

Les Nouvelles De Les Bonne Dame St. Joseph

Catholic Daughter of the Americas Court St. Joseph #1642 Paulina, LA 70763



CDA Moto: Unity and Charity

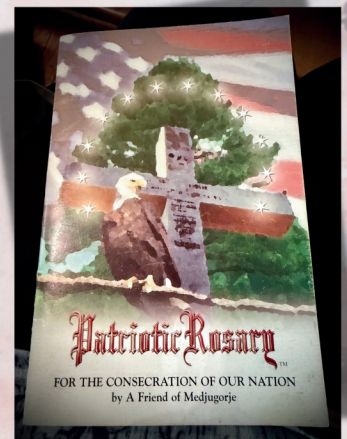
CDA Mission Statement

*To embrace the principle of faith working through love,
promoting justice, equality,
and the advancement of human rights and dignity for all.*

Praying for Our Nation: A Patriotic Rosary Gathering



On Friday, July 3rd, members of the Catholic Daughters from Court St. Joseph #1642 and fellow sisters in Christ from Court St. Michael the Archangel gathered at the beautiful St. Michael Church in Convent, Louisiana, to participate in a heartfelt Patriotic Rosary. The rosary was led by Doris Forsyth, the Vice-Regent of Court St. Joseph, and included readings from historical leaders, prayers, meditations, and songs. Each decade of the rosary was led by members from both courts and was accompanied by our nation's most meaningful and patriotic songs. Prayers were offered for each state in our country, as well as for government leaders at both local and national levels. The rosary is a powerful prayer dedicated to the healing



and protection of the United States. During the recitation, the traditional Mysteries of the Rosary were prayed, with each Hail Mary dedicated to one of the 50 states, seeking God's blessing and guidance for our great nation. We prayed for the needs of each state and for every soul within it. It was a wonderful hour spent with fellow sisters, united in prayer for our beloved country and sharing the hope that it will return to a Christ-like path. Special thanks to Doris for her efforts in organizing and leading this event. Great job, Doris!

July, 2026 - America's 250th Birthday

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Excellent Work Ladies



At the workshop our officers attended on Sunday, June 28, 2026, State Regent Shelia Moore proudly presented awards to the courts that excelled in 2025. We had the honor of competing in several categories, including the highly regarded Angel of Charity Award. The prestigious Gold Award is granted to a court that has demonstrated exceptional generosity in supporting charitable, religious, or educational initiatives. I'm thrilled to announce that our hard work and dedication earned

us the Angel of Charity Gold Award for our impressive donations totaling \$24,120.47. Our court has truly embraced our motto, "Unity & Charity," and I encourage you all to keep up the outstanding work!

In 2025, our former JCDA achieved 1st place in the Circle of Love for their exceptional sidewalk chalk project at Chateau St. James and the time devoted there. We also claimed 1st place in the Youth category of the Circle of Love, which includes our thoughtful gifts for First Eucharist and the receptions for Confirmation.

Moreover, we secured a 2nd place award in the Circle of Love for Spiritual Enhancement due to our impactful Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors in New Orleans. A heartfelt thank you to Tania Bourgeois for her unwavering commitment to this endeavor. It was a memorable day, Tania, one that all of us, fortunate enough to participate in, will cherish for years to come.

Lastly, we proudly earned 2nd place in Membership, in the 85 members and over category.

Each of these awards stands as a testament to your commitment and love for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Together, we represent a remarkable fellowship of Sisters in Christ, and we are making a significant impact. Let's continue to be the hands and feet of Christ, spreading His love and charity throughout our cluster.

Congratulations to us all!!



***** UPCOMING CDA EVENTS *****

Event	Date	Time	Location	Coordinator
Court #1642 Monthly Meetings	August 10th Sept. 14th October 12th	5:00 P.M.	St. James Parish Library, Lutchter	Harriet Melancon
JCDA	July 19th	11:15 A.M.	SPC Cafeteria	Rhonda Louque
Nursing Home Bingo	3rd Wednesday of month	2:00 P.M.	Chateau St. James, Lutchter	Julie Bordelon & Sharon Poche
Nursing Home & Home Bound Rosary	Monthly	announced by coordinator	Chateau St. James & private homes	Doris Forsyth
Court Yearly Fundraiser	Begins in July	July-September	winner announced at October meeting	Liz Deroche
Traveling Statue of Sacred Heart	August, 29 th	Time & location will be announced on Facebook & via email once Fr. Laz returns!		Harriet Melancon & Doris Forsyth
Backpack Mass	Sunday, August 9th	10:00 A.M.	St. Joseph Church	Officers
Quilts of Compssion	July 8th August 12th Sept. 9th	1:00 P.M.	Meeting room at Sacred Heart rectory	Liz Deroche
Metanoia Christmas Donations	Ongoing now until November		Monatory donations ongoing	Sharon Louque & Regaina Forsythe
America Needs Fatima Public Sq. Rosary	Saturday, October 10th	Noon	Front Porch of K.C. Home, Lutchter	Harriet Melancon
Upcoming events to be announced	<i>Rosary at Tomb of Unborn; Memorial Mass; Christmas Social; Confirmations-Jan. 26th & May 10th; First Eucharist April 17th & 18th</i>			

A MESSAGE FROM OUR OUT-GOING REGENT

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Regent for the past two years. I have been blessed to serve two separate terms as Regent and four years as Financial Secretary since I joined CDA. A big thank you to all those who supported and guided me over the years. It has been a rewarding learning experience.

I know the new Regent, Harriet Melancon, will guide the organization to bigger and better things. Please give her all the help and support that you showed me. Don't be afraid to volunteer to lead a project, we are all here to help each other as we serve our church and community.

God bless all our CDA members. You are so kind and generous with your time, talents, and prayers.

Your fellow Sister in Christ,

Liz



New Officers Installed for 2026-2028 Term

The Catholic Daughters of Court St. Joseph #1642 in Paulina, LA, are excited to announce the installation of their new officers for the 2026-2028 term. This important event took place during the June meeting at the St. James Parish Library meeting room. The installation was conducted by Rev. Vincent Dufresne, the court chaplain, alongside Regaina Forsythe, a CDA District Deputy.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Nancy Amato and Rhonda Louque for stepping in as proxies for Tania Bourgeois and Marlene Schexnayder during their pilgrimage at the Maria Stein Retreat House and Shrine in Ohio. Their support highlights the compassion and teamwork that define our organization. Let's continue to uplift each other as we move forward!



The newly installed officers are as follows:

Regent: Harriet Melancon

Vice Regent: Doris Forsyth

Recording Secretary: Sharon Kell

Financial Secretary: Marlene Schexnayder

Treasurer: Tania Bourgeois



A Message From Your Regent

Harriet Melancon

1 Peter 4:10: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace".

*You can always reach me by calling:
225-206-7033*

or email: auntiyutpuppie@gmail.com

What an honor and privilege it will be to serve Court St. Joseph #1642 as Regent for the next two years. I must admit it is also quite daunting. As our Court strives to live up to its motto of "Unity and Charity" and follow our Mission Statement—to embrace the principle of faith working through love, promoting justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and dignity for all—I have a sense of what the next two years will involve. I know how dedicated all of you are to making our Court productive and active in our community. However, I must also confess that I am not entirely familiar with how to manage all of this. I have served as an officer once and do not have experience with the logistics of the regent position. With that in mind, please know that I will be depending on all of you who have served for your guidance.

Being part of this Court is such a profound blessing, and I am so grateful to be surrounded by such remarkable women. Your dedication is a gift not only to our Church and our beloved priest but also to all those we are called to serve. Together, I have no doubt that we will continue to be the hands and feet of Christ, fulfilling the meaningful work ahead of us.

I recognize that I have very big shoes to fill, thanks to the exceptional leadership of our past Regent. With Liz's support—who's just a phone call away—and guidance from past Regents Regina and Judy, I am confident that we can achieve great things together. Ladies, you can bet I'll be keeping all of you on speed dial!

I am eagerly looking forward to our first monthly meeting with all of you on Monday, August 10th, at 5:00 P.M. in the meeting room at the Lutch branch of the St. James Parish Library. If you have any suggestions for new projects or ideas that can enhance our ongoing initiatives, please don't hesitate to reach out to me anytime. Your input is incredibly valuable!

Together, let's embark on this wonderful journey of faith and service.

Your Sister in Christ,
Harriet

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things in him who strengthens me"



Spiritual Enrichment Together We Pray for:

- For our Holy Father, Pope Leo, Fr. Lazaru our Pastor, Fr. Rajesh, or Associate Pastor, Fr. Vincent our Chaplain, Deacons, Alfred Adams (retired), and Randy Clement.
- For our Seminarians, Austin Duhe' and Cain Lambert, and all those young men in the Seminary, may they continue to listen to God and follow what he is being called to.
- For a more profound, more spiritual devotion to the most Holy Eucharist. Kindle in us a faithful and lively devotion to the most Holy Eucharist, so that we may be made worthy of receiving Holy Communion every day...
- For increased awareness of the virtues of forgiveness, graciousness, courtesy, gentleness, and humility.
- For our Sisters in Christ, we must be living examples of God's love for one another.
- For the unborn, may their voices be heard and their lives protected.
- For all expecting mothers that they may find the support and encouragement needed to carry a full-term healthy baby.
- For elderly and shut-ins, those who are lonely and afraid.
- For our community, that we all experience a spiritual and enriching Lent and Blessed and Holy Easter.
- For the young girls in India, and all places of the world, who are abused, devalued and subjected to trafficking. May they receive the protection and education they need to flourish in today's society.



God, please hear our prayers, those spoken and those unspoken. Those physically present and those within our hearts that only you can see.

Amen.



*Continued
prayers for
Austin Duhe'
and
Cain Lambert
our Court
adopted
seminarians*



CDA Joins Local Organizations Sponsoring Holy Thursday Meal



Holy Thursday in our Cluster is a special day for our entire community. The Mass marks the beginning of the Triduum, which encompasses many beautiful aspects of our Catholic faith. This includes the presentation of the oils, the renewal of the priests' vows, the washing of the feet, and the solemn conclusion with the procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Following the Mass, we share a community meal that represents the "Last Supper" that Christ shared with His apostles. Our Court,



along with Court St. Michael the Archangel, the Knights of Peter Claver, and the Knights of Columbus, hosts this meal each year. We are honored to join them in this wonderful event.

Celebrating Easter at Chateau St. James



The smiles on their faces really tell the story—it's all about love and commitment to serving God by being there for the seniors at Chateau St. James Nursing Home in Lutchter.

This Easter, the place was buzzing with bunny ears, cake, games, and lots of laughter. It's amazing how such simple things can create lasting memories for both the residents and our fantastic CDA ladies.

Big shoutout to Julie Bordelon and Sharon Poche for always organizing these events and making every holiday special at the nursing home. And thanks to all our "Sisters" who got in on the Easter fun!



CDA Court St. Joseph Host Class of 2026 Graduation Dinner

Congratulations!
2026



The graduates of the LHS Class of 2026 attended their Senior Mass on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Paulina.

Twenty-nine graduates were present, along with our Pastor, Fr. Lazaru Panthagani; Associate Pastor, Fr. Rajesh Pereira; Fr. Vincent J. Dufresne; and visiting priest, Fr. Augustine. The Mass, a traditional sacred liturgy honoring the graduating students, provided a moment for reflection and prayer, focusing on giving thanks to God for academic achievements and seeking blessings for the graduates' futures.

Following the Mass, the Catholic Daughters of Court St. Joseph #1642 hosted a dinner reception



in the SPC Cafeteria, inviting parents and grandparents. The dinner, prepared by Regent Liz Deroche and her husband, Blaine, featured homemade spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, and cake for dessert.

CDA Scholarship Award Winners



Micah Waguespack accepting his award from Regent, Liz Deroche & Sharon Kell.



Liza Kliebert accepting her award from CDA Scholarship Coordinator Tina Roques.

Each year, our Court is pleased to award two scholarships: one to a graduating high school senior and another to an individual completing 8th grade who will be entering a Catholic high school in the upcoming fall. The scholarship committee for our Court is led by Tina Roques, who dedicates herself to distributing applications to local schools, ensuring the scholarship is properly advertised through effective communication, and promptly collecting and submitting applications for review. With deadlines to meet, Tina feels a strong sense of responsibility for the outcome each year. Before we announce the names of our winners, a lot of work takes place behind the scenes, and we trust in Tina completely to ensure everything runs smoothly. Our Court extends a heartfelt thank you to you, Tina, for your selfless dedication and commitment to this ministry. Job well done, not just this year, but in years past as well.

We are honored to award this year's Senior Scholarship of \$500 to Micah Waguespack, son of Gary and Sandi Waguespack from Gramercy. Micah has received appointments to both the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the U.S. Air Force Academy, ultimately choosing the latter to join the Division 1 rifle team. He stated, "The example set by those who have worn the uniform inspires me to pursue the same path of honor and responsibility." Micah is a 2026 graduate of Lutchter High School. Congratulations, Micah! We believe you will accomplish great things.

The 8th Grade Scholarship of \$250 was awarded to Liza Kliebert, daughter of Lee and Regan Kliebert. Liza is a former student of St. Peter Chanel School and currently attends St. Charles Catholic High School in La Place. She is an active student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and proudly embodies her faith.

Congratulations to both of these hardworking students



COURT ST. JOSEPH HOST CONFIRMATION RECEPTION

On Monday, June 1, 2026, St. Joseph Church in Paulina was filled with joy as Bishop Duca celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with fifty-one excited candidates! The evening began with a lively Confirmation Mass, where proud family members and friends gathered to support their loved ones. Bishop Duca was joined by Fr. Lazaru, Fr. Rajesh, Deacons Alfred and Randy, and Fr. Vincent, all of whom played important roles in making this celebration a meaningful and uplifting experience for everyone involved.

After the heartfelt ceremony, everyone moved to the SPC Gym for a wonderful dinner generously sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of Court St. Joseph and St. Michael the Archangel. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal which included scrumptious red bean gumbo, fresh coleslaw, buttery garlic bread, and an assortment of tasty finger sandwiches.



The evening's sweetest moment was the stunning cake made by our talented CDA member, Rhonda Louque, adding a special touch to the celebration.

A big congratulations to all who received the Sacrament! We hope the Holy Spirit continues to guide and inspire you on your journey of faith. Here's to new beginnings and a bright future ahead!



CDA Contributes to Raise the Roof Fundraiser

It is truly amazing how generous our church community is! On May 17th, we held a "Raise the Roof" fundraiser that lasted just a few hours. The goal was to help raise the necessary funds for a new roof installation on the Priests' Rectory at Sacred Heart in Gramercy. And what a success it was! Our Court generously supported the cause, not only with monetary donations but also by having many of our members actively involved in coordinating the events for the evening. There was food service,



face painting, drinks, sweets, and much more. It is a blessing to live in such a wonderful community and to be part of a service-oriented organization.



Talitha Coum: "Little Girl, I say you, Arise!" (Mk. 5:41)



Our pastor, Rev. Lazaru Panthagni, hails from the Diocese of Vijayawada in India. Before joining our cluster, Fr. Laz worked closely with his bishop in India to establish a school and residential facility for young girls who were victims of neglect, abuse, and trafficking. The school provides these girls with both academic education and spiritual guidance, helping them

become independent women capable of entering the workforce and supporting themselves and their families.

Upon arriving in the United States, his commitment to this important cause only intensified. He has made it his mission to educate us about the difficult conditions these young girls face. Recently, Fr. Laz invited our cluster community to participate in an "Indian Dinner" fundraiser aimed at supporting the school.

It is surprisingly affordable to make a difference; the cost to care for and educate one girl for an entire year is just \$350. Our court was pleased to contribute a donation to sponsor one girl, whom we will also adopt in our prayers. In addition to our monetary donation, we were happy to assist with desserts for the evening.



"Quilts of Compassion: Spreading Love and Comfort Through Every Stitch!"

What began as a small group of Catholic Daughters with the goal of making and sharing quilts has blossomed into a ministry of love and care. These women create and distribute beautifully handcrafted quilts for individuals in nursing homes, hospice care, and hospitals. Recently, they expanded their outreach after receiving a request from A Memory Grows, an organization in Fort Worth, Texas. It's unclear how they learned about our "Quilts of Compassion," but it's truly a wonderful opportunity.



A Memory Grows holds retreats several times a year for grieving families, including specialized sessions for those who have experienced suicide, infant loss, violence, and the loss of older children. They typically request to have the deceased person's name added to the quilt, often as a last-minute request. In this case, they would like to have a few quilts ready for last-minute attendees, and a local quilter will add names as needed.

Having completed 25 quilts, the group was able to respond positively to this request. What a beautiful ministry these "Sisters in Christ" have undertaken!

Meals for Metonia Manor



On Friday, June 5th, Regent Liz Deroche and her husband, Blane, delivered a delicious meal of homemade spaghetti sauce, garlic bread, cookies, and blackberries from their garden to the residents of Metonia Manor, a safe house for female victims of human trafficking.

Our Court has taken on the project of delivering meals several times a year to assist the Religious Sisters who oversee the Manor. They provide food, shelter, education, and comfort to girls who have been rescued from human trafficking in Louisiana.

The request to provide meals for the Manor was issued to CDA Courts in Louisiana that are within a reasonable traveling distance by Fr. Jeff Bayhi, the founder of the Manor. Providing a meal for both lunch and dinner means preparing enough to serve thirty people.

Working with the Catholic Sisters at Metonia Manor is certainly a rewarding ministry, and our Court is very happy to support it.



Court St. Joseph Host Feast Day Celebration

On Friday, June 12th, our Cluster celebrated the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus with an evening Mass at 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church. This year's celebration was particularly special, as our Cluster gathered to honor our love for Jesus and enjoy fellowship afterward. Following the Mass, Fr. Laz, our Pastor, blessed a beautiful canvas depicting the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This canvas was generously donated to the Cluster by Mary Beth Merrill and Gidget Stein and now hangs in Sacred Heart Church for everyone to admire. After the blessing of the canvas, a new sign surrounding the Sacred Heart Statue—located just to the right of the church—was also blessed. This beautiful signage was donated by the Bourgeois family in memory of their parents, Billy and Kay Bourgeois. Their generous donation is a true act of kindness. Our Court proudly hosted the fellowship following the blessings, serving cake and bread pudding to all in attendance, along with a lovely prayer card donated by our Vice Regent, Doris Forsyth. We are truly fortunate to belong to such a loving community!



Pilgrimage at the Maria Stein Retreat House & Shrine in Ohio

Our Court is lucky to have so many loving and caring women like Cheryl Louque. Cheryl coordinates visits of the traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima throughout our Cluster, weekly. She brings the Our Lady, along with a prayer box for petitions, prays the rosary with the host family, and leaves the statue for the week. She returns in a week and does it all over again with a different family. Cheryl has an uncanny knack of knowing when families need a visit, and it's common to hear hosts say, "We really needed Our Lady with us this week!"

On top of that, Cheryl has organized several spiritual pilgrimages for our Sisters in Christ and the community. She takes care of all the arrangements, like transportation and accommodations. She seeks no reward for her effort graciously stating, "I heard Our Lady say, come and visit!"

Most recently, a group from our Cluster, including several of our Sisters in Christ, traveled to the Maria Stein Shrine of Holy Relics in Ohio. This place is famous for having one of the largest collections of relics in the U.S., which offers a great space for spiritual growth and reflection.

During the pilgrimage, everyone enjoyed a tour of the Chapel, attended daily Mass, and had quiet time on the beautiful grounds. They were given the opportunity to participate in daily Eucharistic Adoration and visited several inspiring sites such as: , the Little Chapel in the Woods, the Statue Garden, and the Stations of the Cross, which added to their prayer experience.

It's said that a pilgrimage can transform someone's inner journey, giving them a chance to connect deeply with God. Those who went on this pilgrimage definitely felt that connection. Cheryl's offering of this opportunity to our CDA court and the community was a wonderful gift that they'll remember forever. Simply saying thank you doesn't feel like enough!



Court St. Joseph Officers Attend Officer Installation Training

On Sunday, June 28, 2026, the officers from Court St. Joseph attended the Installation of Court Officers and a training workshop in Greenwell Springs, Louisiana.

The day began with a beautiful Mass at St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church, officiated by the Very Rev. Jason P. Palermo, our CDA State Chaplain.

Following the Mass, the Catholic Daughters of St. Alphonsus hosted our installation and training workshop in collaboration with their local Knights of Columbus. A total of one hundred nineteen Sisters in Christ attended the event.

As the women arrived, they were greeted with warm smiles and a welcoming breakfast that included coffee, tea, and juice. Later in the day, they enjoyed a delicious packed lunch accompanied by iced tea and lemonade—a true Southern treat. The officers embraced their responsibilities with dedication, promising to work together in harmony and cooperation, both with one another and with those in authority at the State and National levels. After taking the oath of office, State Regent Shelia Moore presented each court with a certificate.



The workshop featured several informative sessions designed to assist the various offices within a Court. Participants received handouts containing essential office information, helplines, details about information networks, and links to district, state, and national resources.

The day concluded with a moving and inspiring prayer service that included motivational music. Wrapping up the day with door prizes made for a highly productive and uplifting event.

Thank You Liz!

Our Court has truly flourished under the compassionate leadership of our Regent, Liz Deroche. At our June meeting, we felt it was important to express our heartfelt gratitude and present her with a small token of



appreciation. Liz, we hope you will look back on your time as our Regent with fondness, remembering it as a meaningful and productive chapter in your life. We're excited to see you continue as an active member and can't wait to share many more special moments with you at our events

Court St. Joseph Proudly Sponsor Patriotic Mass In Honor of Semiquincentennial

We, the Court of St. Joseph #1642, proudly united with millions of Americans to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence with a heartfelt Patriotic Mass. The Mass was held at St. Joseph Church in Paulina, IA, at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, July 5th and was officiated by Fr. Jaladi Sravan, a visiting priest who is filling in for Fr. Laz while he is home in India.

In attendance were dedicated members of our local Knights of Columbus, UFW, Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion, Knights of Peter Claver, their Ladies Auxillary, and CBA Sisters in Christ from both Court St. Joseph and Court St. Michael the Archangel. We were also honored to welcome local officials from the Sheriff's Office, the Parish President Pete Dufresne, and representatives from both the towns of Gramercy and Litcher, standing together in unity and pride in our great nation.

As we came together in procession, prayer, and sacrificial offering, we reflected on this significant milestone in our country's history, demonstrating our deep appreciation for the independence bravely fought for by our forefathers. This gathering is a testament to the ideals that bind us together as Americans, as we commit ourselves to preserving and cherishing those freedoms for generations to come.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Judy Pollet, our coordinator and fellow Sister in Christ from Court St. Joseph, for her unwavering dedication and tireless work in making our Patriotic Mass a success. For several years, Judy has poured her heart into this event, overseeing preparations and directing the ceremony with passion and fervor. Her hard work shines brightly and does not go unnoticed. Once again, you have exceeded our expectations and made this year's event even more memorable. We are truly blessed to have you as part of our community, Judy. Thank you! God bless America!



Louisiana State Catholic Daughter News

“Celebrating Creativity: Court St. Joseph Announces CDA State Education Contest Winners”

Court St. Joseph is proud to announce our three winners in the CDA Education Contest: Emerson Crotty, who placed second in the Poetry Division I; Peyton Guidry, who also secured second place in the Poetry Division II; and Adleigh Luminais, who received second place in the Art Division II.

The themes chosen for the contest encourage lively imagination and freedom of thought, allowing student talent to shine. This year, the students could choose between two themes: "The Least of These: Matthew 25:40" or "The Least of These: Lifting Others Up."

The contest provides students from our communities, schools, and PSR classes the opportunity to compete for awards while adhering to established guidelines. Participants could select from various categories, including Art, Essay, Poetry, Computer Art, Music, and Photography.

The three winners, selected by state judges, were awarded a beautiful certificate along with a monetary prize. Congratulations to each of you! We hope you will consider competing again next year.

The Chairman of the Education Committee this year, Kay Dornier, did an excellent job. We received more entries this year than in several years past. Thank you, Kay, for your hard work and for efficiently meeting all the deadlines for submissions and distributions to the schools.



Catching Up With Our CDA Kid Anderson Steib

Anderson is looking forward to a fun-filled summer and is feeling really good!

Kindergarten
Here he comes!

Look at me!
Moving right along and
ready for
Kindergarten



Court St. Joseph to Host Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue



State Regent Shiela Moore has established a schedule for the Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue to travel to every CDA Court in Louisiana and Court St. Joseph has been scheduled to host in August. We will announce the arrival time and place for devotions and prayers on our Facebook page and via emails.

Let us never forget our Sisters in Christ who have gone before us

Everyone we meet leaves a mark on our souls. Some leave unforgettable impressions that last a lifetime and others touch us in quiet and simple ways. Either way ... be it small or profound, they are each special because they were created by our one God, in His image, and perfect just as they were.

This page is dedicated to our sisters in Christ who have passed away and loved ones remembered.

Needing a starting point, we chose 2019. We remember all they did; in kindness, in the community and their dedication and in offering of themselves in service as a Catholic Daughter. May they all rest in heavenly peace with God our Father. Please keep each of them in your daily prayers.



We Remember: Rezette A. Jenkins



Rezette Celina Alleman Jenkins was a beloved native of Gramercy, Louisiana, and a longstanding member of our community. A devout Catholic, she was a faithful member of Sacred Heart Church and served as a Eucharistic Minister. Rezette dedicated many years of her life to public service as our Postmaster.

Together with her husband, Alvy "Dee," she raised a wonderful family that includes seven children, eighteen grandchildren, forty-three great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Rezette was also an active member of Court St. Joseph and is fondly remembered by many who knew her. She had a passion for travel and was known for her generosity. Rest well, Rezette; you are deeply missed.

Iris Laiche
02/12/2022
Helen M. Roussel
03/22/2022
Patricia LeMoine
09/15/2022
Linda Weidert
11/20/2022
Nelwyn Louque Zeller
12/26/2022
Lucille Louque Accardo
03/09/2023
Doris Louque Laborde
06/10/2023
Noelie "Nell" Martin
10/17/2023
Mary Rose Hymel Brown
11/10/2023
Ruby Marie Bourgeois
12/17/2023
Ethel Pollet
10/19/2023
Tania Gravois
July 23, 2024
Yvette Dornier
July 26, 2024
Margie Zeller
07/29/2024
Robin Duhe' Roussel
01/07/2025
Janis Lambert LeBlanc
01/13/2025
Martha Slie Nosacka
06/07/2025
Kathleen Samrow Deroche
06/11/2025
Lorna Veron Louque
08/02/2025
Marilyn Veron Duhon
09/20/2025
Mary "Amanda" Daigle Doucet
January 2, 1939 - April 11, 2026
JoAnn Landry Bland
June 16, 1946 - May 8, 2026
Betty Najolia Peytavin
December 21, 1932 - June 4, 2026



Jr. Catholic Daughters Returns

Court Michelle Joseph 1642



May and June were certainly busy months for our recently reinstalled JCDA Court. The activities began with the Installation Mass at St. Joseph Church on Sunday, May 24, with our pastor, Fr. Lazaru Panthagani, serving as the presider. Following the Mass, the girls gathered in the St. Peter Chanel Cafeteria for the official installation ceremony. Louisiana State CDA Regent Shelia Moore and 2nd Vice Regent Adrienne Dronette Saucier joined Fr. Lazaru for the ceremony.

Congratulations to our new JCDA officers:

President: Sofia Farah

1st Vice President: Bryn St. Pierre

2nd Vice President: Allie Forsyth

Secretary: Carley Chauvin

Reporter: Cassidy Chauvin

Treasurer: Alexis Forsyth

We look forward to an exciting year ahead as you lead your fellow JCDA sisters in deepening your Catholic faith by example.

From June 9-12, our JCDA coordinators, Rhonda Louque and Lenie Laiche, traveled with our newly elected JCDA President, Sofia Farah, to Lake Charles for the National JCDA #loveyourself Retreat. What an exciting adventure it was for all of them! Camp Karol, a Catholic youth camp located in the Diocese of Lake Charles, Louisiana, provides young people the opportunity to Seek Christ, Live Catholic, and Ignite the World. This retreat embodied those principles. Joining our JCDA from across the country was our State Chaplain, Fr. Jason Palermo.

Their days were filled with daily Mass, prayer time, and spiritual activities, including a visit to the grave of Charlene Richard, who has recently been venerated as a Servant of God and is on her way to sainthood.



Day 3 was particularly memorable, as the JCDA members were commissioned into the National JCDA during a pinning ceremony. The day concluded with the Chaplet of the

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Sacred Heart of Jesus, which held special significance. Alongside bishops and parishes across the country, the girls consecrated themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in commemoration of America's 250th birthday. It was a fitting conclusion to a meaningful retreat.

Be sure to follow our JCDA on our Facebook page: JCDA Court Michelle Jose'ph 1642.



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JOIN JCDA

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

GIRLS 6-18

- Grow in Faith
- Be Creative
- Serve Others
- Build Friendships

Come and join our newly installed court.



SAVE THE DATE

1ST Meeting

Sunday, July 19th, 2026
11:30 am
Chanel School Cafeteria
2590 LA-44, Paulina

For More Information contact:
Rhonda Louque
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225-413-2105

Membership Applications available at the meeting.



A Little National News...



Did You Know?

CDA is on Instagram

How to Find Us

Our Instagram name is cda12344. You can find us in two ways:

Log into the National CDA website Click the Instagram icon at the bottom of the CDA Website Home Page under #Connect with CDA (where you'll also find our Facebook and YouTube pages)

Note: as explained right below, you will be asked to create a free account or log in.

New to Instagram? If you don't have an Instagram account yet, you'll need to create a free personal account first. Once you have your account: Type cda12344 in the Instagram search bar Tap our account when it appears Tap "Follow" in the big blue text box when you reach cda12344

That's it! You can immediately like and comment on our posts.

Our First Post: Visit our page to see our first post celebrating our new Campus Court at Catholic University of America! Tap the photo to see the full image and read the beautiful story of this special occasion.

How Our Instagram Works: This is an administrator-only account, which means posts will come from CDA leadership. We invite all members to engage by liking, commenting, and sharing our posts with others!

More social media content and videos coming soon. Welcome to our Instagram community!

CDA on Tiktok

We Are Now on TikTok!

We have added TikTok, in addition to our CDA Website, Facebook and Instagram pages.

We are identified on TikTok as CatholicDaughtersofA.

We initially chose TikTok with the goal of reaching younger women, and were pleasantly surprised to discover a robust Catholic presence there — including Pope Leo, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Knights of Columbus and other important Catholic entities.

We also saw beautiful and inspiring videos from local courts who are already on TikTok! Type Catholic Daughters of the Americas in the Search window and you will see them. Congratulations to the local courts who posted these fine videos!

To visit the CDA TikTok page, go to www.tiktok.com and type "CatholicDaughtersofA" in the TikTok search window. The first video posted is from the #loveyourselfie JCDA Retreat. It is also posted on our Instagram page.

If You're Not on TikTok, Here's How to Join Download the TikTok app (or go to tiktok.com on your computer)

Tap "Sign Up" Choose your login method (email, phone, or social media)

Follow the prompts to verify your account Create a username (this is your handle, like @yourname)

Set up your profile (add a photo if you want)

SAVE-the-DATE **2027 Louisiana State Convention**

Date: April 15-18, 2027

Location: Marriott Hotel, Baton Rouge

See you there!

Details for 2027 coming soon!





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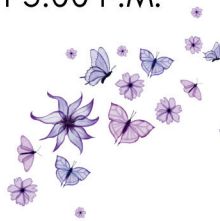
- St. Vincent de Paul's food pantry collection at each monthly meeting.
- Monthly Nursing Home Bingo - call Julie Bordelon to volunteer!
- If there is anyone you think needs to be added to the homebound rosary ministry, contact Doris Forsyth.
- If there is anything you would like to see included in your quarterly newsletter, please share it with Harriet Melancon @ auntyutpuppie@gmail.com or text 225-206-7033.
- Be sure to take pictures of anything CDA-related and share.
- See page 3 for a complete list of ongoing projects
- Meetings are held monthly on the second Monday of the month in the St. James Parish Library, Lutcher beginning at 5:00 P.M.

Upcoming meetings:

5:00 P.M. Monday, August 10th

5:00 P.M. Monday, September 14th

5:00 P.M. Monday, October 12th



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