



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

Thanks to those seniors who applied for our local and state scholarships. Congratulations to Brittany Baker, daughter of member Patsy Baker; Allison Bena, daughter of member Cindi Bena; Rheanna Eide, daughter of member Kimberly Eide; Gage Garner, son of member Wendy Waters Garner; Zachary Socha, son of member Becca Socha; Layton Sary, son of member Alicia Sary; Myles Svatek, son of member Tria Svatek; Hope Tomlinson, daughter of member Carol Tomlinson and Taylor Watz, daughter of member Jackie Watz who will each awarded our local court \$300 scholarship. The state scholarship winners will be announced at the CDA State Convention, our court is sponsoring the following four students: Allison Bena, daughter of Cindi Bena, Zachary Socha, son of Becca Socha; Myles Svatek, son of Tria Svatek; Taylor Watz, daughter of Jackie Watz. If you have a high school junior in your family, or you know of any, please remember that college and technical school scholarships will be available again next year.

Thank you to Jane Ladewig, Susie Orsak and Susie Priesmeyer for providing desserts for the funeral reception of LeeRoy Krauskopf, husband of deceased member MaryAnn Krauskopf. When I spoke to their daughter Lisa about providing the desserts, she thanked the court for doing this for their dad and said that MaryAnn was shining down from heaven on the court's kindness.

Our annual spring audit for the court will be held Thursday, April 22, 2021.

As we enter this most joyous season, I would like to wish all court members a very blessed Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, April 19th, at 6:30pm following the 6:00 rosary in the Chapel; hope to see you there.

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Educational Winners

**Art (Division 1)
4th and 5th grade**

- 1st Place - Abigail Garrett
- 2nd Place - Brinley Krenek
- 3rd Place - Emmy Leng

**Art (Division 2)
6th thru 8th grade**

- 1st Place - Brooke Bacak
- 2nd Place - Spencer Wishert

**Poetry (Division 2)
6th thru 8th grade**

- 1st Place - Hannah White
- 2nd Place - Bradyn Korenek
- 3rd Place - James Dorotik

**Essay (Division 1)
4th and 5th grade**

- 1st Place - Ethan Krasucky
- 2nd Place - Isabel Wiese
- 3rd Place - Faith Cerny

**Essay (Division 2)
6th thru 8th grade**

- 1st Place - Carlee Bubela
- 2nd Place - Dylan Johnson

**Essay (Division 3)
High School**

- 1st Place - Myles Svetek

Poetry (Division 3) Adult

- 1st Place - Dana Sternadel

**Photography (Division 2)
6th thru 8th grade**

- 1st Place - Bryan Cisneros
- 2nd Place - Maddy Radley
- 3rd - Konly Socha

**Photography (Division 4)
Adult**

- 1st Place - LaDell Janda

"UNITY AND CHARITY"



MARCH MINUTES

The regular meeting of Court Our Lady Queen of Peace #1374 was called to order by Regent Lori Kocurek on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:40 pm.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The court received thank you notes from the following: Father James & Father Dalton for monetary ordination gift; Juliet Vanderploeg for memorial mass for mother; funeral thank you notes from Lela Margaret Pfeil family, Hattie Drozd family, Diane Busby (husband), memorial donation Janet Harvey families, & Christmas cards from El Campo Branch Library and Court Appointed Special Advocates. The court also received letters of request from St. Philip Church for the court's bulletin ad and from Annette Balcar, Children's Librarian at El Campo Branch Library, for a donation from the court for the library's summer reading program.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Secretary Mary Kay Price reported there were 17 members present, 454 total members, 432 members paid 2021 dues, and 75 have contributed to the Bake less Bake Sale with a total of \$1,480.00 collected thus far.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quality of Life: Vice Regent Susie Priesmeyer announced the Resolutions of Condolence for the following deceased members: Mary Sexton, Janet Harvey, Hattie Drozd, Ann Schilhab, Constance Krutilek, Dorothy Hattie Dettling.\

Spiritual: Nelda Schmidt spoke on Trust, Surrender, Believe, Receive Vs Fear, Worry, Doubt, Control- which destroy our faith in God. Having open hands in order to receive instead of closed controlling hands. She handed out Mary's Way of the Cross-station's booklet and informed members about new diocesan ministry for parents who have suffered the loss of their child or one of their children regardless of age or time since God called them Home.

Refreshments: Lorena Janik hosted the meal with Kaye Hubenak and Sue Hubenak helping in kitchen where they served delicious sliders, chips, cake, cookies & whipped fruit delight.

OLD BUSINESS

Education contest winners were chosen from our local court and the first-place winners were submitted to the state competition. The following four students applied for the state Catholic Daughter Scholarship: Taylor Watz, Allison Bena, Myles Svatek and Zach Socha.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Jeraldine Socha to donate \$100 to the County Library Summer Reading Program. It was seconded by Dolores Dornak. Motion carried. Bettie Konvicka made a motion to pay for Church Bulletin Ad and seconded by

Josephine Rucka. Motion passed. Regent Kocurek asked if the court would like to contribute to out going state regent. Rose Marie Janak made motion to give \$25 and was seconded by Rose Marie Bain. Motion carried. Court Members discussed about donating money to newly elected Bishop Father Gary Janak. A motion was made by LaDell Janda to donate \$100 and seconded by Edith Molberg. Motion passed. The proceeds from bucket raffle being only \$200 was discussed & motion was made by Jeraldine Socha to send all money to Seminary Burse in Victoria instead of half and seconded by LaDell Janda. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

CDA Christmas party & meeting was held on Monday December 14, 2020 6:30 pm and everyone that attended had fun. Rose Marie Janak won perfect attendance prize. Regent Kocurek has state raffle tickets available for sale. Contact her if anyone wants to purchase.

BIRTHDAYS/ATTENDANCE

January: Nelda Schmidt

February: Susie Priesmeyer

March: none

Attendance: Rose Marie Janak



With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm. Our next meeting will be on Monday April 19, 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Orsak



According to the New Testament of the Bible, Easter occurs three days after the crucifixion of Jesus by Romans. Easter concludes the "Passion of Christ", which begins with a 40 days period of fasting – Lent and is concluded by the Holy Week. Holy Thursday (celebration of Jesus's last supper) and the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday is a part of the Holy Week which ends on Easter Sunday.

History

The story behind Easter lies in the New Testament of the Bible which narrates how Jesus was arrested by the Roman authorities because he claimed to be the "Son of God". He was then sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate, the Roman emperor by crucifixion. His resurrection three days later marks the occasion of Easter. This day is also closely associated with the Jewish festival of Passover. *cont'd on Page 3*

<i>Newsletter</i> Editor ROBIN HENSLEY 979-541-9004	<i>Memorial Cards</i> ROSE ANN MITCHELL 979-541-7130	<i>Funeral Donations & Cakes</i> BARBARA JUNEK 979-543-6366 (h) 979-244-6845 (c)	<i>Hospitality Cards</i> MARGIE SWOBODA 1602 Ave. F, EC 979-543-4734	<i>Funeral Chairman</i> JANE LADEWIG 979-541-3200	Send \$25.00 Dues & Correspondence to: CDA #1374 P.O. Box 125 El Campo, TX 77437
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FUNERAL HOSPITALITY

DOROTHY HATTIE DETTLING

Our member Dorothy Hattie Dettling passed away February 22, 2021. Visitation will begin on Friday, February 27, 2021 at 2:00 PM at St. Philip Catholic Church. A CDA Rosary will be at 2:30 PM and the Funeral Mass will follow at 3:00 PM, all at St. Philip Catholic Church. Due to pandemic restrictions, masks are required and seating will be limited. Entombment will be 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.

HUGO VINCENT SCHILHAB, JR.

LeeRoy Krauskopf, husband of our deceased member, Mary Ann Krauskopf, passed away March 14, 2021. The funeral was on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church followed by interment at Holy Cross Memorial Park. A reception was held at Mikeska's on the highway for 50 people. Providing desserts were Susie Priesmeyer, Susie Orsak, and Jane Ladewig.

JERRY JOSEPH BILICEK, SR.

Jerry Joseph Bilicek, Sr., husband of our deceased member, Ann Hickl Bilicek, passed away February 25, 2021. The funeral was on Saturday, March 6, 2021 followed by mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. John Catholic Church in New Taiton. Burial was at St. John Cemetery with a private graveside service. There was no reception due to COVID-19 restrictions. 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.

JOSHUA WILSON MCCOWN V.

Joshua Wilson McCown V., husband of our member Grace McCown, passed away November 29, 2020. The funeral was on Saturday, December 4, 2020 at St. Francis of Assisi Historic Church in Bend, Ore. Interment to follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Bend, Ore. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. 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.

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...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.



FEBRUARY & MARCH HOSPITALITY CARDS SENT

February Birthdays

Edith Eggemeyer
Barbara Hrnčir
La Verl Ruzicka
Charlene Socha
Barbara Jean Milder
Bea Netardus
Josephine Bacak
Georgia "Pat" Hlavaty
Norma Wasek
Dorothy Faas
Joyce Jasinski
Patsy Bubela
Patsy Korenek
Grace Vaclavick
Rosa Lee Janik

March Birthdays

Anita Vinklarek
Margaret Anderson
Gladys Carlson
Rita Vanek
Linda Jaksch
Monica Bubela

Get Well/Thinking of You

Dorothy Bacak

Sympathy

Cathy Huvar - Brother in Law
Melissa Juarez - Mother
Diane Busby - Husband
Georgia Pat Hlavaty - Daughter
Rena Dluhos - Sister
Evelyn Dybala - Brother

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

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Celebrations

Easter is celebrated as a joyous occasion and the Sunday prior is called Palm Sunday which marks the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem. Various churches begin the celebration in the late hours of Saturday through a religious service called Easter Vigil. Non-religious celebrations include the tradition of Easter eggs, which represent fertility and birth and Easter bunny which delivers chocolates and sweets to kids on Sunday morning.

Easter Eggs

Chocolate-filled eggs or brightly painted eggs with sweets inside are common gifts exchanged on Easter. People choose to loosen their purse strings and splurge on the Easter weekend as the celebrations arrive after a 40-day lent period.

Some examples of non-religious Easter traditions include a treasure hunt like search for Easter eggs, and games such as egg rolling and egg decorating.

Did you know?

Hidden messages or pop-culture references in films, multimedia games and other media are also termed Easter Eggs? That's because Easter eggs mimic the idea of the hunt for an Easter egg during the festival. These could be hidden messages, characters or images. It's like a little secret that the software programmers or directors want to share, yet be discreet about them. It is a fun and engaging activity to look for these Easter eggs because it usually reveals more about the character or the plotline.

Most Disney films have the iconic Mickey Mouse ears or his head placed in a scene. Similarly, in animated films like The Lion King (1994), Little Mermaid (1989), Lilo & Stitch (2002), Finding Nemo (2003), Frozen (2013) and several more, characters from previous films have been known to 'visit' each other in the films, either as guests or toys or wall clocks.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/art-and-culture/happy-easter-2019-significance-history-celebrations-easter-eggs-in-films/story-3hTY90TOcebSBgMrkwcsl.html>

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NEWS from STATE

The following Catholic Daughters will lead the state of Texas for the next two years and will be voted on at the state convention which will be held in Texarkana April 14-18, 2021.

Rebecca Brown – State Regent
Carolyn Richey – First Vice State Regent
Terrie Vacek – Second Vice State Regent
Virginia Olsovsky – State Secretary
Dela Garza – State Treasurer
May God Bless these women in their new leadership roles.

NEXT MEETING: **April 19, 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!

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!!*

NEWS from NATIONAL



Membership Prayer
From Dawn Fortenberry

National Chairman of Membership and Development

Heavenly Father, as we venture into growing our membership, we come before You asking for Your guidance, wisdom and support.

Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make contact with others.

Remind us that all we do, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of your kingdom, and for the service of humanity.

Guide our hearts...our words...our actions, to be a shining light for all to see.

May the face of Christ shine through.

We ask Your Mother, our patroness, by her powerful intercession,

to be with us as we witness to others.

We ask all these things in Your most Holy name. Amen.

✓ CDA State website: www.texasda.org

✓ CDA National website: www.catholicdaughters.org