



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

P.O. Box 125 EL CAMPO, TEXAS

FEBRUARY 2021



**"Do everything
without arguing
or complaining..."**
Philippians 2:14

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

The court has several projects ongoing even though covid-19 has put a damper on things. Our Court has sponsor four high school seniors as they applied for the state memorial scholarship that was due January 31st; the winners will be announced sometimes in May and we wish them luck.

Second our local Education Contest has wrapped up and our 1st place winners from our court will have their entries submitted to the state competition level.

Third, the Circle of Love forms have been submitted, including the newsletter contest.

Attention to all members who are mothers of high school seniors! If you have been a member of our court for at least two years and your dues are paid by March 15, 2021, be sure that your son or daughter applies for our local court scholarship. Up to 10 students are awarded \$300 scholarships each year. The applications are at the ECHS Guidance Office or on their scholarship website, or from any court officer. I can I also email an application to you. Completed applications are due to the ECHS Guidance Office on or before March 15, 2021; get those applications in!!

Our dues collection process is going along great. To date we have collected most of the members dues for 2021, and reminder letters will be going out shortly to all those still with outstanding balances. Thank you to all who made prompt dues payment. Soon we will be sending our first dues installment to national, and it would be great for the court to have all court dues collected by then.

Ladies we are in need of members to host the meal at the March, April, May, and June meetings. If you would like to do so, please contact me. Hopefully in May we will be able to host a reception for graduating high school seniors and we need of someone to organize this event.

Thank you to Theresa Harton for praying the rosary at the funeral of court member Constance Krutilek.

Our next meeting will be **Monday, February 15, 2021** at 6:30pm immediately following the 6:00pm rosary in the chapel.

Happy Valentines Day to all.

DUES: A star next to your label denotes that you are PAST DUE on your membership dues. If you have not paid your dues for 2021, please send your check for \$25.00 to:

CDA #1374,
 P.O. Box 125,
 El Campo, Tx. 77437-0125.

NEXT MEETING:
February 15, 2021



(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!!

"UNITY AND CHARITY"

HERE ARE 11 THINGS TO GIVE UP FOR LENT:

If you want what to give up for Lent... start here with these 10 ideas of what to give up for Lent. I have also added in some ideas of what you can ADD or DO for Lent, to better yourself and help others.

1. Don't buy anything that you don't NEED.

If you can live without it, you don't need it. Give it up for Lent. Put the money that you would have spent into a jar. You will be surprised at how quickly you build up your savings.

Tip: Once you see how much you saved after the 40 days, split it into two groups: saving & donating. Don't spend it. You worked too hard!

2- Throw Away 40 things for 40 days

Every day, you walk around your house and collect 40 things to donate or throw away... every day, until Lent ends. (Try donating, because you are helping others).

3- 40 Days of home Organization

Go a step further this year. I have a declutter course that would be perfect for Lent! It's a course that offers a day-by-day cleaning & decluttering guide with videos (and house tours). It will last you through Lent.

Tip: Be sure to DONATE & GIVE TO OTHERS.

You can do 40 tasks or follow this program and just work through Lent. It's a way for me to free up the things that hold me back... material things. Donate your unused or unwanted items after you have decluttered & organized your house. If you want to get the kids involved, use these SWAP CHORES FOR SCREENTIME cards for 40 days (by the last day, you won't even need them anymore because your kids will be in the habit of helping).

4- No Gossiping.

Give up gossiping for Lent. That means you cannot do any gossiping. None! If someone says something negative about another person, either say something nice or don't say anything at all. You would think this is going to be SO easy, but when you can't say anything negative about anyone else, you realize how often it happens, sadly. Simple things like that make this one really hard... and really important. It sort of goes along with #10, which you will see in a minute.

5. Work out daily to take care of the body God gave you.

Spend this time focusing on taking care of the body that God gave you. For Lent, commit to doing some kind of workout every single day. You can go on a walk or join a gym, or even workout at home. Bible Verses to Remind You that You & Your Body are Important: Corinthians 6:19-20 and John 1:2

6- Don't Eat After Dinner

This one is hard for me, so it really makes me think about Lent

because I can see just a glimpse of how Jesus struggled when he was hungry.

I eat most of my snacks in the evening when I am watching TV with my husband. This year, I plan on letting myself have one bowl of YoNanas every night since it is only frozen fruit. (Trust me, with my ice cream cravings, this is a mini-sacrifice all on its own. haha.)

7- Give Up Soda for Lent

This one is easy & not really out-of-the-box, but it is my struggle, so I had to include it. I have one diet coke a day when it is not Lent, so it is my sacrifice. It is harder than most people think since it is such a habit & routine of mine (I just stop on the way home from preschool at McDonald's & grab a diet coke... every day).

Luckily, I have the soda stream & it gets me through that first week or two (I use the flavored water drink mixes). The rest is easy.

8. Say 3 Nice Things to Your Spouse & Kids Daily

You may think this is easy, but try to say things that aren't the normal "Thanks," or "You look nice," or "Good job." Try to do 3 out-of-the-box things during Lent this year.

Try, "I love how you always help the kids," or "I love how you work hard on your homework, even when it is tough tonight. You are a hard worker." Try to say this important word to your kids. Remember... your words become their inner voice.

9- Don't Eat Out for 40 Days

Try to make easy crockpot meals, like this French Dip Sandwich recipe or this Chicken Salsa recipe. You can try this: 42 Days of real food – this course is filled with 21 days of recipes, menu plans, grocery lists & more (Tip: After you go through it once, start over again... this will give you 42 days worth of meals)

10- Replace 30 Minutes of TV or Screen Time with 30 Extra Minutes of Devotion/Prayer Time.

Read a devotional or bible story with your family and have a discussion about it. Even young kids can get involved in this. You can print out & make these prayer hands:

11- Do Not Complain or Speak Negatively.

We often complain and whine about things, but we need to try to have a positive outlook on things. I tried this one year and it was VERY hard.

Best Lent Ideas : What to give up for Lent *By Becky Mansfield*
Published: February 20, 2020 Last Updated: August 10, 2020
Read the entire article here: <https://www.yourmodernfamily.com/10-lent-ideas/> This article has the history of Lent along with printables for the items listed.

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JANUARY HOSPITALITY CARDS SENT

Birthdays

Martha Hubenak	Pat Dybala
Alice Blaha	Mary Mican
Delores Prihoda	Betty Parma
Evelyn Robinson	Rose Marie Janak
Janet Holub	Bernadette Kana
Rosemary Nohavitzka	Marilyn Kucera
Willie Mae Pinchback	

Get Well /Thinking of You

Margaret Anderson
Barbara Hrnčir
Verna Hubenak

Sympathy

Gladys Cerny - Husband
Cynthia Mahalitic - Father
Dianne Cerny - Father in Law
Regina Kaspar - Daughter in Law
Evelyn Premeaux - Sister in Law
Karen Kaspar - Sister in Law
Sandra McDonald - Sister in Law
Delores Prihoda - Husband
Robin Whitley - Father
Eleanor Mican - Brother
JoAnn Winter - Brother in Law
Margaret Anderson - Sister
Carol Korenek - Mother
Evelyn Dybala - Brother
Evelyn Dybala - Sister in Law
Amanda Stary - Father
Jane Kubala - Mother

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



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

NO BAKING - NO MEALS

Just a simple monetary donation to the Court!



FUNERAL HOSPITALITY

ALVIN GILBERT CERNY

Alvin Gilbert Cerny, husband of our member, Gladys Mikeska Cerny, passed away December 30, 2020. The funeral was Tuesday, January 5th at 10:00 AM at St. John's Catholic Church in New Taiton. Burial was at St. John's Cemetery. A reception was held at St. John's Parish Hall in Taiton. Providing desserts were: Rose Peikert, Carol Turner, Susie Orsak, Kim Melanson, Connie Hlavaty, and Charlene Borak.

HATTIE PETER DROZD

Our member Hattie Peter Drozd passed away January 1, 2021. The funeral was Friday, January 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM at St. John's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park. A reception was held at the Lone Star Café in Taiton. CDA members providing deserts were: Rose Peikert, Lorena Janik, and Susie Orsak.

FRED PRIHODA

Fred Prihoda, husband of our member, Delores Prihoda, passed away January 2, 2021. The funeral was Wednesday, January 6th at 10:00 AM at St. Philip Catholic Church. Due to CDC guidelines, a limited amount of people were allowed in the church. Visitors were required to wear a mask. Burial followed at Holy Cross Memorial Park. A reception was held at Mikeska's on the Freeway. CDA members providing deserts were: Lorena Janik, Nancy Novak, Jane Stock, Annette Prochaska, and Patricia Korenek.

ANNE HORECKA SCHILHAB

Our member Anna Horecka Schilhab passed away January 7, 2021. A private family funeral was held. 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.

TERRY DENSEL BUSBY

Terry Densel Busby, husband of our member Diane Strnadell Busby passed away January 12, 2021. A private family funeral was held Monday, January 18, 2021. 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.

CONSTANCE "CONNIE" BENSON KRUTILEK

Our member Constance "Connie" Elaine Benson Krutilek passed away January 20, 2021. The funeral was held Saturday, January 23, 2021 at St John Catholic Church in New Taiton. Burial followed at St. John Cemetery. A reception was held at St. John's Parish Hall. Cakes were provided by our members:

...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.

CDA Scholarships for 2021 High School Graduates



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



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.**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Lent: A Season of Prayer

A Daily Bible Reading Checklist for the Lenten season

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 1: Matthew 6:5-13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 21: Jeremiah 10:12-13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 2: Luke 1:46-55 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 22: Psalm 103:1-14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 3: Philippians 2:1-11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 23: James 1:19-26 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 4: Psalm 46 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 24: Psalm 25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 5: John 15:1-11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 25: Matthew 7:7-11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 6: Luke 5:29-32 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 26: 2 Kings 20:1-6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 7: 1 John 5:14-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 27: Ephesians 2:4-7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 8: 1 Kings 3:5-14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 28: Psalm 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 9: Hebrews 4:14-16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 29: Ephesians 6:10-20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 10: Psalm 98 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 30: Luke 15:11-24 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 11: Romans 12:9-21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 31: James 5:13-18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 12: Psalm 51:1-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 32: Luke 22:39-44 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 13: 2 Chronicles 7:12-16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 33: Isaiah 40:12-15, 28-31 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 14: Ephesians 1:16-23 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 34: Psalm 36 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 15: James 1:12-13, 16-17 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 35: Matthew 6:25-34 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 16: Psalm 27 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 36: Jeremiah 31:17-19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 17: 1 Corinthians 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 37: Philippians 4:4-8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 18: 1 John 1:5-10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 38: John 17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 19: Luke 18:9-14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 39: Titus 3:4-7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 20: Philippians 1:3-11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 40: Psalm 146 |

Read more and see the original chart here:

<http://www.stephanieadele.com/2018-bible-reading-plan-lent/>



NEWS from STATE

Local Court Officer Training Videos Available. General Information and Regent/Vice Regent Training videos can be viewed from this link. Stay tuned for remaining officer training videos, which should be available soon!

NEWS from NATIONAL



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