



COURT ST. ELIZABETH #1616

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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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REGENT'S MESSAGE

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

Our November meeting was a very productive one. I am happy to tell you that we welcomed as a new member of our Court, Gloria Arriaga. She was a Junior Catholic Daughter throughout high school, and we are happy that she has joined us!

During 2018, money was raised from our Religious Store and through the Super Bowl Squares which has not been budgeted. A committee was formed to develop a proposal on how to use the funds and present it to the Court during the January 2019 meeting.

A new service project will kick off at our December 8th Christmas Party. We will be collecting new or gently used coats, sweaters, and winter accessories for an alternative school. Please consider donating to this worthy project.

The Texas State Convention will be in May 2 – 5, 2019, in McAllen. More convention information will be shared during the coming months. Please attend the meetings as we will be selecting delegates to represent our Court.

The 2019 Education Contest themes have been announced. They are "Here I Am Lord, I Come To Do Your Will" Psalm 40 (religious) and Doing My Best To Do Good (secular). I encourage all of you to participate! Entries can be an Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, and Photography. Let's all get creative and flood the Education Contest Committee with entries!

Our Junior Catholic Daughters will be holding a Drive-Thru Dinner on January 13th. Please support our girls as they raise funds for their state convention this summer. For tickets, please contact a JCDA member, Abby Moyle, Tracey Eckelberg, or Diane Bartlett.

Remember the motto for St. Elizabeth #1616 is "Unity and Charity."

Please pray for our court members and their special needs.

Have a blessed day!

Iris Orellana
Regent





Prayers & Memorial Mass Cards

By: Rose Schroeder, Memorial Mass Card Chairman

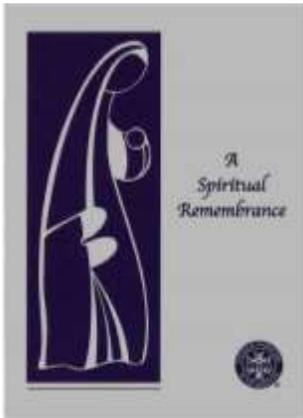


Let us pray for the repose of the souls of our family members, friends, and members of our parish. We especially pray for the repose of the soul of our dear member, Frances Bollom. May she and all the souls of the just rest in peace.

We lift up special prayers of healing for Lisa Wilson, Bennie & Bernice Stolarski, Mary Etta Layden, Doris Sodolak, Diane Sodolak, Albert Sodolak, Louis Rossler, all of our nursing home residents, and all those listed in our parish bulletin.

- Memorial Scholarship Fund Mass Cards
- \$2.50 minimum donation per card
- Prayers for (1) year
- Available from Rose Schroeder, MSF Mass Card Chairman

- Catholic Clerical Student Fund Mass Cards
- \$25.00 per card
- Perpetual
- Available from Carolyn Ritchey, CCSF Mass Card Chairman



*Send a gift
of prayer!*



**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL**
Annual Dues



The end of the year is quickly approaching, and it will be time to renew our membership! Our court dues are \$25 per member.

Our Financial Secretary Sandy Myhre has requested that our members pay their dues for 2018 before the March fundraiser if at all possible. This will allow Sandy to do her receipts and paperwork little by little and not all at once at the dinner. However, payment will be accepted at the dinner for those who prefer that option.

Sandy's address: 2545 Mixville Rd – Sealy TX



- Dec. 3 Deadline to RSVP for the Christmas Party
- Dec. 8 CDA/KC Christmas Party @ the KC Hall
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
- Dec. 12 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
- Dec. 24 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
- Dec. 25



JCDA NEWS

By: Abby Lynn Moyle, JCDA Chairman

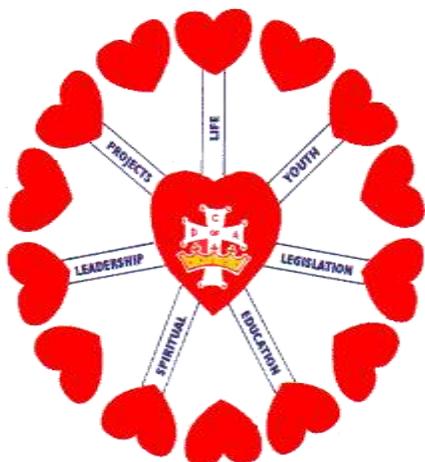
Membership is for young girls of the Catholic Community ages 6-18. If you know of any young girls in our parish who want to join this wonderful organization, or if you want more information, please contact Abby Lynn Moyle or Tracie Eckelberg.



MESSAGE - SERVICE - COMMUNITY

Court St. Elizabeth #1616 JCDA Juniors & Juniorettes would like to wish everyone a very blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

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, which also will 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.

Coat Drive for Prairie Harbor House – We are collecting new or gently used coats and winter accessories for young girls at the house. They have an immediate need for coats: (5) small, (9) medium, (17) large, (14) XL, (2) 2XL, and (3) 3XL. There are 66 residents there, so not all sizes are accounted for. For more information, contact Suzanne Steffens at 979-472-9099 or lunasteffens@yahoo.com. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office.

The CDA Charity Committee is looking for suggestions of charities or projects for our court to donate profits from our Super Bowl fundraiser and the gift shop, which have specifically been set aside for our court to donate. Please contact Joyce Eckelberg by January 1, 2019 with your suggestions/ideas at joyceeckelberg@gmail.com or 979-885-9646.

From the Desk of Deacon Ben Munguia, Court Chaplain:

Dear Sisters in Christ,

One of the things I recall from my childhood was my mother discussing the importance of celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Her attempts to explain how it could help me be a better person lacked inspiration. As a child, it is not easy to come to the conclusion how this sacrament could help.

As adults we've come to understand, God is a merciful and loving God. There is nothing we can do to prevent God from loving us. Even if we reject God completely, God remains faithful to us. Our responsibility is to get out of our comfort zone, put aside our selfishness, and open ourselves to the guidance from the Holy Spirit. The more we trust in God, the easier it is for us to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Once we move away from our old self and begin a new, it is easier for us to achieve holiness. The sacrament of reconciliation helps us clear our conscience and gives us peace of mind. Our biggest challenge is to leave that behavior, choice of living, the way we treat others, or way of thinking behind and start anew seeking the goodness in everyone we meet.

God Bless,

Deacon Ben Munguia



STATE NEWS



**We have a new court in Texas!
Court St. Luke #2749
Instituted November 17, 2018
Brownsville, Texas**

Congratulations!

NATIONAL NEWS

Leadership by Sherry Nilles National Leadership Chairman



Helping women expand and grow is what good leaders do every day.

The following suggestions are steps to reach the goal of getting new leaders for each court.

1. **Be open to feedback.** Getting angry or arguing with feedback never helps growth. Be willing to seek out feedback from court members. Then use the feedback positively. Allow others to voice their ideas or concerns.
2. **Any suggestion should be given consideration.** Would changing the court meetings to another time or location help in getting more members to attend? Could the court have a silent retreat and open it to all women of the parish?
3. **Be willing to listen and learn.** The response of the leader to new ideas or suggestions is crucial. The greatest skill of a leader is to listen without prejudice.
4. **Give greater responsibility to encourage leadership.** Smart, motivated, responsible women who are forward thinking need to be given freedom to think outside of the box. A court regent cannot know or control everything.
5. **Continue to welcome new or innovative thinking.** The most discouraging answer to a new idea is “We’ve never done it that way before. It will never work in our court.”

Developing leadership skills will have a positive impact in our courts. It will encourage women to become involved because they are needed and welcomed to make a difference in our sometimes-confusing world.



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ike & Camie Wozniak (November 6, 1955)
Doug & Denise Kaiser (November 11, 1995)
Bennie & Bernice Stolarski (November 20, 1960)
Bobby & Joannah Hagen (November 24, 1966)
Thomas & Virginia Ciapi (November 26, 2016)
Daniel & Elaine Kulow (November 30, 1968)



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Etta Layden (November 5th)
Dora Alicia Arroyo Loera (November 8th)
Patsy Verm (November 10th)
Suzie Mazac (November 11th)
Kathy Cernosek (November 12th)
Mona Norris (November 22nd)
Carolyn Ritchey (November 22nd)
Wendy Mendoza (November 25th)



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Gene & Katherine Zatopek (December 4, 1982)
Billy & Mona Norris (December 22, 1984)

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Deacon Frank Laredo (December 3rd)
Rose Schroeder (December 4th)
Lisa Wilson (December 9th)
Christina Verm (December 12th)
Merle Pacher (December 17th)
Bea Konieczny (December 18th)
Vernell Luedecke Ermis (December 20th)
Cheri Kelley (December 26th)
Joannah Hagen (December 29th)



You and your spouse/guest are cordially invited to the KC
& Catholic Daughters' Christmas Dinner & Social

Saturday, December 8, 2018
Knights of Columbus Hall

4:30 PM Social and Light Refreshments
6:30 PM Catered Meal
7:30 PM Gift Exchange

(If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, ladies bring a lady's
gift and men bring a man's gift. Gift price range is \$10-\$20)

RSVP to Willie Kutra by December 3, 2018

(979) 885-3465 or wfkutra@att.net

or

Carolyn Ritchey

281-220-9064 or musicaltunes4me@yahoo.com

Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship!

Menu

Tossed salad, smothered steak, mashed potatoes, green
beans with bacon dinner rolls, banana pudding, and tea

