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Regent's Message

Have you ever heard someone comment about certain times in their life as a “season?” Robert Frost’s poem, “Nothing Gold Can Stay” exemplifies the change of seasons in the world around us as well as in our lives. “Nature’s first green is gold, her hardest hue to hold.” (The vibrant greens in Spring!) “Her early leaf’s a flower; But only so an hour.” (All newness, youth, innocence, passion, dreams, ...). “Then leaf subsides to leaf. So Eden sank to grief, so dawn goes down to day. Nothing gold can stay.” Our “seasons” cycle from youth to adulthood where experiences shape us, wisdom softens naivete, sin enters and affects us, leaves fall as did Adam and Eve, heads bald or turn snowy white, and as time marches on we cleave to our Lord with lessons learned and an appreciation of our blessings.

“So Eden sank to grief...” I’m reminded of what happens when a democracy is threatened and society is not vigilant in discerning current events, truths and bias, and exercising our right and responsibility to vote. 1 Thessalonians 5:16 tells us to “give thanks in all circumstances.” I’m thankful for all who serve and have served our Country and pray for those who lead our Country,

As the Christ child ushers in hope for eternal life this Christmas season, let us go forth with the innocence and tenacity of a child in our daily affairs and bring love and joy to others through humility, service, and perseverance.

Sherry Hebert
Sherry Hebert, Regent



***Dates to Remember:** *

- * • November 24—Court Meeting starting at 6:30 pm in Sacred Heart Center
- * • December 7—KC/CDA Christmas Party; social at 4 pm, followed by meal
- * • December 9—Cookies for Homebound
- * • December 8—Giddings State School Christmas Party
- * • January 26—Court Meeting starting at 6:30 pm in Sacred Heart Center
- * • February 1—Court #1962 Bunco Fun at La Grange KC Community Center
- * • February 23—Court Meeting starting at 6:30 pm in Sacred Heart Center
- * • March 23—Court Meeting starting at 6:30 pm in Sacred Heart Center
- * • April 19—Court #1962 Family Dinner & 60th Anniversary
- * • April 27—Court Meeting starting at 6:30 pm in Sacred Heart Center
- * • July 22-26—National CDA Convention, Coralville, IA

November Monthly Meeting Collection: Veteran's Outreach Project

Submitted by: Marilyn Kothmann

"Veteran's Outreach" is a new project being promoted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary #5254 of La Grange. The focus of this project is Veteran's nonmedical needs at the La Grange VA Clinic. We will collect items for this project at the November Monthly.

Suggested Toiletry Items: shampoo, shaving cream, bars of soap, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Q-tips (travel size), combs, mouthwash, Chapstick, lip balm, NO RAZORS

Suggested Clothing Items: t-shirts (all sizes-plain white color), underwear (all sizes-boxer/briefs), thermal underwear (all sizes), beanies, caps, throw blankets, gloves, thick socks, sweatpants (all sizes), sweatshirts (all sizes), zip-hooded sweatshirt jackets (all sizes)

Suggested Grocery Items: These are needed because Veterans often do not make it to the food pantry before it closes. Canned veggies, canned beans, cups of rice, mac-n-cheese, mashed potatoes, ravioli, beanie weenies, spaghetti o's, canned soups, stews, chili, canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam, beef), pudding cups, fruit cups, applesauce, Jell-O cups, small instant coffee, NO CANDY many Veterans have dietary restrictions

Gift Cards: for food establishments such as Whataburger, Taco Bell, Dairy Queen, etc....ARE acceptable. However, Walmart, HEB, Brookshire Brothers, etc....are NOT acceptable because it has been found they are often used for alcohol or tobacco.

Please notify Emma Proske if you know of a fellow CDA member in need of a cheer card or get well card.

Emma Proske

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Newsletter Article Submissions

The next deadline for the February newsletter will be **January 28, 2026**.

Please email any news or articles to both wagner_elizabeth03@hotmail.com and shirleyantosh@gmail.com.

Thank you! Elizabeth Wagner Kubicek, Editor

CDA Court Annunciation #1962 website:

go to www.lgtxcda.org to get the latest news and past newsletters. Also, check out the link's tab for the latest CDA National & State Newsletters and Events!!

If you have items for the website, email photos and items to lgtxcda@gmail.com.

Giddings State School Christmas Party 2025—December 8*Jean Heger* 979.966.2644

The Giddings State School Christmas Party is scheduled for Monday, December 8 from 5-7 pm. We will leave the church parking lot at 3:30 so we have time to check in at the facility and set up for the parties. This year the parties will be in the dorm rooms, and we should have 2 dorms with 16 residents each.

Please consider helping with this event—you and your spouse are welcomed. Some of these young men do not have anyone to celebrate Christmas with, and this event brings happiness to them. Call Jean Heger (979) 966-2644 if you have any questions about turning in your Facility Agreement and your husband's as well if he wants to attend.

Save the Date: December 9,2025*Peggy Sulik* 979.249.6808

It's that wonderful time of year again—our *Christmas for the Homebound Project* is just around the corner! We're in need of **home baked cookies** to fill our festive goodie bags for our cherished homebound parishioners

Cookie Drop-Off: Please bring home baked cookies to the **Sacred Heart Church Narthex** between **7:30-8:00 AM** on December 9.

If you're able to: Provide home baked cookies, Help with bagging, Deliver holiday cheer to our homebound friends—Contact Peggy Sulik!

Let's come together to share the sweet spirit of the season—because a simple cookie can warm the heart and light up the day of someone who needs it most.

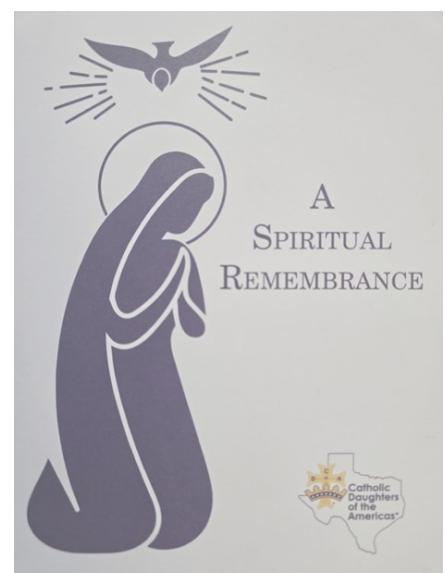
Spiritual Remembrance Enrollments*Suzanne Peschke* 979.716.0051

The state memorial scholarship fund was established to aid in higher education. With each enrollment, the recipient will receive a card and be remembered for a period of one year in the Holy Mass offered the first Friday of each month by the state chaplain.

The money raised by this project allows our state court to award scholarships to worthy high school seniors who are relatives of CDA and/or JCDA members in good standing.

Anyone can be enrolled. These enrollments serve as beautiful expressions of love and remembrance for special occasions such as birthdays, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, and in times of illness as well as consolation to the loved ones of a deceased family member.

For more details on how to enroll please contact Suzanne Peschke at 979-716-0051 or suzanne11781@gmail.com.



It's Scholarship Application Time – 2026 High School Graduating Seniors

Who may try to WIN CDA Texas State Court Memorial Scholarships? *Graduating seniors in accredited high schools or home school students who will graduate with Senior High School Credits who are children, grandchildren, sisters/brothers, nieces/nephews of living Texas CDA members in good standing (membership dues are current), and/or who are members of a Texas JCDA court.*

Court Annunciation #1962 Scholarships awarded to the following: *Graduating seniors in accredited high schools or home school students who will graduate with Senior High School Credits - who are children of a living Court Annunciation #1962 member who is in good standing (membership dues are current); or whose mother passed away and was a member of Court Annunciation #1962 in good standing; or to members of our JCDA Court Annunciation #1962 who are in good standing.*

Scholarship applications are due back to a committee member in the later part of January 2026.

Scholarship applications may be obtained from Court Annunciation #1962 Scholarship Committee members, from left, Marilyn Freedman 966-2662, Brenda Seberger 249-7444, Elizabeth Kallus Co-Chairman 249-7519, Stacy Ryza Co-Chairman 966-7027, Peggy Supak 966-2286, Beatrice Ortiz 966-2059, and Theresa Mueller 250-1237



Annual Memorial Mass Held In November

Submitted by: Susan Kaspar

On the evening of Tuesday, November 12th, 2025, the annual commemoration of departed members of the Knights of Columbus Chromcik Council #2574 of La Grange, Hostyn, and Plum, along with the Catholic Daughters of Americas Court Annunciation #1962 of La Grange and Plum and Court Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282 of Hostyn took place at Sacred Heart Church in La Grange with Recitation of the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. and the Memorial Service and Mass at 6:30 p.m. with dinner following the service. Our Court #1962 remembered 197 departed sisters in Christ and 2 past Chaplains. The members who passed away since the previous year were remembered in a special Service where family and CDA members carried candles in their memory. The faithful members remembered:

Margie Urban (1/31/25) Faithful member for almost 53 years

Janice Brandt (3/27/25) Faithful member for 49 years

Marge Rosenberg (5/22/25) Faithful member for over 40 years

Irene Hluchanek (6/21/25) Faithful member for over 42 years

Irene Michalsky (6/30/25) Faithful member for over 53 years

"May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen."

Mark Your Calendar and Save the Date: July 22-26, 2026!

This is an official invitation requesting your presence to attend **the 61st Biennial National Convention**. All roads lead to Coralville Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center, 300 East 9th Street, Coralville, Iowa, (Workshops and concerts on July 21st).

A few of the many sites and activities include-- Amana Colonies Tour of the seven villages of Amana Colonies, built and settled by German immigrants. The Amish community of Kalona Tour--now better known as the "Quilt Capitol of Iowa." Johnson County Agritourism's three small local farms--Cedar Ridge Distillery, Walker Homestead and Wilson's Orchard and Farm.

Stanley Museum: Located downtown Iowa City and is home of the famous "Mural by Jackson Pollock

- Old Capitol Museum and Natural History Museum.
- Antique Car Museum
- Johnson County Historical Society Museum
- Visit old town Coralville – School House plus the Town Hall/Historical Society

Stay tuned for more Convention information in the next Quarterly.

Christmas at Sea: Seafarer's Project

Submitted by: Marilyn Kothmann, Vice Regent

Thank you to all the ladies who helped make the Christmas at Sea program at the port in Point Comfort a success, whether you brought items for the shoeboxes or came to help pack, wrap and deliver them, your generosity is greatly appreciated! Our Christmas gifts remind the seafarers who are far away from home and their families that someone cares. It brightens their day and consoles them.

On Monday, October 27, 2025, prior to our Catholic Daughters meeting, Laurie Janda, Debbie Hausmann and Marilyn Kothmann signed Christmas cards from our CDA Court Annunciation to be placed inside the gift boxes. After the meeting Elaine Bodine and Marilyn took inventory of items brought by our Court members, and made a list of goodie items still needed. On Tuesday morning, October 28th, Elaine and Marilyn shopped for items to complete the boxes. Susan Kaspar, Shirley Antosh, Sherry Hebert, and Elizabeth Kallus joined them at the Sacred Heart Msgr. Harry Center at 9:30 AM to work on filling and Christmas wrapping 23 shoeboxes with goodies brought by our generous CDA members. Items included: toothpaste, toothbrush, pencil, marker, pairs of crew socks, cookies, candy, crackers, popcorn, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, puzzle book, dental floss, and wipes just to name a few. When finished, the 23 gift boxes were delivered to the drop off location in Schulenburg by Elaine, and Marilyn.



Membership Report – Come Join Us!

Submitted by: Marilyn Kothmann, Chairman 979.966.2997

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, on the annual National Catholic Daughters' Day, we were blessed with a beautiful Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 9:00 A.M. for the intention of our Court's Living and Deceased Members. Fr. Chris Smith, Chaplain, presided and was joined at the altar by Deacon Kyle Janda and Transitional Deacon Cameron Kologinczak.

A very good turnout of members participated in the procession into church. Carrying our Court Banner was Cynthia Novak, State Ways and Means Co-Chairman, followed by the JCDA members, new members, members and officers. Mary Lou Anderle, State Spiritual Enhancement Chairman, ushered members into their pews. Members participated in the Liturgy, Cantor Terri Wager, Lector Rebecca Munsch and Gift Bearers Court Officers.

This was the first opportunity for the Court Officers to wear their new uniform of white blouse, black slacks, and closed toe black shoes. Each officer wore a medallion representing their respective office around their neck.

Before the final Blessing, Regent Sherry Hebert welcomed our two new members, Anh Nguyen and Heidi Riding who pledged their membership to join our Court.

We extend our Congratulations and a warm welcome to our two new members!

Thank you to the membership committee and all who help us recruit new members for the strength and growth of our Court to foster Unity and Charity under the Patronage of our Blessed Mother.



October: Month of the Rosary & Respect Life



HOSTESSES-Keep for Reference

Goodie Bags for Jefferson Place

Court Annunciation #1962 fixes goodie bags for the residents at Jefferson Place Assisted Living. Each month we fill the bag with snacks, candy, activity pages and lots of love! They are delivered to the residents on the second Sunday of each month by JCDA members.

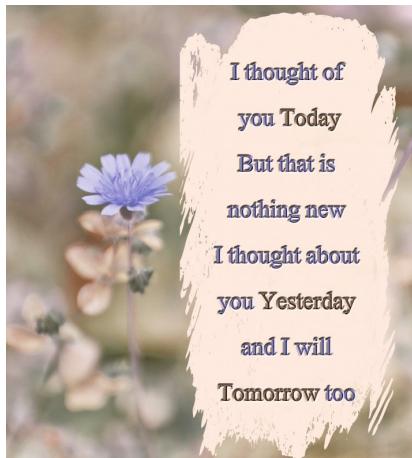
To help defray the expenses, each month we ask members to donate \$8.00 - \$10.00. Please check the hostesses list for your scheduled month to donate. Donations can be mailed to CDA #1962, PO Box 275, La Grange, Texas 78945 or placed in an envelope marked "CDA #1962-Jefferson Place" and dropped in the collection basket at Sacred Heart, La Grange.

If you are interested in helping distribute the bags and visit with the residents, please contact Shirley Antosh at 979.966.3597.

Jefferson Place Assisted Living Chairman:
Sharon Chovanec & Doris Lidiak * 979.968.3819
Socials Committee Chairman:
Shirley Antosh * 979.966.3597

The next monthly meeting will be **Monday, November 24** at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you!



JEFFERSON PLACE ASSISTED LIVING

December 7, 2025

Hortencia Jaimes	Leticia James-Loza
Janis Janca	Karen Janda
Katie Janda	Laurie J. Janda
Carol Janecka	Carol Johnson
Glenda Joost	Stephanie Kaiser
Barbara Kalina	Elfriede Kalina

January 11, 2026

Patricia Kline	Adeline Koehl
Elaine Koehl	Naomi Konvicka
Kallie Kothmann	Marilyn Kothmann
Joy Kovar	Laura Kozel
Aimee Krause	Cynthia Krause
Virginia Kristek	Beverly Kruppa

February 8, 2026

Elizabeth W. Kubicek	Tammy Kubos
Judith Langhamer	Malinda Ledwik
Jane F. Lewis	Doris Lidiak
Veronica Linaje	San Juana Lopez
Sandy Machemehl	Mindy Markwardt
Sandra Martinek	Mary Matocha

E-MAILS NEEDED!!

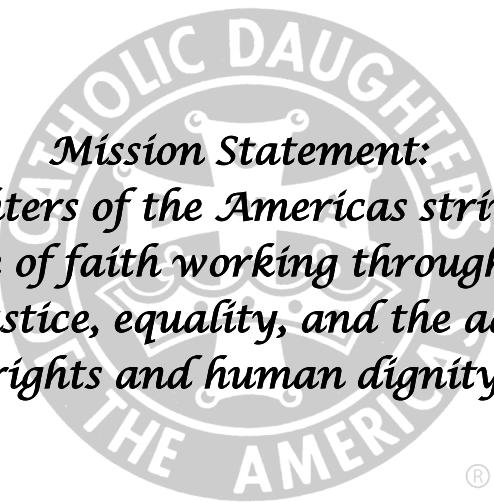
Help us help YOU! We can shorten the length of the meeting by dispensing of reading the Minutes and YOU can get them by email, but only if everyone provides their email. In order to do so, we must email the minutes to all members. If you are not receiving emails currently from the Regent, Sherry Hebert, please text or email Marilyn Kothmann or Shirley Antosh with your information. AND, if you have changed your email address, please let us know. Thank you!!

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