



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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Lake Jackson, TX

Lakeside News



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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.”

Regent Message by Rhonda Palasota

It has been an amazing year so far! I am very excited to see what the next chapter will look like for this court under the tutelage of our new Regent Elect, Juanita Oppermann, and her board. At the May meeting, I presented each of the 2018 through 2020 officers a small personal gift from me to show my support for them as the new leadership of our court. Sandy Seeley and I are not serving on the new board. I am moving in a different direction. Change is good, sometimes. I am encouraged by the amount of excitement and enthusiasm that I see throughout our district and especially in this court. What God has for me, only He knows at this point but I can tell you this for sure, my prayer is for God's will to be done. A crossroads of sorts is what I feel; however, my heart is full as I know that I am being pulled in some very specific directions spiritually. I am meeting with my spiritual advisor regularly to help me discern what my next move is and how I will be of service. I will leave you with this one promise, you are all in my prayers. As I write this message, I am reminded of Saint Lawrence's teaching on prayer. Scripture tells us to pray without ceasing and that is a tall, tall order. Most of us struggle to find those 45 minutes to an hour where we are able to sit in the quiet and pray daily, so to take on the notion of praying without ceasing can be overwhelming. My approach to this is simple, I begin each day anew and offer the Lord my day and make the day my prayer, making everything I do and say, my prayer to God. Giving Him the glory for all He has done. Please continue to pray for me as I pray for each of you. In Unity and Charity, I remain forever in your debt for the support you have shown me all of the years I have served as an officer.

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer.”

Romans 12:12

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National CDA - www.catholicdaughters.org

Texas CDA - www.texasda.org



Pastoral Message & St. Michael's Happenings



Msgr. Leo Wleczyk

When I look upon all the things that have taken place here at St. Michael's over the last few weeks, I can't help but meditate on the events post-resurrection. Remember the disciples were discussing on their way "all the things" that had happened. And Jesus came to walk with them, spent the night and explained to them the Scriptures. And finally they recognized them in the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharist. That lesson is so important to us today. We have to know and realize Jesus is present (in the breaking of the bread) to minister to his flock...that's us. So we come as people because we want to learn to grow and be fed, that's God's plan. It's written about in the Acts of Apostles and has continued to this day. So, we need to realize that we hold a treasure (as the song says) not made of gold. How God has blessed us!

Peace,
Fr. Leo

P.S. I hope you enjoyed HOW. We certainly had a good crowd, almost 300 and I think they all enjoyed it!

St. Michael's Happenings

As Catholic Daughters who are always supporting our faith; Here are a few things that are going on in our parish. Join Family Life Ministries for pizza, fellowship and fun on June 9th, or volunteer with Vacation Bible School June 25th – 29th.

By Sarah Ebey

Join FLM for a

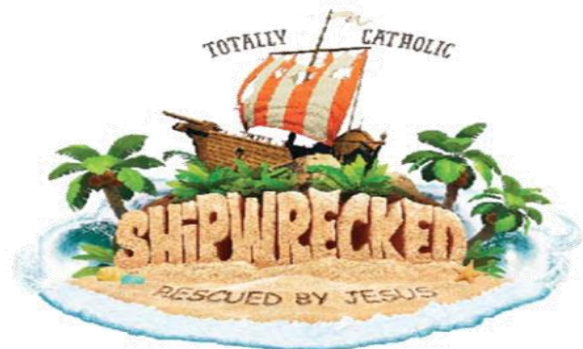
**PIZZA
PARTY**

Come Join us for food, fellowship and fun for all ages! **June 9th** from 12 - 2 at Allstar Sportsplex in Clute.

\$8/family (Exact cash, check or paypal are accepted.)

[paypal.me/FLMofSMLJ/8](https://www.paypal.me/FLMofSMLJ/8)

To learn more or to RSVP contact:
Lauren Ellisor 979-549-7722



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 25th-29th**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Participants and Volunteers enroll at:
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/smlj2018>

Questions? Contact: Celeste Albarran
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CDA Court 2364 Officers

**YOUR VOTE
IS
YOUR VOICE**

Meet Your Newly Elected Officers

Election for new officers was held at the General Business Meeting on May 24, 2018. The Officers for the 2018 - 2020 term are Juanita Oppermann, Regent; Rachel Warner, Vice-Regent; Elizabeth Benbrook, Recording Secretary; Patty Matus, Financial Secretary and Ann Riedel, Treasurer. Please join me in congratulating these amazing women on their election and supporting them as they lead our Court into our next chapter.

By Rhonda Palasota



Regent
Juanita Opperman



Vice Regent
Rachel Warner



Secretary
Elizabeth Benbrook



Financial Secretary
Patty Matus



Treasure
Ann Riedel



National News



Four Suggestions for Positive Leadership

This world we live in is constantly changing. As the largest Catholic women's organization in the United States, we must be visionaries. Status quo is not enough to continue growing. A strong sense of ethics and continually working to build integrity must also be goals of the Catholic Daughters.

The following traits are necessary for leaders in all levels of the organization:

Enthusiasm:

A good leader is optimistic and open to change. This is where vision comes into play. Set a vision or goal each year. Be alert and uninhibited when making those goals. Soar with the eagles!

Team Oriented:

Rather than an adult/child relationship, good court leaders form an adult/adult relationship with their members. This relationship builds a team. Working together as a team creates cohesiveness and a willingness to work as "we" not as "I".

Intuitiveness:

Women are known to be intuitive. Trust that ability as court leaders when making decisions. With the changes happening in our world today, it is impossible to know everything. Logic will not get a regent through all situations. Use that God-given talent of being intuitive.

Emotional stability:

Frustration is very much a part of leadership. When deadlines are not met or assignments are not completed, the regent feels the stress building. Criticism will be pointed at the Regent. Having a thick skin and maintaining high emotional stamina are very important for a court leader.

Leaders are rarely born. Circumstances and persistence are very necessary for a good leader.

The best words to remember are:

Anyone can do anything IF they set their mind to do it and never give up.

Sherry Nilles,

National Leadership Chairman

Taken from

www.catholicdaughters.org

http://www.catholicdaughters.org/Qtr_Newsletter/2018_03/QuarterlyNewsletter_March2018.pdf



State News



WOW! This has been a fast year for me as your State Treasurer. I complete my first year on June 1. It is indeed an honor to serve all my Catholic Daughter sisters. This is the beginning of a new part of my service to CDA. New beginnings call for new ideas, new officers, new members and new ways to help the many charities we support with our time, talent and treasures.

Summer time is almost here and some of the courts do not meet during July and August to allow special times with family members who are not in school. Just because the court may not meet during these months does not mean that our good works take a holiday too. The needs of the many still require our attention. When we took the pledge to become a Catholic Daughters, we dedicated ourselves to the good works of CDA. If we are asked to help during the summer months, please step up and answer the call and say "Yes".

All the courts will have elected new officers who will bring new ideas and will bring a fresh look to your Court. Please give your new court officers and their committee chairs the opportunity to lead your court and to promote new growth and ideas for the future. Can **"YOU"** offer new ideas but are afraid to step up? Be not afraid; keep the momentum going for the court as well as yourself. There is so much self-fulfillment and the satisfaction in knowing that you are making a difference in many lives. If you look at Share Magazine, you can see all the ways in which courts help promote the good works of CDA. Keep your court active and vibrant. Ask God for His guidance and pray for the continued success of your court.

Have a blessed and safe summer.

Mary Jane Albert
State Treasurer

"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be always in my mouth."

Psalm 34:2



State Circle of Love Family Project CDA At The Park



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CDA Summer Bunco Bash



CDA Annual Summer Bunco Bash Fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Michael's July 26, 2018 - Thursday

Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Our Lady Queen of the Lake #2364

No bunco experience required and everyone is welcome!
(don't have to be Catholic Daughter, St. Michael's or even Catholic)

Date: July 26, 2018 * Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Where: Wleczyk Hall

**St. Michael's Catholic Church
100 Oak Drive South
Lake Jackson, TX**



\$10 per person to play * Winners get cash prizes *** Door Prizes
Proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)**

Please consider bringing non-perishable food items needed for SVdP food pantry.
(spaghetti sauce, jello, cereal, pop tarts, canned meat, complete pancake mix,
and SNACKS FOR KIDS are especially needed!)

Random door prize drawings: You receive one ticket just for coming and then one ticket
for every item donated (5 items = 5 tickets!)

**Bring a friend - all are welcome - the more the merrier!
Please bring an appetizer, finger food or sweet to share
Drinks will be provided**

***** RSVP by Monday, July 23 *****

Betty Jo Jurries at 979-297-2962 or
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OR

Pat Williams at 979-239-8646 or
williams100@comcast.net





Membership Corner & Prayer Request



Membership

Please welcome our newest member – Karen Bean. We have several women who have expressed an interest in joining our court. Let's hope they join soon. I'm pleased to say at our May meeting Margie McAda and Elizabeth Calhoun took the pledge to join our court. We have several members who have moved & will be transferring their membership so let's all pitch in to re recruit new members! Remember, there are new member packets in the CDA closet where we serve Coffee & Donuts. If you hand one out to a potential member, just be sure to log the contact information on the distribution sheet & please call me to give me a heads up!



Pictured (L to R): Rhonda Palasota, Margie McAda, Elizabeth Calhoun & Mary Montague

By Mary Montague

CDA Prayers requested:

We have so many members & friends in need of prayers.

Condolences for those we have lost these past 2 months: Our dear CDA sister, Stella Girouard;

Faithful prayer warriors, please continue to pray for everyone on the various prayer lists.

Farmer (Girouard/Garcia);

Janie (Mensik sis-in-law);

Krysta (Matus);

Fr. Marty;

Piry (Maria del Socorro);

Wesley (Filip);

Lahna Benbrook & family;

Gaylin Black;

Gilbert & Veronica Bohuslov;

Ella Booth;

Brad Boston;

Genevieve Buenger;

Rebekah Calhoun;

Carol Coon;

Bernie Ditges;

Frank Dodge;

Danny Farrar;

Dean & Susie Fast;

Jo Ann Forse;

Idalia (Dolly) Gallardo;

Collette & Paul Garcia;

Jackie Gillispie;

Janie Gonzales;

Bevelyn Granger;

Lupe Guitierrez;

Susan Hecker & Marilyn (Hatfield);

Virgie Holub (Mensik);

Charlene Jones;

Grace Kiefer;

Richard Keistler;

Sarah Langston;

Anne Christine Lawrence;

Lois & Tom Loftus;

Marcella & Robert Martinez;

Jeanette Matzke;

James McIntire;

Margarita Mendoza;

Ernie Mensik;

Dr. Edward Moy;

Becky Pena;

Vicki Polak;

Dave Ramsey;

James "Chip" Gayle IV (Ramsey);

Chris Rivera;

Tricia Roberts;

Peggy Robinson;

Lupe Rodriguez;

Ed Sablatura;

Patty Sayes & her son;

Jonathan Schoeneman;

Diane & Henry Schutze;

Mirella Sherman;

Lori Sipple;

Sarah Sterzinger;

Coletta Stover & Michael;

Joyce Sykora;

DanDee Trevino & her Dad;

Jack Tucker;

Maria Villarreal;

Terry Voyles;

Kathy Ward;

Rachel & Lloyd Warner;

Jamie Vallot Welch;

Msgr. Leo Wleczyk

By Mary Montague



Mother's Day Bake Sale & Education/Scholarship



Mother's Day Bake Sale



Pictured L to R: Juanita Oppermann, Sandy Polka, Karen Koranek and Grace Hatfield

Thank you to all those bakers and the delicious treats you provided.



Education Contest Winners

Lisa Solis, Dorothy Babbington, and Constance McEntee met on Monday, February 26th to judge the 51 entries (all Division 2; 6th - 8th grade) from OLQP. It was a difficult task of select first, second and third place winners in five categories due to the immense talent in the supplication pool.

Categories included Poetry, Essay, Art, Photography and Computer Art. Committee member Elizabeth Benbrook presented the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners with a cash award and a certificate of recognition on May 24th at OLQP.

I'd like to thank the judges that offered their time to assist in the process.

You can find the first place entries on page 10 and 11 of this months newsletter.

By Constance McEntee

Senior Scholarship

The scholarship committee, consisting of Constance McEntee, Elizabeth Benbrook, Doris Grigar, Ann Riedel, and Kathy Ward, met on May 16th to complete a final judging of the 14 applicants.

All applicants were required to submit an essay, school and work data, as well as lists of extracurricular activities at St. Michael's and through their schools. The winners were selected based on the information included in their applications.

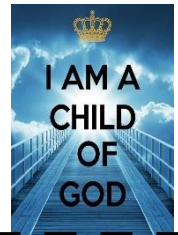
Committee member Ann Riedel awarded the winners with a scholarship and a certificate of recognition at the Graduation Luncheon on May 20th.



By Constance McEntee



Education Contest



Division 2: Category: Essay

1st Place Winner: Luke Pottratz

The bible verse "The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy" from Psalms: 126, sums up how I should feel about my life. To begin with, the Lord has blessed me with wonderful parents. They have provided me with a loving home and given me the opportunity to attend Our Lady Queen of Peace. Both my parents work outside the home, but still make time to ensure that I get to soccer practice or a basketball game. They are always helpful when I need help with homework, even when I know they are tired or busy.

God also saw fit to give me a younger brother. Although he can sometimes make me mad, he is still my best friend. We play basketball and soccer together in the backyard, and then battle each other on our XBOX. We love watching TV together, and always laugh at each other's jokes.

Lastly, the Lord has allowed me the opportunity to attend Our Lady Queen of Peace. This has give me the chance to know God better and learn how to serve him to the best of my ability. I only hope that I can live up to the potential that He has given to me.

The Lord has indeed been great to me. As I reflect on my parents, my brother and my school, I am not sure how things could be any better for me. When I think of all the things God has done for me, I am completely filled with joy!

Division 2: Category: Poetry

1st Place Winner: Julia Duran

Joy in My Life

I put all my sorrows out of my mind
And reflect on the ways the Lord has been kind
He surrounds me with people who deeply care
He forgives my sins when I confess through prayer
No matter what challenges in my life I shall face
I will always be reminded of the joy I should embrace.



Education Contest

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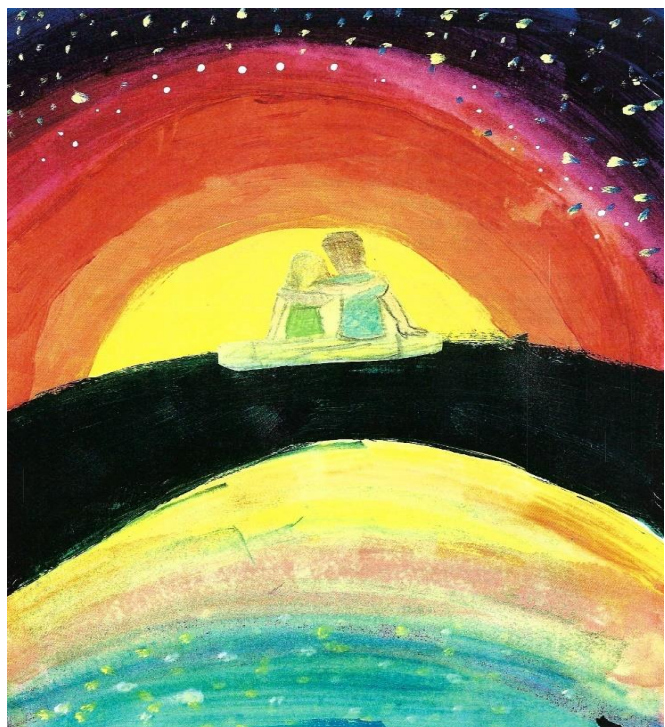
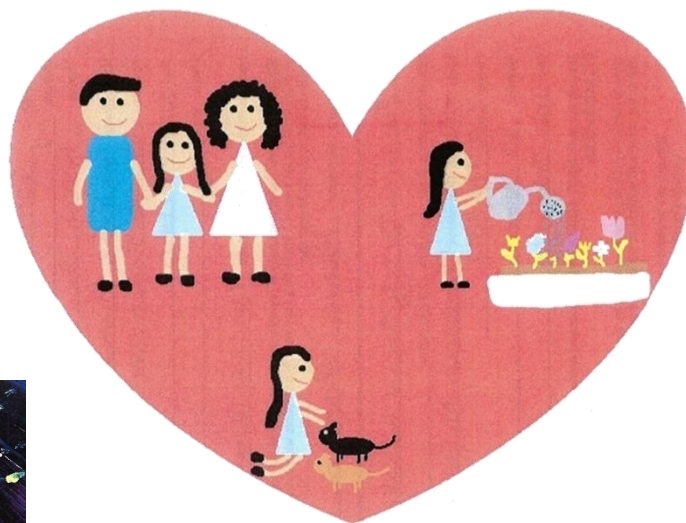


Left:
Division 2: Category: Photography

1st Place Winner:
Troy Meagher

Right:
Division 2: Category: Computer Art

1st Place Winner:
Tessie Thomas



Left:
Division 2: Category: Photography

1st Place Winner:
Annamarie Stahl



CDA Court Calendar



Date	Event	Time	Location
2 Jun	Clergy Appreciation Dinner	6:30p social / 7p Meal	Wleczyk Hall
6 Jun	Sewing Day	9a – 2p	F-Wing
14 Jun	Officers Mtg	7p – 9p	E-3
9 Jun	FLM Pizza Party	12p – 2p	All Star Pizza Clute, TX
22 – 23 Jun	JCDA State Retreat		Weimar, TX
24 Jun	CDA @ the Park!	Game Time 1:10p	Minute Maid Park
25 – 29 Jun	VBS	8a – 11:30a	SLC
7 Jul	Officer Training	8a – 1p	Pearland
26 Jul	Summer Bunco	6p – 9p	Wleczyk Hall
29 Jul	Quarterly Communion	9:30a Mass	Church
1 Aug	Sewing Day	9a – 2p	F-Wing
23 Aug	Regular Business Mtg	6p social / 7p mtg	Angelina
1 Sep	Membership Dues will be considered late. Annual Dues are \$30.00		
5 Sep	Sewing Day	9a – 2p	F-Wing
9 Sep	Church Festival	TBA	TBA



CDA Court

May you be
Blessed
on your
BIRTHDAY

May Birthday's

Apologies to the ladies for leaving you off the birthday list last month.

6 – Andrea Drabek-Guice
25 – Kim Blackwell

On Your Birthday -

I wish you the beauty of nature
So you may enjoy the work of God.

I wish you health
So you may enjoy each day in comfort.

I wish you the best of everything
That you so well deserve!

Happy Birthday!!



BellaStarr

June Birthday's

4 – Grace Kiefer
7 – Judy Ozuna
7 – Nan Smith
10 – Debbie Massey
25 – Susie Mensik
25 – Rhonda Palsota
27 – Lillian Sablatura
28 – Bridget West

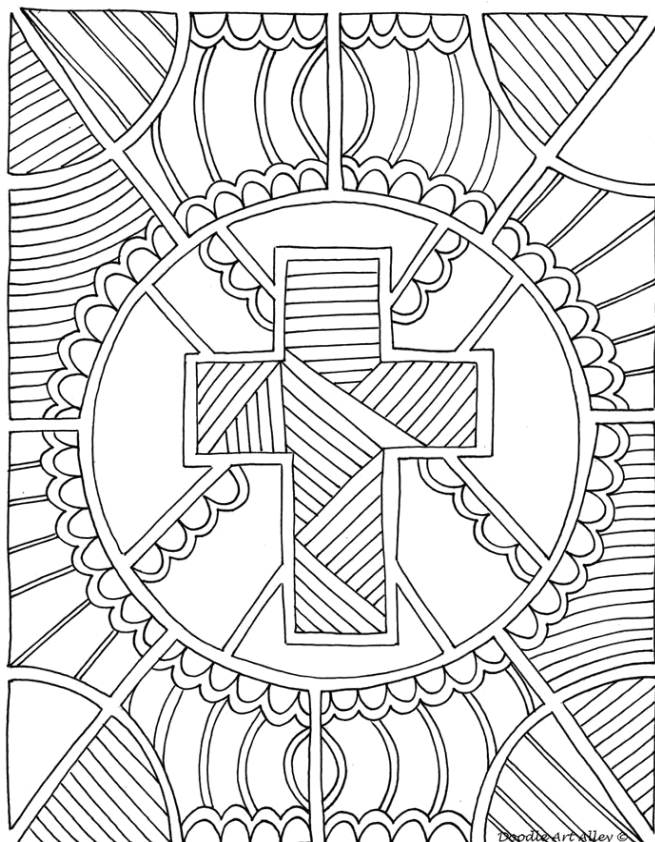
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or corrections.

**Many thanks to members who contributed
articles and photos for the newsletter!**

*** All articles are written by Rhonda Palsota
unless otherwise noted. ***

Little Something to Color



Deadly Art Alley ©

Comic Corner



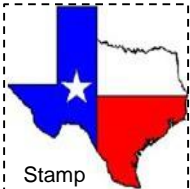
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**"Hear that? People in heaven have
ever-laughing life."**



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