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Regent's Message

The start of a new year always feels like a fresh page of a new journal—an open invitation to dream, reset, and move forward with hope. But as Catholics, we know that true new beginnings don't come just from resolutions or plans; they come from God's grace.

Before you step into this new year, take a little time to pause and reflect: Where have I seen God's hand in the past year? Maybe it was in answered prayers, joyful family moments, or opportunities you didn't expect. Maybe it was in the struggles that taught you to lean on Him more deeply.

As St. Augustine once said: "Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence." Reflection isn't about getting stuck in the past—it's about finding gratitude in what God has already done so we can trust Him with what's ahead.

As you reflect on God's blessings and look with hope to the year ahead, remember that your generosity makes a real difference. When you share your blessings, you help change the lives of families in need bringing food to the hungry, faith to the brokenhearted, and hope to those who may feel forgotten.

In giving, you don't just support others; you live out the Gospel and allow Christ to bring new beginnings to real people's lives.

As you welcome this new year, remember: "**See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?**" —Isaiah 43:19.

May 2026 be a year filled with gratitude, faith, and trust in the God who makes all things new.

Sherry Hebert

Sherry Hebert, Regent

2026 DUES REMINDER


Yearly dues will be due on March 30 for 2026-2027

Notices will be mailed out at the beginning of March for the dues of \$30.00. Please be on the lookout for this notice. We are 335 members strong and strive for 100% paid membership!

Dues can be mailed to CDA #1962, PO Box 275, La Grange Texas 78945 or placed in an envelope with your name, addressed to CDA DUES and dropped in the Sacred Heart Collection Basket.


Thank you, Shirley Antosh, Financial Secretary

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Dates to Remember:
 * February 20—CDA Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm (English)/6:30 pm (Spanish)
 * February 23—Court Meeting starting at 6:30 pm in Sacred Heart Center; Family Crisis Center Collection of Items
 * March 23—Court Meeting starting at 6:30 pm in Sacred Heart Center
 * March 30—CDA Dues due
 * April 19—Court #1962 Family Dinner & 60th Anniversary
 * April 27—Court Meeting starting at 6:30 pm in Sacred Heart Center
 * May 25—Court Meeting starting at 6:30 pm in Sacred Heart Center; Light meal starting at 6:00 pm
 * July 22-26—National CDA Convention, Coralville, IA



Lenton Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 20th
5:30 pm (English)/6:30 pm (Spanish)
Led by members of the Catholic Daughters



Volunteers are needed at both services for a Cross Bearer, and 2 Candle Holders. Contact Sherry Hebert at 979.249.6410 if you want to help.

61st Biennial National Convention

July 22-26, 2026

Hyatt Regency Coralville Hotel and Conference Center, Coralville, Iowa

The convention is a perfect place to learn more about Catholic Daughters and how we make a difference in the world. It is also an opportunity to make lasting friendships with women of a strong Catholic faith. Our Court is allowed to send 5 delegates and 10 alternates. We will vote on the delegates and alternates at the February meeting. Please contact Sherry Hebert for more information and attend the February meeting if you are interested in being a delegate or alternate.

Tuesday, July 21, 2026: Pre-Convention Workshops & Concert.
 Wednesday, July 22, 2024: Convention Mass Opening.
 July 22 – 25, 2026: Meeting Days.
 Friday, July 25, 2026: Friday Fun Night (theme: Iowa State Fair).
 Saturday, July 26, 2026: Closing Banquet

February 23rd Meeting

Collection for the Family Crisis Center

Read your email from President Sherry Hebert for the list of items you can bring to the February meeting!

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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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**.*

Newsletter Article Submissions

The next deadline for the May newsletter will be **April 29, 2026**.
 Please email any news or articles to both *wagner_elizabeth03@hotmail.com* and *shirleyantosh@gmail.com*.
 Thank you! Elizabeth Wagner Kubicek, Editor

2026 Scholarships offered by the National Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

National JCDA Scholarship: one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a JCDA Member entering her freshman year in College in the Fall of 2026. Postmarked no later than April 1, 2026.

National Scholarships for 8th grader entering 9th grade in a Catholic High School in the Fall of 2026: two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Postmarked no later than April 1, 2026.

National Campus Court Scholarship: one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a member of a Catholic Daughters of the Americas Campus Court for tuition in order to continue studies at a college or university for the Fall semester 2026. Postmarked by May 15, 2026.

National Father Leonard Bachmann Graduate Scholarships: Three \$2,500 Scholarships will be awarded to persons who have completed Undergraduate studies and who desire assistance for tuition in order to continue studies on the graduate level. Postmarked before April 1, 2026.

Applications may be obtained from Court Annunciation #1962 Scholarship Committee Co-Chairman Elizabeth Kallus, call or text 979-249-7519; or you may go to the National CDA website, www.catholicdaughters.org

And on the home page, at the very top of page click on FORMS, then in the box on left side of page click on 2026 Scholarships, then the applications for the above-named scholarships are listed and click on the one(s) needed.

Veteran's Outreach Project Collection

Submitted by: Marilyn Kothmann

At the November 24, 2025 monthly meeting of Court Annunciation No. 1962, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, members made donations to the Veterans Outreach Program that is sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary No. 5254 of La Grange. Along with the much-needed food, toiletry and clothing items collected, Court Annunciation No. 1962 added a generous \$100 donation to join the gift cards and money collected at the meeting, so that more needed items will be purchased. All donations to this Veterans Outreach Program go to the VA Clinic in La Grange. Pictured in the center receiving the Court's Veteran's Project donations is Becky Leer who chairs the program for the VFW Auxiliary No. 5254 in La Grange.



Christmas Homebound Project

The Christmas Homebound Project was held on December 9, 2025, in the Narthex at Sacred Heart Church. Members of the CDA and Altar Society dropped off cookies to be bagged for the homebound. Approximately 75 bags were filled with 12 of these for couples. Included in each bag were homemade cookies, soft peppermints, a red porcelain redbird ornament and Christmas cards signed by Catholic Daughters and Sacred Heart Altar Society members. Eleven members helped prepare and bag the cookies and gifts, and 14 members delivered and visited with the homebound.

Plates were also prepared for and delivered to the local EMS, DPS, La Grange Police Department, Fayette County Sheriff's Department, Sacred Heart Parish Office, Sacred Heart School for Office and Staff, and to the nursing stations at Care Inn and Monument Hill Nursing Homes and Jefferson Place Assisted Living.



Giddings State School Christmas Party

On Monday, December 8, 2025, members and some husbands of our Annunciation Court #1962 and the Fayetteville Court #1440, seventeen in all, came together for a Christmas party at the Giddings State School. We separated into two groups to serve the two dorms of 16 young men each offering meals from Gold N Chick, drinks, and enjoying conversation with each of them while they ate. BINGO games and Christmas Carols followed and then they received their own Gift Bags which included single serve Styrofoam cup ramen noodles, deck of playing cards, chocolate candy, sudoku or word search magazines, microwave popcorn bag, and a hardbound Catholic Bible. Their heartfelt gratitude said repeatedly, "Thank you so much for the gift and the time you took to come visit us," was moving.

Fayetteville CDA included Elisabeth and David Eickhoff, Kerry and Terry Radley, and Paulette Keilers. Our Court included Jean and Randy Heger, Melinda Dunk, Laurie Janda, Jessica Ortiz, Carolina Reyna, Sherry and Mark Hebert, Debbie and Kenneth Hausmann, and Shirley Antosh.

Afterwards, a meal at Santa Fe Steakhouse and sharing of our experiences was enjoyed by those who could attend.



Membership Report – Come Join Us!

Submitted by: Marilyn Kothmann, Chairman 979.966.2997

Membership is a vital part of an organization. It's an ongoing process. Therefore, we continue inviting ladies to join our organization for new growth. So dear friends, if you have family members, friends, or know someone in your parish, share information with them about Catholic Daughters and ask them to join. Get in touch with me - we have leaflets, newsletters, etc. that will let them know about the works we do to help make a difference in our church, community, and beyond.

We are very blessed that our Court continues to grow. We want to welcome Consuelo Lopez, Crystal Heimann and Rosie Gutierrez who pledged their membership to Court Annunciation. Consuelo joined us at our November 24, 2025 meeting, while Crystal and Rosie joined us at our December 7, 2025 Christmas Party.

Although we are happy to receive new members at any of our meetings, we will have a formal reception of new members at our Annual Family Dinner on Sunday, April 19, 2026 at the Knights of Columbus Community Center. This is a perfect opportunity for a "new member" to see and hear about the activities of Court Annunciation #1962. Come join us! See you there!



Thanksgiving Basket Report

Submitted by Elaine Bodine

A basket was prepared for the 2025 Annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive benefiting the Family Crisis Center. A plastic storage container filled with around \$110 worth of Thanksgiving meal supplies was donated. A flyer saying "Wishing your family a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving Day! God Loves You! Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Annunciation #1962" was inserted. On Thursday, November 20, 2025, the basket was delivered for collection to the KC Hall.



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!!

CDA RAFFLE

The raffle committee would like to extend its thanks to the members who donated the prizes for the raffle and to the members who sold their tickets, ensuring that the raffle was once again a successful fundraiser for Court Annunciation. The winners are listed below.

PRIZE WINNERS

1. \$375 Visa Gift Card – Sharon Chovanec
2. 4 Tickets to Santa's Wonderland – Derek Wied
3. \$120 Gift Certificate to Julie B – Tammy Trlicek
4. \$100 Gift Certificate to D&D Ace Hardware – Chris & Missy Driskell
5. \$100 Gift Certificate to Frogs and Flamingos – Bruce Sulik
6. \$100 Visa Gift Card – Debbie Zigal
7. \$100 HEB Gift Card – Donna Faldyn
8. \$100 Visa Gift Card – Laurie Quitta
9. \$100 Gift Certificate to Weikel's – Wade & Kelly Mozisek
10. \$100 Wal-Mart Gift Card – Tracy Nygren
11. \$100 Visa Gift Card – Katie Janda
12. \$100 Wal-Mart Gift Card – Doris Barta
13. \$100 Visa Gift Card – Amber Belvill Carroll
14. \$75 Gift Certificate to La Grange Cotton Gin – Amber Belvill Carroll
15. \$75 Gift Certificate to Las Fuentes – Leonard Polasek
16. \$50 HEB Gift Card – Claudean Saunders
17. \$50 Gift Card to Reba's – Kathy Cernoch
18. \$50 Chili's Gift Card – Amanda Urban
19. \$50 Visa Gift Card – Cynthia Novak
20. \$50 Wal-Mart Gift Card – Sophie Janda
21. \$50 Whataburger Gift Card – Marco Lone
22. \$50 HEB Gift Card – Virginia Meinardus
23. \$50 Gift Certificate to Le Petite Gourmet – Jennifer Faldyn Zavodny
24. \$50 Gift Certificate to Park Lane Jewelry – Belinda Flippen
25. \$50 HEB Gift Card – Michael Oviedo
26. \$50 Gift Certificate to Frogs and Flamingos – Mike Stueber
27. \$50 HEB Gift Card – Caleb Darr
28. \$50 Whataburger Gift Card – Carolyn Weishuhn
29. \$50 HEB Gift Card – Linda Oviedo
30. \$50 Reba's Gift Card – Cathy Walla
31. \$50 Gift Certificate to Frogs and Flamingos – Solorzano Family

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:

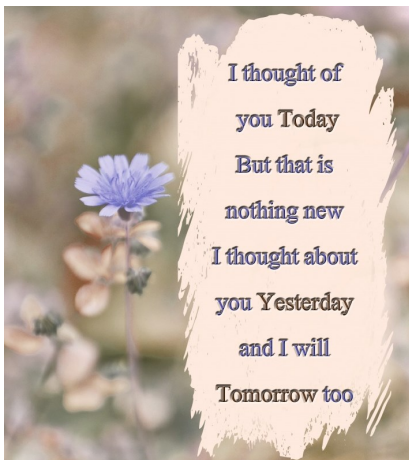
*Sharon Chovanec & Doris Lidiak * 979.968.3819*

Socials Committee Chairman:

*Shirley Antosh * 979.966.3597*

The next monthly meeting will be **Monday, February 23** at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you!



JEFFERSON PLACE ASSISTED LIVING

March 8, 2026

Elaine Matthys	Deborah Matula
Melissa Maxwell	Sandra McCullough
Virginia Meinardus	Guadalupe Mendez
Rita Mensik	Courtney Mihatsch
Linda Mihatsch	Brynn Mikulenka
Dorothy Moerbe	Janet Moerbe
Miriam Moerbe	Gloria H. Monjaras

April 12, 2026

Virginia Moon	Kelly Mozisek
Lisa Mueller	Theresa Mueller
Rebecca Munsch	Sharon Muzny
Gloria Naranjo Tellez	Donna Neiser
Anh Nguyen	Barbara Niemeyer
Cynthia Novak	Sharon Novak
Tracy Nygren	Ernestina Ocon Barron

May 10, 2026

Cristina Olalde	Veronica Olivares-Garza
Fidelfa Orona	Mathilde Orona
Beatrice Ortiz	Jessica Ortiz
Linda Oviedo	Sandra Paulus
Patricia Pechal	Carolina Perales
Dolores Perry	Laura Peschke
Suzanne Peschke	Sherry Pfluger

May 25, Meeting Social

Emma Proske, co-chairman
Phyllis Proske, co-chairman
Brenda Seberger, co-chair

Laura Quitta	Dora E. Ramirez
Lucy Ramirez	Mary Margaret Read
Heidi Riding	Carole Rightmer
Sylvia Ripper	Grace Robinson
Lois Ruether	Stacy Ryza
Claudean Saunders	Shirley Schaeffer
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human rights and human dignity for all.*

