



*Les Nouvelles De Les Bonne Dame De St. Joseph*  
**Catholic Daughter of the Americas**  
**Court St. Joseph #1642 Paulina, LA 70763**

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.*



**CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AT CHATEAU ST. JAMES**



particularly special due to the outstanding support from our court members for the celebration.

On Monday, December 22nd, at 2 P.M., our court members gathered for the event. Each resident received gift bag which included socks, word each books, Kleenex, and a variety of fresh fruits were included in the gifts. We served cake and ice cream which was very much enjoyed by all.

Spending time with these wonderful residents was a gift for all of us.

One of our favorite activities each year is the celebration of Christmas with the residents of Chateau St. James, our local nursing home in Lutcher. This year was



Sharing love, laughter, and the joy Christmas was truly a blessing!

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# OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP CDA SPONSORED EVENTS

Event	Date	Time	Location	Coordinator
Upcoming Monthly Meetings	Jan. 12th Feb. 9th March 9th	5:00 P.M.	St. James Parish Library	Liz Deroche
Nursing Home Bingo	Jan. 21st Feb. 18th March 18th	2:00 P.M.	Chateau St. James, Lutchter	Julie Bordelon & Sharon Poche
Nursing Home Rosary Rosary for the Homebound	Jan. Feb. Mach	---	Nursing Home & Private homes of CDA Homebound	Doris Forsyth
Confirmation Social	Tuesday, January 27th	Mass begins at 6:00 P.M. Social to follow	St. Joseph Church	Liz Deroche
Annual Fundraiser	January & February	Ongoing throughout January & February	Follow Facebook for updates or Renee Waguespack	Renee Waguespack
Scholarship Applications	Ongoing	---	Throughout the Cluster	Tina Roques
Quilts of Compassion	January 14th February 11th March 11th	1:00P.M.	Meeting room at Sacred Heart Rectory	Liz Deroche
Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Embrace Grace Ministry	February	All month, collecting at all Masses throughout the Cluster	All Churches	Nancy Amato & Harrit Melancon
Cluster Lenten Mission	March 11th, 12th & 13th	6:30 P.M- 8:00 P.M.	St. Joseph Church	Mark your calendar!
Lenten Reconciliation Service	April 2nd	6:30 P.M.	St. Joseph Church	Mark your calendar!
Divine Mercy Sunday	April 27th	2:30P.M.	St. Michael Church	Combined effort with Court St. Michael the Archangel
Stations of the Cross	Every Friday During Lent	After 7:00 A.M. Mass (L) 5:00 P.M. (C) 6:00 P.M. (G)	Lutchter, St. Michael & Sacred Heart	Mark your calendar!
First Eucharist		4:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M. 8:00 A.M.	St. Joseph Sacred Heart St. Michael	Liz Deroche
Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule	February 18th	8:00 A.M. SM 12 Noon SH 6:00 P.M. SJ	8:00 A.M. SM 12 Noon SH 6:00 P.M. SJ	

*Ladies this list details our Court activities for the months of January, February & March as well as some of our Cluster activities. Please keep it handy and join our works of charity by volunteering.*

# COURT ST. JOSPEH SPONSORS OCTOBER BIRTHDAY'S AT ST. JAMES PARISH SENIOR CENTER



On October 28, 2025, our Court St. Joseph sponsored the monthly birthday celebrations at the Senior Center. Brenda Harper coordinated the event with the help of several members.

Small gifts were collected from court members and distributed to senior winners selected through a ticket lottery. We assisted with serv-

ing lunches, and afterwards, the celebration continued with cake, ice cream, and sweet tea, all provided by our court.

Everyone enjoyed playing bingo games, and door prizes were given out as well. Overall, it was a wonderful birthday celebration for those celebrating in October.

## TIME TO PAY DUES AND INVITE A FRIEND!

As we welcome the New Year, let's take a moment to appreciate the little traditions we embrace each year! This time is all about making New Year's resolutions, setting goals for our families and spiritual lives, updating our insurance policies, finally scheduling those appointments we've been putting off, and taking care of our annual CDA dues!

Did you know you're part of a fantastic community of 63,000 dues-paying members

across 1,150 courts in 45 states, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands? We're not on this faith journey alone! As Catholic Daughters, we support one another in nurturing our spirituality through our national organization.

Our wonderful group is open to Catholic women aged 18 and up who want to share their love for God and our Blessed Mother. If you know someone who might be interested in joining our family, please invite them to check us out! Bring them along to our

next meeting as a guest. Let's grow our membership and expand the amazing services our Court provides!

**Dues are \$30.00 per year and paid in the following ways:**

1. Bring with you to the next monthly meeting; we would love to see you! (See page 2 for a list of dates and times).

2. Drop in the collection basket at any weekend Mass. Be sure to put in an envelope and mark it *CDA Dues Court St. Joseph*

3. Bring to the Pastoral Center and leave at the front desk with Lauren (in an envelope marked as indicated above!)

4. Mail your check and complete the form (see

page 5)

Checks should be made payable to CDA Court St. Joseph  
**Mail to:**

**Marlene Schexnayder  
Post Office Box 216  
Lutcher, Louisiana 70071**



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## *A Moment with our Regent ...*



*Happy New Year!*

*I pray that everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season. As we turn a new page and enter a new year, let's focus on our CDA mission of unity and charity. Unity as a group of devoted Catholic women, focused on charity for our community and those less fortunate*

*than us. You will have many opportunities throughout the coming year to serve in one capacity or another. Each of us have different talents, time constraints, and physical capabilities but we can all work together to get the work of the Lord done.*

*We meet on the second Monday of the month 5:00 p.m. at the St. James Parish Library Lutchter Branch. The new time and location seem to be working well for members. I encourage everyone to try and attend a monthly meeting, bring a friend, spread the message of unity and charity to those around you, and most especially, pray for your fellow CDA members, our community, and our nation.*

*God bless you!*

*Liz*



## Our Memorial Page ...



**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.*

*(This page will remain as a part of our Newsletter, names will be added as necessary. One deceased member will be featured in each publication. You are invited to share any memories of them with me as I could use them in their memorial.)*



## Faithful Daughter of Christ

### Myrrh Hayde Poche'



So many wonderful things can be said about this beautiful woman: she was a devoted Catholic, loved to sing—especially spiritual songs—cherished her family, was a great-grandmother, and fully lived her vows as a spouse. A committed adorer at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Adoration Chapel, she was also a member of the Saint Joseph choir and the Catholic Daughters.

She generously volunteered her time to help Father Albert Hebert distribute many Catholic books about the Blessed Mother.

She possessed numerous talents, including playing the piano, needlepoint, various crafts, gardening, and cooking as a self-taught chef not afraid to tackle any meal. However, she is primarily remembered for her incredible ability to help those in need or trouble.

To me, she was an angel on earth. She was an irreplaceable friend and a source of spiritual comfort during difficult times. Years ago, she took the time to share with me the story of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother in a little-known place called Medjugorje and gifted me a rosary from there, which she had with her during one of the many apparitions in that small corner of the world. It is a rosary I still have, treasure, and will always cherish.

She was truly a messenger of the Blessed Mother's message, and for that, I can never thank her enough. She will forever be loved and remembered.

Rest well, Mrs. Myrrh... (Harriet)

Myrrh Poche	Helen M. Roussel	Noelie "Nell" Martin	07/29/2024
12/10/2021	03/22/2022	10/17/2023	Robin Duhe' Roussel
Francis M. Troxler	Patricia LeMoine	Mary Rose Hymel Brown	01/07/2025
12/23/2021	09/15/2022	11/10/2023	Janis Lambert LeBlanc
Rezette A. Jenkins	Linda Weidert	Ruby Marie Bourgeois	01/13/2025
01/26/2022	11/20/2022	12/17/2023	Martha Slie Nosacka
Iris Laiche	Nelwyn Louque Zeller	Ethel Pollet	06/07/2025
02/12/2022	12/26/2022	10/19/2023	Kathleen Samrow Deroche
	Lucille Louque Accardo	Tania Gravois	06/11/2025
	03/09/2023	July 23, 2024	Lorona Veron Louque
	Doris Louque Laborde	Yvette Dornier	08/02/2025
	06/10/2023	July 26, 2024	Marilyn Veron Duhon
		Margie Zeller	09/20/2025

# ROSARY AT THE TOMB OF THE UNBORN

On Tuesday, October 8, 2025, members of our Court, the local Knights of Columbus, our Pastor, Fr. Laz, along with faculty, staff, and students from St. Peter Chanel School, gathered at the tomb of the unborn for the annual Rosary for the Unborn.

As part of our ministry to the unborn, we participate in this event each year, offering prayers focused on the sanctity of life. We ask for healing for those affected by abortion and petition for the protection of unborn children.

Each year, beautiful bouquets of flowers are placed at the site, with our Court covering half the cost and the Knights of Columbus sponsoring the other half.

The Rosary is well attended by our court members, local Knights, clergy, and members of our Cluster congregation. By uniting our prayers, we hope to save unborn lives, bring healing and repentance to those who have been wounded by abortions, strengthen families and marriages, and work towards changing laws that protect all human life. We offer particular prayers for hearts to be changed so that they may recognize the value of all life.



# AMERICAN NEEDS FATIMA PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY WELL ATTENDED



It was a perfect day for the America Needs Fatima Public Square Rosary, held on Saturday, October 11, 2025. The sun was shining, the temperature was just right, and our community showed tremendous support for our

Court's efforts. With well over 100 attendees, the rally was one of our largest to date.

This year's rally was led by Captain, Harriet Melancon, with assistance from former captain Nancy Cashio. We gathered on the front porch and lawn of the Knights of Columbus Home in Lutcher. Members of the community, representing various backgrounds, led the rosary. Young families participated, teaching their children the importance of being active



and involved in their faith. Survivors of cancer, individuals currently battling the disease, members of our Court, the River Road Catholic Women's Group, and the Knights of Columbus also took part.



Our community came together for a powerful public display of prayer, offering petitions for our country, our community, one another, leaders in various sectors, and our church.

# SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT & PRAYER

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## *Let Us Pray For...*

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Fr. Lazaru our Pastor, Fr. Rajeesh, 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 faith-

ful 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.

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



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## OUR SEMINARIANS

As we enter a new year, many of us contemplate resolutions that we can genuinely commit to while being healthy, enriching, and supportive of our spiritual lives. Often, we set unrealistic goals for ourselves, such as aiming to lose 20 pounds that we've carried for 20 years. Deep down, we know we are unlikely to achieve these goals, leading to disappointment year after year.

Here's a suggestion: incorporate a daily prayer for the two young men our court has chosen to sponsor in seminary. To make this effort even more meaningful, consider budgeting \$20 a month to contribute to our seminary fund, which will directly support them. You can make your donation by placing it in an envelope labeled "CDA Seminarian Fund" and dropping it in the collection basket. Your small gift will make a difference, and your prayers will provide daily support for these young men!

*Austin Duhe'*



*Cain Lambert*



# OUR CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

On Tuesday, December 2nd, our Court celebrated its annual Christmas Social. The evening included relaxed fellowship with our sisters in Christ and their spouses.

After an hour of socializing, laughter, and enjoying some delicious appetizers and wine, we gathered with our Chaplain, Fr. Vincent Dufresne, for the opening prayer and the blessing of our dinner.

We were treated to a delicious gumbo made with chicken and andouille, prepared by Tania Bourgeois and her husband, Richard "T-Rich." The gumbo was com-

plemented by potato salad and a wide selection of tasty side dishes.



Following the meal, we indulged in a variety of sweets that were sure to satisfy any sweet tooth.

Many door prizes were awarded, and we also collected a generous monetary donation for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Doris Forsyth remarked, "It was a fun gathering enjoyed by the members and their guests." We extend special thanks to our Pastor, Fr. Lazaru, and Associate Pastor, Fr. Rajeesh, for joining us. Your presence made our evening even more special and truly blessed.



# COURT ST. JOSEPH DONATES TO ST. JAMES PARISH TOY & COAT DRIVE 2025



This year, our court once again supported the local Parish Government and the Department of Human Resources with the annual Toy and Sweatshirt Drive for families in need in St. James Parish. The program accepted donations throughout November and concluded on December 4th.

Children and infants up to the age of 12 were eligible to receive assistance through this program. We were pleased to announce that our court made a monetary donation of \$300 to help support this initiative.

## CHRISTMAS SUPPORT FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S SHARE-A-GIFT



Christmas is a joyful time for most of us, filled with family gatherings, festive decorations, and a tree brimming with gifts for our loved ones. We indulge in fresh-baked cookies, homemade fudge, pies baking in the oven, and a large turkey with all the fixings. Does that sound familiar? If so, you are truly blessed!

However, not all families are as fortunate, especially right here in our small towns in St. James Parish. If we take a moment to look around, we might see homes with little to no Christmas decorations or trees, and certainly no presents underneath. These are the families that St. Vincent de Paul strives to help each year. They include mothers who go to bed every night praying for the strength to get through, hoping to find a way to manage even one gift for each child. They're not asking for much—just enough to make the holidays special.

Our court has supported St. Vincent de Paul's Share-A-Gift Program for several years now, and we are proud to once again offer our assistance this year. We donated a total of \$760. Our court budgets an annual donation of \$300, and during our Christmas Social, guests generously contributed \$375 through a donation box. Additionally, we held a 50/50 collection that raised \$85. This is one of the yearly contributions we take great pride in, as providing relief to those in need is what the holidays are truly about. It's in giving that we receive.

*Merry Christmas to all!*

# BEADS OF DEVOTION PAINT PARTY

On Saturday, November 15th, our Court hosted a Paint and Sip Party, designed as a fun gathering for CDA members and the women of our community.

The event was led by Rachel L. Bourgeois, a member of Court St. Joseph and the owner of her own small business, Heart Strung Paint Parties. Rachel provided all the necessary supplies, instructions, and assistance to ensure everyone created a beautiful keepsake to take home.

Our artwork was titled “Beads of Devotion,” featuring a rosary and cross painted on an 11” x 14” canvas. Attendees had the freedom to paint the beads in any color they chose. We also applied a lovely center medal

and a cross to the rosary, which were generously gifted to everyone by fellow CDA member Cheryl Louque, who is also Rachel's mother.

The gathering took place at the Knights of Columbus Home, where we savored finger foods, chips and dip, and sangria. Additionally, we held a 50/50 raffle at the door, with proceeds dedicated to the Seminarian Fund. Nancy Amato was the fortunate winner and graciously donated her winnings back to the court and the seminarian fund, resulting in a total of \$128 raised for the cause. Overall, it was a fun-filled morning of fellowship, laughter, and artistic success. We look forward to doing it again!



# CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS YEARLY MEMORIAL MASS

Every year, as a Court, we attend a weekday Mass at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Chapel dedicated to the Memorial Mass for our fellow Sisters in Christ whom we have lost throughout the year. This year, the memorial Mass took place on Wednesday, November 12th, coinciding with the Memorial of St. Josaphat, a Bishop and Martyr.

The gospel reading for the day was Luke 17:11-19, which tells the story of Jesus healing ten lepers. Of the ten who were healed, only one—a Samaritan—returned to thank Jesus for his blessing and healing. Jesus praised his faith and gratitude, reminding all of us that even when we gather for a Mass in remembrance of our losses, we must not forget to recognize our blessings and express our gratitude. We are thankful for the time we had with our sisters, for

the gift of knowing them, and for all the moments we shared.

Fr. Lazaru, our pastor, celebrated the Mass. During the service, Tania Bourgeois read the names of our deceased sisters, and prayers for their eternal rest were offered. The Mass was well attended by members of our Court, who came together to pray for our beloved sisters.

### ***We remember:***

- Robin Duhe' Roussel*  
01/07/2025
- Janis Lambert LeBlanc*  
01/13/2025
- Martha Slie Nosacka*  
06/07/2025
- Kathleen Samrow Deroche*  
06/11/2025
- Lorona Veron Louque*  
08/02/2025
- Marilyn Veron Duhon*  
09/20/2025



# WE REALLY ARE EVERYWHERE IN OUR COMMUNITY'S PRAYER LIFE ` HELPING, PRAYING AND SUPPORTING

I've often been asked, "What exactly do the Catholic Daughters do?" To be honest, that's not an easy question to answer. My instinct is to respond with, "Come and see!" But I know that isn't the answer people are looking for. So instead, I'd like to share some pictures that showcase just a few of the activities we engage in—many of which the community may not even be aware of. I'll include a few images and explain how we contribute, participate, pray for others, and offer opportunities for the community to get involved as well!

And I will extend to all of you, come and see! We meet monthly at the Lutch, Library, 2nd Monday of the month at 5:00 P.M.



When Fr. Laz welcomed the community into his and Fr. Raj's home for the Christmas season did you know the Catholic Daughters provided some of the refreshments for that event?



Did you know that one of our CDA Sister host a prayer group weekly in her home, and together they pray for the needs of many in our community



Did you know when Deacon Randy was unable to attend and host the Advent Candelight Prayer Services this year it was a Catholic Daughter who wrote and conducted the service?



# JCDA REGROUPS WITH NEW LEADER

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to take on a significant responsibility. Luckily, Rhonda Louque from Paulina slowly raised her hand and started asking questions about what was involved. Little did she know that this simple act of inquiry was God's way of planting a seed.

“Can I do this? Is it too much? Do I have the time and desire in my heart to do this the right way?” were just a few of the thoughts she prayed on.

Our Court is fortunate to have some extraordinary ladies who step up whenever they are needed. Sometimes we find ourselves volunteering for things we never imagined we would. I believe this is how our new JCDA Leader is feeling.

Over the past year, our JCDA Court, Court Michelle Joseph 1642, began to slow down. With members losing interest and the leader becoming overextended, we experienced a decline in activities and participation, even for scheduled events. Our Court faced a tough decision: either dissolve the Court—a dream we had cherished—or find someone willing to step in and revive it. We all know how difficult it is to get volunteers, let alone someone

God must have answered her with a definitive YES, because she is moving full-speed ahead with this endeavor. Rhonda initially reached out to Libby Hottard, our most recent JCDA Coordinator, for guidance on the intricacies of the program. Libby graciously offered her assistance in reorganizing the JCDA Court. Rhonda attended a State Board-sponsored training session on October 18, 2025, and reported receiving a wealth of valuable information. This was the first-ever session held in Louisiana, and more sessions are planned for those needing help with their courts. Topics covered included



organization, meeting and service projects, finance, and resources, all of which were very useful.

The training session was sponsored by Court 2317 and provided not only fellowship and support but also a delicious lunch.

While Rhonda doesn't yet have specific dates or locations for upcoming meetings, she is making progress. If you see her, please thank her for her commitment. If any of you would like to assist Rhonda with meetings, special projects, or spiritual opportunities for the young girls, please reach out to her. The JCDA is well worth the effort it will require; these girls are our future. This is our faith in action!

# CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS TO SUPPORT EMBRACE GRACE WITH BABY BOTTLE PROJECT



For the past few years, we have sponsored the "Baby Bottle Campaign" throughout our Cluster. This campaign is a fantastic initiative that provides financial support to our local Embrace Grace Organization.

Embrace Grace offers assistance and community for single and pregnant young women and their families through our churches. Whether single or married, all are welcome to join an Embrace Grace support group. Through this program, women can find friendship within our loving community, receive practical support, enjoy a free baby shower, and gain life-changing skills to discover their passions. They provide love and support to those who are unexpectedly expecting. As members of the Catholic Daughters, we are proud to support this wonderful organization.

derful organization.

In February, we will continue our "Baby Bottle Campaign" throughout our Cluster. Baby bottles will be placed at the entrance of each church, inviting the community to take a bottle home, fill it with a monetary donation, and return it the following week. Donations can be placed in the collection baskets during Mass, returned to the collection basket at the church entrance, or dropped off at the Pastoral Center. If you choose to make a donation in an envelope instead of using a baby bottle, please ensure that the envelope is marked "CDA Baby Bottle."

All proceeds from the campaign will directly support our local Embrace Grace Organization. If you have any questions about the campaign, please reach out to our coordinators, Nancy Amato or Harriet Melancon.



# THE HOLIDAY'S WITH ANDERSON STEIB ` OUR CDA KID



His mom says these holiday's have seen a few "first" for them as a family, and it was all welcomed!

As someone on the outside looking in we not even notice the "first" but to his mom, Kaitlyn and his dad, Duran they were actually a big deal.

Starting with Halloween, Kaitlyn said it was the first time in the twin lives that they were able to not have to carry them. The stood for pictures, in costumes and enjoyed moving about like every other child in the neighborhood. Imagine how wonderful they much have felt and how much fun they must have had. I think the whole family enjoyed those cuties as they "trick or treated" collecting all the goodies they could carry.

It is such a happy thing when we can give a positive update on our CDA Kid, Anderson Steib.



Christmas was more of the being normal, enjoying family time and celebrating with loads of silliness. Family pizza night and making gingerbread houses anxiously awaiting Santa's arrival.

It is truly a blessing to enjoy some good

health, some normal family time while offering prayers of thanksgiving and hoping the New Year will bring him more of the same.

*Happy New Year's Steib Family.*



# QUILTS OF COMPASSION

The Catholic Daughters of Court St. Joseph, #1642, proudly launched their new ministry, "Quilts of Compassion," in August, marking the beginning of a heartfelt journey. Twenty-five dedicated ladies have gathered at the Sacred Heart Parish Rectory, where they craft beautiful quilts with love and care for those in need. These quilts will bring comfort to individuals who are ill at home, in the hospital, or receiving hospice care. Since its inception, several quilts have already been completed, and the CDA is eager to share warmth and hope with those who could use it most. Applications to request a quilt are available at the Pastoral

Center in Paulina, on the church website, and on the church's Facebook page.



The next monthly meeting of Quilts of Compassion will be on Wednesday, January 14 beginning at 1:00 P.M. in the meeting room at the Gramercy Rectory.

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## MARCH FOR LIFE 2026

March for Life at the Louisiana Life March South in Baton Rouge with thousands of others to support moms, defend life, and proclaim that we love moms and their babies! Meet us at the Capitol Front Lawn before **10AM**. The route starts from the intersection of North 4th Street and Spanish Town Rd. marching to North Boulevard Town Square for a rally.



## Louisiana State CDA News:

### STATE SPIRITUAL RETREAT



**A HOLY JOURNEY  
Following Mary's  
Virtues**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
9AM-3PM**

Registration Starts @ 8:30

**BASILICA OF IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION CHURCH  
145 CHURCH STREET  
NATCHITOCHEs, LA 71457  
HOSTED BY  
COURT #1372 REGINA PACIS**

rsvp to Sheila Moore, State Regent by Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>  
lacdastateregent@gmail.com  
limited space, lunch provided  
Confession @ 3:30, Mass @ 4:00

### Get Ready for the 2026 National JCDA Retreat & 100-Year Celebration!

The National State Chairmen are hard at work planning this summer's National JCDA Retreat and 100-Year JCDA Celebration, to be held June 9–12, 2026, in Lake Charles, LA. Registration details and cost information will be shared soon, stay tuned! Start planning now so you don't miss an unforgettable week of faith, fun, and fellowship with JCDA members from across the country. This milestone event is one you don't want to miss.



## National CDA News



**JCDA Turns 100!**

*Save the Date*

**June 9 - 12, 2026**

**LOVE YOUR #SELFIE  
RETREAT**

To be held in  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

More  
Information  
to follow.

## SAVE THE DATE 2026 61<sup>ST</sup>. BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 22-July 26, 2026

All roads lead to Coralville Hyatt Regency Hotel and  
Conference Center, 300 East 9th Street, Coralville, Iowa

# THIS & THAT

- 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 them as well.

- 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, Litcher beginning at 5:00 P.M.

**Upcoming meetings:**

- 5:00 P.M. Monday, January 12th
- 5:00 P.M. Monday, February 9th
- 5:00 P.M. Monday, March 9th

**National Regent**

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**State Chaplain**

**Very Rev.**

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**Contributions to SVDP Food Pantry**

Please continue to support our effort by bringing your donations to the next monthly meeting!

- October: 54 lbs/\$104.22**
- November: 50 lbs/\$96.50**
- December: 48 lbs/\$92.64**

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