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CDA MISSION STATEMENT: Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human dignity for all.

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UNITY AND CHARITY

**CDA Court St. Elizabeth #1616 would like to welcome
 Father Jonathan Moré!**

**We look forward to working with you and
 serving the needs of the parish!**

Regent's Message

My dear sisters, let me begin by saying congratulations to the newly elected officers of our court. I look forward to serving with all of you! Officer training for the new officers will be conducted by our District Deputy. Thanks to the East Bernard Court for hosting the training.

I invite everyone to our next meeting, which is September 14th. I am hoping that we will have the all clear to meet at the ICC Center; but in case we don't, we will be meeting at the BBQ Kitchen at the Columbus Club Hall. If no facilities are available, we will conduct business via Zoom meeting.

I am looking for fresh ideas for improving our current projects as well as adding new projects to the list. So, all ideas are welcome! Just text, call, or email me. I will gladly discuss them with the officers.

One of the things that we are encouraged to do is to rotate our committees every term. So, if there is a committee that you'd like to chair or be a part of, please let me know! Sign-up opportunities will be available at the September business meeting.

I am looking forward to the 2020-2022 term with our local court! I hope all of you are as well!

Blessings to all of you!
Carolyn Ritchey



**Want to attend a CDA meeting but
 don't drive at night? Call our Court
 Regent at 281-220-9064. We will
 arrange for chauffeur service!**

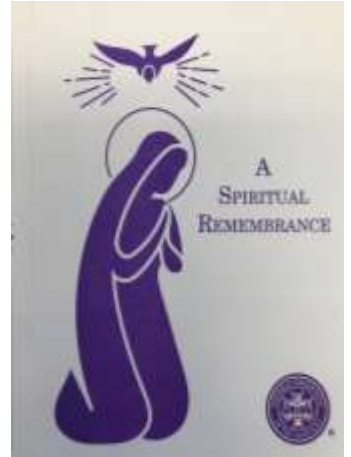


Prayers & Memorial Mass Cards
By: Rose Schroeder, Memorial Mass Card Chairman



\$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

Court sympathies go out to Frank and Carolyn Ritchey on the passing of Frank's sister, Shanda Ritchey. May she and all the souls of the just rest in peace! AMEN!



Dates to Remember:

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| August 2020 | NO MEETING |
| September 14, 2020 | CDA Meeting 7:00 P.M.
Refreshments served at 6:30 P.M. (?) |
| September 19, 2020 | Nursing Home Birthday Party (tentative) |



September Hostesses: Cynthia Grigar, June Kocich, Patsy Verm, Joyce Eckelberg, Vernell Ermis, Irene Krenek, Mary Cano, JoAnn Zaruba, Janice Kana, and Lisa Wilson

What will be on the menu?

JCDA NEWS

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 Tracie Eckelberg.



After many years of dedication and service, Abby Lynn Moyle is stepping down as our JCDA Chairman. The Court wishes to express our deepest thanks and gratitude for all that Abby Lynn has done for the JCDA!

Tracie Eckelberg is now our JCDA Chairman. Thank you, Tracie, for saying Yes to such a rewarding position!



NATIONAL NEWS:

Congratulations to the Newly Elected National Officers

National Regent	Sherry Nilles
National Regent-Elect	Emily Guilherme
First Vice National Regent	Susan Moné
Second Vice National Regent	Essie Walker
National Secretary-Treasurer	Connie Dronette

Congratulations to the Newly Elected National Officers

Michele Bowman (Florida)	Tess Cersovski (Oregon)
Dawn Fortenberry (Louisiana)	Irene Gramza (Arizona)
Barb Jensen (Nebraska)	Carolyn Malik (Texas)
Ivone da Silveira (Puerto Rico)	





STATE NEWS:

Congratulations to our very own Carolyn Ritchey for being elected to the National Nominating Committee. Carolyn received the most votes and will be serving as Chairman.

MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY:

My dear CDA friends,

Hope all of you and your families are doing well and staying safe!

First, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the outgoing officers of your Court. I'm also grateful for the kindness they have always shown me and for always responding promptly. They have worked hard and diligently and have done an exceptional job. Their assistance in helping to organize our two Spiritual Retreats was awesome! As we all know, it takes a lot of personal time and dedication; plus, it's not always easy dealing with any type of conflict or confrontation.

Secondly, kudos to the incoming officers for stepping up to lead your Court. I know you will do an awesome job for your Court, and I expect all members to give you their full support!! Additionally, Officer Installation and Training has all been quite different this time. We resolved some minor issues, and we are all trained!

The month of September begins a "new year" for our Courts. Your Regent will be getting loads of updated material from our State Regent, and she will be passing on all important information to the membership. So let's all get on board and continue to proclaim our motto "*Unity and Charity*".

The challenges COVID-19 has dealt us have been scary, questionable, confusing, and yes, tiresome. We pray for all that have been affected by this virus. I know we all are so ready to move on! But please, please follow the safety guidelines set forth. It is not only in your best interest but consider your families and all the others that are around you.

It is sad the National Convention had to be cancelled. But God has a reason for everything, and I truly believe He was looking out for all of us.

We must continue to PRAY, PRAY, PRAY for our Church, for our Community, and for our Country!

*Prayers and Blessings for all my sisters,
Cynthia Grigar DD#28*



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Suzanne Steffens (July 3rd)
Yvonne Tesch (July 5th)
Faye Krenek (July 12th)
JoAnn Zaruba (July 13th)
Henrietta Rychlik (July 15th)
Alicia Sevilla (July 15th)
Lois Krenek (July 17th)
Carolyn Zaskoda (July 21st)
Lyn Novicke (July 22nd)
Enola Provost (July 24th)
Betty Janish (July 23rd)
Mary Alice Ondruch (July 24th)
Rosalva Martinez (July 26th)
Amy Norris (July 27th)

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Patricia Lockhart (July 2nd – 32 Years)
Anthony & Mary Ann Reynolds (July 5th)
Jack & Sharon Machala (July 20th – 46 Years)
John & Janice Kana (July 28th – 36 Years)
Pete & Jeri Berckenhoff (July 31st)



**Anniversary of Ordination
Deacon Frank Laredo
July 14, 1984 (36 Years)**



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

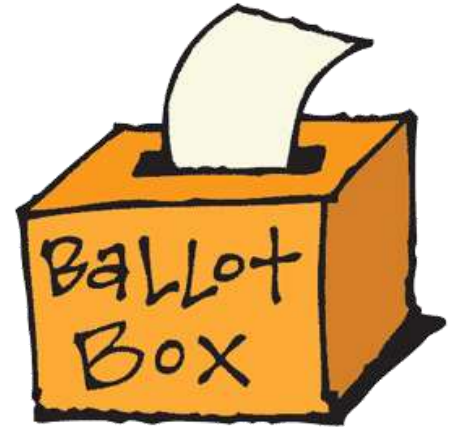
Bobby & Jean Koym (August 1st – 61 Years)
Ryan & Paula Rychlik (August 3rd – 18 Years)
Jon & Angie Kram (August 4th – 19 Years)
Stephen & Amy Cryan (August 5th – 20 Years)
Deacon Robert & Debbie Kent (August 12th)
John & Tammi Sturm (August 15th – 28 Years)
Tom & Billie Jean Nichols (August 17th – 62 Years)
Michael & Diane Holub (August 20th)
Mike & Cheri Kelley (August 20th – 26 Years)
Frank & Carolyn Ritchey (August 20th – 4 Years)
Brian & Abby Lynn Moyle (August 21st – 22 Years)
George & Diane Fuller (August 23rd – 51 Years)
Carlos & Rosalva Martinez (August 30th – 30 Years)

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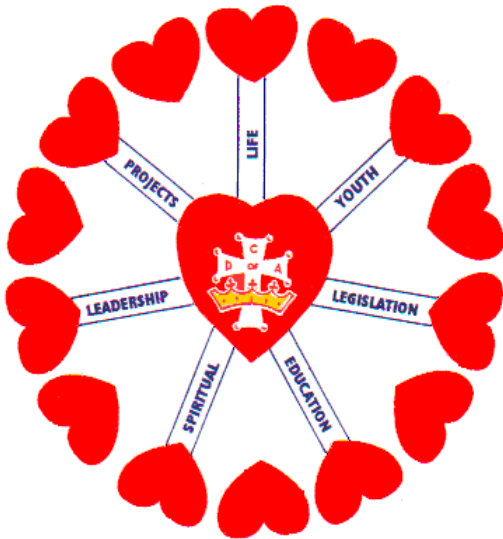
Connie Posinski (August 9th)
Mikie Ehret (August 15th)
Cindy Konesheck (August 19th)
Frances Swonke (August 22nd)
Paula Rychlik (August 27th)
Lorene Henke (August 28th)
Edi Zapalac (August 28th)
Deloris Kutra (August 30th)
Gloria Arriaga (August 30th)
Joyce Eckelberg (August 31st)

Official Notice of Election

Our newly elected Financial Secretary, Leticia Villagomez has been given an opportunity to move forward with her career, and we wish her all the best. However, she cannot devote time to both her new position and CDA. Therefore, she has resigned as our Financial Secretary.



Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the September 14, 2020 CDA meeting. Anyone wishing to fill this position may read up on the duties in the Tools of the Trade, Section 5. The Tools can be accessed at www.catholicdaughters.org or through our Court Regent, Carolyn Ritchey.



CIRCLE OF LOVE

Hopefully everyone is keeping up with their service to the parish, community, and CDA. The new forms will be coming out in the Regent's resource packet in September. All chairmen should contact the Regent to get their respective forms. Forms will also be posted on the National and State websites.

To learn more about the Circle of Love program, visit the National Website at www.catholicdaughters.org. Our local court website has some information and examples of service listed as well.

Service bound by love

From the Desk of Deacon Ben Munguia, Court Chaplain:

Dear Sisters in Christ,

A new year has begun in our little church with the installation of our new Pastor, Father Jonathan Moré. I hope you take a moment to welcome him into our community. You may have noticed small changes in the liturgy. Hopefully these few changes help us focus on the true meaning of the Eucharist and what it offers us.

I heard some encouraging news from my niece, Robyn. She got results from her last CT scan. She is encouraged by results with the tumors shrinking. She wants to thank everyone for your continued prayers. She realizes she has not reached the end of her trials, but she knows prayers are helping her through this time. Thanks again for all your prayers; don't give up on her.

REFLECTION: Matt 11:20-24

We become ungrateful and greedy when we take what God gives us & we define it. "Also for you Chorazin and Bethsaida! If the miracles worked in you had taken place in Tyre and Sidon, the people there would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes." Our attitude of "What else can you give me" will never be filled. Certainly God will not deny us of what we need, but what are we doing with the gifts we receive? Are we squandering them, or are we sharing with the less fortunate? Change of heart is the miracle we receive when others are more important than we are, but it takes everyone to have the same attitude to make that miracle grow. Be on your guard; fight to regain that relationship with Jesus that will sustain us for eternity.

Your Brother in Christ,
Deacon Ben Munguia





HELP?!?



Turkey Dinner Time

TURKEYS ARE ORDERED!

Plans are full steam ahead for our annual turkey & dressing dinner on Sunday, March 7, 2021!

With the current pandemic situation, we are on hold as to whether or not we will have the dinner as usual. If gatherings are not allowed when the dinner rolls around, we are still going forward with our fundraising efforts. We will convert the on-site and take-out dinner to strictly a drive-thru dinner.

The raffle will be conducted no matter what! So, we are asking everyone to step up and sell more tickets! Mona Norris will be accepting raffle prize donations beginning at our September 14, 2020 CDA meeting. Please be as generous as possible.

