

# Catholic Daughters of the Americas<sup>®</sup> Court Annunciation #1962, La Grange

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*MOTTO:*

*Unity and Charity*

## Regent's Message

Wow, it is hard to believe that one month of 2021 is already gone! As we go forth in 2021, I want to send a warm welcome out to Father Brian Phillips, our new CDA Court Chaplain. I am looking forward to his support in our court's activities and in helping us to grow spiritually. There could be no better time for his guidance, as we will soon begin our Lenten journey.

On Ash Wednesday, as we receive the ashes, we hear these powerful words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel". Through God's endless love and mercy, we are given the opportunity to rise up from our failures and weaknesses. Lent is a time to remind us of who we are and that we were created in the image and likeness of God. We are all called to love as He loved. To serve as He served. This lent, as we engage in prayer, fasting and almsgiving; let us seek a new or improved spiritual life and strive to live in His image. The blessings of self-denial, intense prayer and generosity to others will truly be rewarding! By making these sacrifices, we are forever growing as a community of faithful disciples in fulfilling our motto of unity and charity as Catholic Daughters. This is the new-life we celebrate and rejoice in, on Easter morning!

Sincerely,

*Shirley Antosh*

Shirley Antosh, Regent

***"I am the way and the truth and the life." John 14.6***



## Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

On January 22, 2021, a Holy Hour for Reparation and Healing for the Anniversary of Roe v. Wade was observed at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Plum followed by a Holy Mass, Thanking God for the Gift of Life. Sacred Heart Church also observed the Day of Prayer with Mass and a Holy Hour. Many CDA members were in attendance at these services.



- Dates to Remember:**
- February 22—7 p.m. meeting at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Narthex Meeting Room
  - February 19—Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church
  - February 26—CDA Drive Thru Fish Fry at KC Community Hall from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
  - March 22—7 p.m. meeting at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Narthex Meeting Room
  - April 14 thru 18—Texas State CDA Convention, Texarkana
  - April 25—Court Annunciation Anniversary & Family Dinner
  - April 26—7 p.m. meeting TBA
  - May 24—7 p.m. meeting TBA

**Stations of the Cross—February 19th**

Sandra Ellison      979.966.2648

CDA Court Annunciation #1962 will lead the Stations of the Cross on Friday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church following the 6PM Mass. At the January Meeting, members volunteered to do the readings, carry candles, and carry the cross. We will possibly need a cantor. Please check your calendar and if you can help out with being a cantor, call or text Sandra Ellison.

**CDA Fish Fry—February 26**

Michelle Recek      512.360.4463      mrecek@verizon.net

Fish fry season is upon us. CDA Court #1962 will have their fish fry on Friday, February 26, 2021, at the KC Community Center-LaGrange, from 4:30-6:30 pm. Plates are \$10 each, and the dinner will be drive thru only. There will be no pre-sale tickets, but if you want to reserve plates in advance, call the KC Center at 979.968.5117.

Your help will be needed to make this fish fry a success. If you and /or your spouse can help in anyway, contact Michelle Recek.

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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**State Convention 2020 in Texarkana**

*Submitted by Mary Lou Anderle*

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Come join us on April 14 - 18 for the 2021 Biennial Convention to be held in Texarkana, Texas. The convention is the perfect place to learn more about what the Catholic Daughters is all about and a place to make lasting friendships with women of a strong Catholic faith. For more information, contact Shirley Antosh, Mary Lou Anderle, Cynthia Novak or Peggy Supak OR go to [www.texasda.org](http://www.texasda.org), scroll down on the homepage and click on Final Call to Convention! You will not be disappointed! You will have a Hootenanny of a Good Time!

**Newsletter Article Submissions**

The next deadline for the March/April newsletter will be March 24, 2021. Please email any news or articles to wagner\_elizabeth03@hotmail.com.

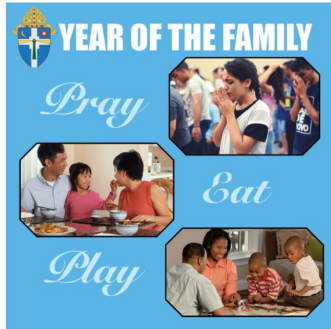
Thank you! Elizabeth Wagner Kubicek, Editor

**CDA Texas State Raffle**

The CDA Texas State Raffle is currently underway. There are a total of 51 prizes including jewelry, gift baskets and over 30 gift cards. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing is scheduled to be held April 15, 2021.

Tickets are available from

Cynthia Novak (979.968.3325 or cynovak@verizon.net) or  
Shirley Antosh (979.966.3597 or shirleyantosh@gmail.com).



## Year of the Family

Universal: Jesus welcomes all. Lent is a time for all to turn to Jesus, including us! Sometimes in life, we can get distracted from God. Lent is a great time to re-focus on what's really important – faith, family and freedom from sin or anything that prevents us from being who we are called to be as children of God.

Here are some suggestions for the month of February, borrowed from resources from the Diocese of Victoria, for you to implement within your family to enhance and strengthen your spiritual life

### PRAY

- Pray one Our Father every time you hear about or experience an injustice.
- Ask God what He would like for you to do to draw closer to Him during Lent.
- Make a plan to get to confession during Lent – maybe even before the penance service!
- Offer a prayer to your guardian angel before you go to sleep.

### PLAY

- Go for a 10-15 minute walk outside.
- Pick a boardgame and play it with your family. By yourself?
- Call a friend or family member and catch up!
- Research your baptism date and mark it on the calendar. Make plans to celebrate it like you would your birthday!
- Share a positive message of God's love on a post-it note for someone to see!
- Invite someone to Mass! Even if they have to sit socially distanced from your family, remind them that Jesus welcomes all!

### EAT

- "Bless us, O Lord! And these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen."
- Fast from sweets for one day as a family, as a sacrifice for others. Fasting is a key aspect of Lent.
- Ask each person at the table to share their favorite part of the day.
- Think of a creative way to share a meal with someone else. Maybe a Facetime meal together, maybe donating to a foodbank, maybe making a bag of goodies to give to someone in need.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

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A huge thank you to all who sold tickets and came out to help with the November Dinner Fundraiser. It was a huge success! Also, a great big thank you to the husbands and friends who came out to cook. We could not have done it with out all your help!

**In Loving Remembrance**  
**“Well done, good and faithful servant” Matthew 25:21**

**Please keep our departed members and their families in your prayers.**

Maria Trinidad De Leon, passed away December 23, 2020 at the age of eighty-five. She was a faithful member for almost 39 years, having pledged her membership on March 21, 1982.

Bernice Holubec, Charter Member, passed away January 9, 2021 at the age of ninety-three. She was a faithful member for almost 55 years, having pledged her membership when our Court was instituted on March 23, 1966.

Sharon Belota, passed away January 15, 2021 at the age of sixty-five. She was a faithful member for almost 38 years, having pledged her membership on March 20, 1983.

**Our Departed Sisters in Christ – Remembrances**

\*Each member is remembered in prayers and masses with a Perpetual Enrollment in the Clerical Endowment Fund, Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (\$25.00 per enrollment)

\*Maria, Bernice, and Sharon will each have Five (5) Masses said for their intention (\$5 stipend each Mass, total of \$25.00 per member)

3 Masses at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in La Grange for each member

2 Masses at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Plum for each member

\*The Court’s banner is displayed at the funeral home visitations and services, and at funeral Masses.

\*A rosary and prayer service was led by our Court members, Vice Regent Carolyn Weishuhn, Memorials Co-Chairmen Stacy Ryza and Elizabeth Kallus, and Cynthia Novak at the wake for Maria De Leon.

**Named Memorial Scholarships**

As one of the Charities of Choice, each family approved donations to the Court Annunciation #1962 Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of their loved one.

Bernice Holubec Memorial Scholarship

Sharon Belota Memorial Scholarship

**Court Annunciation #1962 Makes Donation to Sts. Peter & Paul Parish**



Court Annunciation # 1962 presented Father Bob Knippenberg with a donation of \$1,000.00 to help with expenses to the “Portico Project” at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Plum. This project includes the addition of the portico to the entrance of the church along with the installation of decorative doors with stained glass inserts of the two patron saints.

*Pictured L-R: Mary Lou Anderle (State Spiritual Enhancement Chair/Local Recording Secretary), Dolores Perry, Fr. Bob Knippenberg, Brianne Bernsen, Shirley Antosh (Regent), Jean Heger, and Maxine Holub.*



**2021 National Scholarships offered by the  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas®  
Applications must be Postmarked no later than April 1, 2021**

**JCDA Scholarship:** one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a JCDA member entering her Freshman year in college in the fall 2021.

**8<sup>th</sup> grader entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in a Catholic High School in the fall of 2021:** two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded

**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 2021.

**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.

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](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)

\*For JCDA Scholarship and Campus Court Scholarship: home page, member resources, forms, scroll down to **Juniors**, JCDA Scholarship Application; and immediately under **Juniors** is **Campus Courts**, Campus Courts Scholarship.

\*For Graduate Scholarships and student entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade at a Catholic School Scholarships: home page, scroll down to Frequently-Visited and click on Circle of Love, then click on Education, you will see both of these scholarships listed.

### *Membership Report*

*Submitted by Stacy Ryza, Chairman*

Our Court is very blessed and excited to have received nine (9) new members who pledged their membership at our November and January meetings. Congratulations and Thank You for saying “Yes” when asked to become a Catholic Daughter. We are always excited to welcome new members with a renewed energy and fresh ideas!

Jacqueline (Jackie) Givens – Jackie transferred from Dripping Springs, Court St. Martin de Porres #2719, Connie Buscha, PhD. – Connie is a renewal member from Dripping Springs, Court St. Martin de Porres #2719, Maria Guadalupe Anaya, Claudia Cruz, Brenda Estrada, Dolores R. Martinez, Sandra Martinez, Jessica Ortiz, Zuzucky Torres.

We are all Sisters in Christ, working together as our CDA Motto states, “Unity and Charity”. We strive to be spirit-filled women who love Christ, His Church, Our Country and all Humanity. While working on strengthening our spiritual life through prayer, we participate in many community charitable projects in serving others. We share in the fun of working side by side, as we Play and Pray to our Blessed Mother, Patroness of all Catholic Daughters.

Thank You to the committee who continues to work diligently to bring in new court members, namely, Beatrice Ortiz and Debbie Greene.



**CDA RAFFLE WINNERS 2020 PRIZE WINNER**

- 1. \$200 HEB Gift Card ..... Brianne Bernsen
- 2. \$100 Gift Certificate to Frogs and Flamingos Florist ..... Brian Svrcek
- 3. \$100 HEB Gift Card ..... Leslie Martinek
- 4. \$100 D & D Ace Hardware Gift Certificate.....Janice Brandt
- 5. \$100 Walmart Gift Card ..... Charles Fitzgerald
- 6. \$100 Gift Certificate to Julie B’s ..... Kay Cisneros
- 7. \$100 HEB Gift Card ..... Teresa Von Rosenberg
- 8. \$75 HEB Gift Card ..... Linda Vasek
- 9. \$60 Gift Cert. - Sealand Seafood Restaurant..... Dolores Guenther-Vacek
- 10. \$50 HEB Gift Card ..... Billy Mensik
- 11. \$50 Gift Certificate to Le Petite Gourmet Shoppe..... Peggy Trochta
- 12. \$50 Whataburger Gift Card ..... Linda Svrcek
- 13. \$50 Gift Certificate to Frogs and Flamingos Florist ..... Diane Wessels
- 14. \$50 Gift Certificate to Farmers Lumber Company..... Lezli Thomas
- 15. \$50.00 HEB Gift Card..... JoAnn Holcomb
- 16. \$50.00 HEB Gift Card ..... Mary Louise Hernandez
- 17. \$50.00 Gift Card to Busy B ..... Tracy Nygren
- 18. \$50.00 HEB Gift Card ..... Joseph Carroll
- 19. \$50.00 HEB Gift Card ..... Delphine Rohan
- 20. \$40 Gift Certificate to Ere’s Italian Restaurant ..... Peggy Trochta
- 21. \$25 Park Lane Gift Certificate ..... Aimee Krause
- 22. \$25 Walmart Gift Card ..... Cinda Tomgenovich
- 23. \$25 HEB Gift Card ..... Anna Boyd

**55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Annual Family Dinner of Court Annunciation #1962**

The dinner is tentatively set for Sunday, April 25, 2021. Further information will be forthcoming in the church bulletins at Sacred Heart Church in La Grange and Saints Peter and Paul Church in Plum.

**2021 DUES REMINDER**

Yearly Dues will be due on March 30th for 2021-2022. In March, you will be receiving a notice in the mail about the dues of \$25.00. Please be on the lookout for this notice. We are 312 members strong and had 100% paid dues last year.

**\*\*Communication\*\***



Prayer requests, funeral notices, upcoming events, and meeting information is emailed to members. If you are not receiving emails, please text or email your current information to the regent.



## HOSTESSES-Keep for Reference

**Stacy Ryza, Socials Committee Chair**

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**Jefferson Place Assisted Living**

**Brianne Bernsen, Chairman**

**979.966.9672 (cell) 979.242.2825(home)**

Due to COVID, we are unable to hold the monthly cake and ice cream parties. We will now give the residents goodie bags with snacks, activity pages and a handwritten note, letting them know we are thinking of them and miss visiting them. This will be done on the first Wednesday of each month. Hostesses for each month are asked to donate \$8.00 to \$10.00 to help defray the expense of the snacks. Mail donations to Catholic Daughters of Americas, P.O. Box 275, La Grange, TX 78945, or give it to Brianne Bernsen prior to party. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Brianne at 979.966.9672 (cell) or 979.242.2825 (home). Your help is always appreciated!

### **Meeting Social Monthly Co-Chairmen**

Due to COVID, the socials before the meetings have been suspended for the remainder of the year. The monthly meetings are held in the Sacred Heart Narthex meeting room.

The next monthly meeting will be **Monday, February 22, 2021**, in the Sacred Heart Church **Narthex Meeting Room** beginning at **7:00 p.m.** with no meal.

**Thank you!**

### JEFFERSON PLACE ASSISTED LIVING

#### March 3, 2021

Linda Gaddes	Debbie Gaertner
Eufemia Galindo	Rebecca Gerecke
Thais Gerik	Darlene Gilmore
Ramona Glisson	Loretta Greenwood
Cindy Dippel	Myra Dippel

#### April 7, 2021

Melinda Dunk	Doris Citzler
Rebecca Deen	Melissa Driskell
Judy Evanicky	Dawna Faldyn
Donna Faldyn	Kathy Faldyn
Marilyn Freedman	April Feray

#### May 5, 2021

Estela Flores	Gracie Fucik
Silvia Garcia	Debbie Greene
Frances Guenther	Maria Guevara
Carla Hartley	Sherry Hebert
Jean Heger	Glenda Joost

#### June 2, 2021

Jennifer Henneke	Pat Henneke
Karen Janda	Laurie Janda
Barbara Kalina	Elfriede Kalina
Elizabeth (Liz) Kallus	Susie Kalmus
Christine Kana	Susan Kaspar



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