



**Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374**  
**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

**P.O. Box 125 EL CAMPO, TEXAS**

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**Mission Statement:**

“Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.”

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**REGENT'S MESSAGE**

BY LORI KOCUREK

Welcome Fall! With the arrival of somewhat cooler weather, and during these trying times, some our area parishes are continuing with their annual turkey and dressing meals, which I hope that most of you were able to enjoy.

As in the past to those who have a high school senior, I would like to make you aware of two scholarships that are available for you daughter/son. The first scholarship is our state CDA Memorial Scholarship. In the last few years, more than 40 students have been awarded this scholarship that range from \$500 to \$2,500. The funds for this scholarship comes from the sale of Memorial Mass cards that are sold through out the year. One of the requirements of this scholarship is that the applicant must have relative who is a Catholic Daughter member in the state of Texas; this member can be the applicant's mother, sister, grandmother, or aunt. The deadline for the state CDA scholarship is January 31, 2021.

Our court audit was held on Monday October 26th and according to our District Deputy Alice Figova all went well with the audit. I would like to thank Janiece Holub, Renee Matthews, Edith Molberg, Jeraldine Socha, LaDell Janda, and the court officers, Susie Orsak, Theresa Harton, Mary Kay Price and Susie Priesmeyer for helping out with the audit.

A special thank you goes out to Dana Sternadel and her husband for mounting the 75th Anniversary plaque on the wall for all to enjoy.

Our annual Memorial Mass for deceased members, in which we always jointly hold with the KCs was held on Monday, November 9th. At this mass we honored all members who have passed away, but especially those who have passed away since last year. The families received personal invitations, and at the Mass a candle was lit as each of their names were announced. It is sad to say that we lost 12 sisters in Christ since last November. Thank you again to Rena Dluhos for formatting and printing the beautiful program which lists all the deceased members since 1945.

The November meeting will be held on Monday November 16, 2020 at 6:30pm, following the rosary in the chapel at 6:00pm. Cathy Dornak will be hosting the meal for the meeting. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.



**We hope you have a wonderful  
Thanksgiving holiday  
making memories with family and friends**

“Get used to lifting your heart to God, in acts of thanksgiving, many times a day. Because he gives you this and that. Because you have been despised. Because you haven't what you need or because you have. Thank him for everything, because everything is good.” - St. Josemaria Escriva

**"UNITY AND CHARITY"**



## OCTOBER MINUTES

The regular meeting of Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374 was called to order by Regent Lori Kocurek. Installations of new members Janie Rubio and Sharon Borak were recognized.

Regent Lori Kocurek led the court in the blessing of the meal.

Regent Kocurek led the court in the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

Regent Kocurek asked the court if there were any corrections to the June minutes. LaDell Janda stated corrections to the corrections as follows: In January Barbara Hrcir made the motion to set aside \$5,000 toward expenses for 75th Anniversary. Motion was tabled-standing rules. In February LaDell made the motion to remove tabled motion and seconded by Irene Nohavitzka, motion passed. Also LaDell Janda's birthday was in April not July as reported.

### Correspondence

The court received thank you notes from the following: Aaron Padilla (seminarian) for the masses, Jeb Zalman and Clay Jung: senior gift bag and scholarship, Marie Hrcir family: donation to school endowment and desserts at funeral, Mary Triska family: funeral donation returned and use for seminarian burse/St. Philip School, Alma Mican family: funeral and memorial service, Frankie and Jeanette Novak: donation St. Philip School Endowment, Ed Ondrias family: funeral donation, Wayne Zabodyn family: funeral donation/donating back to St. Philip Church for Masses, Lawrence Socha family: funeral desserts, Frank Zboril family: funeral donation, Edna Korenek Shimek: sympathy card, Elsie Stavinoha family: funeral donation, Angelina Schoenfield family: funeral donation and from both Stavinoha and Schoenfield families for the beautiful words spoken at funeral by LaDell Janda on behalf of Catholic Daughters, donation in memory of Rita Vackar from Taiton Extension and Education Club, thank you notes from the following Deacons/clergy appreciation: Fr Chase, Pat Kubala, Larry Hoelscher, and Jerome Grahman. Recording secretary Susie Orsak did not read any bills due to not having meeting because of COVID-19 and Hurricane Beta.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Financial Secretary Mary Kay Price reported there were 31 members present, 461 total members, 234 members paid 2021 dues, and 224 have contributed to the Bakeless Bake Sale with a total of \$4,985.00 collected thus far.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Chaplain's Report: Father Michael reported that 33 days preparation for Presentation of Mary started October 19. Memorial mass will be November 9 6:30pm in the church. Also continue to pray rosary for vocations.

Quality of Life: Vice Regent Susie Priesmeyer announced the Resolutions of Condolence for deceased members: Marie Hrcir, Alma Mican, Mary Triska, Angelina Schoenfield, Rita Vackar (past regent), Jeanette Novak, Elsie Stavinoha and Joanna Schwartzkopf.

Social/Craft: no report

Spiritual: Nelda Schmidt spoke again on Trust, Surrender, Believe and Receive. Our Blessed Mother is prime example of this. Her "yes" to God is so important. Picture of Pieta statue was handed out

and recommended saying a rosary each day to thank her. Asked for suggestions for future meetings for spiritual committee. Will also check to see if Rosary at Nursing Home can be resumed since some visitations is now allowed.

**Refreshments:** Nelda Schmidt, Carol Novosad, Jane Ladewig, Dolores Dornak, Martha Bartos and Janiece Holub hosted and helped in kitchen. Those contributing to meal besides kitchen help were Nancy Novak, Rose Pasak, Rose Piekert, Anna Peter, Marian Peter, Sylvia Peter, Staci Pfeil, Nancy Pfeil and Cecelia Polasek.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Honorary members have been established for this year and the committee will look at the list in January to determine if new names need to be added to the list.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Regent Kocurek presented a summary of last year's budget and review this year's budget. Bettie Konvicka made a motion to table budget till next meeting and seconded by Irene Nohavitzka. Motion carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

CDA/KC Memorial Mass is November 9, 2020 at 6:30pm in the church. Because of COVID-19 a few things have changed. Over 60's party has been cancelled. We will not combine Christmas party with KC's. Since December meeting falls on week of Christmas Regent Kocurek will check on availability of hall use. Past officers presented Dana Sternadel with Past Regents Pin. Park Lane Jewelry having fundraiser for State Charities. Cecilia Polasek made a motion to donate \$100 to Father Oscar for farewell and seconded by Rose Ann Mitchell. Motion carried. Our court won 1st place in the Newsletter contest. Mike Ryan of Everyday Heroes donated jar openers for Catholic Daughter month.

### **BIRTHDAYS/ATTENDANCE**

August: none  
September: Irene Nohavitzka  
October: Edith Molberg  
Attendance: Susie Priesmeyer

Father Michael led the closing prayer and meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

The next meeting of Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374 will be held on Monday November 16, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Orsak



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## FUNERAL HOSPITALITY

### EDWARD E. MILLER

Edward E. Miller, husband of our court member Margaret Miller, passed away on September 23, 2020. Private graveside services will be held at Holy Cross Memorial Park. Because a reception was not held and our court could not provide any help or services according to our Standing Rules, a check for \$75.00 was mailed to the family.

### WILLIAM P FEAGIN

William P. Feagin, husband of our deceased court member Patricia Feagin, passed away on October 31, 2020. The family received friends from 5-7pm on Wednesday November 4th at Triska Funeral Home. A Rosary was recited at 9:30am on Thursday November 5th at St. Philip Catholic Church with the funeral Mass followed at 10:00am and burial was at Holy Cross Memorial Park. Because a reception was not held and our court could not provide any desserts or services according to our Standing Rules, a check for \$75.00 was mailed to the family.

...A note from the Funeral Reception Committee  
Members helping Members

Remember, we will no longer make phone calls for funeral desserts. If you want to make a dessert for a funeral, please call Barbara Juneck at 979-244-6845 or 979-543-6366 so that your name can be added to the list given to the family.



## OCTOBER HOSPITALITY CARDS SENT

### Birthdays

Bernice Popp	Mary Ann Kruppa
Jeanette Socha	Barbara Juneck
Geraldine Trochta	Virgie Klatt
Edith Molberg	Irene Cerny
Gerry Graham	

### Get Well /Thinking of You

Janice Smaistrła

### Sympathy

Shirley Schneider - Sister in Law  
Dorothy Faas - Sister in Law  
Elsie Ilse - Granddaughter  
Verna Hubenak - Brother

### Congratulations

Kimberly & Jonathan Eide - Birth of Baby Boy

Get well cards are sent to members who are ill. Sympathy cards are sent to members upon the death of a husband, child, father, mother, sister, brother, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, or grandchild. Congratulations are sent for the birth of a child, golden wedding anniversary, 60th anniversary, 65th anniversary, etc. Cards of encouragement will be sent to the seriously ill. Birthday cards will be sent to members age 75 and over...from the standing rules; adopted in 1999

If you know of any occasion which necessitates sending a hospitality card, please call me at 543-4734. - Margie Swoboda



## CRAFTERS & QUILTERS

OLIVIA McDONALD: 543-7587 • oliviamcdonald905@gmail.com

I have Christmas cards for the nursing homes which were made last year but not delivered. I will see if the nursing homes will accept them. Have Lots of craft supplies that I am willing to share. And I have potted plants to share. Just give me a call.

Olivia McDonald

## SIMPLE STEPS TO GROW IN GRATITUDE!

### Prayer impacts our perspective!

If you are struggling with being grateful, take this matter to your prayer time! Ask the Lord for more graces to accept each moment of your life, as it is, and to overcome whatever is holding you back from being grateful.

### Surround yourself with people who are grateful for life.

Gratitude is an important virtue and flows from humility. "If souls are humble, they will be moved to give thanks," St. Teresa of Avila said. We need to overcome the desire to be "Pinterest-perfect" or to believe that this type of perfection will bring us happiness!

### Materialism fuels our ingratitude.

Our culture and greed often lead us into a vicious circle of materialism: The more we get, the more we want. Materialism leads to the "give me" mindset in which "stuff" fills the void of our hearts. It is important to focus on the non-material world where we share our thanks with words of affirmation, kind deeds, and prayers of thanksgiving.

This is especially true with raising children. In fact, we do not always need to "reward" them with things, but instead we can affirm them and their dignity as children of God. Consider praying before making a big purchase or a spontaneous one.

Decide whether this item will bring me or my family lasting joy: Will it end up in the trash can within a week? Instead, reward with experiences, be purposeful on how you express your love for others, and avoid the trap that materialism leads to happiness.

### A major obstacle to being grateful or growing in this virtue is refusing to forgive.

When we refuse to forgive it leads us to grow in hard-heartedness. Consider forgiving those who have hurt you or robbed you of your joy. Seek to mend that relationship. When we seek out to strengthen our relationships with others, we grow closer to Christ. In the meantime, we grow in gratitude.

### Worry and anxiety can also lead us away from being grateful.

There is a direct link between screen time and anxiety, especially with our teens. St. Paul says:

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

If we are anxious and stressed out, let us take a breather and unplug. Detach and spend some time in nature or go to Eucharistic Adoration for some restful quiet before Jesus.

Let us close with these powerful words by St. John Paul II:

Remember the past with gratitude ... live the present with enthusiasm and ... look forward to the future with confidence. (Novo Millennio Ineunte, At the Beginning of the New Millennium, 1)

When we look to the past with gratitude it not only creates beautiful memories but helps us navigate our life.

By Emily Jaminent June 2, 2020

<http://www.catholicdigest.com/faith/spirituality/a-guide-to-growing-in-gratitude/>

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## NEWS from STATE

First call to the 52nd Bi-Annual Catholic Daughter State Convention to be held April 14-18, 2021 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Texarkana, Texas. The theme for

the convention is "This is the day the Lord had made, let us rejoice and be glad" Psalm 118:24.

The convention committee has said that they have a lot of great things planned for the ladies that can enjoy from meetings, raffles, opening mass and memorial mass to honor all deceased members from around the state since the last Bi-Annual Convention.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**November 16, 2020**

*(Rosary for Deceased Members @ 6:00 p.m. in the chapel followed by Meeting & Meal in the Mikeska Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 p.m.)*

A LIGHT MEAL WITH DESSERTS WILL BE SERVED.  
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Birthdays ladies come for the monthly drawing!!

Don't forget to sign-in and put your quarter in the bowl.  
You may win the monthly door prize!!

## NEWS from NATIONAL



The National Officers want each of its members to remember our Mission and our Two Fold Purpose of being a Catholic Daughter member.

### **Our Mission:**

"Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all."

### **Spirituality and service:**

The integration of spirituality and service is the foundation of the Catholic Daughters.

CDA helps women develop their spirituality and provides avenues of service to live out that spirituality. The CDA gives members a unique opportunity to share their faith with other Catholic women. Helping others through charitable acts in the spirit of Jesus Christ is the heart of our organization.

"Spirituality and Service": the heart and soul foundation of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

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✓ CDA National website: [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)