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Catholic Daughter of the Americas *St. Isidore Patron of the Land # 2340*

P.O. Box 872, Needville, Texas

April, 2025

Mission Statement:

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principal of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

Regents Message:

Hello CDA sisters,

I hope all of you have a wonderful Easter. This time of year, I am very busy in church. I work many long hours, but it is a rewarding opportunity for me to spend time with the Lord. Many people don't know what I do and that's okay. I strive to be the best version of myself, but sometimes stress gets the best of me. This Easter season I've worked on getting everything organized and prepared as best as I can, but in the end it will all work out. After the Easter Season I look forward to a small break and attend the 2025 CDA State Convention in Dallas, Texas. I look forward to learning and growing our court. I will bring back knowledgeable information to share. This convention isn't a vacation as some people may think it is. I know that as a Regent I attend every session and participate in voting. We CDA sisters can make a difference by attending this convention. If we don't attend, then our voices aren't heard, and changes aren't made. I personally work hard for this court and listen to everyone. I know many of you work hard as well. We all need to set aside our differences and know what the true meaning of Unity and Charity is. This is what our organization is all about. We unite and share, but this wouldn't be possible without your support and dedication. We can do this because the Knights of Columbus allow us to have bake sales at their Fish Fry's during Lent. We have the Chicken Fried Steak dinner that the Knights of Columbus cook for us, and we prepare the plates. Many tickets were sold this year and all the profits made went towards our Convention and in the future, this will be advertised on our flyers so the whole community knows. We also have our July Raffle in July and profits made are split in half. One half goes to our scholarship category and the other half goes to the operating category. None of this would be possible if we weren't given an opportunity to show the community what we do. We were able to help three deserving families this year in our community who are less fortunate. Times are tough for many people, but if we have funds then we can continue to serve others. We partnered with St. Vincent de Paul who does a wonderful job investigating these families. If they truly weren't in need then they wouldn't have given the information to us. Take some time to think "What have I done to support my court this year?" We have some homebound CDA members who I'm sure would like to hear from people. We don't want them to think we forgot about them. Pick up the phone and see how they are doing or send a card reminding them we are thinking about them. We have several members that don't attend our meetings, and some people have no clue what is going on. It would be nice to see some of you. I know we all live busy lives but make time to attend a meeting maybe once or twice a year. We are getting new members, and our community is growing rapidly. If we don't keep up with technology, then our court will fall behind. Moving forward I will not be printing all

the extra copies at the meetings. This is a waste of paper, ink, and money for the church. This will take effect immediately. Please read the newsletters and your emails so you can stay connected. I know some members don't have a computer and I can provide that information to them upon request. May God continue to bless each one of you and your family this Easter Season.

Thank you,
Veronica Kresse
Regent

MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The State Convention will be April 23-27 in Dallas, Texas. A silent auction gift bag including a quilt made by Paige Kalmus, a candle, bottle of wine, wine glass, book and bookmark has been completed. The Basket is called "Cozy Up to CDA". CDA pens and small hand crosses donated by Julia Mueck for the Convention Attendance Bag items will be mailed by April 1st. Bath and Body Works items were collected for the Door Prize Donations and will be sent with the Delegates.
- The Financial Review was held on April 8th in the Parish Hall @ 6:30 PM.
- The Court had a Bake Sale in conjunction with the KC Fish Fry on March 7th. 2 new money boxes with locks will be purchased for bake sales and fundraisers.
- A donation was made to Harvest Park for the usage of the parking lot during fundraisers.
- The Court will donate \$300.00 to Sts. Cyril & Methodius Bazaar Raffle.
- May 4, 2025 is the 100th Celebration of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church. All are invited to attend. Officers should attend if possible and wear white top / black bottomw with a CDA sash.
- First Communion will be celebrated at St. Michael's on May 3rd at the 5:30 PM Mass.
- Senior Sunday will be celebrated at St. Michael's on May 18, 2025 after the 10:00AM Mass.
- Quarterly Communion will be celebrated at St. Michael's on April 5th at the 5:30 PM Mass. Officers attending will wear white top / black bottoms and everyone will wear CDA sashes.
- District Deputy Nancy Zurek reminded everyone about getting their Financial Review scheduled and about the upcoming State Convention in Dallas.
- The July Raffle will be on July 13th this year. Kathy Taylor suggested we aim for gift cards this year instead of individual prizes.
- Prayers were requested for Lisa La and Ann Graeber.
- The Attendance drawing was won by Kathleen O'Dowd, who donated the funds back to the Court.
- Door Prizes and Winners: A scented bunny donated by Julia Mueck – won by Kathy Taylor; a basket with lid donated by Julia Mueck – won by Susan Ernest; Homemade Jelly donated by Kathleen O'Dowd – won by Julia Mueck; assorted hand creams donated by Wanda Hubenak – won by Jo Svatek
- The Court sang Happy Birthday to all members celebrating birthdays in March.
- Our next meeting will be held April 22, 2025 in St. Michael's Parish Hall.



2023-2025

Texas State Officers

State Regent

Carolyn Ritchey

"Where God Guides, He
Provides."

Isaiah 58:11

*First Vice State
Regent*

Mary Jane Albert

*Second Vice State
Regent*

Virginia Olsovsky

State Secretary

Debbie Johnson

State Treasurer

Janet Purdy

State Chaplain

Bishop Brendan Cahill

Associate State Chaplain

Deacon Ben Munguia

State Mission Statement

The members of the State Court
love Christ and His Church and are
dedicated to leading others to
Christ and to His service through
The Catholic Daughter of the
Americas.



State News

(Taken from the State Website)

OFFICER MEDALLIONS

State officer and district deputy medallions are now available in the CDA National Store. The State officer medallions are sold as a set of 5 for \$100.00 and the district deputy medallions are sold individually for \$20.00 each. Local court officer medallions are available as a set of 5 for \$100.00. Local courts may now purchase their medallions when their budget allows. The Texas State Court will purchase the medallions for the district deputies and will be ordered all at one time once the newly elected state regent has confirmed all district deputies for the 2025-2027 term. **DO NOT ORDER YOUR OWN!** The medallions will be property of the state and local courts respectively and passed on to the next in line to serve as a state and local court officer as well as a district deputy. Please note that if a medallions needs to be replaced for any reason, you will be able to reorder the individual medallion, but at a higher cost. **Medallions will NOT be needed at the 2025 State Convention. The state officers only will need theirs for the Installation Mass along with the black and white attire.**

Interested in learning more about CDA?

Websites

Texas CDA www.texasda.org

National CDA www.catholicdaughters.org

National Council of Catholic Women
www.nccw.org



National Officers
2024-2026

National Regent

Emily Guilherme

“A Beacon of Hope; A
Light in the Darkness”

National Regent

Susan Mone

**National Regent –
Elect**

Essie Walker

**First Vice National
Regent**

Connie Dronette

**Second Vice National
Regent**

Nancy Bambenek

**National Secretary-
Treasurer**

Brenda Anderson

National Chaplain

Reverend Erick Villa

National News

(taken from national website)

Ceremonial Dress Code

Effective January 1, 2025

We recognize that personal appearance is an important element of self-expression and strive not to control or dictate, but to ensure that the respect of the ORDER is upheld. When participating in a ceremony or a procession, please adhere to the following dress code:

****White blouse, black bottoms, black shoes, officer medallions****

White Dress Blouse (Simple & All White):

No visible cleavage or sheer fabric

No sleeveless blouses

No tank tops

No crop tops

No T-shirts

Black Dress Skirt or Dress Pants (Simple & All Black):

Skirts should be to the knee or longer

No capris pants

No exercise pants

No leggings

No black jeans

Shoes (All Black):

No flip flops

No boots

Jewelry/Purses/Etc:

Officer medallions on ribbons – on sale in the National CDA Store **(NOT available)**

All jewelry should be small and simple

Nothing is to be carried in procession as before when wearing the ceremonial dress attire

Veils/Headpieces:

No headpieces are to be worn – same rule for ceremonials as before

Color Guard/Banner Bearers:

All whites (no pantsuits) – same rule for ceremonials as before



APRIL

Deborah Stainoha – 1
Carolyn Manville – 2
Denise Sbrusch – 2
Michelle Vela – 12
Carolyn Stariha – 17

MAY

Janis Vacek – 7
Wanda Hubenak – 8
Judith Pasteka - 24



*** News You Need to Know ***

Prayer Cards:

* If you need a Mass Card, contact Kathy Taylor (713)504-5912) or you can get one from her at our meeting, for \$3.00 ea. Court must sell \$50 per year to be able to enter Senior Scholarships.

* Shirley Kaminski has Mass Cards for ACCW for \$5.00 each. Court must sell \$50 per year to be able to enter Senior Scholarships.

CDA Sales:

* Our homemade noodles are on sale at Needville Feed.

* Religious Articles are on sale every 3rd weekend of the month. Volunteers are needed. Contact Shirley Kaminski (979-793-6638) & Denise Sbrusch

** Find Texas CDA on Facebook and join to keep up with all the State CDA news! You will need our Regents name (Veronica Kresse) and our Court Name/Number to join.

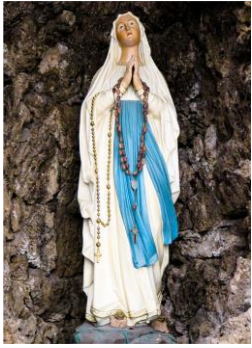
VOLUNTEERS are always needed.....

PRAYER LIST

Please add these members and families to your personal prayers.

Cliff Asselin
Merv Albert
John Doggett
Fred Fojtik
Zelma Groze
Marcella Hackstedt
Allen Hanzik
Alice Krhovjak
Josie Lazo
Delores Macha
Kristine Martin
Kelly McDaniel
Loretta Myska
Beverly Petrussek
Veronica Prihoda
Alice Poncik
Joe Rosales, Sr.
Joe & Eva Rosales
Annie Schilhab
Jeanette Seiler
Deborah Stavinoha
Nancy Sury
Thomas Sury
Billy Svatek
Natalie Wesneski
Deacon Brady Williams
Jo Svatek
Irene Hubenak
Nursing Home Residents
All CDA Members,
Living & Deceased
All Military Personnel & First Responders

If you need to add someone to this list, please notify, Veronica Wesneski, Newsletter editor, at 713.501.2834.



Queen of Peace
Rosary
Held in the Sts.
Cyril & Methodius
Chapel on the 25th
of every month at
10:00 A.M.

The Chaplet of
Divine Mercy
Recited after the
8:00 AM Mass at
St. Michael's on
the First Friday of
every month in the
Church



Mark Your Calendars

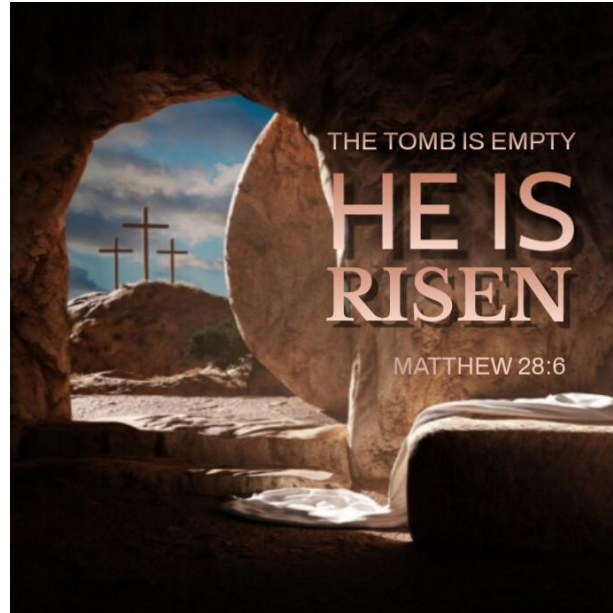
4/25/25 thru 5/4/25 Needville Youth Fair

5/10/2025 Tyler Macha Benefit-Ft. Bend County Fairgrounds – 10:00AM

5/18/2025 Graduating Senior Luncheon

5/25/2025 Blood Drive – 8:00-12:30 PM – CCD Building

5/31/2025 Keith Warncke Benefit – Columbus Club Hall



Happy Easter!



If you have anything you would like to have included in the newsletter, please reach out to me via email:
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