

**DECEMBER MINUTES**

The December 14, 2020 meeting of Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374 was called to order by Regent Lori Kocurek at 6:30pm at the Mikeska Fellowship Hall. Roll call found all officers present.

Regent Kocurek led the opening prayer followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

The court had 6 members who had perfect attendance during the year which included Josephine Rucka, Nelda Schmidt, Rose Marie Bain, LaDell Janda, Barbara Hrcir and Rose Marie Janak. Rose Marie Janak won the perfect attendance prize so her dues will be paid for 2021.

Jeraldine Socha made a motion to dispense with the minutes and committee reports until the January meeting and pay all bills that need to be paid. Rose Ann Mitchell seconded the motion, and it was approved. December birthday winner was Jeraldine Socha and Sylvia Peter won the attendance prize for the month.

The meeting was closed at 6:50pm and closing prayer was led by Regent Kocurek. The annual Christmas party immediately followed the meeting.

Regent Kocurek led the blessing before the catered meal provided by Eddie and Hazel King which included, Chicken strips, dressing, green beans, salad, and peach cobbler. With COVID-19 restrictions the meal was served by Jane Ladewig, Dana Sternadel, Cathy Dornak and Sandra Kachmar. After the meal court members enjoyed playing BINGO headed up by Susie Priesmeyer. Several members in attendance won various bucket raffle prizes; the bucket raffle was conducted by Susie Orsak, Kimberly Eide and Sandra Kachmar. High school student Rheanna Eide also helped with bucket raffle. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 6:30pm with a rosary being recited at 6:00pm in the chapel.

Wishing all court members and their families a Happy New Year!

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Orsak

Cancelled

The January 18th Meeting

has been **cancelled** due to the rise in COVID-19 Cases.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15th, 2021



CDA Scholarships for 2021 High School Graduates



*Attention, members who have a
graduating high school senior!*

State Level Scholarship:

The Texas State Catholic Daughter Court will award at least one (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship and may award additional scholarships if funds are available. Those eligible to apply for scholarships are graduating seniors in accredited high schools who are related to living CDA members in good standing.

Applications will be judged on School activities (25%), Church activities (25%), and Essay (50%). The essay subject: How will your faith help you accomplish your goals?

Applications are available at the ECHS Guidance Office. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than **January 31, 2021**.

Local Level Scholarship:

Is your child planing to attend college or technical school? Would he/she like to apply for our local court's \$300 scholarship?

For your child to be eligible, you must have your 2020 dues paid by March 15, 2021 and you must have been a member of our court since January 2019.

Applications are available at the ECHS Guidance Office. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than **March 15, 2021**.



BAKELESS
BAKESALE

Donations for the fundraiser will be
September 15 through March 15, 2021.

NO BAKING - NO MEALS

Just a simple monetary donation to the Court!

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Editor*
ROBIN HENSLEY
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Memorial Cards
ROSE ANN
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Funeral Donations & Cakes
BARBARA JUNEK
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Hospitality Cards
MARGIE SWOBODA
1602 Ave. F, EC
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*Funeral
Chairman*
JANE LADEWIG
979-541-3200

**Send \$25.00 Dues
& Correspondence to:**
CDA #1374
P.O. Box 125
El Campo, TX 77437



DECEMBER HOSPITALITY CARDS SENT

Birthdays

Esther Harton
Jo Ann Winter
Mary Jane Balcar
Mary Ann Gerla
Verna Hubenak
Martha Marek

Gladys Blumerick
Melanie R. Watson
Jeanette Walla
Pat Nilson
Marilyn Korenek
Delores Dornak

Sympathy

Grace McCown - Husband
Bettie Konvicka - Sister in Law
Jeanie Janak - Son
Rose Marie Janak - Grandson
Jan Dornak - Father
Elizabeth Polasek - Brother
Betty Parma - Brother in Law

Get Well /Thinking of You

LaDell Janda
Gladys Krenek
Irene Nohavitza

Congratulations

Rose & Harold Peikert - Married 50 Years
Mary Jane & Preston Dornak - Married 50 Years

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 quite a few craft supplies I would like to share with school teachers or crafters. If anyone would like to start a new group I would be happy to help.

Olivia McDonald



FUNERAL HOSPITALITY

JANET ELIZABETH VYVIAL HARVEY

Our member Janet Elizabeth Vyvial Harvey passed away December 12, 2020. The funeral was Wednesday, December 16 at 10:00 AM at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church. Due to CDC guidelines, a limited amount of people were allowed inside the church. Visitors were required to wear a mask at the church. Burial was at St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery in Blessing. Because a reception was not held and our court could not provide any help or desserts, according to our Standing Rules, a check for \$75.00 was mailed to the family.

MARY HLA VATY SEXTON

Our member Mary Hlavaty Sexton passed away December 23, 2020. The funeral was Wednesday, December 28 at 10:00 AM at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church. Due to CDC guidelines, a limited amount of people were allowed inside the church. Visitors were required to wear a mask at the church. Burial was at Holy Cross Memorial Park. Because a reception was not held and our court could not provide any help or desserts, 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 Junek at 979-244-6845 or 979-543-6366 so that your name can be added to the list given to the family.

2020 Reflections & 2021 Resolutions

Reflect: Did I think about, pray for and support others enough last year, especially those who may have been struggling financially, mentally or physically? Or was I too concerned with my own well-being?

Resolve: Commit to praying for those in need throughout the day. Keep a list hanging on the refrigerator of names of those who have asked for your prayers. Make an effort to pray daily for the sick and their caregivers. Pray the Litany of Humility daily.

Reflect: Did I maintain a connection with my parish in 2020? Have I continued to financially contribute? Or did I become out of sight or out of mind?

Resolve: Reconnect with a priest or deacon at your parish. Ask what their needs are and how you can (safely) become involved. Consider a financial donation to express your support and gratitude for all your parish has done during the pandemic.

Reflect: Did I take advantage of the emptier 2020 calendar to actively pursue a stronger prayer life? Did I make talking to God a priority every day?

Resolve: Don't miss the opportunity to create good habits now, while the relative quiet continues. Pick one time and space during the day that will be conducive for prayer, and then follow through.

Please read the full article from Our Sunday Visitor here:

<https://www.osvnews.com/2020/12/18/reflections-and-resolutions-for-the-new-year/>

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NEWS from STATE

Second call to the Bi-Annual State Catholic Convention to be held in Texarkana, Texas April 14-18, 2021. The convention will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn. Make plans to attend.

NEWS from NATIONAL



State contests and Circle of Love forms are due February 1, 2021.

NEXT MEETING:

February 15, 2021

(January Meeting cancelled due to the increase of Covid 19 case in the county)

(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!

Birthday 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!!*



✓ CDA State website: www.texasda.org

✓ CDA National website: www.catholicdaughters.org