



Catholic Daughters of America
Court Daughters of Mary # 2755
Bedford, TX
<https://www.smcchurch.org/cda>
May 2021



Meeting in person (and Zoom) in May

Our next meeting, on May 10, will be both in person, in the Great Hall, and also on Zoom. All who attend in the Great Hall will be required to wear a mask and maintain physical distancing.

Our next officers' meeting will be Sunday, May 2. If you are interested in joining the officers' meeting, or if you have an item you would like to add to the agenda of the general meeting, please send an email to: catholicdaughters@smcchurch.org

Catholic Daughters Name Badges

Linda Chreno will be ordering name badges in May. They are \$7.75 each. Contact Linda Chreno if you want to order one.

Good Shepherd Sunday April 25

This special collection will help to fund the Diocesan Seminary Education Fund. It costs about \$50,000 a year for each seminarian.

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Ordination of Sam Maul



Deacon Sam Maul, the son of one of our parish families, will be ordained to the priesthood on May 22 at Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church. You can join the celebration by watching the Ordination Mass livestream on the

main page of the Diocesan website.

www.fwdioc.org. He will celebrate the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses at Saint Michael on Sunday May 23.

<https://fwdioc.org/public-calendar-event?id=1820>

The Year of Saint Joseph

Saturday May 1 is the Feast Day of Saint Joseph. There will be Mass at 8:30 AM to celebrate this Feast Day. Leading up to May 1, there will be a Novena from April 23 to April 30. The Novena will follow the 8:30 AM daily Masses, Saturday 6 PM Mass, Sunday 11 AM and 1 PM Masses. Father B would like to invite all the Catholic Daughters to participate in both the Novena and the May 1 Mass.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Charity Donations from our Court

So far in 2021, our Court has made the following donations:

National CDA Projects

<https://catholicdaughters.org/national-projects-and-charities>

Catholic Extension \$250

SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious) \$250

Texas CDA Projects

<https://www.texasda.org/projects>

Missions of Mercy \$250

Texas Disaster Relief Fund \$250

Local Charities & Saint Michael

Saint Michael Sanctuary Improvement \$500

NEED <https://needdfw.org/> \$200

Christian Connection \$300

<https://www.smcchurch.org/christian-connection>

Other donation:

Pallotine Fathers--Society of the Catholic

Apostolate <https://www.pallottines.org/> \$100

In the next year (July 2021 to June 2022) we hope to provide even more donations to our charities. Next year, we plan to support MidCities Care Corp

<https://midcitiescarecorps.org/> and are looking into service opportunities with Mercy Project.

One way we have raised funds during the pandemic is through a fundraising night at Panera Bread and ongoing fundraising through <https://www.shopwithscrip.com>

Shop With Scrip

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Since December, we have raised almost \$500 from our purchases through Shop with Scrip. Nine of our members have accounted for that support. We would like to involve more of our members.

What is the fee? If you use your credit card to pay for your gift cards, the charge is 2.6% of your total. If you use a bank account, it's 15 cents per order.

How often do you order gift cards? We order plastic gift cards the Friday after the monthly meeting. If you order eGift cards, you can order those online at any time.

What is the RaiseRight app? This is an app

you can put on your phone. It allows you to purchase eGift cards while you are sitting in the parking lot, in front of your favorite store or restaurant.

How do I get started? Go to

<https://www.shopwithscrip.com/startearning-desktop>

There are step by step directions, guiding you through the process.

Please contact Judy Goldthorp if you have any further questions.

Worker's Memorial Day – April 28

COVID has shined a harsh light on worker health and safety in the United States: nurses, supermarket clerks, warehouse workers and bus drivers who have continued to work through the pandemic have faced infection, illness and death as they labor to meet the needs of the rest of us. But even in a good year, nearly five thousand American workers are killed on the job, and a much larger number are sickened or injured by exposure to dangerous worksite conditions. That's why the labor movement marks April 28 each year as Workers' Memorial Day. The Catholic Labor Network <http://catholiclabor.org/> will honor Worker's Memorial Day by live-streaming a memorial mass for fallen workers 2pm ET on April 28, and YOU are invited. Fr. Sinclair Oubre (Seafarers Union) will be our celebrant; Fr. Ty Hullinger (Archdiocese of Baltimore) will offer the homily.

To register for this event:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUr-fuqhrj0pGdBfXQPMZA06Yj4NR0Pjoo_P?e



Court 2755

recognized at State

Convention. Our court received the Saint Bernadine of Sienna Award for Court Developement.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



Child abuse and neglect include all forms of physical and emotional harm,

sexual abuse, neglect, and exploitation that results in actual or potential harm to the child's health, development or dignity. Within this broad definition, five subtypes can be distinguished – physical abuse; sexual abuse; neglect and negligent treatment; emotional abuse; and exploitation.\

<https://cookchildrens.org/health-resources/safety/Pages/maltreatment-prevention.aspx>

Ten Ways to prevent child abuse

<https://fwdioc.org/child-abuse-prevention-month>

1. **Teach children** how to keep themselves safe and protected.
2. **Open lines of communication** with our children so they can talk about their concerns.
3. **Maintain safe environment compliance** certifications for people who have contact with or access to our children.
4. **Examine our own behavior** and ensure that we, as safe adults, model appropriate boundaries and behavior for our children and the children in our ministries.
5. **Minimize opportunities for abuse** or violation of boundaries. Choose group settings where possible. Monitor children's internet use.
6. **Discipline children thoughtfully and calmly**, not when the adult caregiver is angry.
7. **Recognize signs and symptoms of child abuse** – remember five steps taught in the Safe Environment Awareness sessions.
8. **Report concerns for abuse.**
9. **Invest in our children.** Give your time and talent and cultivate healthy relationships with the children in our Diocese.
10. **Encourage parental participation in children and youth activities.**

Safe Environment training is required of all parish volunteers. The training is good for two years and then needs to be renewed. If you have taken the class before and don't know when your training expires, you can contact Elizabeth Chanoine at

echanoine@smcchurch.org

or Kathy Miller at se@smcchurch.org

or go to the Virtus website:

<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>,

sign in, go to TOOLBOX, go to MY REPORT.

You will see the date of your last training.

Or click on TRAINING, and go to LIVE TRAINING and you will see the date of your last training. You can get more information

about available classes at www.smcchurch.org

home page. Scroll down until you see SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

Thought for the day (taken from a page-a-day calendar a friend gave me years ago)

Friendships need to be nurtured and guarded and fought for. We need to call one another without waiting to be called first. We need to ask how our friends are doing and really listen to their answers. Listen between the lines.

~Stasi Eldredge

Prayer Requests

* Brendalee M asks for your prayers.

* For an end to Covid

* For all seminarians, and especially for the 6 Transitional Deacons who will be ordained on May 22.

* For Carolyn Malik and her family. Carolyn is one of the Texas CDA officers. Her husband Daniel died 4/18/2021.

<https://www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com/memorials/daniel-malik/4587853/obituary.php>

Scammers target loved ones of Covid - 19 victims

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2021/04/scammers-target-loved-ones-covid-19-victims>

A real government relief program will pay up to \$9,000 for funeral expenses that people have paid since January 20, 2020 for loved ones who died of COVID-19. Survivors can apply for benefits by contacting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at 844-684-6333. The number is toll-free and multi-lingual services are available.

Here's what you need to know:

*** FEMA will not contact you until you have called FEMA or have applied for assistance.**

Anyone who contacts you out of the blue and claims to be a federal employee or from FEMA is a scammer.

*** The government won't ask you to pay anything to get this financial help.** Anyone who does is a scammer.

*** The government won't call, text, email, or contact you on social media and ask for your Social Security, bank account, or credit card number.** Anyone who does is a scammer.

*** Don't give your own or your deceased loved one's personal or financial information to anyone who contacts you out of the blue.** Anyone who does that and asks for that information is a scammer.

Mass Cards

Contact Dotty Vanicek to donate \$2.50 for a Mass Enrollment, which provides their being remembered for the period of one year in the Holy Mass offered the first Friday of each month by the current State Chaplain. The monies generated from this project are dispersed in scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

Circle of Love



CDA activities and projects at the Local, State and National level are an extension of the vision, focus and creative commitment of the Circle of Love program. The seven points represent the

needs of the Church and community best served by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in the areas of: Education, Family, Leadership, Legislation, Quality of Life, Spiritual Enhancement, Youth/JCDA. This program binds Catholic Daughters of the Americas together in a common cause: members can support large scale projects at the national and state level and also initiate projects in their communities. This program provides Local Courts with structure and flexibility to creatively minister to their nearest neighbors most effectively

Circle of Love:

<https://texascda.org/circle-of-love>

National Projects:

<https://catholicdaughters.org/national-projects-and-charities>

State Projects:

<https://texascda.org/state-projects>

National Project

Catholic Relief Services <https://www.crs.org/>

In 1943 this international project was started to provide assistance to the people in the poorest parts of the world. CRS reaches out to more than 100 countries with support such as food, medical supplies and religious assistance.

Texas Project

Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)

<https://www.ewtn.com/> EWTN is the largest religious media network in the world, reaching over 268 million television households in more than 145 countries and territories. The mission of EWTN is to communicate the teachings and the beauty of the Catholic Church and to help people grow in their love and understanding of God and His infinite mercy.