

# Les Nouvelles De Les Bonne Dame De St. Joseph

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court St. Joseph, #1642

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*"The News of the Good Women of St. Joseph"*

CDA Mission Statement

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



## Fr. Matthew Dunn Visits CDA-CSJ

Matthew is the son of Tommy & Gina Dunn of French Settlement and has deep roots here in our Cluster as the grandson of Gene & Linda St. Pierre of Gramercy and Sidney & Bonnie Dunn of Lutch.

Keeping true to his roots soon after his ordination he made plans to visit with our CDA Court here at St. Joseph. He was our guest at our August monthly meeting.

Our Court was very happy to support Fr. Matthew during his time in the Seminary, spiritually by keeping him in our prayers daily and financially by offering a small supplement each month.



Fr. Dunn loves to share his memories of attending Mass at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus with his grandparents. He says it was around the age of 5 when he can remember standing on the kneeler so he could see the priest. He knew then he was connected to what was happening at the altar. He tells us he didn't know what a priest was, but he knew he wanted to do what the priest was doing. The day after his ordination, still feeling very emotional from the whole experience, Fr. Matthew served Mass at Sacred Heart in Gramercy. He told us he became very overwhelmed with emotions...with memories of his childhood, sitting in the very pews he was now looking out on...memories of the sacraments he received in that very church. He knew this was where it all started.

His family later moved to French Settlement and became members of St. Joseph Church. During his teen years he became active in his church as a member of the youth group, serving as a lector and as an extraordinary minister. He says it was during those years of service he felt God was calling him to the priesthood. It was at a diocesan youth conference, at the Catholic Life Center, after meeting seminarians of the diocese, he experience a vision of life in the seminary. It was calling him.

After graduating from French Settlement High School, Fr. Dunn entered St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, graduated in 2016 and then attended Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He was ordained to the priesthood, for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, on Saturday, Aug, 1, 2020, at St. Joseph Cathedral, by Bishop Michael Duca. At the conclusion of the service, Bishop Duca announced Father Dunn was being assigned as Parochial Vicar at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Prairieville.

Congratulations Fr. Matthew Dunn, may God bless and keep you close to him and our Blessed Mother always.

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Sunday, November 1st



DAYLIGHT  
SAVING TIME  
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Prior to the on-going Pandemic of Covid-19, Court St. Joseph sponsored a monthly bingo game for the residents of Chateau St. James Rehabilitation and Retirement Home in

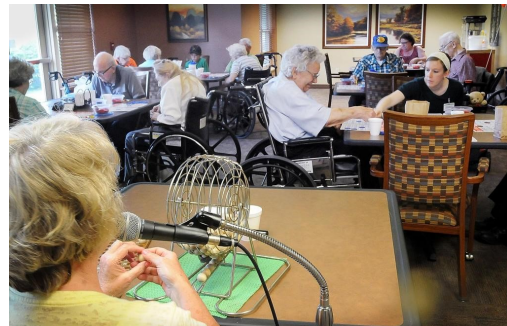


Lutcher. It is one of our activities we are anxious to restart. However we will need to wait until next year to do so.

There will be no bingo games for the remainder of this year. We are hoping to resume this activity after the first of the year. We will keep everyone up to date at our monthly meetings. Even during Phase

3 nursing homes are still not allowed to have visitors and/or extra activities.

Anyone interested in helping with this activity should contact Julie Bordelon.



## Town Square Rosary October 10th



2020 Rosary Rally

In 2007 the American Needs Fatima Organization began holding Public Square Rosary Rallies. The crusade produced thousands of rosary rallies in cities all across the country. Thousands of groups simultaneously praying for our country and the world all across America.

The typical time for these rallies is the Saturday closest to October 12, which is the feast of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun.

You may wonder why pray a public rosary, why not just stay home and pray the rosary quietly in the comfort of your home! Here are a few reasons to consider being part of the public rosary:

1. **The Miracle of the Sun was public:** witnessed by 70,000 people including atheists, communists and anti-Catholics...some of which converted.
2. **Reach fallen away Catholics:** only 28% of Catholics attend Mass (even fewer now during the pandemic). This is a great way to reach the 72%

of non-practicing Catholics. If they see you praying in a public place, then may be moved to become better Catholics.

3. **Public prayer gets results:** Pro-life Catholics have peacefully prayed the Rosary in front of abortion clinics for decades. Their public prayers save lives.
4. **Be a Fatima apostle:** Our Lord sent the apostles forth to teach all nations. Praying the Rosary in public is an excellent way to introduce others to the Catholic Faith and the Fatima message.
5. **Public sins require public reparation:** Our culture openly flaunts sin...public airwaves, on primetime TV, on the Internet. Your Rosary Rally will be a public act of reparation for these sins hurled against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Your public Rosary will console God.
6. **Will the media promote Fatima?** Never! It's up to us to promote devotion to Mary. Catholics must not be ashamed of their Faith!
7. **Public Rosaries in history:** At the end of World War II, Communist Soviet troops occupied Vienna, Austria. They refused to leave. Yet, after massive public Rosary processions led by Fr. Petrus Pavlicek, the Communist invaders packed up and

left. If the Rosary saved these countries, it can save America.

8. **Duty to honor God publicly:** Great efforts are made to drive religion and morality out of the public square. Children in public school cannot pray. This cannot continue. Catholics have a duty to oppose this. We must openly honor God and respect His rights.
9. **Preparing for Our Lady's triumph:** The Immaculate Heart of Mary will triumph over evil. It is a great privilege to be among those who trust in her triumph and honor her in the public square.
10. **Public prayer is powerful:** In his monumental work, The Secret of the Rosary, Saint Louis Marie de Montfort states: Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down his mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in time of public tragedy and suffering.

Please make every effort to join us on Saturday, October 10th as we gather on the grounds of the Knights of Columbus Home in Lutcher to recite the rosary. Bring your own lawn chair, and water. The rosary will begin at 12:00 Noon. Let's make this year's rally our largest yet!

# Spiritual Nourishment & Prayer



## Let Us Pray For...

*For our Holy Father, Pope Francis ...  
For our elderly and shut ins, those who are lonely and afraid ...*

*For the weak and for those who find life a burden ...*

*For humble hearts and a spirit of compassion and generosity ...*

*For CDA Members we have loss,  
may their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace ...*

*For those who hunger and thirst for justice, peace, and love ...*

*For our leaders, may God guide their minds and hearts ...*

*For those who guard our religious liberty, so that we may freely address the needs of  
others ...*

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



## What is the meaning of the word "petition"?

The definition of petition is to make a request. So when we come to God in petition we are asking him to do something - either for ourselves or others. The Apostle Paul mentions this word when he writes to the church in Philippi:-

***"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your  
requests to God." (Phillipians 4:6,)***



*Father all-powerful, Your gifts of love are countless and Your goodness infinite.  
On Thanksgiving Day we come before You with gratitude for Your kindness; open our  
hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share Your gifts in loving  
service. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**happiness** - one of the roots to finding happiness is thanksgiving - taking time to thank God for all the many wonderful things that he provides for us. When our hearts rest in this place we are more likely to be content and not be longing after the "next thing" in life.

## Prayer for happiness

Father,

Please help me to rest in your happiness,  
To allow a smile to linger on my lips,  
To dwell within a wonderful memory,  
To walk back through sunlit places.

Please help me to awake with hope,  
To engage with life in all its variety,  
To take in the beauty of other's joys,  
To touch the souls of those I meet with  
thankfulness.

Please help me to sing with faith,  
To carry the truth close in my heart always,  
To rejoice at new life and  
To have peace as I age.

Please help me to indulge in love  
To breathe in the sweetness of intimacy,  
To taste the kindness of friendship,  
To feel the warmth of embrace.

Please help me not to miss  
A single drop of heaven,  
To catch each moment  
And drink in the great joy of life.

Amen.

This prayer is a request to embrace life  
and find happiness in each moment.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY





## CDA Sunday – October 18th “Thanksgiving for Their Faith”

On Sunday, October 18th members of Court St. Joseph will attend Mass together to celebrate Catholic Daughter Sunday. The Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Vincent Dufresne, our Pastor and Court Chaplain. This celebration will kick off Catholic Daughters Week.

Members are invited to join us at 10:00 A.M. Mass at St. Joseph. Reserved seating will be provide. You are asked to remember to follow social distancing and wear your mask. Please wear a purple shirt or a CDA shirt. JCDA members are invited to join us and to wear blue shirts. CDA officers will enter Mass in procession and



members will participate in the Mass by serving as sacristans, hospitality ministers and lector.

Catholic Daughters Sunday is an excellent opportunity to be an example of today's second reading: A letter to the Thessalonians... “Thanksgiving for their faith”. We are called to do works of faith, to labor out of love and to endure all things through hope in Jesus.

Sometimes God calls us to be his chosen in many differ-

ent ways. As members of CDA, today is an opportunity to extend an invitation to join our Court, to invite others to work faithfully with us as we strive to serve our community.

Invite someone to come to Mass with you. To be part of our CDA Sunday celebration. Sometimes all it takes is an invitation. Someone may have been thinking about joining, but just aren't sure how to go about it. Call a friend, or someone you see in church every week and extend that friendly invitation. Open the door ... they may follow!

CDA Sunday is celebrated each year in October. The Mass is usually followed by a breakfast in the school cafeteria. However, this year due to the on-going pandemic we are unable to gather for breakfast.

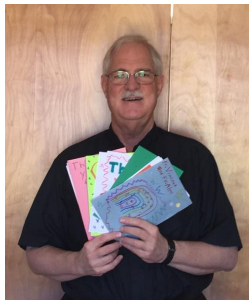
*...call to mind your work of faith and  
labor of love and endurance in hope of our  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
before our God and Father,  
knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God,  
how you were chosen.*

## What We Have Been Up To!

### Jr. Catholic Daughters–Court Michelle Jos'eph

Members of Court Michelle Jos'eph spent some time recently thinking about our essential workers in our community. JCDA Coordinator, Carolyn Bossier, said “we knew we wanted to show some type of appreciation to these workers so the girls made cards to give to Fr. Vincent and Fr. Alec, the Sheriff's office staff, the Parish President's office, Acadian Ambulance staff and local grocery stores”.

Our girls did an awesome job and their Moms were very helpful and encouraging. We are looking forward to our next project!



## Traveling Statue Visit

Court St. Joseph hosted the traveling statue of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows the week of September 26. The State CDA began the Traveling Mary project in 2019, and this was our first opportunity to host her in our Cluster. What an honor this was for Court St. Joseph.

Members gathered throughout the week to recite the rosary of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows.

Many petitions were offered to Our Lady during this visit. Knowing how Her example of love is a model we should strive to emulate, and knowing the heart of a Mother, that could not love more than Our Blessed Mother, we trust our petitions were heard and will be answered.

Trusting in Mary's love and commitment to her son we know she carries our heartfelt petitions to Jesus, and he will deny her nothing. We pray also that the next Court that hosts her finds as much comfort as we did from her visit.

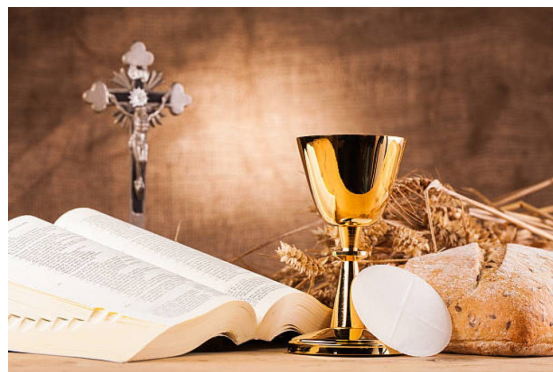


## Corporate Communion

It is hopeful that, come November, our State will be in a safe place with Covid and a Corporate Communion will be possible. In speaking to Barry Weber, Grand Knight of our local Knight of Columbus Organization he says we will simply have to play it by ear.

We are told when two or more gather together to pray our prayers are even stronger. When we gather as a Court and Council of the Catholic Daughters and the Knights of Columbus we gather as a corporate body ... a body who worships and prays together. A Corporate Communion Mass is a special Mass for the Knights of Columbus Council and the Catholic Daughter members to come together as one and share the Eucharist together as a community. CDA & KC members will serve in various liturgical roles during the Mass.

An email will be sent to all who have emails with the information pertaining to the Corporate Communion as soon as a decision has been made.



## CDA Restarts Rosary for Funeral Masses



Covid-19 sure has made itself present and well known in just about everything we do right now. Many parishioners of our Cluster passed away during the beginning of this pandemic. Death and the grief that goes along with it is hard enough. But then you throw into it our loved ones dying alone, in a hospital or nursing home, and you can't even have a proper service for them. Funeral homes had to restructure the way families could gather and mourn. Churches couldn't

offer a funeral Mass for them. Only graveside services were performed. The grief lingers because many families feel they left the process unfinished. Grieving is a process and routines such as wakes, Masses offered and friends and family gathering to comfort you is part of the process. Take most of that process away and families have huge holes where their heart lies.

One thing the Catholic Daughters always did for families was to offer a rosary at the wake. It was our way of showing our love and concern for the family and allowed us to pray for the soul of the deceased. This too was stopped

because of the Pandemic. However, Regent Deroche has announced we will begin to recite the rosary before the funeral Mass again. Nancy Cashio will email members on the prayer list when she is notified of a request from a family. Tania Bourgeois and Becky Foret have volunteered to lead the rosary when called. It is necessary for us to follow all the CDC guidelines - wearing masks and keeping social distancing. Only 2-3 members will pray the rosary for each funeral until such time that restrictions are lifted. If you would like to be included on the prayer list please contact Nancy to have your name added.





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**LOUISIANA BISHOPS SUPPORT THE  
LOVE LIFE AMENDMENT  
TO THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION**

The Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops strongly supports the Love Life Amendment, which would successfully amend the Louisiana constitution and thereby continue to strengthen our commitment to end abortion in our state. Citizens of our state will have the opportunity to affirmatively state that they "Love Life" on November 3—the same day as the United States presidential election—by favoring this amendment.

As Catholics, we are called to ensure that life is indeed valued and that the dignity of all is upheld. This is the foundational principle of our social teaching and must be intentionally considered in all that we do.

Passage of the Love Life Amendment would have a dual effect. Primarily, it will ensure that the state of Louisiana cannot establish a right to abortion at present or if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned in the future. Secondly, it will prohibit the funding of abortion through tax payer dollars within our constitution. Without such an amendment, the invalidation of the many anti-abortion laws we have all advocated so strongly for in Louisiana remains a possibility.

The Louisiana Conference of Catholic bishops therefore enthusiastically supports the Love Life Amendment, and encourages all to approach this initiative with a formed conscience and a commitment to defend the sanctity of human life and uphold the dignity of all people.

July 2020

Love Life.  Vote Yes.

## SPC Walking Rosary for the Unborn



Just before the entrance of St. Joseph Cemetery sits a quiet reminder of unborn babies. A headstone and angels cause many to pause and reflect on the thousands of innocent lives lost each and every year to abortions.

As part of our community efforts to fight abortion and to raise awareness of this tragedy, Court St. Joseph, along with the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus, students, faculty and staff of St. Peter Chanel School, usually participate in a Walking Rosary, each year, in October. This school year, due to the pandemic, students will not be participating in the Walking Rosary. However, teachers and students will recite a rosary, dedicated to an end to abortions, on Friday October 16th, beginning at 8:00 A.M. Chanel invites all parents, grandparents and friends in the community to recite the rosary with them in their homes.

Our Catholic Daughters and K.C. members will place a bouquet of flowers at the grave of the unborn on Thursday, October 15th at 9:00 A.M. and will recite a rosary at the tomb at that time. Court St. Joseph invites everyone to join them as they remember the many unborn babies, and in support of putting an end to this horrible misjustice to the unborn.



## 40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is the largest global pro-life prayer effort in history and Court St. Joseph Catholic Daughters of the Americas participates each year.

Members will gather peacefully outside the Delta abortion facility at 756 Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge. There they will be joined by other church groups and organizations and pray, someday soon, we will see an end to abortions.

40 Days for Life began on Sept. 23rd and ends Nov. 1st. October 9th is our church parish's day to gather at the abortion clinic. Contact Terri Meaney to sign up for a time slot. Please consider joining us! Prayer works!

# STATE & NATIONAL NEWS

## Saying Goodbye to Olga Samaniego, National Regent



In the Summer 2020 Issue of Share, National Regent, Olga Samaniego, speaks to us of the struggles we have faced during this pandemic, while expressing her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as our National Regent.

Olga reminds us all that everyone and everything has been affected over the past few months. She points out that the summer issue of Share should have been the “convention issue, instead it’s about a convention that almost was”. Instead of a convention recap, Olga explains it features synopses of workshops that were going to be presented. She expresses hope that we will share the information with our courts just as we would have shared events of a convention we would have attended.

The issue was also bitter sweet for Olga as it is the last issue she would have produced. She says, “it goes out without her having the opportunity to say goodbye and without being able to feature a picture of the incoming board”.

Olga asks all of us to stay prayerful and vigilant. “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” has proven to be more important than I had anticipated when I chose it as my theme, she says. Olga tells us “the Lord has been speaking to each of us during this time of pandemic and social distancing.” She says the Lord has given us the opportunity to develop our “listening spirit” and she invites us to hold on to that. Olga also reminds us “we need to be about our Father’s work.” In closing she wishes each of us peace and joy as we face the new normal of our lives, together.

Court St. Joseph #1642 thanks you, Olga Samaniego, for your service and dedication to The Catholic Daughters of the Americas. May peace follow you in whatever life offers you next.

## “Fun” D Calendar

Early in September you should have received your “Fun” D Calendars in the mail from our New National Regent, Sherry Milles.

In her letter attached, Regent Milles says, Every couple of years we are offered the opportunity to participate in the “Fun” D Calendar fundraiser. We are not at all obligated to participate, however participation is a tremendous help. By participating the donations made to this fundraiser helps employ and staff the National Office and contract employees, as well as helping to cover cost of training and publication of both newsletter and magazines.”

The sooner you return your donation the more likely you are to be in the first drawing, taking place on CDA Sunday, Oct. 18. Donations are \$20 per calendar and should be mailed to:

**CDA of the Americas**  
Post Office Box 61145  
Raleigh, NC 27661



### PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND & EASTERN EUROPE

12 Days:  
July 26 - August 6, 2021

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**NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, INC.**

**Pilgrimage to Poland and Easter Europe**  
Join National Regent, Sherry Milles, with Catholic Daughters, friends and family on a tour to Poland and Eastern Europe. Twelve days: July 26-August 6, 2021

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas

*49th Biennial Louisiana State Convention*

*April 15-18, 2021*

*Randolph Riverfront Center*

*Alexandria*



Mark your calendars. This will be one *doozy* of a Convention. The Board met in May and our State Chaplain, Fr. Jason, attended. He has some wonderful insight in helping us make this a memorable and prayerful time. And he is planning a few big surprises for us. You wouldn't want to miss out!







## Education Committee Update

*Let all that you do  
be done in love*

The new chairman of the Education Committee is Tina Roques. Special thank to Tina for volunteering to oversee the committee.

There are two parts to the Education Committee: an education contest grades 4-12 and adult CDA members; and scholarships for an 8th grader going to a Catholic High School and a 12th grader going to college.

Copies of the education contest rules and entry forms will be distributed to local schools, and on the church website at [www.rivrdcat.org](http://www.rivrdcat.org), in the com-

ing weeks.

Entry forms will need to be turned into the committee for consideration in early January.

The themes to choose from for the 2021

Education Contest are "Let all you do be done with love" 1 Cor. 16:14 or Show Love to One Another.

Scholarship applications will also be distributed to local school in November and published on the church website in December. Scholarship entries will also be due in early January.

If you know anyone interested in learning more about our education contest and/or scholarship please contact Tina Roques or Liz Deroche.

## Bereavement Ministry Restarts



One of many ministries Covid-19 put a stop to was our support to families, throughout the community, during their time of loss. We were unable to reach out and offer help with bereavement dinners due to health concerns and mandated restrictions.

Now that we have moved into Phase 3 we are able to restart Bereavement Ministry. However, we will have to follow some new guidelines. Those being: We will provide a set menu for 50 people. The family will be responsible for all paper products, drinks, and serving of the food. We will use our phone captains to call neighbors of the deceased for monetary donations only. The money will be used to purchase the food. We are NOT asking anyone to cook a dish at this time.

Copies of the new procedure are available at the Pastoral Center and will be given to the families when they make their arrangements.

## Court St. Joseph Adopts New Seminarian - *Kolbe David*



At our monthly meeting in September the topic of pursuing a new seminarian to sponsor was discussed. Our Chaplin, Fr. Vincent, was present

for the meeting and suggested we contact the Vocations Office in the Baton Rouge Diocese.

As per Fr. Vincent's suggestion Regent, Liz Deroche, contacted the Vocations Office and they were happy to give her the name of a seminarian that we could "adopt". Our new Seminarian is Kolbe David, from Walker LA.

In a letter received from Kolbe he speaks about how humbled he is by our extreme generosity and care for his spiritual development. He also says he will keep each of us, in Court St. Joseph, in his prayers.

Kolbe is 20 years old and is presently in his third year of seminary formation at Saint Joseph Seminary College. He was born and

raised in Walker, LA. Kolbe says he comes from, what he calls, a fairly large family, by today's standards, being one of seven children. He has three older sisters, one older brother and two younger brothers. Kolbe says he and his siblings all attended Walker High School. While in High School he enjoyed playing soccer and worked at Subway.

Kolbe says he was raised in a Catholic household and attended Mass with his family every weekend. "As I approached the end of my senior year of high school, I was uncertain about what I was going to do after graduation. One weekend, while at Mass, the idea of seminary came to mind. I was not sure whether or not I was being called to the priesthood, but I felt called to discern on a deeper level. I knew the seminary was the best environment for me to listen to God's voice".

Knowing this Kolbe followed his heart and has been at the seminary for just over two years now.

His first year was dedicated to learning how to pray and fostering and developing a relationship with Christ. He says, "I am

continually learning how to pray, but now that I have a slight grasp on the spiritual life, I can focus my attention on God's call".

Kolby says he does not know where he is being called, however, with prayer and support he feels he will be able to confidently make the decisions necessary to follow the Lord's voice and go where He leads; whatever that may be.

Kolbe requests that when we pray for him, we please ask for the intercession of St. Maximillian Kolbe, since that is the Saint from which the spelling of his name comes from.

Kolbe closes his letter to our Court by assuring us he will keep us in his prayers and is extremely grateful for all that we are doing for him. He looks forward to getting to know all of us.

Kolbe can be reached @ [davidk@sjasc.edu](mailto:davidk@sjasc.edu)





## Apostleship of the Sea

Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

The Apostleship of the Sea is the apostolic work of the Catholic Church offering hospitality and pastoral care to the People of the Sea.

When these men and women arrive in port they sometimes find themselves in unfamiliar surroundings, foreign language, foreign currency, and a different culture. What is familiar to them is the seafarers' center, or Port as we call it.

In an effort to make things easier for them the Catholic Daughters put together a simple gift to be offered to them at Christmas time.

Items such as socks, gloves, hats, books and toiletries are collected

and boxed.. The boxes are wrapped in Christmas wrappings and brought to the Port of South Louisiana Office, in Gramercy, for distribution.

Our Court will participate in the Apostleship of the Sea project again this year. According to Coordinator, Cheryl Louque, usually in the first week of December the ladies gather to make the boxes, making at least 25. The ladies gather at either Cheryl or Regaina Forsythe's home. Cheryl says, "we only need about 5 or 6 ladies to complete the project in a few hours". If anyone would like to help with this please call either Regent, Liz Deroche or Coordinator, Cheryl Louque.

If you would like to donate items for the gift boxes you can do so by bringing them to our monthly meeting, or dropping them off at the

Pastoral Center. If you bring the items to the Pastoral Center be sure to mark the bag for Liz Deroche so the items can be put in her mail drop.

### About the Logo



The Apostleship of the Sea logo denotes the three beacons guiding and welcoming seafarers safe haven, now and for eternity. The rays of light (faith) reach for and touch the life preserver (hope) while emanating from a heart (charity) upon the anchor of stability.

Court St. Joseph is proud to be part of this project!

## CDA Christmas Cookie Project



For the past couple of years our Court has hosted a Christmas Cookie Decorating event for the children of our Cluster.

Court Members spend several days, baking cooking and making the icing for decorating, as well as refreshment to serve everyone who attends. Our Court Members arrive early and set everything up.

In prior years we met in the Knights of Columbus Home beginning at 1:00 p.m. Last year we had 69 people decorating cookies. When the cookies were completed they were donated to the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Home in Reserve.

It is our hope that we will be able to sponsor this project again this year. If it is safe and we are allowed to gather we will. Until then, we are continuing to make plans, just in case. We will notify members of the status of this project via email and/or at upcoming meetings.



A Little Catholic Humor





## May Be the Time to Be A Little ‘Old Fashioned’

I have a feeling I am not the only person thinking about the Holidays and wondering what will we do? How will my family be able to enjoy the season. We are a family of gatherings ... we love to have large dinners with everyone popping in all day long. We love Christmas parties, with the huge tree, gifts for everyone, special visits from Santa himself, and more love and laughter than you can imagine. But what about this year? How do we do that and keep our elderly and those in the family at high risk safe? How do we break the cycle of “norm” to be safe? What do we do?

First I think we need to remember the reason for each season, and maybe then we would be able to think about the holidays differently. I'm sure most of you would agree Christmas has become the opposite of what it is supposed to be, a time of joy. If I can let all those unnecessary “expectations of old” go, I may find myself more relaxed, even more joyful!



Most of us would agree we would rather go back to celebrating Christmas the way it used to be celebrated. Let's bring Christmas back to the time when it was all about simple celebrations, family and honoring the real reason for the season. Let's make Jesus the center of our celebration.

When was the last time your schedule was planned around Christmas Mass? Not what Mass fits

our schedule for the lighting of the bonfires, but what Mass would actually allow us time to linger getting ready for it, reading the gospel before we get there, sitting quietly in the pew with our family and reflecting on what we read, and the awesomeness of the gift of Jesus, and not worry about the levee.

Spend time at home making gifts, fresh baked cakes and cookies. Giving them as gifts, setting a budget and sticking to it. Imagine not stressing about cost! Perhaps you are good at sewing, make handmade gifts, try woodwork...birdhouses and birdfeeders. Get the kids involved. Deliver those gifts without visiting! A surprise gift at your doorstep is always welcomed.

Give less gifts, the tree doesn't need all that under it. What it needs most is a beautiful Nativity, serving as a reminder of the season.

Set out and use an advent wreath. There are prayers for each night of the advent season you can pray together each evening as you gather for dinner.

Take a family drive and look at Christmas lights. I remember doing this as a child and even remember doing it with my son when he was growing up. It was always a special time.

Invite fewer people. Nobody says your home has to be the party house of the year, every year! Nor do you need to host the entire family. Make it about your immediate family. Stay home and enjoy the beauty of the family God has given to you. Play games, do puzzles, watch TV, go for a walk or listen to Christmas Music.

The holidays are a time of celebration yes...but it doesn't have to be huge. It can be intimate and loving and perhaps even more special because of it's smallness.

Let the season be a blessing to both you and those you spend time with.

Everyone keeps telling us we will have a new “norm” so I guess the best way to start a new norm is to make it a tradition. Take the time this holiday season to start a few family traditions your children and grandchildren may one day pass on to their families.



So what if we called “Old Fashioned” remember this, an Old Fashioned Christmas is finding old fashioned values in a modern world. Instead of worrying about fashion labels and trends, look to create a Christmas that touches the hearts of your family.

An old fashioned Christmas looks like anything you want it to be. It's all the things you would like to see, experience, and feel. Most of all it's about love!

**Merry Christmas!**

*(just the thoughts of a simple girl...Harriet M.)*



From  
the desk  
of...



*Liz Deroche*  
*Regent, Court St. Joseph #1642*



Dear Sisters in Christ,

October will be a very busy month for the Catholic Daughters. Check out the "What's Happening" section in this newsletter for all the upcoming activities. Please consider participating in as many of these as you can, especially in the mass opening CDA Week on Sunday, October 18.

Working with Father Vincent and members of our Court, we are slowly getting back to some of the projects/activities we were doing before the onset of Covid-19. Of course, there are still some things we cannot do, such as, the monthly bingo at the nursing home. Hopefully 2021 will find us in a better place.

At the last meeting we had sign-up sheets for all our existing committees. If you were not able to make the meeting, please let me know if you are willing to help with any of our committees. We are always in need of volunteers to assist with projects.

Our State Regent, Dawn Fortenberry, made a plea to all CDA Courts to donate money to help our sister courts affected by Hurricane Laura. Court St. Joseph voted to send a \$500 donation to this cause. The money was from a fund raiser last year and was supposed to be used to send delegates to the CDA National convention in July. The convention was cancelled due to Covid-19 so this was a good use of funds in our account.

It takes all of us, working together in Unity and Charity, to provide support for our community, church, and families more now than ever before.

Yours in Christ,

*Liz Deroche*

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## What's HAPPENING?

- CDA Sunday-October 18th 10:00 A.M. Paulina
- Rosary Walk-Friday, October 16th
- WRAP Weekend-October 24th & 25th-ribbons will be available for parishioners to pin on themselves at all Masses this weekend.
- Forty Days for Life-October 9th. Contact Terri Meaney
- Annual Cookie Project-TBA
- Education/Scholarship Announces-TBA
- Corporate Communion-TBA
- Court St. Joseph Christmas Social-December 6th Sacred Heart Center 6:30 P.M.
- CDA Memorial Mass, in honor of all CDA Members we have loss during this year, 5:30 P.M. Wednesday, October 21st. Wear purple or CDA shirt.

Meetings are held monthly on the second Wednesday of the month in the St. Peter Chanel Cafeteria, at 6:30 p.m.

We are collecting non-perishable food items at our meetings to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Please be generous! In August we collected 88 lbs., \$140.80 and at our September meeting we collected 77 lbs., \$123.20.

### Upcoming meetings are:

11/11; 12/6(Christmas Social); and 1/13

**All are welcome!**

## Farewell and Thank You Fr. Alexander Sheldon

In September we bid farewell to our Associate Pastor, Fr. Alexander Sheldon. Our Court presented Fr. Alec with a monetary gift that he will be able to use to purchase books/materials for the virtual classes he will be taking on his upcoming sabbatical. Several members of our Court participated in a drive-by parade held in honor of Father on Sunday, September 6th. Fr. Alec has been with us for a little over 6 years.



Fr. Alec will be taking a Spiritual Enrichment Sabbatical upon his departure from our Cluster, during which time he will continue his education which will focus on the ministry of counseling. Fr. Alec is being reassigned following his Sabbatical and we wish him luck with his new assignment. We wish to thank him for all he has done to minister to our Cluster during his time with us.

May God be with you in your new assignment.

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