



**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**

## CDA NEWSLETTER

**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.**



Image Source: Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo in Ravenna, Italy.  
6th Century mosaic.

Upon entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Matthew 2:1

### A Message from Our Regent ...

Blessed and Happy New Year!!

How exciting, a new year, a new beginning! I've never been good at new year's resolutions, but this year I have given some thought to spiritual resolutions. Mother Teresa says, "Give not only your care but also your heart. Kindness has converted more people than zeal or eloquence. Our service to others should be kind, sweet, humble, unspoiled by selfishness. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness." Pope Francis leads with humility and simplicity telling us, "Let us care for one another and let us be loving custodians of creation. Love of God should orbit around humility, inclusion, listening, forgiveness and being present." St. Elizabeth of the Trinity tells us to always remember that "we are greatly, infinitely loved." Our Texas State Regent, Rebecca Brown encourages us to "believe, and live these words, 'Jesus, I trust in you.'"

We are challenged with a new variant of COVID as we get vaccinated and try to continue our "new normal" life, but our faith will see us through anything. With three new CDA members in November and more joining here in January, our Court #2690 is bursting with potential. Regent Brown writes "our courts must be places where we are filled spiritually, see charity working, feel grace moving in our lives and know we are blessed." That appears to be an appropriate resolution for our court in the new year.

Let us face 2022 with love that is patient and kind (1 Corinthians 13:4) and treat one another with kindness and compassion (Ephesians 4:32)!

Blessings!  
Barbara

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**June 2020-May 2022**  
**Court #2690**

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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	Dorothy Meuth & Judy Gleason
Father's Day	Suzelle Yanes
Fish Fry	Dorothy Meuth & Heidi Abshire
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**



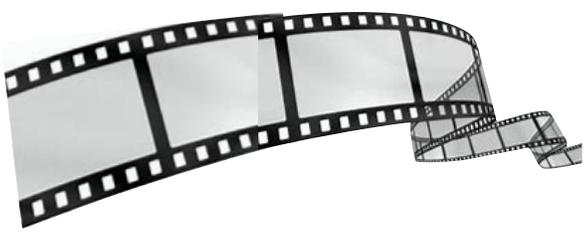
Happy New Year and Happy Feast Day! "Today, January 1, we celebrate Mary, the treasured vessel through which the Incarnation took place. Now, because of Mary's acceptance of the Lord's will, the powerful name of Jesus can be invoked in all places and by all peoples!"

- Institute of Catholic Culture  
1/1/2022

**SAVE THE DATE**

Jan. 5 - TX State Regent on Facebook's "Becky's Buzz"	Our Lady of Guadalupe Room 6:30 pm
Jan 6 - Epiphany Party - Cana Ballroom 6:30 pm - Dinner served at 7 pm	Feb. 8 - Bunco Party/CDA Meeting St. Anthony Hall 6:30 Meeting - 7 pm Bunco Party
Jan. 11 - Regular CDA Meeting St. Anthony Hall, 6 pm social 6:30 pm Rosary, 7 pm Meeting	Feb. 14 Respect Life Challenge Valentines to Nursing Homes
Jan. 22 - Texas Rally for Life at the Capitol in Austin 1 pm to 4 pm	Feb. 28 - CDA Officers Meeting Our Lady of Guadalupe Room 6:30 pm
Jan. 24 - CDA Officers Meeting ...	





## Circle of Love “Monthly Featured Daughter” Peggy Pillar



When Barbara asked me to be January’s “featured daughter,” I was, of course, very hesitant. What could I possibly write that anyone would be interested in reading? Barbara assured me that many before have felt this way, but the purpose of the feature was so that we might learn of each other’s shared interests and grow closer in our service to Christ.

Like many of you, I have played many roles and have worn many hats, but largely I recognize myself in the gifts that God has given me; that is, my relationships with others. I am the third of eight children, born and raised in San Antonio where I attended Holy Name Catholic School for elementary and St. Mary Margaret Mary’s for junior high. These wonderful Catholic schools helped to lay the foundation for the woman I would later become.

Along with their academic influence, I witnessed the importance of taking an active role in my community at the knee of my father who twice served as Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus #4315. As children, my siblings and I ran free at the Kof C hall while our parents volunteered for turkey shoots, bingo, Christmas parties, and other various fundraisers. At a very young age, we were taught

first-hand about volunteering and helping others, and with so many siblings, we knew it was essential to look out for one another.

I earned my accounting degree at UTSA and have worked several jobs. I began as a Fotomate in one of those tiny drive-thru kiosks. Later, I became the administrative assistant at Congregation Rodfei Sholom, the orthodox synagogue in San Antonio. Currently, I am employed as an executive assistant for a retired doctor who dabbles in financial investing. My boss, who is 88 years old, told me I can’t retire until he does, so I’m still working full time. Along with the roles of sibling, daughter, student, and employee, I have also been a wife and mother. I married my high school sweetheart, Danny, and we have two children, Brandy and Matthew. We moved to Boerne in 1992 where Matthew was enrolled in Boerne Middle School and Brandy attended Boerne High where they would both later graduate. I have since been blessed with two wonderful grandchildren, Aiden (6) and Alythia (3). When I can, I spend time with them at their home in Aransas Pass and volunteer at their Catholic school in Rockport.

With those all too rare free moments, I enjoy traveling (which I do for both business and pleasure) and working outdoors. Although I am not a fan of inside chores, I love cooking when I find the extra time.

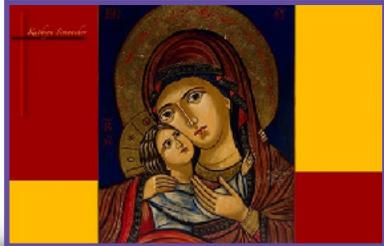
As far as my association with the CDA, I have seen that God has slowly moved me to become more involved. In 2006, my husband, Danny, passed away, and less than a year later, my father was to follow. With these empty, lonely spaces, our Father has filled me with new opportunities. When St. Peter’s announced the possibility for a new CDA chapter, I attended the initial introduction meeting to see what this was all about. Well, as it turns out, it is a basic spin-off of the Knights, so I was very interested in joining. I am one of the charter members of St. Peter’s chapter. We ladies have hit the ground running and have become a wonderfully successful, active group. Because of CDA, I have had a great time volunteering (while staying in the background) within our court and St. Peter’s parish. This is a way of meeting various women throughout our parish. I thank God for leading me to our Catholic Daughters, and I am blessed to be part of this amazing women’s group.

Blessings to all for a prosperous, safe, and healthy 2022.

~ Peggy

# Catholic Daughters of the Month...

\*Ora et labora



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 - Karen Eulberg  
October - Laura Saenz  
November - "Ginger" Vlieger  
December - To be announced at January meeting.

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



November Daughter of the Month, Virginia "Ginger" Vlieger



## Bereavement Service for Martha Doenges

The CDA Bereavement Committee chaired by Sharon Mecke sponsored a post funeral meal on December 2, 2021 in the Cana Ballroom following the funeral service for Martha Doenges. May she rest in peace!

Joe and Martha were active members of St. Peter's while they lived in Boerne. Martha taught science at the Boerne Middle School for 14 years, while Joe was first Principal of the middle school and then Superintendent of BISD. Her professional career as an educator spanned four decades and included six years in Germany with the Department of Defense Schools, 10 years in Belgium at St. John's International School, plus the 14 years in the Boerne Independent School District. In 1996, Martha was the Boerne ISD teacher of the year.

Though they have lived away from Boerne for many years, Joe chose to have Martha's service and burial here in Boerne. Family and friends enjoyed sandwiches, fruit and vegetable trays, and many delicious homemade desserts.

# *CDA Local, State and National ...*

## **November Meeting**

November 8, 2021

### **THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!**

Our court members have come through with flying colors for all that you have volunteered for in the recent month from the Hill Country Pregnancy Diaper and Wipes Drive, CDA Sunday and Hospitality, the K of C Chicken Dinner, the Saint John's Bible Event, the Trunk & Treat Event, the Drive-Thru Gordita Meal, the Matthew Kelly Reclaim Event to all the food supplied, and sales done whether for the vehicle raffle, meal tickets or our own fundraisers.

Our meeting was hosted with refreshments provided by Judy Gleason, Karin Startin, and Debbie Clayton. Thank you ladies!

Sister Kathleen Higgins gave us a report on the Benedictine Sisters of Boerne Border Ministry. This includes educational scholarships so youth can continue their education after elementary school, food pantries, help for immigrants, support of 3 orphanages and a home for the homeless elderly, prison ministry and mission work for high school and college students. So any donations to support the sisters' work is very appreciated. The court has a jar at the sign-in table at each of our regular meetings.

We learned from our Financial Secretary, Charlene Jones, our Court #2690 has 132 members. Two moved away from the parish.

District Deputy Heidi Abshire, showed us a beautiful Christmas wreath made by SEAS Court.

**Circle of Love Worksheet** - Regent Barbara Vogt forwarded the Circle of Love worksheet we need each member to fill out and return. We need to know any of the activities listed and those not, that you are involved in for the church and community. This helps us with our Circle of Love reports that are due in January. Any questions please call me at 830-377-7696 or email at [vogtsrn@gvvc.com](mailto:vogtsrn@gvvc.com). Completed forms can be turned in at the church

office or emailed to Regent Barbara Vogt.

Circle of Love reports are needed by the State and National Chapters of CDA to help maintain their non-profit status. Do not send directly. Submit to Regent Barbara Vogt.

See Circle of Love Forms Page on the Texas CDA Website: <https://texascda.org/forms-library#SemiAnnualReports>

## **December Meeting**

No Court meeting was held this month.

## **NATIONAL NEWS**

[LINK: National News](#)

Sherry Nilles, National Regent Winter Message

My dear Sisters in Christ,

We are almost at the end of another year! What difference have we made in our personal lives? Our spiritual lives? With our families? With our courts?

A new year starts with vigor and making many promises that we will change our lives to make a difference in our world. What was on your list? Have we added more time for talking to God? How about listening to God? The Magnificat has helped in my prayer life. It contains a simple morning and evening prayer plus a saint of the day.

The lives of the saints are interesting. Our beloved saints lived very simple ordinary lives. Anyone can become a saint. Isn't that our purpose in life? To quote the Baltimore Catechism, we are on this earth to know, love and serve God and our neighbor here on earth and join God in heaven.

One of the best places to know, love and serve God is in our beautiful organization, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

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

Rebecca Brown, Texas State Regent

Sign up for the CDA State

*5th Biennial Pray and Play*

*Retreat Weekend*

For Info and To Register:

<https://texascda.org/pray-play-registration>

## Deacon Marty Lee's Message ...

**O**n my journey through Advent this year I focused my prayer on the love that entered the world that night in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago. Jesus was not born having to learn to love. Rather he was love. This Divine love flowed out from him from the moment of his conception. A selfless, unconditional, and transforming love. The love of the Father for the Son, and the Son for the Father. The love of God for his creation revealed to the world.

As Christ was born new in our hearts during the Christmas season. We as Christians are challenged to mediate this love we have received out into the world. Well, the world is not making it easy to share this gift of Christian love. As the new year begins we face new strains of the corona virus. Ongoing cautions, a growing rate of infections. And of course there is ongoing economic and civil discord. In the mist of all this how do Christians stand up for love?

In his book, *The New Seeds of Contemplation*, Thomas Merton states that for love to enter the world we must first believe. He says, "The root of Christian love is not the will to love, but the faith that one is loved. That one is loved by God." We must expect that we are loved by God and not get caught up in humanistic values of worthiness. In short, we have to get out of the way. Without condition, the love of the Father and the Son exists within us and without condition we as Christians are called to give that same love away to the world.

In the coming year pray more deeply on the mystery of God's unconditional love for you. Do not try to hold this love or judge your worthiness, but rather believe. The love that lives within you is the same love that caused the infant John to leap in his mothers womb, that radiated forth from the manger, that met the woman at the well, that gave sight to the blind, that forgave its persecutors, and that won victory on the cross. View the happenings in world and all your interactions with this love. Do all things by this love and believe.

The peace and mercy of Christ be with you,  
Deacon Marty

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 He was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.
- 4 What came to be through him was life and this life was the light of the human race;
- 5 the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- 14 And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

- John 1:1-5; 14



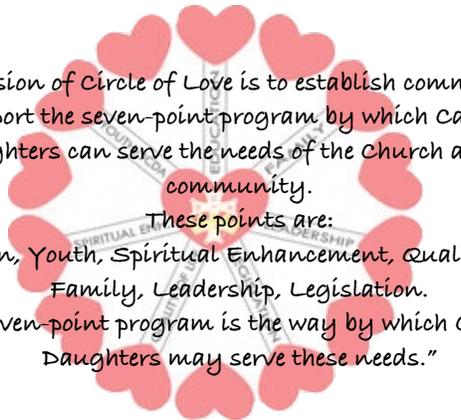
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- 2 You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit,
- 3A namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.
- 5 It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
- 6 that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Ephesians 3:2-3A,5-6

"May God prosper the work of our hands!"

- Fr. Hezekias Camazzo, Institute of Catholic Culture



"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. Her address is below. 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. Also, she can use Bingo prizes (small items), and scarfs, jewelry, and items for women. Contact: Barbara Walz [barbwalz@gvtc.com](mailto:barbwalz@gvtc.com)
- **CDA Shirts Project.CDA Shirts Project**. All CDA members are encouraged to donate any CDA gently used shirts they no longer wear or are replacing for benefit of other members.
  - 👉 CDA Shirts with embroidered logo will be available for sale at January meeting.
  - 👉 Embroidering Company: N & S Enterprises
  - 👉 Shirts can be previewed in the 2021 catalog: [www.bawonline.com](http://www.bawonline.com)
  - 👉 To order a shirt please contact: Mary Frances Teniente at [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. Our next project will be to provide Valentine treats for the residents to celebrate Valentine's Day. Contact: Regent Barbara Vogt [vogtsrn@gvtc.com](mailto:vogtsrn@gvtc.com)
- **Memorial Cards**. 13 cards were sold in December. 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)
- **Adoration**. We have incorporated adoration into our spirituality mission. We invite you to sit with our Lord on CDA Wednesdays 4-5 PM. Please see Pg. 8 to sign up. Contact: Mary Jo Perley [perleymj@gmail.com](mailto:perleymj@gmail.com)

# Spiritual Enhancement, Pursuing Holiness...

## CDA COURT #2690 YEAR-ROUND ADORATION

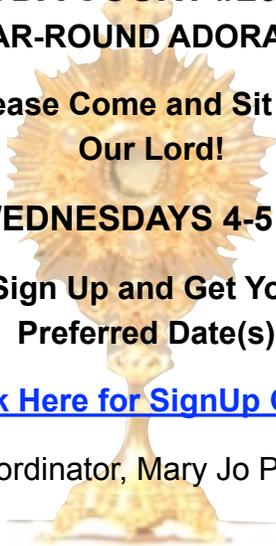
Please Come and Sit with  
Our Lord!

WEDNESDAYS 4-5 PM

Sign Up and Get Your  
Preferred Date(s):

[Click Here for SignUp Genius](#)

Coordinator, Mary Jo Perley



## CDA ROSARY MONDAY EVENINGS

Our local CDA Court #2690 has the honor of leading the rosary on **Monday Evenings immediately following the 6:30 PM Mass**. Please consider attending to pray or volunteer to lead the rosary with another person.

We are always in need of volunteers for this privilege. Mary Jo Perley or Kathy Hannig will provide support and the resources to make your experience a spiritual reward for yourself and for others while giving praise to God. We need two at a time, so we encourage you to ask a CDA daughter, a family member or other Catholic friend to join you in leading the rosary

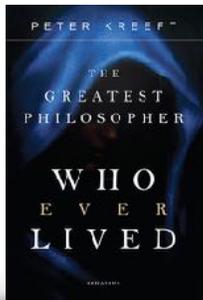
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Kathy Hannig [kmhannig@gvtc.com](mailto:kmhannig@gvtc.com) 210-563-6436

## CATHOLIC BOOK RECOMMENDATION

### **\*The Greatest Philosopher Who Ever Lived - Paperback**

By Peter Kreeft PhD,



In 2019, **Peter Kreeft** published Socrates' Children, a four-volume series on the hundred greatest philosophers of all time, spanning from ancient Greece to contemporary Germany. But he made a terrible mistake: he somehow left out women, and with this, he overlooked the greatest mind of them all.

He forgot her—a mysterious housewife from a desert village—because he had forgotten what "philosophy" means. "Philosophy is not the cultivation of cleverness," Kreeft explains, "or the sophistications of scholarship, or the analysis of analysis, or the refutation of refutations, or the deconstruction of deconstructions." No, "philosophy is a romance, a love affair—the love of wisdom."

**This book is a one-of-a-kind study on Mary of Nazareth, the mother of Jesus.** If Jesus Christ is wisdom incarnate, and if Mary loved Him more than anyone else ever did, then it holds that Mary is the greatest philosopher, the greatest wisdom-lover. With precision and humor, Kreeft not only unpacks the thought and spirit of Mary as we know her through Scripture and Church doctrine, but offers a heartfelt crash course in the basics of philosophy—methodology, epistemology, logic, metaphysics, cosmology, ethics, politics, aesthetics, and more—all through the lens of the Mother of God.

All those who are curious about the mother of Jesus, whether they are new to Christian faith or simply hoping to discover it anew, will likely find themselves swept up in the tide of Mary's wise love for God. Amazon Link to buy: \$18, [Book: The Greatest Philosopher on amazon.com](#) or \$16.11, Online Discount, Ignatius Press [Ignatius Press the Greatest Philosopher](#)

If you are interested in knowing who Peter Kreeft is, there is a new book out by Ignatius Press Wisdom and Wonder, How Peter Kreeft Shaped the New Generation of Catholics [Link to Kreeft Article on Book](#)

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*Honoring War Vets & First Responder Heroes...*



**Veterans' Day Service and Ceremony at St. Peter's  
7 pm, November 11, 2021**

CDA's were hospitality ministers and greeters handing out programs and song sheets. Left to right: Heidi Abshire, Karen Eulberg, Barbara Vogt, Maria Ann Wladika, Sister Kathleen Higgins, and Sharon Mecke. Heidi & Sister Kathleen are veterans! Thank you for your service.

*Welcome Our Last Pledges for 2021!*

(see next page for bio details.)



New members pledged at the November 8, 2021 CDA meeting. L-R: Regent Barbara Vogt, Elzys Konz, Clare Smith, and Cecilia Drennan.

## *November 2021 Pledges' Bios.*

### *Ending our Recruiting Year on a Good Note...*

**Clare** and her family have been parishioners for one and a half years. They moved from Portland, TX where they lived for 38 years. She retired as a Dental Hygienist after 35 years. They moved to the Boerne area to be close to their children and grandchildren.

Kevin and Clare have been married for 41 years and have two children, Daughter Lindsey and Son Eric and four grandsons and one on the way!

Clare enjoys working in the yard, being outside, she also loves to walk and take hikes. These days she enjoys with their grandchildren!

Thinking about what else she could do in retirement besides grand-mom duties she noticed all the CDA activities that were going on in the parish. She decided to look into it because she has always been involved with parish volunteerism. At first she was a bit daunted about the size of our parish, but determined that CDA offers members many volunteer choices to do as much or as little as time permits for each individual. She says she is a hard worker and looks forward to getting involved in the activities Catholic Daughters offers.

**Cecilia** has been a member of our parish for 35 years. Originally from Arkansas and then Tennessee, she married Kevin in 1989 and remained here. Together they have a son and a daughter ages 29 and 27 respectively. Cecilia is also an Aggie Mom to her daughter who graduated from Texas A&M.

She retired from USAA after 36 1/2 years. Her son now works there after his graduation from Angelo State University.

The whole family has been fishing and hunting together since their children were little ones. They are lifetime friends with a group which fish and hunt together as families. The kids have grown but the group continues planning adventures together and have become no different than a large extended family. The whole group plans for an Alaskan fishing trip next year. They do most of their fishing at the Gulf Coast and go to a friend's ranch in D'Hanis for hunting.

Since retirement Cecilia has been looking for a parish ministry that would fulfill her interest in Service Ministry. With CDA she found her "home" she says. She said right away everybody was very welcoming and interested in her. She has been observing our work around the parish and at the Ministry Fair discovered CDA was the place to start her volunteer activities. Having found CDA, Cecilia added she wants to grow old with this group!

**Elzys** joined the parish a few weeks ago . She had been here one week when she signed up for our CDA Court. She is a Civil Engineer and is married and has one teenager and two grown children. Some of her interests are tennis, Faith Formation, ACTS retreats and Bible Studies. She says she loves being an instructor. Elzys also looks out for her mom who is disabled and living in San Antonio.

She was attracted to our CDA for the opportunity to serve alongside other Catholic women.

# Supporting our Parish Life and Area Community...

## KNIGHT'S RECLAIM EVENT



MATTHEW KELLY

Upper Left: CDA members helping at the Knights' Matthew Kelly *Reclaim* Event on November 9th in the Cana Ballroom. L-R: Mary Frances Teniente, Alma Hilburn, Kathy Hassenger, Nancy Roberts, Barbara Vogt, and Judy Joseph. Pictured on the Upper Right: CDA Sally Taylor, librarian for St. Peter's Parish Library prepared a table of Matthew Kelly books for giveaways at the Matthew Kelly Reclaim Event. These were extra books from donations to the library.

### EVENTS VOLUNTEER ALERT!

#### Epiphany Party

January 6, 2022

Contacts: Co-Chairs Dorothy Meuth ([drbmeuth@gmail.com](mailto:drbmeuth@gmail.com)) and Judy Gleason ([judygleason5777@gmail.com](mailto:judygleason5777@gmail.com))

Please consider signing up to be a committee member.

#### Honoring Parish Widows Event

If you could assist with ideas and planning for event to support the widows in our parish, please contact Michelle Lee at [odysseylee11@hotmail.com](mailto:odysseylee11@hotmail.com)

#### Bunco Party

2/8/2022

A committee is forming, please contact Barbara Vogt to get the party going!

*"We show our love for God by caring for all that He created, particularly, our neighbor." - Fr. Sebastian Camazzo ICC*

# Supporting our Parish Life and Area Community...

## Assembling CDA Baskets for The Parish Baskets Extravaganza Auction, November 29, 2021

Below Left, L-R: Clare Smith, Susan Markworth, Suzelle Yanes, Janice Almeida and Susan Krieg.

Finished products! These will certainly attract many bidders at the event. Pictured Below Right, L-R Entry Baskets are ready and the themes are: **Breakfast in Boerne, Getaway in Boerne** and **Boerne's Bounty**.



## Preparing Gift Basket Tags for Gifts to Area Nursing Homes.



On 11/17/21 several CDA's gathered at the St. Anthony Center to prepare gift tags for Boerne area nursing homes. The nursing homes provide the names and Christmas gift wishes of the residents to our local Court. Volunteer CDA's color-code the tags by nursing home and create tags with used Christmas cards

showing the Christmas gift request from of each participating nursing home resident.

Pictured above are CDA's creating the tags which will be attached to each gift and later to be delivered to the nursing homes by a bigger team of CDA's and some spouses. Pictured Left, L-R Sharon Mecke, Alma Hilburn, Sue Taylor, Judy Gleason and Teresa Castro. And, Right, L-R: Paula Hoepner, Charlene Jones, Kathy Hannig, Peggy Pillar, Laura Saenz, Rose Jaeger, Debbie Clayton, and Ginger Vlieger. See also, Pg. 16 "Area Nursing Homes."

# Supporting our Parish Life and Area Community...

December 8th, Tags are on Angel Gifts and ready to go to nursing homes...

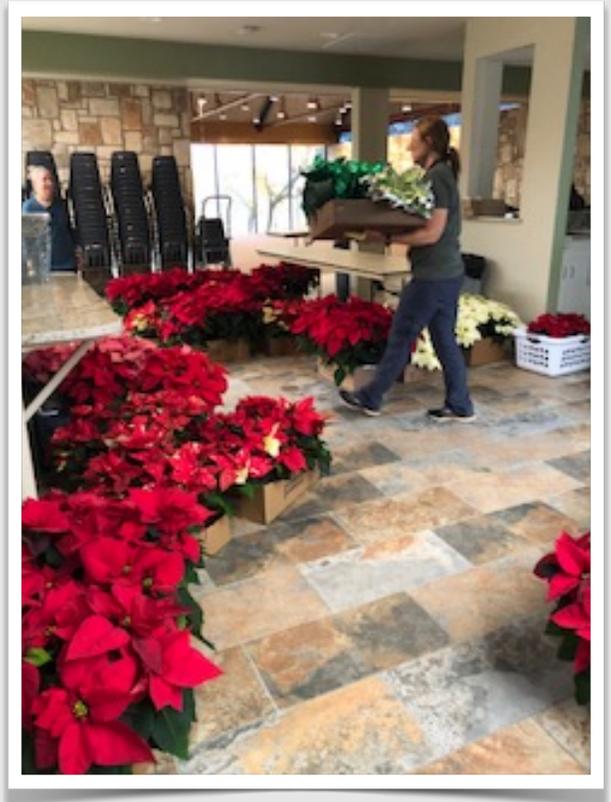
Top to bottom, Left, L-R: Marti De La Garza, Alma Hilburn, Kay Finch & Kathy Tucci loading up Christmas gifts to take to the nursing facilities Wednesday, December 8. Doe & Jim Morey taking their frat load of gifts to the car. Sam & Nancy Roberts are regulars helping deliver the Christmas gifts!

Middle page, Top to bottom, L-R: Alma Hilburn & Lisa Burnside loading up gifts; Charlene Jones has her granddaughter, Sophia, helping with gifts; Jeanna Moravits getting in on the deliveries!; Suzelle Yanes, Alma Hilburn, Nancy & Sam Roberts at Town & Country Manor. Gifts unloaded.

This loving effort made 500 residents very happy. See Pg. 16,



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



Jim Abshire foreground and wife CDA Heidi Abshire unload Poinsettias from their horse trailer for the CDA fundraiser. Holding the box is Peggy Pillar. Below left the unloading floor at St. Anthony Hall, and to the Right is Alma Hilburn loading an SUV to help. Sale orders closed on December 1, 2021. We sold 126 plants!



# CDA - Sponsored Parish Family Advent Wreath-Making...

In the family life center...Sunday November 14th, 2021 - 9:30 am to 2 pm



It looks like families had a good time creating their advent wreaths. However, we didn't get the names for the top two pics....

... We would like to send these pretty pictures to them. So, if you can I.d. them, please let Regent Barbara know. Thanks!



L-R: Linda Mazurek, daughter Emily, son-in-law Wyatt and grandson Weston.



# Supporting our Parish Life and Area Community.

## Area Nursing Homes...

- Regent Barbara Vogt, [vogtsrn@gvtc.com](mailto:vogtsrn@gvtc.com)

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

The local Boerne Area Nursing Homes have opened to visitors. If you are interested in volunteering on behalf of our local CDA Court 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 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 enjoy Lorna Doone's with coffee or tea. (Not an advertisement. Just an idea for your convenience.)

The generosity of the parishioners of St. Peter's allowed the CDA members to deliver right at 500 gifts for the residents of the following nursing facilities: Care Choice, Cibolo Creek Health & Rehabilitation Center, Heritage Place, Hill Country Assisted Living, Kendall House Wellness & Rehabilitation, Riverview Nursing & Rehabilitation, Town & Country Nursing & Rehabilitation.



## GROWING IN GRACE GARDENS (GIG)

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

Image Debbie Simnacher: One of many sunflowers grown and sold this past summer.



**KENDALL COUNTY WOMEN'S SHELTER**  
*A Safe Place*

Are you experiencing domestic violence?

**CALL KCWS 24 HOUR HOTLINE NOW:  
800-495-8078**

Please continue to bring small toiletries to our meetings for this facility. Inexpensive travel toiletries are available at Wal Mart and you may also collect those you don't use from hotels where you stay. For more information please contact our Court CDA Women's Shelter Representative, Alma Hilburn, [almahilburn@hotmail.com](mailto:almahilburn@hotmail.com)

If we close ourselves off to service, we will never create the space within ourselves to be filled with the love of God. Rather, like a cup that is full, his love will only spill over the edges never finding room within our hearts to make us whole. - St. Teresa of Calcutta

# Supporting our Parish Life and Area Community...

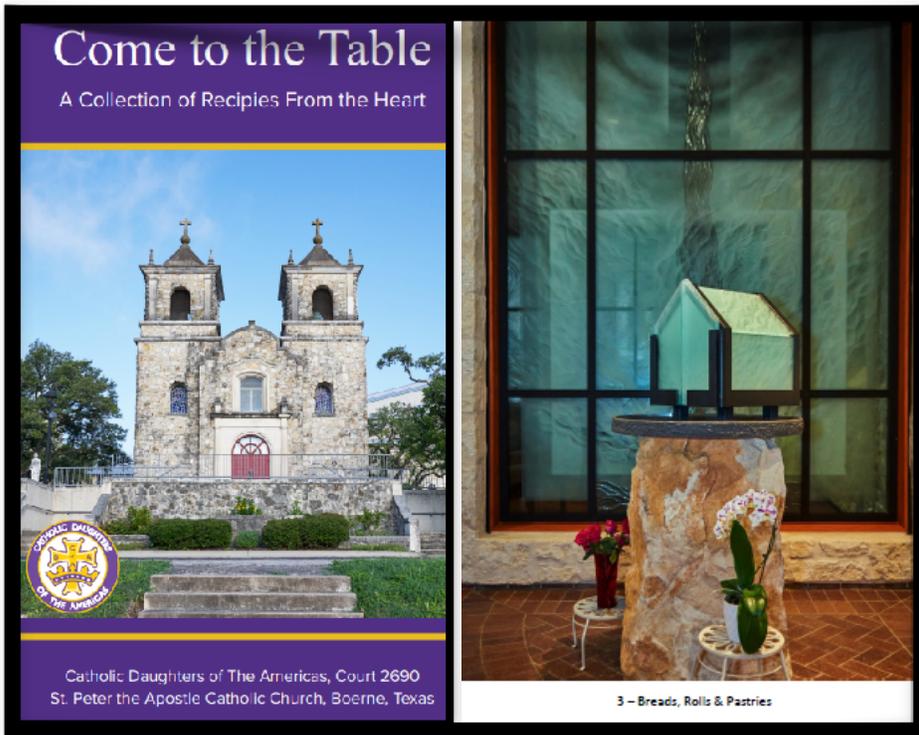
## Fun Friday Fish Fry Fund Raiser - Dec. 3! Try to say that 3x in a row!

The joy that comes from serving others radiates in the faces of our CDA's who sponsored the Drive-Thru Fish Fry!. Clock wise from top, L-R: Dorothy Meuth, Diane Beaton, Karen Eulberg, Nancy Roberts, Suzelle Yanes, Susan Markworth, and Barbara Walz; Karen Eulberg, Regent Barbara Vogt, and Nancy Roberts; Rose Jaeger, Diane Beaton, Charlene Jones, Sue Taylor, Laura Saenz, and Susan Markworth. Working in the trailer Heidi Abshire, Peggy Pillar and Sister Kathleen Higgins. Thank you for your help, ladies. Our parishioners appreciate your efforts and service which also attracts more members.



# Raising Funds in Support of our CDA Court Mission...

## ST. PETER'S CDA COOKBOOK!



- The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2690 have created a cookbook with our most favorite recipes!
- Over 200 recipes from our family to yours.
- Each book is a 3-ring binder that has lots of helpful information with room to add more.
- There are 8 chapters of delicious, tried and true recipes with beautiful pictures of St. Peters included.
- Each book is \$25 and shipping is available for an additional cost.

Come to one of our tasting events after each mass, dates to be announced, and try out some recipes. [CDA Court St. Peter the Apostle #2690 - Unity & Charity \(cdacourt2690.org\)](http://CDA Court St. Peter the Apostle #2690 - Unity & Charity (cdacourt2690.org))

Please Contact Michelle Lee at [odysseylee11@hotmail.com](mailto:odysseylee11@hotmail.com)



### CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT SALE

The Catholic Daughters are still selling 3 different ornaments for next Christmas. We have more of the 2020 globe (\$50) and flat brass ornaments (\$25) in stock and ready for delivery. The NEW 2021 globe (\$50) design with the Three Kings theme is available for ordering but won't be delivered until early January 2022.

Please visit the CDA Court #2690 website at [CDA Court St. Peter the Apostle #2690 - Unity & Charity \(cdacourt2690.org\)](http://CDA Court St. Peter the Apostle #2690 - Unity & Charity (cdacourt2690.org)) to order online.

Shipping available.

Please contact Michelle Lee if you have any questions.

[odysseylee11@hotmail.com](mailto:odysseylee11@hotmail.com)





ImageSource:Vancouver Sun 2013

# 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.

## Want to ease chronic inflammation? Start with your grocery list.

11/4/2021 by Rose Prissel, M.S., R.D.N., L.D.

Flip through a magazine or scroll through your news feed, and you'll probably see a story about anti-inflammatory foods. But why is inflammation bad, and what does food have to do with it?

Inflammation is a part of the body's normal response to infection or injury. It's when

damaged tissue releases chemicals that tell white blood cells to start repairing. But sometimes inflammation is low-grade, spreads through the body and is chronic.

Chronic inflammation can damage the body. It can play a role in the buildup of plaque in your arteries, increasing your risk of heart disease and stroke. It's also associated with a higher risk of cancer, diabetes and other chronic conditions.

READ ARTICLE: [Mayo Clinic Community Health](#)

## Happy Birthday!



### JANUARY

Emily Cardenas 1/1,  
Sonja Mazour 1/1,  
Heidi Abshire 1/9,  
Ken Nickel 1/9,  
Betty Jo Schwartz 1/16,  
Syd Muenster 1/16,  
Teresa Castro 1/17,  
Sally Taylor 1/17,  
Kristine Luisi 1/18,  
Kay Finch 1/18,  
Yolanda Doddato 1/19,  
Tara Castro 1/28

### FEBRUARY

Angie Lozano 2/2,  
Lauren Reeh 2/5,  
Teresa Valderaz 2/13,  
Jamie Pontillo 2/15,  
Barbara Walz 2/18,  
Darlene Hicks 2/19,  
Cecilia Drennan 2/21,  
Debbie Clayton 2/26  
Judy Gleason 2/27,  
Jenny Halbert 2/27

## Happy Anniversary!



### JANUARY

Amber and Matt Bugge 1/2,  
Beth and John Dewey 1/2,  
Susan and Vernon Markworth 1/13,  
Vickie and Ken Nickel 1/20, Connie and Joe Meyer 1/24,  
Delma and Edmund Guerrero 1/30

### FEBRUARY

Kathryn and Dan Hassenger 2/14,  
Laura and Jason Balderrama 2/19,  
Dorothy and Tommy Meuth 2/21,  
Heidi and Abshi.

# WORD PUZZLE

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# WORDS

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APPLE  
BREAD  
CAMEL  
COOKBOOK  
CUP  
DESSERT  
DOUGH

EPIPHANY  
FRANKINCENSE  
FROZEN  
GIFT  
GOLD  
GRILL  
HOPE  
JOY

KING  
MAINDISH  
MANGER  
MYRRH  
NEWYEAR  
OUNCE  
PASTA  
RECIPE

RICER  
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TABLESPOON  
TEASPOON  
TEMPERATURE  
YUMMYNESS

# Parish News & Updates

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022  
CAMPUS CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY  
10 am - 11 am Mass, Mary, Mother of God  
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Vigil Mass, Epiphany

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022  
9:00 am - 10 am - Mass Helen Duhon  
10:00 am - 11 am Hospitality, Guadalupanas  
11:00 am - 12 pm Mass Jim Gleason  
1 pm - 2 pm Misa en español, Fr. Rudy Vela  
5:00 pm - 6 pm Life Teen Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022  
NEW YEARS DAY OBSERVED OFFICE &  
CAMPUS CLOSED  
6:30 pm - 7 30 pm MASS IN SANCTUARY

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY  
OFFICE & CAMPUS CLOSED  
*Check ahead with Pastoral office for Mass Time.*

## **NURSERY IS OPEN:**

The nursery is open for Sunday Masses at 9 am, 11 am, and 1 pm  
For the safety of the children, they will be limiting the number of children and ask that all adults wear a mask when entering the Nursery to drop off and pick up.

For Nursery Info: Laura Balderrama Contreras  
830-816-5668

[laura@stperersboerne.com](mailto:laura@stperersboerne.com)



Monthly parish Food Drive  
**JANUARY 1 & 2, 2022**

Items needed: breakfast cereals, soups, peanut butter, Mac and Cheese, tuna and other canned goods. Bagged/Boxed items may be left at the Church entrance. Diapers, too!



**(ABFS) ADULT BIBLE AND  
FAITH STUDIES MINISTRY  
SPRING QTR. STUDIES  
NO COST TO JOIN!**

- ❖ **The Bible and The Church Fathers**  
Video Series Presented by Scott Hahn PhD  
12 Sessions  
**January 19 - April 6 10 AM**  
Wednesdays  
Facilitators: Sam & Nancy Roberts  
[cococat@gvvc.com](mailto:cococat@gvvc.com)
- ❖ **The Sacraments** Video Series presented by Bishop Robert Barron  
**Jan 16 - Feb 20, 2022**  
During EFF - Sundays 9:40 - 10:40 am  
Facilitator: Marvin Abney:  
[mdared@gmail.com](mailto:mdared@gmail.com)  
**Jan 19 - Feb 23, 2022**  
During EFF - Wednesday Afternoons  
Facilitator: Mary Ann Matteson:  
[abfs@stpetersboerne.com](mailto:abfs@stpetersboerne.com)
- ❖ **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass**  
Video series by Edward Sri, PhD.  
8 Sessions  
**January 31, 10 am - 12 PM**  
Facilitator: Diane Beaton  
[dbeato@gmail.com](mailto:dbeato@gmail.com)
- ❖ **Parousia: A Biblical Lenten Preparation Study**  
New Video Series from Scott Hahn, PhD.  
10 Sessions Friday Mornings  
**Jan 28 - April 1, 11 am - 12:30 pm**  
Facilitator: Ree Laughlin  
[reelaughlin@gmail.com](mailto:reelaughlin@gmail.com)

*Note: Work Books may be available for purchase for some of the studies above. Check with facilitator.*

- ❖ **Gospel Prep and Reflections** Thu. Evenings on Zoom. 7 - 8:30 pm, **January 13 thru April**. This weekly gathering on Zoom is for those who can't drive at night, work long days, homebound, etc. but still would like to study the Bible in fellowship with other parishioners. Join us as we enter Liturgical Cycle C Year that began November 27, 2021 to prepare and reflect on the Sunday Readings. Videos provided by the Institute of Catholic Culture are used for discussions. Free supplemental resources are also provided. **What is Parousia? Take a peek here:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTD\\_9GHfMI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTD_9GHfMI)