



Court #2690

St. Peter the Apostle Church  
202 Kronkosky  
Boerne, TX 78006[www.cdacourt2690.org](http://www.cdacourt2690.org)Meets Second Tuesdays 7 PM  
at Upon This Rock,  
Rosary at 6:30 PM

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## CDA NEWSLETTER

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

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### SEPTEMBER 11, 2021, 20th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

*We honor the victims of the tragedy!*

The Catholic Church Remembers 9/11. For years, those numbers simply meant a call for help. Now they also remind us of September 11, 2001, the date of the worst terrorist attack on the United States of America and one of the deadliest days ever on American soil. This commemorative day is also known as Patriot Day.

In 2009, a presidential proclamation declared that this day is also a "National Day of Service." The proclamation calls on Americans to "participate in community service in honor of those our Nation lost, to observe this day with other ceremonies and activities, including remembrance services ... to honor the innocent victims who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks."

- USCCB LINK: [9/11 Liturgy and Prayers](#).

Image from USCCB link

See Pg. 7 For a Tribute to the thirteen who made their ultimate sacrifice on August 26, 2021

**—AUGUST 26, 2021 THE END OF TWO DECADES FOR U.S. IN THE AFGHANISTAN WAR—**

### *A Message from Our Regent ...*

September 11<sup>th</sup> always brought me wonderful memories of my sister-in-law and brother-in-law's wedding. Then seven years ago, we were thrilled when our grandson was born on that day. But 9-11-2001 completely changed our perspective of that date. Twenty years ago I was in a classroom at Meadowlands, when a co-worker's husband called and told the teachers to turn on the TV to see what had occurred. It was incredibly shocking and none of us could imagine such a brutal act of terrorism was happening. Let us never forget how this affected us or how it changed our lives forever. Now that 9-11 is a National Day of Service, let it be an added motivation for CDA to strive even harder to serve the parish and community to honor the victims and all the first responders.

As September begins, we are facing the resurgence of the COVID-19 through the Delta Variant. It appears that we will always be called upon to deal with some disturbing situation. Someone once told me there was nothing I could do about a problem they were having. I disagree! We can always PRAY. Mother Teresa said, "Prayer is as necessary as the air, as the blood in our bodies, as anything to keep us alive – to keep us alive to the grace of God." So as an individual, a couple, a group or an organization, let us pray for each other, our ministries, our parish, our community and our country. Then leave the rest up to God.

Blessings!  
Barbara

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June 2020-May 2022  
Court #2690**

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**Circle of Love Committees and Chairs**

Bereavement	Sharon Mecke
Birthday Gifts for Orphans	Sr. Kathleen Higgins
Blessings in a Backpack	Arleen Skwara
CDA Rosary	Mary Jo Perley
Circle of Love	Regent Barbara Vogt
Easter Egg Hunt	Marti de la Garza
Epiphany Party	TBD
Father's Day	Suzelle Yanes
Fish Fry	TBD
Fundraising	Debbie Simnacher
Funerals/Ceremonies	TBD
Hospitality	Alma Hilburn & Kathy Hannig
Legislation	TBD
Membership	Charlene Jones
Memorial Cards	Paula Hoepfner
Scholarships	Sydney Muenster
Monthly Prayer Request	Nancy Roberts
Parish Festival	Debbie Simnacher
Priest Appreciation	Nancy Roberts & Dorothy Meuth
Rosary Strands	Lisa Reeh & Debbie Simnacher
Senior Ministries and Area Nursing Homes	Barbara Vogt
Spiritual Enhancement	Nancy Roberts
Sunshine Lady	Diane Beaton
VetsStrong	Barbara Walz
Women's Shelter	Alma Hilburn

**ADJUNCT**

Bulletin Announcement	Suzelle Yanes
Membership/Bunco	Debbie Clayton
Newsletter Editor	Ree Laughlin
Scrapbook	Norma Samarripa-Olivarez
Website/Social Media	TBD

**Featured Saint for September**



**St John Chrysostom,  
Bishop, Doctor of the  
Church**

Born in Antioch about 347; died in exile in Comana (Turkey) on September 14, 407. After some years as a hermit, he was a priest at Antioch, where his brilliant preaching and catechesis

earned him the sobriquet "Chrysostom" (golden-mouthed). Appointed patriarch of Constantinople in 397. His reforms, preaching, and ascetic life led to opposition from court and clergy and eventual banishment. Noted for his simplicity of life, his care of the poor, the courage of his witness, and his effective preaching of the Scriptures.

"No matter how just your words may be, when you speak with anger, you ruin all: no matter how boldly you speak, how fairly reprove, or what not." - St. John Chrysostom

**SAVE THE DATE**

Sept. 14th - CDA Regular Meeting St. Anthony Hall 6 pm Social 6:30 pm Rosary 7 pm Meeting	Oct. 12th - CDA Regular Meeting St. Anthony Hall 6 pm Social 6:30 pm Rosary 7 pm Meeting
Sept. 27th - CDA Officer Meeting Our Lady of Guadalupe Room 6:30 pm	Oct. 17th - CDA Sunday Recognition 9:00 am Mass Hospitality following Mass
Oct. 2nd & 3rd "Respect Life" Sunday Collection of diapers & wipes for Hill Country Pregnancy Center	Oct. 25th - CDA Officer Meeting Our Lady of Guadalupe Room 6:30 pm





## Circle of Love “Monthly Featured Daughter” Heidi Abshire

After just six years as a CDA member, I am suddenly a District Deputy. How did that happen? Well, you all know that I am going to tell you but I bet you are all hoping that I can keep this short because you all know that I love to talk. Those of you that have been to one of my meetings when I was a regent, ridden in a golf cart with me, or married to me understand this. There is no need to send Jim sympathy cards as he chose me or maybe he actually deserves me.

I would love to take credit for starting the St Peter the Apostle Court but Gloria Villanueva gets total credit. She did all the work which includes recruiting members, doing the paperwork, convincing the father, contacting the district deputy and state court, setting up meetings, etc. Gloria did a whole lot of work. Gloria came up to me after mass and asked me if I would consider being Regent for the Catholic Daughters. My response was, “of course, what are the Catholic Daughters?” Gloria actually told me that I should pray about it and get back with her but have any of you met Gloria. No one can tell this beautiful, soft spoken lady “no.” So sure, I prayed on it for about 30 seconds and came back with the same answer. You see, it was Gloria that asked and I think the world of her.

I pretty much remember the night we got installed with State Regent Peggy Rosales doing the honors. The great dinner which the new officers didn't get to eat because the state officers were going over all the books. Those beautiful ladies come in hauling a milk crate of books. I innocently asked if those were the officers' books and Peggy laughed and said no those are your books. I'm sure all the officers each remember getting their own crate of books. We came in mid-term and none of us received any training other than what the state officers told us and what we could find in the Tools of the Trade. We all felt that we should complete another two-year (regular) term since we were just starting to figure

this Catholic Daughter thing out. Plus, I get my past regent status since I served over a year.

Honestly, it feels good to let someone else take over the responsibility of being a regent but at the same time it's very humbling to watch someone else take over and do it better. Knowing my personality, I decided to not go to the meetings for a couple of months so that the new regent would not have to deal with my judgement and interjections. See this leadership conference I just attended was also a great place for counseling



So fast forward! Jim and I are at H-E-B doing our after church grocery shopping when I get a call from Becky Brown asking me to be a District Deputy. This time I prayed for a full minute before I called her back that evening and said I would be honored to be a district deputy. In the meantime, I call Merlene who is the district deputy I'm replacing. We talked for a few minutes and then asked her who Becky was? In case you are wondering, she is our present State Regent – talk about an honor to have her call me and her apologizing for interrupting our shopping.

This time as a district deputy, I received training before my term began. We were told that as district deputies, we would be apologizing a lot. Well before I was even sworn in, I had to apologize. God is great, but knows that for me to do this job well that I will need grace and humility. I do wish the humbling could have waited at least a week after I was sworn in though. My job as a district deputy is to serve the courts and the state regent. So ladies, I'm going to need a few prayers. Love you all and God Bless!

Heidi

P.S. This one of Heidi's favorite pictures as she wrote: "Lilly isn't mine but I rode her with a wonderful older gentleman who gave his horse to my sister for her autistic grandchild. This was his farewell ride on the mare." Ed.

# CDA Local, State and National ...

## July Meeting

Our meeting was held and our program was a talk on "Hope for Heroes" by Brad Cornett representing the organization that provides get-away weekends in Boerne to officers and their families.

We welcomed out two new members Dianna Roberts and Corky Crisci who pledged at our July meeting. See Pg. 8 for pictures and brief bios.

## August Meeting

Our meeting was held August 10 with 28 ladies in attendance. We thank Alma Hilburn and Kathy Hannig for providing delicious pulled pork sliders and pasta salad along with snack crackers, cookies and water for our first meal before the meeting.

For our program, District Deputy Heidi Abshire had a fun CDA question and answer activity with prizes for those who could answer the questions. We learned that the first Texas CDA court began in 1909. The proper

chain of command is from local regent to district deputy, state regent to National representative and then to the National regent. She also had a call to members to chair committees and Circle of Love since no officer is supposed to be a chair. We welcome Heidi as our new District Deputy and look forward to her guidance.

## NATIONAL NEWS

[LINK: National News](#)

### Sherry Nilles, National Regent

Our Court suggests that members review the *Circle of Love Spokes* to understand them by going to the National News link above. "By definition, a circle is a curved line with every point equal distance from the point to the center and bound together by a common interest. The seven point program of the 'Circle of Love' is bound together by the common interest - love."

## STATE NEWS [LINK: State News](#)

### Rebecca Brown, Texas State Regent

For TX State info go to the above link.

## TEXAS DEPUTY DISTRICT #42 TRAINING RETREAT



Pictured below left is Circle Lake retreat in Pinehurst, TX. This is where Texas District #42 held a Deputy District Training Retreat on 8/5-8/9, 2021. Heidi Abshire participated in this training retreat as she was recently selected for District Deputy for Texas District #42. Heidi is a Court #2690 member and Past Regent, This training was for the 2021-2023 tenure period,

Pictures: Heidi is above far left with Benji Pardee who coordinated the flow of the District Deputy training. Upper Middle, Left to right: Linda Binnis, Connie Dronette, Heidi Abshire, and Mammae Perez. All attended District Deputy training. Connie Dronette is the National supervisor for the

South. Above far right, Heidi is second from the right pictured with her "retreat cabin mates."

## Deacon Marty Lee's Message ...

*Hail Mary full of Grace,*

*"Mary, Mother of Jesus, give me your heart so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate, so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life, love Him as You loved Him, and serve Him as You served Him..."*

— Saint Theresa of Calcutta

I am sure that most of you are aware that the Catholic Daughters have taken on the role of leading the praying of the Rosary after the 6:30 PM mass. Your sisters in the CDA have been leading the Rosary in teams of two. Sometimes pairing with each other or with their spouses to help lead our parish to Christ through his Blessed Mother. This is a beautiful witness of love for Christ and of devotion to Mary and the Church.

As Catholics, we should pray that we might respond to God's call to holiness for our lives in the way that Mary did. Her "yes" to God is the model for our relationship with God. It is the model of what perfect love and obedience to Christ is supposed to be. Catholics do believe that worship is due to God alone. However, we do venerate Mary. We honor our Blessed Mother with great reverence and devotion because she is the Mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the August CDA meeting Kathy Hannig asked that more of our Catholic Daughters prayerfully consider joining this wonderful opportunity to serve our parish. I join Kathy and our other regular Rosary leaders in inviting each of you to participate. Ask a fellow daughter, your spouse or a family member to join you. If you do not have a partner Kathy will pair you up with someone.

Praying the Rosary draws us closer to Jesus and bears fruit that will flow through our families, our parish, and the world.

Glory and praise to our Lord,  
Deacon Marty Lee

NOTE: To volunteer and information for Monday Evenings Rosary see Pg. 11

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,\* and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,

Luke 31-32



Image Source: Ree Laughlin

...My spirit rejoices in God my savior.

For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.

The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Luke 47-49

# Circle of Love Activities ...



"The Mission of Circle of Love is to establish committees that support the seven-point program by which Catholic Daughters can serve the needs of the Church and the community.

These points are:

Education, Youth, Spiritual Enhancement, Quality of Life, Family, Leadership, Legislation.

The seven-point program is the way by which Catholic Daughters may serve these needs."

- **Prayer Requests**, Please send your prayer requests to Nancy Roberts by email. If you are interested in forming a rosary prayer group, let Nancy know and she will help you with the details. Contact: Nancy Roberts [cococat@gvtc.com](mailto:cococat@gvtc.com)
- **Vetstrong**. We are still in need of full- and queen-sized quilts and blankets, washcloths, and pots & pans. Unfortunately, there are still many veterans living in empty apartments with no furniture at all. Contact Barbara Walz if you are interested in helping her make kitchenware or bed linen deliveries. She would like the vets to at least have glassware, pots & pans, and towels. She is making 3-4 pickups each week - and the same number of deliveries. Please continue to provide Barbara with contact information of people who are downsizing, moving, or cleaning out storage units. Barbara is still in need of most anything someone could use moving into a small apartment. She especially needs small kitchen tables. See Pg. 7. for a related "Thank You" note. Contact: Barbara Walz [barbwalz@gvtc.com](mailto:barbwalz@gvtc.com)
- **CDA Shirts Project**. The project is ongoing. All CDA members are encouraged to donate any CDA gently used shirts to our court that they no longer wear or are replacing.

The following new CDA embroidered shirts will be available at our September 14th meeting:

1. 4302 Ladies Easy Care (60/40)/Twill long sleeve SMALL \$32 in Purple
2. CT1081 Ladies Mini Stripe Polo (88% poly/12% spandex) LARGE short sleeve \$33.00, and
3. Port Authority Zippered Fleece Jacket w Collar (100% Polyester) in Purple EXTRA LARGE \$45

These and other shirts can be previewed in the 2021 catalog: [www.bawonline.com](http://www.bawonline.com)

Contact: Mary Frances Teniente [tenientemf72@gmail.com](mailto:tenientemf72@gmail.com)

- **All-Combined Area Nursing Homes**. Nursing homes have opened up and we request that you call and make an appointment to see residents. Individuals may drop off books, puzzles, treats by calling the nursing homes ahead. Check for mask requirements, too. **Note**: CDA will be collecting candy for the nursing homes' Halloween parties at the October 12th regular meeting. Contact: Regent Barbara Vogt [vogtsrn@gvtc.com](mailto:vogtsrn@gvtc.com)
- **Memorial Cards**. 8 cards were sold in July. You can buy the cards for prayers which will be offered for a person for an entire year. Cards are \$2.50 each which goes to State. All money collected for Memorial Cards must be sent to State CDA for their scholarship fund. CDA Court #2690 will accept donations for local scholarships separate from the Memorial Cards and will designate a fundraiser for the scholarship fund." The cards are available for purchase in the pastoral office, from Paula Hoepfner or at the CDA Meetings. Contact: Paula Hoepfner [crafty10@hotmail.com](mailto:crafty10@hotmail.com)

## Helping War Vets & Remembering the 13 Heroes...



I wanted to share this note we received from a young (35 year old-ish) Veteran who came by the warehouse the end of June to pick up some items for his 12 year old daughter.

He expressed concern because all she had was a blow-up bed in her room. We loaded him up with a nice flowered quilt, linens, pillow, bedside table, lamp, and a small stuffed chair. Plus a couple of floral pictures. His "thank you" note follows:

"My daughter's room has life in it now! This world benefits greatly from the things people like you do. My family and I are grateful for the help we can get that is just making our foundation in life, faith and family stronger. I will definitely pay this forward. Thank you and God Bless you all!"

Thank you so much CDA Daughters for all your donations and referrals. Your efforts ARE making a difference in people's lives.

Blessings,  
Barbara Walz - **Vets Strong**, CDA Project Coordinator



### REMEMBERING THIRTEEN AMERICAN HEROES

Just days before August 26th these thirteen, our "American Sons and Daughters," were gently and cheerfully assisting Afghani and American civilians at the Kabul airport while they waited to be vetted and board planes to get far away from the Taliban. True to our Christian American values of serving the less fortunate, they guarded the crowds from harm, handed out water, spoke to the kids, and entertained them. They held babies to give their mom's a break or because they were injured. Some babies were handed to them by desperate parents. Overall, they were protecting Americans and Afghans and the evacuation planes in a very dangerous and hostile environment. As they executed their mission, a suicide car bomb went off killing these thirteen military men and women. The suicide attack also claimed the lives of more than 160 Afghans.

Each one had their own story with dreams and plans for the future. Their families will never be the same. How can they? Please pray for the repose of their souls. And, may our Triune God and Mary the Mother of God, the angels, and all the saints console their loving families and friends. And, may these brave young men and women rest in peace in God's loving arms just like the baby in this picture. Sgt. Gee's dad received this picture on the left with an accompanying comment a few days before her death, "I love my job."



Nicole Gee, RIP  
"I love my job."

If you know a Veteran of the Afghan war, their hearts are broken. Serving in Afghanistan, they kept our homeland safe for twenty years! Please pray and reach out to them.

## *Cookbook and Ornaments Update ...*

Michelle M. Lee

**Cookbook:** We have no official word from the publisher on when we will be seeing the Draft copy. Once we receive the Draft copy, we will have five days to review and correct as needed. Please look for an email when that happens. If you have no changes to your recipes, then it will go to print as is. We did have to modify some of the recipes to match the format the publisher now has so please be ready for that. We have not received a definitive delivery date but looking for that to be around September 30th. "Tasting Dates" will likely be early October. We will also have a pre-order form in the bulletin and online purchasing before September is out. Please attend the September CDA meeting for more details. We will be selling them for \$25 each.

**Ornaments:** The new Christmas ornaments have been ordered. There is a significant labor shortage in China where the ornaments are hand painted and that has pushed back our delivery date. We are expecting for them to arrive in early January, but fingers are crossed that they will make it here in December. We will still pre-sell the new ornaments and remaining ones from last year, both the flat brass and blue globe ones, before Christmas. Please look for sign-ups in November to help sell them after mass. We will also launch the online sales as we get closer. Please see the new design on Pg. 16.

## *Spiritual Enhancement, Pursuing Holiness...*

### **CATHOLIC BOOK REVIEW**

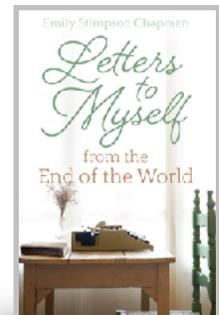
#### **Letters to Myself from the End of the World**

\$19.95 at St. Paul Center

Link: <https://stpaulcenter.com/product/letters-to-myself-from-the-end-of-the-world/>

Catholic Author: Emily Stimpson-Chapman

Submitted by: Ree Laughlin



If you could talk to your younger self, what would you tell her? If you could equip her for the challenges she would face today, with the Church plagued by scandal and the culture on the verge of collapse, what would you say?

In Letters to Myself from the End of the World, Emily Stimpson Chapman answers those questions, weaving Catholic theology, biblical wisdom, and her own life experience into forty-five "letters" to her twenty-five-year-old self.

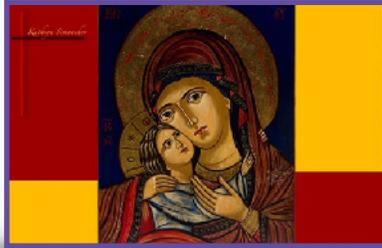
Both personal and practical, Chapman's letters reflect upon sin and grace, the Church's sacraments and saints, scandals and injustice, social media and prayer, suffering, adoption, motherhood, and much more. Written in real time, during the summer and fall of 2020, while pandemics and riots filled the news and as Chapman and her husband prepared to adopt a second child, Letters to Myself from the End of the World is a faithful guide for pursuing holiness and spiritual maturity in a world broken by sin. It's also a testimony to the power of grace to heal our hearts, renew our minds, and transform our lives. **Note:** Read these articles to see a sample of her writing. LINKS: [Emily Stimpson Article](#) and this [On Vaccines: Harden Not Your Hearts](#)

I hope you found this review interesting which I copied from the St. Paul Center's web page. We would like to have a book recommendation/review each newsletter. If you wish to recommend a book with Catholic values which you read, please email a review of it to the Editor. The next review will be posted November 1 for the November-December edition of the newsletter. Book reviews should be submitted by mid October. If any questions or suggestions, please contact: Ree Laughlin, Editor, [reelaughlin@gmail.com](mailto:reelaughlin@gmail.com)

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# Catholic Daughters of the Month...

\*Ora et labora



2020  
December- Alexine Deans

2021  
January - Rose Jaeger  
February - Paula Hoepfner  
March - Carol Lyle  
April - Emily Cardenas  
May - Mary Frances Teniente  
June - Dorothy Meuth  
July - Sue Taylor  
August - Laura Hooge  
September -  
October -  
November -

Image: Courtesy of Kathryn Simnacher Fine Art. An 8.5 x11" portrait copy in a holder is presented to each of the Daughters listed. \* Pray and labor



Sue Taylor and Laura Hooge were recognized as "Daughters of the Month" by Regent Barbara Vogt for the months of July and August, 2021 respectively.

Both women are committed to service and volunteer at every opportunity possible. Sue helped with both Fish Fries, The Baby Bottle Boomerang and the priest Appreciation Dinner to name some.

Laura has actively been attending meetings, is a volunteer cookbook recipe wrangler and helped with the Easter Basket giveaway preparation. She has also been our link to knowing about XLT events.

## Welcome New Pledges...



### Please give your usual warm welcome to our new CDA Court Members!

**JULY:** Pictured left at the Initiation Service are: L-R Regent Barbara Vogt, New CDA Members, Dianna Roberts and Corky Crisci.

**Dianna Roberts** and her family joined our parish eleven years ago. She and Greg will have been married 15 years on December 30. They have three children Andrew (24), Nicholas (21) and Abigail (19). She enjoys outdoor activities, cooking, book club, tennis and reading. She has been working from home for 11 years as a bookkeeper for a company from Virginia.

Their youngest child graduated from high school last year, and now has some free time and would like to volunteer more often.

**Corky Crisci** and her husband Jack transferred from SEAS, where she was an active CDA, to our parish two years ago. They have a blended family of six adult children, their spouses, children and grandchildren for a total of 26! Now they celebrate Christmas from Nov. 1 - Jan 6.

Her mom RIP, a convert, passed on the faith to her and both held a strong devotion to the Blessed Mother. She enjoys gardening, cooking, reading and boating. Until her retirement, she ran her own commercial insurance business covering 8 states for 14 years.

**AUGUST:** Pictured below left, L-R at the Initiation service are Regent Barbara Vogt with Jeanette Belter and Jeanette Lane.

**Jeanette Belter** and her husband, John have been parishioners at St. Peters for 30 + years. They have two sons and two grandchildren all close by. She has always been active in Faith Formation. She is now retired from working at St. Peter the Apostle "Life Teen." She is a Scripture Study Facilitator with the Tuesday Morning Scripture Study. Also, for several years she has been part of the Jail Ministry. She looks forward to being with the the ladies in CDA.

**Jeanette Lane** grew up in Tinley Park – a suburb of Chicago. She moved from Kansas City, MO to Boerne in November of 1996. One of the first things she did was attend a women's ACTS retreat resulting in some long-lasting friendships which continue to this day. Several years later she was asked to serve on the ACTS Core Team, fall festivals, ACTS team member and Bible study classes all of which she enjoyed. She is widowed and has three adult children. Mark and Michael who live in Las Vegas and a daughter, Michelle, who lives in Holton, Kansas. Jeanette has 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren all of which live out of state.



A CPA, she has been working for the Kahlig Auto Group for 25 years as internal auditor. Retiring is on her mind, but hasn't made the decision yet. Her interests are traveling to new places, visiting out of state friends, working in the yard, reading, the theatre and the out of doors – especially fishing. Through the years she has noticed the activities performed by the CDA and wanted to be a part of the organization to devote her time to helping others. She looks forward to serving and also developing new friendships and being of assistance.

# *CDA's and other Parishioners Recognized for their Contribution to Boerne Community Life...*



Our community has a rich history, and the city continues to shine a light on the groups and organizations that make Boerne special. On July 15, 2021 the City of Boerne held a dedication ceremony for our newest interpretive sign/tree planting along our trail system. It tells the story of the Boerne Crusaders Club, formed by Hispanic residents who lived in the 'Boerne Flats.' The organization awarded scholarships and promoted understanding for the betterment of the community. In partnership with Boerne ISD, the group's core mission lives on as part of [SAM's Kids](#). You can check it out as you walk along the Cibolo Creek Trail behind Tusculum's Brewery.

Picture: Gloria Villanueva third from Left is one of the founding members of our CDA Court #2690 and the one who first approached our pastor to bring CDA to the parish. Pictured here is the dedication day for the city Trail Marker. L-R Eloy Saenz (parishioner and Gloria's husband), Eva Mitchell (parishioner), Gloria Villanueva (parishioner, CDA), Robin Straub (library), Nancy Klein, Nancy's great granddaughter, Tracy Yelverton (NAPA Auto Parts/SAM's KIDS), Hope Sotelo, Paul Barwick (Park's Dept./parishioner), Gay Mitchell Polito (parishioner), Gloria Mitchell (parishioner), Laurie Gilmore (Fabra teacher/SAM's KIDS), Rosario Martinez (parishioner), Donnie (Park's Dept.), Josue Martinez (parishioner and Rosario's husband). Josue Martinez was the force and legal guard behind this project but being so humble would never think, say or act as such. Insert: Cibolo Creek.

## **CURRENT VOLUNTEER ALERT**

**Monday Evenings Rosary:** Volunteers are needed to sign up to lead the rosary after the Monday Evening 6:30 PM Mass. Pick a date online, "Sign Up Genius"  
[Click Here for Sign Up Genius](#)

For Info Contact:

Mary Jo Perley [perleymj@gmail.com](mailto:perleymj@gmail.com) - 830-388-1744 or

Kathy Hannig [kmhannig@gvtc.com](mailto:kmhannig@gvtc.com) 210-563-6436

**EFF Family Adoration Event, 9/8/21.**

Eight to ten daughters are needed to help serve and clean up from around 5:30 to 7:30 or 8:00. Please let Regent Barbara Vogt know if your are able to assist.

## **FUTURE EVENTS - VOLUNTEER ALERT**

### **Advent Wreath Making**

Contact: [Michelle M. Lee, PG, 210-831-6454](#)

The event is scheduled for Sunday, November 14th from 10 AM - 2 PM in rooms 151-153. We need volunteers to staff the tables and replenish wreath items. If you have any decorating items you would like to donate, please let Michelle know. This event is a collaboration with Elementary Faith Formation and Good Shepherd programs.

### **Epiphany Party**

Contact: [Regent Barbara Vogt, 830-336-2421](#)

We have reserved the Cana Ballroom for the evening of Thursday, January 6, 2022. We NEED a Chair or Co-Chairs.

### **Fish Fry Dinners**

Contact [Regent Barbara Vogt, 830-336-2421](#)

Father Norm has asked CDA to do three Fish Fry Dinners during Lent. We will need to discuss this further at our September meeting. We NEED a Chair or Co-Chairs to coordinate with the Knights.

## Supporting our Parish Life and Area Community...

### GROWING IN GRACE GARDENS



On Saturday, July 10th a basket of tomatoes and basil was delivered to the Benedictine sisters and again on August 2nd. With the heat the garden is done for the season.

Debbie has purchased some irrigation kits for the beds and will need help to get them ready for a fall garden.

A big thank you to Ryan Nakleh for trimming and mowing around the garden beds.

Anyone who would like to help with the gardens please contact Debbie Simnacher: 209-482-5201 or [swisslstix@gmail.com](mailto:swisslstix@gmail.com)

Insert: One of the many sunflowers this summer grown at the GIG.

### Court Provides Lunch for Teen "Discovery" Summer Retreat

Life Teen hosted a summer retreat the weekend of July 16-18, 2021 at the St. Peter's Catholic Church Upon this Rock Campus.

They had 30 teens and 9 adult chaperones in attendance. The goal of the retreat was to help teens begin a faithful and lasting relationship with Jesus by recognizing how He works through the past, is present in the current moment, and provides hope for the future. It was wonderful to have the teens together for this retreat and to witness them not only grow in their faith but to see them build friendships with their Catholic peers.

Our Court volunteers provided the lunch on Sunday! Thank you to Michelle Lee, Judy Gleason, Gloria Villegas, Barbara Walz, Suzelle Yanes, and Judy Hyde.

## Area Nursing Homes CDA Support...

*"...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."* Matt 25:36

### BOERNE AREA NURSING HOMES - Regent Barbara Vogt, [vogtsrn@gvtc.com](mailto:vogtsrn@gvtc.com)

The local Boerne Area Nursing Homes have opened to visitors. If you are interested in volunteering on behalf of our CDA to a specific Nursing home please check with them first to see if they need volunteer help, then contact Regent Vogt to discuss what we can and cannot do on behalf of our CDA,

For now we help by taking cookies to **Care Choice** on third Fridays of the month by 2:00 pm since Bingo begins at 2:30 pm, but may be taken any day before. If you want to participate, please select a date from the list below, and let Regent Barbara Vogt know the day you will take the cookies to **Care Choice**. FYI LORNA DOONE Short Bread Cookies come in 10 sealed packs of 4 inside the box. Seniors love Lorna Doone's with coffee or tea. (Not an advertisement. Just an idea for your convenience.)

Friday, Sept. 17th  
Friday, Oct. 15th

Friday, Nov. 19th  
Friday, Dec. 19th



# Mind, Body, Spirit: Health for the Journey...

Cor. 6:19 - Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God.

ImageSource:Vancouver Sun 2013

## BOOSTER VACCINES AVAILABLE IN BOERNE



If you plan to get the booster shot, it is available in Boerne at HEB and My Urgent Care, appointments required. Wal Mart, walk-in, no appointments. LINK: [CDC Vaccine Info](#)

September is **World Alzheimer's Month** with a focus on diagnosis, stimulated by recent developments, and potential breakthroughs, in both dementia treatment and diagnostics. In conjunction with this, they are encouraging people to recognize the potential warning signs of dementia and to understand the importance of a timely dementia diagnosis, motivating concerned individuals to seek out information, advice and support - ultimately with the aim of challenging the stigma that surrounds its diagnosis.

To get some insight on how our brain works and Alzheimer's Effects, go to this link:

[Brain Tour](#)

Source:

**alzheimer's association®**

800-272-3900

You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there. - George Burns



*Happy Birthday!*

A married couple that plays cards together is just a fight that hasn't started yet.

- George Burns



*Happy Anniversary!*

### SEPTEMBER

Cheryl Akin 9/2,  
Michelle Hobbs 9/8,  
Marti De La Garza 9/19,  
Rose Jaeger 9/19,  
Alexine Deans 9/23,  
Alma Hilburn 9/23,  
Mary Jo Perley 9/23

### OCTOBER

Vickie Nickel 10/2,  
Julia Cortez 10/6,  
Vicki Harris 10/11,  
Jeanette Simnacher 10/11,

Cheryl Kovalchik 10/16,  
Ginger Vliieger 10/20,  
Michelle Viro 10/22,  
Elvie Wild 10/24,  
Dana Gonyer 10/25,  
Mary Ann Hawn 10/25,  
Judy Hyde 10/27,  
Connie Meyer 10/29,  
Joann Sevonty 10/30

### SEPTEMBER

Gina and Joe Vina 9/4,  
Nancy and Sam Roberts 9/8,  
Sarah and Ron Amster 9/12,  
Doe and Jim Morey 9/20,  
Maria Ann and Bill Wladika 9/21,  
Enid and Juan Cazares 9/22

### OCTOBER

Sharon and Richard Mecke 10/20,  
Cheryl and Jim Akin 10/29

Thank you again to Arleen Skwara who coordinated the project, to the volunteers, and to everyone who contributed to the Catholic Daughters of America Blessings in a Backpack collection the weekend of August 14th and 15th. CDA representatives were present after all Masses to collect donations for a program that assists hundreds of needy children in the Boerne area who would otherwise go without basic items to have a successful start to the school year. The initial estimate of donations received is approximately \$6500.



Pictured Above L-R: Debbie Clayton and Beth Dewey; Arleen Skwara and Charlene Jones; Nancy Roberts, Judy Gleason, Sue Taylor, Elvie Wild and a parishioner with a ready checkbook.

## "WELCOME BACK" PARISH RECEPTIONS HELD August 14th and 15th

Our parish held receptions after each Mass to celebrate the ability to attend Mass after a long time during the pandemic. Thankfully the Masses were lived-streamed during COVID-19 but it was such a joy to have the in-person fellowship and "tasty refreshments" as Fr. Norman called them. Our CDA Michelle Lee coordinated the celebrations after each Mass. Assisting her were CDA's Ruth McLane and her husband David, Mary Frances Teniente and hubby Rey Salinas, Gloria Villanueva, Jeanna Moravits, Ginger Vilger, Karen Eulberg. Additionally, Justin Boerner and Fr. Norm helped with the cleanup at the end. It was a great team effort. This was a joint effort with our Knights of Columbus, many of whom are CDA volunteers' husbands.



Helping with the "Welcome Back" Receptions, pictured Left: L-R Jeanna Moravits and Ginger Vlieger Second Picture: L-R Michelle Lee, Karen Eulberg, Ginger Vlieger Jeanna Moravits & Mary Francis Teniente.

# Spiritual Enhancement and Ministry Fair...

Our court's Circle of Love, Spiritual Enhancement Program *\*helps us to understand that we are truly a sisterhood and need to be church to one another before we can be church to others.* One idea for enhancing your spirituality is by getting to know Jesus in a more intimate way. Our parish adult studies, ABFS, provide a great opportunity to encounter Christ in the Bible through our fellowship studies. Along with leading a Sacramental life, digging deeper into the Scriptures, *\*our service, then, becomes the way we witness our faith and share God's love with a hurting world. Because of His guidance and support, we can serve with joy and faithfulness.*

WHY JOIN A STUDY?

Pass the faith on to the next generations.	You will see the links between O.T. and N.T.	It's your Baptismal Mission to spread the Gospel!
Be part of the "in crowd."	Guaranteed to be transformed!	It is reassuring!
Grow in friendship with Christ!	Make new friends.	The Bible is God's love letters to you!
Find true love.	Be amazed!	Affirm your faith.

For Study Information,  
Contact the Study Facilitator

To Register for a Study,  
Contact the ABFS Leaders  
Deacon Mike and Mary Ann Matteson  
[abfs@stpetersboerne.com](mailto:abfs@stpetersboerne.com)  
or 210-241-5511

Answer your teen or children's faith and Bible questions.	Christ Himself offers the invitation.	Opens your heart.
Encounter Jesus.	The Holy Spirit is involved.	It's half the Liturgy of the Mass.
You will engage more eagerly with the Readings and the Homilies!	Find Joy!	You will become the bearer of an absolute and transcendent message.
	Become an intentional disciple.	



ADULT BIBLE AND FAITH STUDIES

ENCOUNTER » GROW » GO!

Great friendships and a sense of community are made in these small communities. All are welcome!

\*Fall/Otoño 2021

Adult Studies Schedule  
Estudios Bíblicos para Adultos  
English y Español

\*Some studies show upcoming quarters without details. There will be future Winter and Spring notifications with detailed information for those studies.

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Boerne, TX

The fall quarter for ABFS begins the second week of September. The Yellow Bible Studies booklet (see cover pages above) should be out by now. If you didn't get one, they are available in the Narthex and the Pastoral Office. There are fifteen studies to choose from Sunday-Friday, Mornings, Afternoons and Evenings, in-person at the FLC and one on Zoom.

You can also ask any of our Court CDA's who are Adult Studies' Facilitators: Diane Beaton, Jeanette Belter, Lisa Burnside, Marti De La Garza, Charlene Jones, Ree Laughlin and Nancy Roberts. Thank you ladies for helping bring God's revelation into the lives of others!

\*CDA National Website

## Did you know?

Thomas Craughwell writes about how St. Monica is a saint for parents whose children have left the Church. "Lapsed Catholics are not a modern phenomenon — the life of St. Monica teaches us that. Her son, Augustine, rejected the faith she had taught him as a child and joined the peculiar Manichean sect.... to have her son join such a sect broke Monica's heart," writes Craughwell. LINK: [Read More...](#)

## PARISH MINISTRY FAIR RESULTS

August 29, 2021

Our Court had an area at our parish Ministry Fair in the Cana Ballroom. We had a very good response having close to 20 women sign that they were interested in finding more out and possibly joining CDA. Charlene Jones, Financial Secretary, will follow-up with each lady who showed interest. Several will be attending the September 14th meeting to check it out.

# CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT DESIGN

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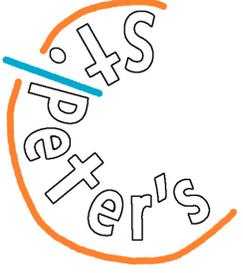
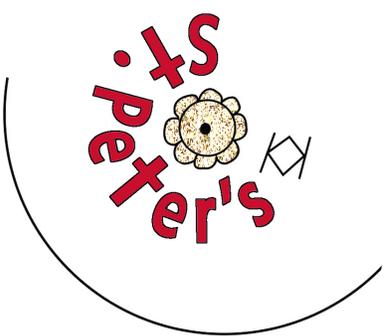
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## Michelle Lee's Word Puzzle

N	O	V	E	N	A	P	A	O	J	B	S	A	I	N	T
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See next page for puzzle answers.

## Word Puzzle Answers

N	O	V	E	N	A			O			S	A	I	N	T	Affirmation
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# Parish News & Updates

Source: [stpetersboerne.com](http://stpetersboerne.com)

## Mass Times

Saturday 5:30 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am; 11:00 am; 1:00 pm (en español),  
5:00 pm (New Time for Teen Mass)  
Monday 6:30 pm  
Tue, Wed, Thu 8:00 am  
Friday 10:00 am

## Reconciliation

Tue 6:00-7:00 pm and Sat 10:00-11:00 am

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Note:** Wed., 3 - 6:30 pm

Fri 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Volunteers needed to sit with our Lord at specific times.

Contact: Hugh or Cindy Exton

[hmexton@aol.com](mailto:hmexton@aol.com)



## BLOOD DRIVE Location: St. Peter's Gym

Saturday September 18th  
from 8:00 am - 1 pm  
and —  
Sunday September 19th  
from 8:00 am - 1 pm

Coordinators are:

Pat Giddings; 5:30 pm

Harvey Hubertus; 9 am

Greg Gonyer; 11:00 pm

Richard or

Marti De La Garza; 1:00 pm

Note: Teen Mass Volunteer Coordinators Needed

If you have any questions please ask these coordinators  
or call the call the Bloodline at (830) 816-5661

Thank you and may God Bless you daily!

## LISTENING SESSIONS

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church is preparing a feasibility study that will address the potential for a new Catholic PK-12 school. Listening sessions are being scheduled with key constituent groups to seek information that will help develop a vision and plan for the future. To sign up for one of the upcoming listening sessions, please register at, LINK: [Listening Sessions](#).

## Adult Bible & Faith Studies

### ABFS 2021 Fall Quarter Starts This Month!

*Get the ABFS Yellow Booklet  
to review the available studies with detailed information.*

Info also available on parish website,

LINK: [Adult Bible and Faith Studies](#)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Receptionist

Welcomes all who come into or telephones the parish office. The parish coordinator provides administrative and related office services to staff and members of the parish community. The parish coordinator works in close collaboration with the Pastoral Assistant and offers dual support for the duties also assigned to the Assistant. For a full job description or to apply, visit the Archdiocese website at [archsa.org/employment](http://archsa.org/employment).

### Nursery HELP NEEDED!

Do you have a heart for the younger child? Do you enjoy spending time nurturing and caring for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers? We are in need of childcare providers who are available on Sundays (8:30 am-2:00 pm), evenings and some mornings. Must be able to work flexible hours, pass a background check and complete the Safe Environment Training. Some skills & abilities include:

- ability to keep children engaged
- able to lift and carry children, bend to pick up toys, sit on floor to play, care for children's hygiene
- experience high level of noise at times
- communicate effectively with parents
- CPR certified is a plus!

For more information, please email Laura Balderrama-Contreras at [laura@stpetersboerne.com](mailto:laura@stpetersboerne.com).

### Part-time Cana Ballroom Attendant

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church is looking for a part-time Cana Ballroom Attendant to assist with special events. This position requires a flexible schedule, will include nights and weekends and will not have a guaranteed minimum number of hours. Required skills include experience in customer service, attention to detail, and physical tasks such as placement of tables, chairs, etc.

If interested, please contact Deacon Brad Wakely, Parish Operations Director at (830) 816-5636 or [brad@stpetersboerne.com](mailto:brad@stpetersboerne.com).