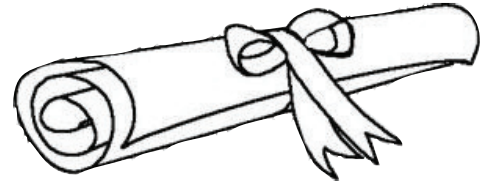
With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm. Our next meeting will be on May18, 2026. Vice Regent Susie Orsak led the closing prayer. Respectfully submitted,

Submitted by,
Janiece Holub

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.

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**May 18th, 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!!

## Congratulation 2026 Graduates!



### A Graduation Prayer

Life is short and we do not have much  
time to gladden the hearts of those who  
travel with us.

So be swift to love and make haste to  
act with kindness and compassion and  
the blessing of God Almighty.

**Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer**

be with us this day and forever more.

*amen*

## Court Officer Elections at the May Meeting



### CRAFTERS & QUILTERS

OLIVIA McDONALD: 543-7587 • oliviamcdonald905@gmail.com

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If you need something, please give Olivia McDonald a call at 543-7587.



### APRIL HOSPITALITY CARDS

#### Birthdays

Delores Priesmeyer  
 Gladys Cerny  
 Norma Treybig  
 Jeanette Stock  
 Kathryn Sellers  
 La Dell Janda  
 Rosalie Wick  
 Katherine Bartosh

Connie Hlavaty  
 Daisy Zella  
 Georgia Henderson  
 Lorine Stary  
 Barbara Socha  
 Diane Busby  
 Mary Lou Winship

#### Get Well /Thinking of You

Jeanette Socha  
 Josie Marcaurele  
 Rose Marie Janak

Sympathy  
 Virgie Klatt - Sister in Law

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

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## NEWS *from* STATE

Debbie Johnson, Second Vice Regent

Are you all ready to spring into action after the cold winter that we all have endured here in Texas? Let's light those fires, warm up and get busy. This year we are electing new local court officers. You will elect your nominating committee at your March meeting. The proposed slate of officers will be presented to the membership at the April meeting and then you will elect your officers at the May meeting. Please review the Bylaws for the guidelines for the nominating committee and the officer qualifications and duties. We encourage all of our members to consider being on the nominating committee or to run for office. Serving as a court officer is a challenging yet vital job. It can also be very rewarding. All offices are important, with the jobs of the financial secretary and treasurer being a little more timely in order to get the monies of the court accounted for and deposited. So many of you are greatly qualified and would be wonderful as court officers. Officer training will be provided to all court officers this summer, so yes, you too can do the job. Prayerfully consider if being an officer is something that you could do.

## NEWS *from* NATIONAL



*Mark Your Calendar and Save the Date*

**May 1: Deadline for  
Financial Review submissions**

**May 7: National Day of Prayer**

**May 14: Ascension Day**

**May 15: Campus Court  
Scholarship Deadline**

**May 24: Pentecost**

**May 25 Memorial Day**

**May 31: Trinity Sunday**