

# Catholic Daughters of the Americas® Court Annunciation #1962, La Grange

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## **Regent's Message**

Our October 20th National CDA Sunday had a great turnout, and new members were inducted into our Court at the 9 am Mass. And yet more ladies are in the process of joining! "Where God Guides, He Provides." Isaiah 58. In this month, we reflect on our many blessings, and thank God for them. I am grateful for being involved in CDA and working with many caring and inspired women. God has guided our new members into our sisterhood of Charity and Unity to work together in helping us to provide for our churches and charities, and the needs of communities at the local, state, and national levels. It was not a whim that we joined CDA. We felt God's calling to this Court, acted upon it, and He will provide through our labor of love.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 tells us to "give thanks in all circumstances." Recently we said goodbye to very dear priests at our three local churches--Sacred Heart, St. Peter & Paul, and Holy Rosary, and have new priests who in turn, were abruptly moved to our parishes. Imagine THEIR feelings! They need our understanding, patience, prayers, suspended judgment, help when asked, and loving support. "We all have important jobs yet mine is to save souls." I caught the gravity of that. I know how it felt stepping into my role as Regent when the past Regent is a "hard act to follow." I'm sure our priests feel that way at times. My husband and I really enjoyed having Father Chris over for dinner—a great opportunity to understand and get to know each other. Don't assume that they're always invited to homes or out to eat. It's a much appreciated and selfless offer you can initiate, and you'll enjoy the time together.

"Where God Guides, He Provides." Another blessing I embrace in the month of November is our rights and responsibility to vote. I recently heard this comment about voting: "I vote because I want my kids, my community, and everyone to have a better life. I believe that voting is the most powerful and peaceful way to make that happen." I hope you will join me and others in this important election and be a voter."

Through the Eucharistic Feast Days of All Saints Day, November 1st and All Souls Day on the 2nd we venerate the Saints and Martyrs for their ultimate sacrifice and remember our dearly departed as well. Veterans' Day on November 11th is a deeply valued time to thank our Veterans and attend celebrations in their honor. On November 12th our Court and the Knights of Columbus will gather at St. Peter & Paul Church as the CDA Court of the Holy Rosary Church hosts this year's annual Memorial Mass honoring the departed members of 2024. Our Court has lost several dearly beloved members this year that we'll commemorate.

As we gather around the table at our Thanksgiving feasts, I'm sure you'll agree that the opportunity to have a shared holiday to "break bread" together with family or friends is a precious tradition not to be taken for granted. Our Lord asks, like the words of a hymn-- "count our blessings--one by one, count our many blessings—see what God has done!" Our Court and Knights of Columbus ushers in the Christmas Season on December 8th with the Annual Christmas Party and Raffle, and the next day on the 9th our Court delivers homemade cookies to the homebound. 'Tis the season of our Lord's birth that we celebrate in festive and reverent ways.

In closing, I'm very grateful for the many blessings of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in our country. It is a divine blessing yet a grave responsibility to protect the Constitution and government from tyranny, respect life from conception through natural death, and never neglect time with our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

*Sherry Hebert*

Sherry Hebert, Regent



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- Dates to Remember:**
- November 19—Pork Steak Drive-Thru Dinner & Bake Sale Fundraiser at KC Hall
  - November 25—Court Meeting starting at 6:30 pm in Sacred Heart Center; Seafarers Collection
  - December 1—Jefferson Place Goodie Bag JCDA Delivery
  - December 8—KC/CDA Christmas Party; social starting at 4pm, followed by meal.
  - December 9—Cookies for Homebound; drop off between 7:30—8:30 am at Narthex
  - December 11—Giddings State School Christmas Party
  - January 5—Jefferson Place Goodie Bag JCDA Delivery
  - January 27—Court Meeting starting at 6:30 pm in Sacred Heart Center
  - February 2—Jefferson Place Goodie Bag JCDA Delivery
  - February 2—Court #1962 Bunco Fun at La Grange KC Community Center
  - February 24—Court Meeting starting at 6:30 pm in Sacred Heart Center
  - **April 6, 2025—Court #1962 Family Dinner & 59th Anniversary**
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**Raffle Reminder**  
*Submitted by: Rebecca Munsch*

All members are reminded to return their raffle tickets before the drawing at the KC/CDA Christmas party on December 8. Tickets may be mailed to the CDA Post Office Box 275 (please mark as raffle tickets), dropped into the collection basket at Mass (please mark CDA raffle), or returned to any of the committee members. Tickets may also be returned on December 8 at the KC Hall beginning at 3:00 P.M. Thanks to all for making the raffle a success!!

**Save the Date: December 9, 2024**  
*Peggy Sulik                      979.249.6808*

Our homebound Cookie Christmas Treat is scheduled for December 9. We are asking for a couple of dozen homemade cookies to be dropped off at the Narthex at Sacred Heart Church between 7:30 AM and 8:30 AM that Monday morning. We will begin bagging at 9:30 AM after Mass in the Narthex. If you can make cookies or deliver to some of the homebound parishioners or help bag that morning, please call or text Peggy Sulik.

**CDA State Convention 2025 in Dallas**  
*Submitted by: Regent, Sherry Hebert*

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas State Convention is April 23-27, 2025, at Dallas Sheraton Hotel. These conventions are jam packed with:

- wonderful information • spiritual activities • fellowship
- life-long friends with Catholic women with the same beliefs as you

Please consider attending as a delegate or alternate while learning more about CDA. We will discuss and vote on delegates in January and you're welcome to ask around the Court about the memorable experiences!

Please notify Emma Proske if you know of a fellow CDA member in need of a cheer card or get well card.

Emma Proske  
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**KC/CDA Christmas Party**  
December 8, 2024  
KC Hall, La Grange  
*Social Hour 4:00 - 5:00 pm*  
*Meal @ 5:30 pm*  
*provided by the KC's*  
CDA members are to bring cookies or a dessert

**Giddings State School Christmas Party**  
*Jean Heger    979-966-2644*

Court Annunciation #1962 will host a Christmas party for two dorm of boys on December 11, 2024.

Volunteers are needed. Contact Jean Heger for details.

### It's Scholarship Application Time – 2025 High School Graduating Seniors

*Who may try to WIN CDA Texas State Court Memorial Scholarships?* Children, grandchildren, sisters/brothers, nieces/nephews of CDA members in good standing (membership dues are current), and JCDA members.

*Court Annunciation #1962 Scholarships* – Awarded to children of our Court's members in good standing (membership dues are current); and awarded to members of our JCDA Court Annunciation #1962.

**Scholarship applications due back to any committee member the later part of January 2025.**

Obtain applications from Court Annunciation #1962 Scholarship Committee: Co-Chairmen Elizabeth Kallus 249-7519 call or text, Stacy Ryza 968-5956 home# or 966-7027 call or text; Committee Members Marilyn Freedman 966-2662, Brenda Seberger 249-7444, Theresa Mueller 250-1237, Peggy Supak 966-2286, Beatrice Ortiz 966-2059.

### November Monthly Meeting Collection: Christmas at Sea

The November meeting collection will be for the Seafarers, to show "We Care"!

**Suggested Items:** small items needed to fit in shoe boxes

*(Since there are very few women seafarers, please purchase items for men)*

**Toiletries(6" or travel size bottles):** shampoo, body wash, shaving cream, razors, toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, nail files & clippers, band-aids, etc.

**Other items:** ski or ball caps, crew socks, gloves, flashlight w/ batteries, cards, games, anything fun

**Snacks:** microwave popcorn, nuts, trail mix, chewing gum, hard candies, M & M's, any non-perishable snacks

**Anything fun!!** These men are away from their families during the holidays.



## Catholic Daughters Court Annunciation #1962



Presents an afternoon of  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2,  
2025**

Registration 2:00 p.m.  
Game starts at 3:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$35.00 per person  
(only 200 tickets will be sold)

\$250.00 Most Buncos

\$200.00 Most Wins

\$100.00 Second Most Wins

\$50.00 Most Losses

#### For Ticket Information

Mary Lou Anderle 979-966-2146  
Shirley Antosh 979-966-3597

Light  
refreshments  
and Cash Bar  
available

KC Community Center  
190 Brown St  
La Grange, TX



### JCDA

*Submitted by: Rebecca Munsch*

The JCDA honored the grandparents of Sacred Heart Parish with cookies after all the Masses on the weekend of September 7 & 8. On Sunday, September 22 the Court hosted the parish ministry social after the 9:00 Mass. Several members participated in the Candlelight Rosary on October 16. On Sunday, October 20, members attended the 9:00 Mass with the CDA members to celebrate CDA Sunday. Later that afternoon, several members delivered items collected in observance of Make a Difference Day to the Gardenia Janssen Animal Shelter; members also donated a hand-tied blanket to the La Grange Volunteer Fire Department's on-line auction that day. The Court held a very successful Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser during October. The Court continues to distribute the CDA's goody bags at Jefferson Place on the first Sunday of each month after its meeting.

### Annual Memorial Mass Held In November

*Submitted by: Susan Kaspar*

On the evening of Tuesday, November 12th, 2024, the annual commemoration of departed members of the Knights of Columbus Chromcik Council #2574 of La Grange, Hostyn, and Plum, along with the Catholic Daughters of Americas Court Annunciation #1962 of La Grange and Plum and Court Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282 of Hostyn took place at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Plum with Recitation of the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. and the Memorial Service and Mass at 6:30 p.m. with dinner following the service. Our Court #1962 remembered 192 departed sisters in Christ and 2 past Chaplains. The members who passed away since the previous year were remembered in a special Service where family and CDA members carried candles in their memory. The faithful members remembered:

Jackie Muzny	Ruth Chovanec	Mary Ann Powell	Anita Proske
Bernice Gettler	Michelle Recek	Barbara Brauner	Dolores Guenther Vacek
Bessie Hoffmann	Linda Winkler	Nancy Belota	

These members had a combined total of 375 years of membership in the Catholic Daughters.

“May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.”

### **2024 Education Contest!**

*The Education Committee will meet very soon to discuss the forms just released so we hope that you'll watch for news about it and participate in it this year! Our Court Annunciation has been blessed with award winners on the local, state and national levels last year and for many years!*

### **Newsletter Article Submissions**

The next deadline for the February newsletter will be **January 29, 2025**.

Please email any news or articles to both [wagner\\_elizabeth03@hotmail.com](mailto:wagner_elizabeth03@hotmail.com) and [shirleyantosh@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyantosh@gmail.com).

Thank you! Elizabeth Wagner Kubicek, Editor

### Court 1962 Unites in Prayer and Charity

#### Quality of Life—Donation

As part of our commitment to promoting social awareness (Quality of Life), Court Annunciation #1962 collected items at the October meeting to donate to CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocate located in Bastrop that serves three surrounding communities including La Grange.



#### National CDA Day Proclamation

Mayor Jan Dockery signed the 2024 National CDA Day Proclamation on October 15<sup>th</sup> with Court Annunciation #1962 members and Court Chaplain, Father Chris Smith in attendance.

#### WRAP—October 27-November 2

Court Annunciation members assembled at the Fayette County Courthouse to place our WRAP, or White Ribbons Against Pornography banner and white ribbons on the big oak tree on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> kicking off the National Observance of WRAP.



#### America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally

Members and their spouses from Hostyn CDA Court Queen of the Holy Rosary #2282 and La Grange CDA Court Annunciation #1962 joined together for the public Rosary rally on October 12, 2024. This Rosary Rally is to unite us in prayer for the spiritual, moral and economic problems of America and our Nation.

#### Candlelight Rosary

October is Respect Life Month. CDA members, and the youth joined together to pray the Rosary for all life from conception to natural death.

It is truly a beautify prayer as the rosary is completed with lighted candles!



#### Leopard Door Greeters

CDA Members Mary Lou Anderle, Sherry Hebert, and Theresa Mueller volunteered to be Leopard Door Greeters for morning drop-offs at La Grange Intermediate School on September 17-19<sup>th</sup>.

**“Well done, good and faithful servant” Matthew 25:21**  
**Please keep our departed members and their families in your prayers.**

*Submitted by: Elizabeth Kallus*

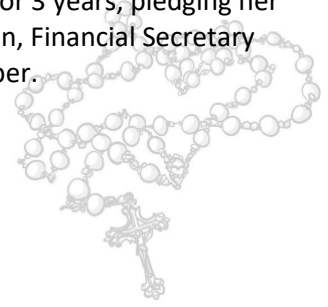
**Linda Winkler** passed away September 2, 2024, at the age of 73. She was a faithful member for over 43 years, pledging her membership October 18, 1981, in Channelview, and transferring to our Court on January 24, 1983. Helping lead her Rosary with other groups from St. Paul Catholic Church in Smithville were Regent Sherry Hebert, Vice Regent Marilyn Kothmann and Elizabeth Kallus.

**Nancy Belota** passed away September 5, 2024, at the age of 69. She was a faithful member for 3 years, pledging her membership June 13, 2021. Leading her personalized Rosary: Vice Regent Marilyn Kothmann, Financial Secretary Shirley Antosh, Stacy Ryza, Elizabeth Kallus, Clauden Saunders, Cynthia Novak, and Jill Stueber.

A Nancy Belota Memorial Scholarship was named in her memory by her family.

Remembrances for our deceased members:

- Perpetual Enrollment of prayer and Masses in the ADCCW Clerical Endowment Fund
- Five Masses said for her intention.
- Court’s banner displayed at funeral home and funeral Mass.



### Membership

*Submitted by: Vice Regent, Marilyn Kothmann*

On Sunday, October 20, 2024, on the annual National Catholic Daughters’ Day, we were blessed with a beautiful Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 9:00 A.M. with Fr. Chris Smith, Chaplain presiding. He was joined at the altar by Deacon Kingsley and Kyle Janda.

A very good turnout of members participated in the procession into Church. Carrying our Court Banner was Cynthia Novak, State Ways and Means Co-Chairman, followed by the JCDA members, new members, members and robed officers including Virginia Olsovsky, State CDA Second Vice Regent. Mary Lou Anderle, State Spiritual Enhancement Chairman, ushered members into their pews. Members participated in the Liturgy, Cantor Terri Wagner, Lector Debbie Hausmann and Gift Bearers Court Officers.

The Mass was offered for the intention of our Court’s Living and Deceased Members. Before the final Blessing, Regent Sherry Hebert welcomed our two new members, Allison Brugger and Macrina Sanchez who pledged their membership to join our Court.

Following the Mass, our Court sponsored a Coffee Social with kolaches, donuts holes and an assortment of cookies in the Church Narthex for all parishioners after both the 9:00 and 11:30 A.M. Masses. Chairing this committee of ladies was Marilyn Freedman.

On Monday, October 28, 2024 during our regular monthly meeting at the Sacred Heart Center, Roxanne Bailey pledged her membership and became a Catholic Daughter.

We extend our Congratulations and a warm welcome to our three new members!

Thank you to the membership committee and all who help us recruit new members for the strength and growth of our Court to foster Unity and Charity under the Patronage of our Blessed Mother.





# HOSTESSES-Keep for Reference

## Goodie Bags for Jefferson Place

Court Annunciation #1962 fixes goodie bags for the residents at Jefferson Place Assisted Living. Each month we fill the bag with snacks, candy, activity pages and lots of love! They are delivered to the residents on the first Sunday of each month by JCDA members.

To help defray the expenses, each month we ask members to donate \$8.00 - \$10.00. Please check the hostesses list for your scheduled month to donate. Donations can be mailed to CDA #1962, PO Box 275, La Grange, Texas 78945 or placed in an envelope marked "CDA #1962-Jefferson Place" and dropped in the collection basket at Sacred Heart, La Grange.

If you are interested in helping distribute the bags and visit with the residents, please contact Shirley Antosh at 979.966.3597.

### Jefferson Place Assisted Living Chairman:

*Doris Lidiak \* 979.968.3819*

### Socials Committee Chairman:

*Stacy Ryza \* 979.966.7027*

The next monthly meeting will be **Monday, November 25, 2024** beginning at **6:30 p.m.**

**Thank you!**



## JEFFERSON PLACE ASSISTED LIVING

### December 4, 2024

Kelly Urban	Linda Urban
Margie Urban	Michelle Urban
Rose Urbanovsky	Linda Vasek
Mary Vasek	Susan Vecera
Josefina Vega	Adriana Veitch
LaDonna Voelkel	Teresa Von Rosenberg
Terri Wagner	Regina Walker

### January 8, 2025

Cathy Walla	Brenda Ward
Fran Weirich	Carolyn Weishuhn
Kathy Weishuhn	Diane Wessels
Betty Weyand	Robyn Weyand
Lesley Wied	Virginia Wied
Kathy Winkler	Delores Wood

### February 5, 2025

Crystal Wostarek	Gailynne Zapalac
Robin Zapalac	Suzette Zarr
Pat Zatopek	Melinda Zbranek
Shelley Zbranek	Violet Zbranek
Debbie Zigal	Cathy Zingelmann
Courtney Pruitt	Julia Zuniga

### March 5, 2025

Terri Ahlschlager	Griselda Albiter
Elvira Alvarado	Kathleen Alvarez
Barbara Anders	Beverly Anders
Mary Lou Anderle	Shirley Antosh
Veronica Anzaldua	Virginia Aranda
Mary Baca	Vicky Bargas

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