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UNITY AND CHARITY

Regent's Message

Dear Sisters in Christ,

As I am writing this note the Texas Governor begins to lift some of the constraints of the Covid-19 quarantine orders. What lies ahead for us is still unknown. There are many questions: How will Mass be held? Will there be new jobs available? How can I continue to stay safe and healthy? I can only say that we can find comfort in knowing that Jesus walks with us through each of these new challenges and that your Court members are here for you if you need them.

Please know that we will hold our next meeting on May 27th with health and safety at top of mind. This will be an important meeting as a new slate of court officers will be elected.

I look forward to your attendance at this abbreviated meeting as we will forgo the typical social time and only conduct the necessary business beginning at 7:00 pm.

Stay safe and healthy,

Your sister in Christ,

Iris N Orellana
 Worthy Regent

Bit of humor!!

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

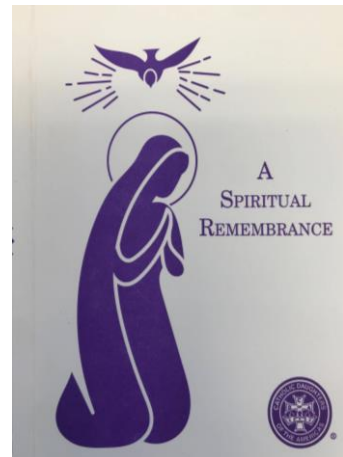


Prayers & Memorial Mass Cards
By: Rose Schroeder, Memorial Mass Card Chairman



\$25.00 per card
 Perpetual Mass Card

If you wish to purchase one of the Mass cards, please contact the respective chairmen. Contact Rose Schroeder at 979-885-3480 for the Memorial Scholarship Fund (MSF) Mass Cards, and Carolyn Ritchey at 281-220-9064 or musicaltunes4me@yahoo.com for the Perpetual Mass Cards.



\$2.50 per card
 MSF Mass Card

Lord, in this time of uncertainty, we pray for your wisdom and peace. We pray for those who are sick, that they would be healed. We pray for health care workers, that they would have the strength and energy to care for the sick. Give wisdom to leaders as they navigate difficult decisions in protecting their communities. Use this time to unite people and turn toward their neighbors with love and compassion. Help us to remember that You go before us and we are not alone.

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Dates to Remember:

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| May 27, 2020 | CDA Meeting & Election of Officers 7:00 P.M.
Sealy American Legion Hall (use side entrance) |
| June 2020 (TBD) | CDA Mass, Installation of Officers & Priest Appreciation |
| July/August 2020 | NO MEETINGS |
| September 14, 2020 | CDA Meeting 7:00 P.M.
Refreshments served at 6:30 P.M. |

Senior Breakfast Update:

The Class of 2020 Senior Breakfast has been cancelled. However, the court would still like to recognize and honor these special individuals. We will be voting at our May 27th CDA meeting on possible gift ideas.



From the Desk of Deacon Ben Munguia, Court Chaplain:

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I've returned to work, and Maria continues to stay home working on making more masks. Elena continues to work on her school work – finishing papers and working on exams. We hope all of you are well, too. As you have heard, we have a new pastor on July 1st, Fr. Jonathan Moré. Fr. Eric has spoken with him and thinks he will be a good fit for us. He is young and has been ordained for three years.

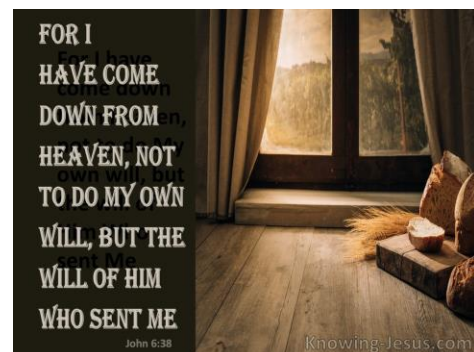
We will have a new normal for a bit. Although we have more masses, we are limited in our participation. Please pay close attention to the new rules which we must abide and be respectful of others. Social distancing is important but so is compassion for others. Do your part to give everyone the opportunity to participate in the Eucharist. If you have doubts or questions, please feel free to contact the office or me.

“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him [on] the last day.” (Jn 6:35-40). Although we are promised a place in heaven, it is not guaranteed. We have to do our part; we have to put in the work. Our sacrifices, works of mercy & charity, and dedication to the faith will go a long way. As we continue on this path, our faith is strengthened and we find it easier to forgive & be more compassionate. Our path to salvation is made straight & smooth. We have a our place with the Father, but we have to work to earn it. Nothing is ever free but it is worth it.

Keep safe, stay home, and keep praying.

Your Brother in Christ,

Deacon Ben Munguia

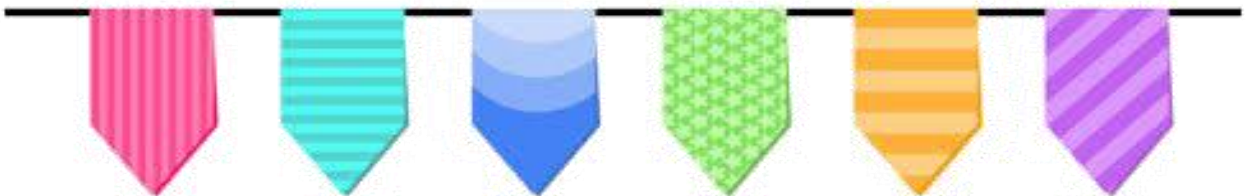


JCDA NEWS

By: Abby Lynn Moyle, JCDA Chairman



Membership is for young girls of the Catholic Community ages 6-18. If you know of any young girls in our parish who want to join this wonderful organization, or if you want more information, please contact Abby Lynn Moyle or Tracie Eckelberg.



NATIONAL NEWS

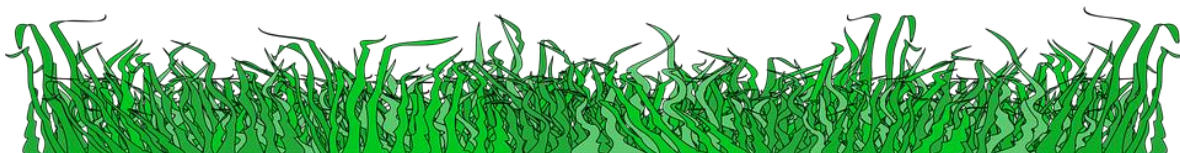


It's Election Time
Susan Moné, Second Vice National Regent

It's time for the biennial election of officers in our local courts. In March you elected a nominating committee to select a slate of officers for your court. Serving as an officer is an honor and privilege. As an officer you have the opportunity to get to better know the members of the court. Please consider this opportunity and say, "Yes," if you are called and asked to be an officer. Being asked to serve is a sign of the nominating committee's faith in your leadership qualities.

In the Tools of the Trade Prayer Section there is a lovely reading called "He Pointed His Finger at Me" to read to your court members to encourage them.

Included with the Quarterly Newsletter is the Officer List to be completed by every court. It is very important that this form be sent to the National Office and your State Regent immediately after your May meeting. Even if your officers are remaining for the next two-year term, or your court is less than one year old, you must send the completed form back.



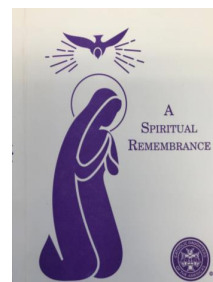
STATE NEWS



- † The CDA Day at the Astros originally scheduled for June 14th has been cancelled. Our state chairman is checking into a possible rescheduled date for the fall.



- † Congratulations to Court St. Elizabeth #1616 for earning 3rd Place in the MSF Memorial Scholarship Fund Mass Enrollments!



- † Congratulations to our MSF Memorial Scholarship Winners!!!!

Elizabeth Eckelberg - \$750.00 Scholarship

Pamela Puente - \$500.00 Scholarship

Sydney Kaiser - \$500.00 Scholarship



Time to Celebrate

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Monica Reznicek (May 1st)
Amanda Coggins (May 3rd)
Mona Macias (May 9th)
Monica Gross (May 16th)
Jeri Berckenhoff (May 18th)
Azalea Strong (May 30th)
Tracie Eckelberg (May 31st)

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Willie & Deloris Kutra (May 6th – 65 Years)
Richard & Anne Presley (May 6th – 25 Years)
Steve & Lisa Wilson (May 23rd)
James & Faye Krenek (May 23rd – 44 Years)
Joe Ray & Lois Krenek (May 27th – 42 Years)
Leon & Ivy Konvicka (May 29th – 66 Years)