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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:

Well, how do you like this weather? I believe someone told me the last time it got this cold was back in the late 1980s. I like the cold, but this is a little extreme!

Our turkey dinner is quickly approaching, and we are in full swing with our preparations. Please review your workers' list. If you are not on the list and would like to help in any area, please notify me as soon as possible. We will greatly appreciate any amount of time you can spare.

I hope that everyone is preparing for the Lenten season. I know you are probably thinking about what to give up for Lent, but are you adding any extra spiritual activities? Jesus gave the ultimate sacrifice for all of us. What sacrifices are we making?

Take care of yourselves. I will be praying for everyone's safety and good health.

*Carolyn Ritchey
Regent*

Prayer



Fasting



Almsgiving

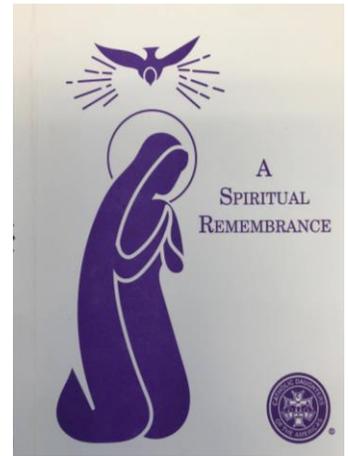




\$25.00 per card
Perpetual Mass Card

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

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 Sandy Myhre at 979-256-7066 or s.myhre5757@gmail.com for the Perpetual Mass Cards.



\$2.50 per card
MSF Mass Card

Continued prayers are needed for Lyn Novicke, still recovering from her illness, and for Jack Machala, who is recovering from shoulder surgery. May God touch them with His healing hands and bring them comfort and peace to get through it all.

February 17, 2021	ASH WEDNESDAY
March 4, 2021	Baking Cornbread (volunteers needed)
March 6-7, 2021	Turkey Dinner Weekend!



Stations of the Cross:

*In person in English @ 6:00 P.M. and in Spanish @ 7:00 P.M.
You may also view the video on the church's website.*

Ash Wednesday Schedule:

- 7:00 A.M. Ash Service*
- Noon Ash Service*
- 6:00 P.M. Mass & Ash Service*
- 7:30 P.M. Mass & Ash Service/Spanish*



2021 CDA Membership Dues

Remember that the 2021 CDA membership dues in the amount of \$25.00 are now due, and you have until March 31, 2021, to pay them before they become delinquent. However, with changes to the annual turkey dinner, we ask that everyone mail them to our Financial Secretary as soon as possible. You may also bring them to the March meeting. Please mail to Cindy Konesheck, Financial Secretary at 108 Wild Phlox Drive, Bellville, Texas, 77418.

NOTE: Distinguished Members, as noted in the handbook, pay only \$20.00.
Lifetime Members, as noted in the handbook, are paid by the Court.



Local Scholarships Applications are now available at:

www.cdasealy.org

High School Counselor's Office

Scholarship Applications are due by
April 15, 2021

APRONS ARE HERE!

The new CDA court aprons are now available! Your first apron is only \$10.00, and any additional aprons will be \$15.00. Contact Carolyn Ritchey to get your new apron! Aprons will also be available at court meetings and the turkey dinner.



Show your CDA pride!

From the Desk of Deacon Ben Munguia, Court Chaplain:

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Happy Valentines!!! I hope this finds you well. Maria recently received her first COVID shot, and I have received my second shot. We are doing well. We celebrated Maria's birthday with one of our sons and his family. It was great seeing some of our grandchildren, and we look forward to when we can get together with all our family.

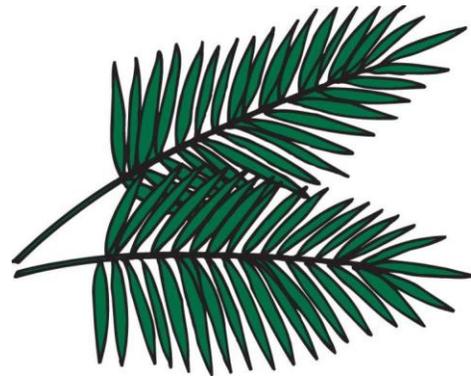
Do to no one what you yourself dislike. Give to the hungry some of your bread, and to the naked some of your clothing. Seek counsel from every wise man. At all times bless the Lord God, and ask him to make all your paths straight and to grant success to all your endeavors and plans. Tobit 4:15a, 16a, 18a, 19

As we enter this season of Lent, this reading reminds us of how we should care for one another by fulfilling basic necessities. The words from this passage seem so simple and straightforward. Our challenge is not to give up but draw ourselves to the Lord. We are guided by the Holy Spirit; our paths made straight. Whatever seems impossible for us is accomplished through our love for one another.

May God continue to bless you and the work you accomplish.

Your servant in Christ,

Deacon Ben Munguia.



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.

If you wish to donate to the JCDA online auction, please notify Lisa Wilson at lisahwilson47@gmail.com. Please try and get the information to Lisa as soon as possible. Auction information is found on page 7 of this newsletter!

**Thank
You** 

February Birthdays:

Maria Munguia (February 7th)

Debbie Kent (February 19th)

Laurie Michalke (February 22nd)

Virginia Ciapi (February 28th)



February Anniversaries:

Dennis & June Kocich (February 4th – 32 Years)

Jim & Cynthia Grigar (February 5th – 44 Years)

Paul & Iris Orellana (February 19th – 39 Years)

Marcus & Hilda Gomez (February 29th – 41 Years)

February Anniversaries of Ordination:

Deacon Robert Kent (February 3rd – 14 Years)

Deacon Ben Munguia (February 6th – 22 Years)

Deacon Jerome Losack, Sr. (February 6th – 22 Years)



A Valentine Prayer

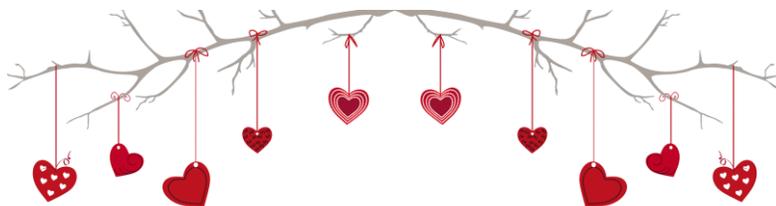
(Taken from Catholic Online)

Dearest Heavenly Father, I want to thank you for the precious gift of love you have given to the world and to me. Thank you for blessing me every day with this love and the power and strength that I get from you every single day. Without your love for me I can't be....I can't function....I can't even breathe...because I NEED your love to sustain me. It's like food and medicine for my soul Lord.

Please continue to let me feel your comforting love in my life and Lord I give myself over to you to perfect in me this gift of love...that I may be able to express it and share it with others. Lord...I have not always been good at this...forgive me. Lord...some people are harder to love than others...but I want to be like your Son Jesus...so please continue the work you are doing in my heart so my heart will be like yours. In Jesus name I pray. Father I love you so much!



NATIONAL NEWS:



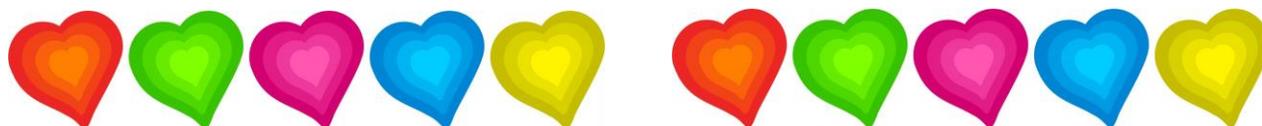
NEW COURT INSTITUTED IN MISSISSIPPI



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Thanks to National Membership Chairman Dawn Fortenberry for working with Tania and the members of our newest Catholic Daughters court to see this beautiful day of instituting their court.



STATE NEWS:

Thank you for your continued participation in the Memorial Scholarship Fund. I encouraged the 2020-2022 local court officers to learn of the benefits of this fund in the last state newsletter, and I have had an overwhelming response for cards! Thank you so much for your dedication to this project. Regents, please appoint a chairman and begin to experience the feeling of spirituality when you remember a loved one through prayer.



Mass enrollments are \$2.50 for the period of one (1) year. The Reverend Justin Braun, Texas State CDA Chaplain, remembers the intentions listed in the mass enrollments on the first Friday of each month. Please email to rosiestockwell@gmail.com, text or call 956-369-3048 or write me at 315 Alamo St., Edinburg, TX 78541 when you need mass cards.

If you are sponsoring a student or students for the Memorial Scholarship, you will need to have contributed at least \$50.00 to the fund by January 31, 2021. If you are unsure of the total donations from your court, please call or email me, and I will give you the information needed. Best of luck to all students who send in applications!

Memorial Mass Cards can be used for celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, and other milestones in the lives of your loved ones who may be living or deceased. Please make this worthy project one of your priorities for the 2020 -2021 term.

BACK AGAIN WITH VERY IMPORTANT NEWS

TURKEY DINNER SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

- † Workers' list is attached to this newsletter.
- † All ladies are asked to bring a dessert for the whole dessert sale for the drive-thru dinner. **However**, if you wish to make a \$10 donation instead to defray the cost of a homemade cheese roll that the court will purchase for you from Ben's Chuckwagon, please send your donation to:

CDA Court St. Elizabeth #1616
c/o Carolyn Ritchey, Regent
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If you wish to bring a dessert, please make sure it is in a disposable pan that you do not want back.

- † Online auction will begin on Friday, March 5, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. and will end on Sunday, March 7, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. **CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AS A FORM OF PAYMENT!**
- † Online auction site is charityauction.bid/CDA1616.
- † If you are donating to the online auction, please deliver your item to the ICC Center on Monday, March 8, 2021, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Buyers will be allowed to pick up their items at Noon on that same day.
- † Items are needed for the Treasure Trunk.
- † Raffle drawing will be live streamed on the ICC Facebook page at 1:00 P.M. on March 7, 2021.

