

CDA Court #2690 Newsletter

November-December 2022

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"Unity and Charity"

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Meetings are on the
second Tuesdays of the month
at 7:00 p.m.
Upon This Rock Campus,
St. Anthony Hall
Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

A Message from our Regent...

I wanted to recap what CDA has been involved in the last two months. For future events, please see "Save The Date" in this newsletter.

We started out September 3, walking in the Kendall County Fair parade.

There were about 13 of us who handed out water bottles advertising the Fall Festival. Since we didn't have any previous experience, we thought 500 water bottles would be enough.

We were so wrong. I think if we do this in the future, we need about 1500 bottles. We had a great time walking and then gathering at the church after the parade to eat. The ladies were all excited and said, "Let's do the Christmas parade."

We participated in the Fall Festival Spaghetti Dinner. We decorated the tables, checked in people, worked the to-go plates, served spaghetti, and handed out salads. I think the parish had a great time, and everyone who participated did a wonderful job. The next day we had a homemade dessert booth at the Festival. We had a lot of yummy desserts. We made \$764, which is excellent considering we were selling each one for \$1.00. We also had a basket in the Fall Festival Basket Extravaganza. Our theme was "3 Date Nights." We bought six tickets to the local Boerne Community Theatre along with gift cards to eat at The Creek, Richter's Tavern, and Cypress Grille. Nancy Boerner, a CDA member, was the lucky winner of this basket.



Regent Dorothy Meuth

Photo courtesy of Dorothy Meuth.

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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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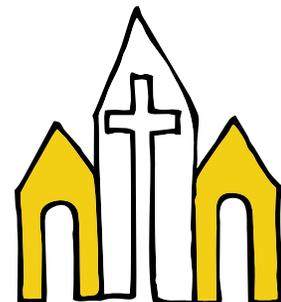
World News: John Paul 1 Beatified

On September 4, 2022, Pope Francis, in a ceremony at St. Peter's Square, beatified John Paul 1. This event marks the final, formal step toward sainthood for John Paul 1, who died of a heart attack only 33 days after being elected pope in 1978. John Paul 1, known for his humility and cheerfulness, was 65 years of age upon his election and subsequent death.

Last year, the healing of a critically-ill young girl was attributed to John Paul 1's intercession. One more miracle must be attributed to him and certified by the Vatican in order for John Paul 1 to be declared a saint.

In an article in the San Antonio Express News Faith Section, Associated Press Writer Frances D'Emilio quotes Pope Francis' words regarding the man of John Paul 1: "How beautiful is a church with a happy, serene and smiling face, that never closes doors, never hardens hearts, never complains or harbors resentments, isn't angry, does not look dour or suffer nostalgia for the past." Pope Francis also encouraged the church to pray to John Paul 1 to "obtain for us the smile of the soul."

Information and quotes taken from the article "John Paul 1, who briefly served, is beatified," by Frances D'Emilio, Alessandra Tarantino contributing. San Antonio Express News, Sunday, September 11, 2022, Faith (Section F).

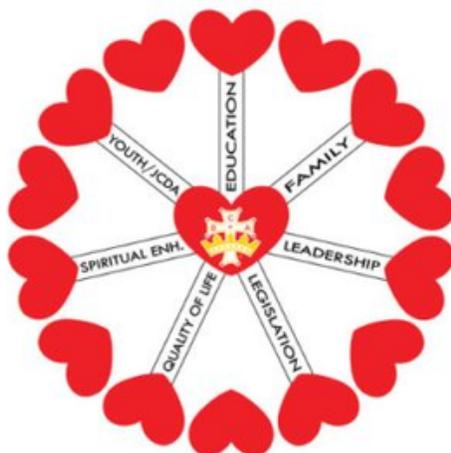


"May God prosper the work of our hands!"

- Fr. Hezekias Carnazzo, Institute of Catholic Culture

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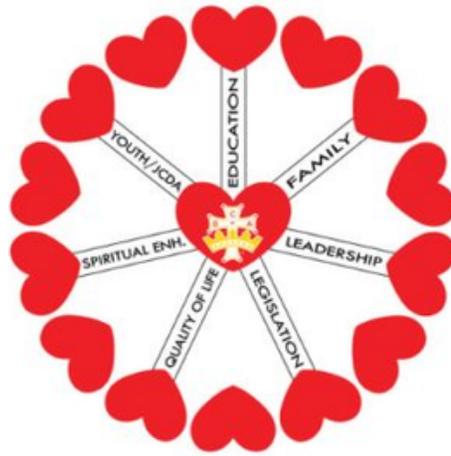
The seven points of the program, Leadership, Legislation, Quality of Life, Spiritual Enhancement, Youth/JCDA, Education, and Family, indicate the needs of the Church and community best served by the Catholic Daughters.

-  **Prayer Requests.** Please send your prayer requests to Nancy Roberts, nancyroberts11@aol.com. If you are interested in forming a rosary prayer group, let Nancy know. She will help you with the details.
-  **Vet Furniture Project.** Contact Barbara Walz at barbwalz@gvyc.com or 210-355-3394 to donate. Items needed are small furniture, jewelry, bingo items, and all household items.
-  **Adoration.** Catholic daughters have the honor of participating in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. To sign up, please follow this link: www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A5A92EA20-adoration.
-  **Senior Ministry.** The Angel Gift Basket Project will provide Christmas gifts for the residents in our local nursing facilities. A tag-making get together will be held Wednesday, November 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony Hall. Distribution of angel gift tags will be the weekend of November 19 and 20 following the Masses. Delivery of gifts to the nursing facilities will be in December after the facilities provide a calendar of their Christmas parties. The Adopt a Resident project is in full swing; we will have a report from Coordinator Suzelle Yanes after their first meeting in October.
-  **Monday Night Rosary.** CDA Daughters are invited to sign up to lead the rosary after each Monday night Mass. Follow this link to add your name to the list: www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A5A92EA20-monday. Please contact Mary Jo Perley at perleymj@gmail.com or 830-388-1744 if you have questions or need a script for the rosary.
-  **Women's Shelter.** Kendall County Women's Shelter provides residential and non-residential support to victims of domestic violence along with their children and pets. We collect personal hygiene items at our monthly meetings for use by shelter guests. We also collect and donate items to be sold at their thrift shop, Fabulous Finds, located on School Street. Their website, kcwstexas.org, has contact information, services provided, and the shelter wish list.
-  **Memorial Cards.** In September, 10 cards were sold for a total of \$50.00, and in October, 15 cards were sold for a total of \$53.50. The Grand Total for the year is \$441.35. The cards are available for purchase in the pastoral office, from Paula Hoepfner, or at the CDA meetings. The cards can be purchased for \$2.50 each (additional monies can be paid to State if you wish). They can be for living or deceased individuals. The names are sent to state each month, and they are prayed over for one year. What a blessing to someone who is living or for the deceased's family. Contact Paula Hoepfner, 832-646-3942, or crafty10@hotmail.com for more information.
-  **Family.** The Family Advent Project will be held on November 13. Contact Michelle Lee at odysseylee11@hotmail.com for more information on this fun, family-centered event. Your family will also enjoy the Christmas Parade, scheduled for December 3 at 6:00 p.m. on Main Street.

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In each newsletter, Circle of Love Coordinator Barbara Vogt will feature a spoke from the wheel of our Circle of Love to help us all better understand the seven points of this program. This new feature begins with the Education spoke.

Circle of Love: Education

Education is a key ingredient which significantly impacts the long-term success of our organization. Education helps bring us to fulfillment and helps improve attitudes. Education should include programs or activities that assist members to learn about CDA, its history, and its charitable projects and charities, as well as the programs on the spokes of the Circle of Love. This could include topics of a spiritual nature, safety concerns, and medical issues. Education may lead to higher participation in a whole range of activities. The CDA scholarships and education contests are a part of the education spoke. (National CDA website) Education Projects can include Scholarships, Educational Contests, Religious Education, Literacy Programs and other programs such as Spiritual, Legal, Medical, Safety, Pro-Life, Legislation, Personal Identity Theft, and Women's Health.

CDA Court #2690 participates in giving high-school scholarships; in sponsoring campus ministries, Life Teen camps and other extended spiritual enrichment programs; and in supporting the Benedictine Sisters' program assisting orphans in Mexico to continue their education. At each CDA meeting, we have a presentation to inform the members about community or church service ministries. Our court newsletter is a continuing source for learning, with spiritual items such as devotionals, Catholic book suggestions, upcoming Bible studies, and featured saints. Health and wellness issues are a regular feature in the newsletter.

This is a wonderful start to show our love in the Education spoke of the Circle of Love, but Court #2690 is open to new suggestions. Please give us your ideas for this area to continue to grow and improve. Ideas can be sent to Barbara Vogt at vogstrn@gvyc.com.



Together in Service

At the October meeting, Regent Dorothy Meuth presented six daughters with pins honoring five years of service with Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and she received a pin herself. Top, L to R: Nancy Roberts, Amber Bugge, and Dorothy Meuth. Bottom, L to R: Heide Abshire, Charlene Jones, and Sharon Mecke. *Photos courtesy of Elvie Wild.*



We Welcome New Members: September

Christina "Chris" Barton

Chris and her husband, Phillip, were long-time parishioners of St. Matthew's in San Antonio before coming to St. Peter's; they have been at St. Peter's for about two years. Chris and Phillip have three children: Mackenzie, 8; Luke, 5; and Zachary, 20 months. Chris works in the private sector as a compliance officer for large institutional investment portfolios and in her free time enjoys cooking, baking, and making candy during the holidays. Chris is an 18-year CDA member; prior to turning 18 years old, she was a Junior Catholic Daughter. Her home court is St. Theresa of Lisieux #2211, and she joined us to become more involved with St. Peter's and the Boerne community and to make friends within the church.



New members are welcomed at the September meeting by Regent Dorothy Meuth. First Row, L to R: Mary Barton, Donna Price, Nancy Zinsmeister, Chris Barton, Meghan Hunter, Marry Helen Torres. Second Row, L to R: Lisa Byrd, Debbie Bird, Becky Krock, Liz Lawrence, Hope Hernandez, Linda Villarreal, Barbara Pratt, Doroty Meuth. *Photo courtesy of Dorothy Meuth.*

Mary Barton

Mary and her husband, James, have been parishioners of St. Peter's since March of 2022. They are new to Texas and St. Peter's and were brought to us through the Ministry Fair. Mary is a new grandmother and works as a nurse practitioner; in her free time, she enjoys cycling.

Debra Bird

Debra Bird has been a parishioner since 1991, was away for about 10 years, and is now back. She joined CDA to help the church she believes in and to be an active part of our thriving community. Debra is the mother of two boys, ages 26 and 21. Colton graduated from Texas Tech and is working in Austin. Chance and his wife, Kyndall, are in college at Texas Tech working on their degrees. Debra loves her Bible studies & loves God, and she has a passion for reading, yoga, and helping people. She currently serves in St. Peter's Jail Ministry and wants to form a drive to donate paperback books for them. They could use many books of daily devotionals, inspirational stories, and maintaining boundaries. Career-wise, Debra is a Medicare Specialist and thoroughly enjoys helping her wonderful clients.

Lisa Byrd

Lisa moved to Boerne in August of 2013. She is the mother of four children: Lauren, 15; Christian, 13; Noah, 10; and Luke, 7. She is a stay-at-home mom and loves running, hiking, reading, and anything to do with nature. Lisa has wanted to join CDA for many years. She writes, "In 2012, I felt a strong pull back to my Catholic faith. I was training for a half marathon and would pray while running. Jesus, the Holy Spirit, God told me to go to confession. I really didn't want to since it had been so long. I met with Father Jimmy Drennan, and that was the beginning of my long journey home."

We Welcome New Members: September Cont'd.

Meghan Hunter ✝ Meghan and her husband, Phillip, have lived in Boerne for about 12 years. They both went through RCIA and received their Sacraments in 2018. They have three boys: Ivan, 25; James, 22; and their new addition, Brayden, 9. Meghan and Phillip own and run Mathnasium of Boerne, a math learning center where they help kids with their math skills. Their family home is a block away from the church, and Meghan walks every morning; this is her prayer time and a great way to start the day! She is also a novice quilter and is in formation at St. Peter Upon the Water to become a spiritual director. This is a unique program offered through the Archdiocese. It is a three-year formation, and Meghan is half-way through. She has been "recruited" by several of sisters in Christ over the years and is so happy to be a part of CDA Court #2690.

Becky Krock ✝ Becky is married to Larry, and they have three grown daughters and eight grandchildren. Becky and Larry have been parishioners of St. Peter's for 21 years; joining CDA was something Becky has thought of for years, but this year at the parish ministry fair seemed like the time! Becky has alternated between staying at home when her daughters were young and working outside the home. She has been a preschool teacher and worked for many years with special-needs children in BISD. Becky's hobbies are playing with her grandchildren, gardening, reading, and caring for her mother.

Barbara Pratt ✝ Barbara has lived in Boerne and been a parishioner of St. Peter's for 16 years. She is married to Greg, and they have 25-year-old twins, Jacob and Amelia. Barbara is a registered nurse who enjoys church and reading in her spare time. She joined CDA because she is looking for more purpose for her free time.

Donna Price ✝ Donna has been a parishioner of St. Peter's for six years. She and her husband, Tommy, have three grown children: Sean, Savannah, and Christopher, who is married to Hillary. Donna is a retired schoolteacher who worked in the school system for 38 years. Donna's hobby is walking; she walks eight to ten miles per day. She is also working on her classes for faith formation certification. Donna heard of CDA through our regent, Dorothy Meuth, while they worked together in the Bereavement Ministry. Donna states that she loves being a part of St. Peter's and CDA.

Mary Helen S. Torres ✝ Mary Helen has lived in Boerne and attended St. Peter's for three years. She and her husband, David, have been married for 32 years and have two adult children, Adriana and David. Mary Helen and David are both retired, she from the Harlingen Consolidated ISD and he as a USBP agent. Mary Helen joined CDA because she has always enjoyed fellowship and serving. In her free time, Mary Helen enjoys exercising, sewing, embroidering, cooking/baking, reading, and gardening.

We Welcome New Members: September Cont'd.

Linda Villarreal ✝ Linda and her husband Arnulfo have lived in Boerne and been parishioners of St. Peter's for two years. They have been married for 34 years and have one son, Nicolas. Linda is a stay-at-home mom who enjoys gardening, baking, and music. Linda joined CDA because she wants to get involved with a church group.

Additional new members include

Hope Hernandez ✝ *Liz Lawrence* ✝ *Nancy Hagle Zinsmeister* ✝

A Message from our Regent...

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And if that wasn't enough for one weekend, we collected diapers and wipes at all the Masses, October 1 and 2. We also collected money from individuals who wanted to contribute. All of this was donated to the Hill Country Pregnancy Center.

CDA Sunday was October 16 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. I am sorry I was out of town and missed it. We had approximately 30 members present. We had our members who were readers and Eucharistic Ministers for this Mass.

For those who were not at the October meeting, we voted to approve funds to help frame the shroud which will be displayed at the Cana Ballroom February 5-8, 2023. The exhibit is "Who is the Man of the Shroud?" Much more information will be coming on this, and if you are interested in participating, please let me know. We will have a committee to oversee all the aspects of this exhibit. It will be an exciting event for our parish and community.

As Regent, I am very excited that our Court inducted 17 new members in September and October. Hoping you have a blessed Thanksgiving. My prayers for you and your family, as we enter into Advent and the Christmas season, are that you be filled with the love and peace of the Holy Spirit.

I'll leave you with a quote from St. Francis of Assisi: "Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."



We Welcome New Members: October

Tracy Bradfield † Tracy and her husband, Chris, have been members of St. Peter's for over 25 years and have lived in Boerne for 28 years. They have two children and one granddaughter. Tracy has enjoyed being an at-home mom; her hobbies are crafting, antiquing, working with the Alzheimer's Association, and helping the elderly. Tracy joined CDA because she is interested in being more involved with our parish activities.



October new members Tracy Bradfield, Jackie Diaz, Bebe Villarreal, and Debbie Noack with Regent Dorothy Meuth.
Photo courtesy of Elvie Wild.

Jackie Diaz † Jackie has lived in Boerne for five years. She is single and has two children. Jackie works as a radiation therapist and was brought to Catholic Daughters Court #2690 by our regent, Dorothy Meuth.

Debbie Noack † Debbie has been a member of St. Peter's church for one year. She is married to John, and they have two daughters and two granddaughters. Debbie is a retired school administrator; she enjoys needlepoint, cooking, and travel. Debbie is no stranger to Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Her mother was a founding member of the El Campo, TX, CDA.

Additional new members include Bebe Villarreal †

"Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7



Happy, Happy...



Birthdays!

November

Kathy Hossenlopp, 11-1	Karen Stevenson, 11-21
Donna Ferry, 11-3	Sheila Dillard, 11-22
Barbara Pratt, 11-3	Karin Startin, 11-25
Meghan Hunter, 11-9	Debbie Noack, 11-26
Karen Smajstrla, 11-13	Lisa Sallick, 11-28
Nancy Boerner, 11-16	Laura Saenz, 11-29
Linda Villarreal, 11-20	

December

Suzelle Yanes, 12-1
 Judy Broussard, 12-13
 Mary Frances Teniente, 12-17
 Karen Yancich, 12-18
 Paula Hoepfner, 12-31

Anniversaries!



November

Teresa and John Castro, 11-1
 Nancy and Chris Lysinger, 11-5
 Cheryl and Larry Kovalchik, 11-15
 Sydney and Gregory Muenster, 11-20
 Debbie and Bubba Simnacher, 11-21
 Gloria Villanueva and Eloy Saenz, 11-21
 Michelle and Steve Viro, 11-27
 Tracy and Chris Bradfield, 11-30

Sister Kathleen Higgins, 11-2

December

Meghan and Phillip Hunter, 12-19
 Mary Frances Teniente and Rey Salinas, 12-27
 Judy and Jeff Joseph, 12-28
 Karin and Jim Startin, 12-28
 Dianna and Greg Roberts, 12-30
 Tara and James Castro, 12-31

Catholic Daughters of the Month, 2022

Jan: Susan Kreig
Feb: Elvie Wild
Mar: Susan Markworth
Apr: Sandra Butler

May: Teresa Castro
June: Kathy Tucci
July: Kathy Hassenger
Aug: Paula Hoepfner

Sept: Barbara Vogt
Oct: To Be Announced
Nov:
Dec:



Regent Dorothy Meuth and September Daughter of the Month Barbara Vogt.
Photo courtesy of Dorothy Meuth.



July Daughter of the Month Kathy Hassenger received her award at the October meeting.
Photo courtesy of Elvie Wild.

CDA Featured Daughter: Jeanette Lane

I felt very humbled when Dorothy asked me to be the CDA monthly featured daughter. She told me I had to write an article about myself for the CDA newsletter. Well, that was very intimidating because I wasn't sure that my story would be very interesting to our CDA readers.

I was raised in a small German town (Tinley Park, population 1,200) about 30 miles southwest of Chicago. My mother and her siblings also grew up in this little town. We attended St. George Catholic Church. My parents were the first couple married there, and it is where my sister, brother, and I received our sacraments and attended Sunday morning catechism classes.

Tinley Park did not have a high school but was part of a consolidated high school. I remain very closely connected with seven grade school/high school girlfriends. Even though we are scattered across the country, we always plan one week a year to spend together. Over the past 40+ years we have traveled to Europe, Canada, Bahamas, and many states in the U.S. This year's trip took us to Ashville, NC.

I attended Indiana University through the first semester of my senior year. A job took me to Kansas City, MO, and I ended up graduating with my business degree from Avila University – a private Roman Catholic university sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Several years later I passed the CPA examination. After about ten years of working at a public accounting firm, I became the first female partner. It was quite an achievement, because the glass ceiling in the 80's and 90's was almost unbreakable.



Photo courtesy of Jeanette Lane.

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CDA Featured Daughter Cont'd:

My children, Mark, Michael, and Michelle, were raised in Kansas City. The boys now live in Las Vegas, and my daughter lives in Holton, KS. I am blessed with seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. While living in Kansas City, even though I worked full time for a public accounting firm, I enjoyed getting involved in my children's activities. I was a Cub Scout leader, room mother, PTA officer, field trip chaperone, car pool driver, etc. I enjoyed it all. As the children grew older, I got involved in several social and civic activities, such as the League of Women Voters, a bridge group, an investment club, and the Kansas City Women's Chamber of Commerce, for which I was president. Being president gave me a seat on the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Board and an invitation to participate in an Air Force Civic Leader Flight. We flew on a KC-135 cargo plane from Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, MO, to Carswell AFB and then on to a base in Georgia. I was able to watch an F-16C Fighting Falcon air force plane refuel our cargo plane in mid-air. Looking out the back window of our plane, I was face-to-face with the pilot of the F-16. It was amazing!! A job offer with the Kahlig Auto Group brought me to San Antonio in November 1996. I bought a house in Boerne and started attending St. Peter's when Mass was in the activity center. I joined Monday evening Bible study classes, and they became a part of my weekly routine for many years. I went on an ACTS retreat, developed friendships with a group of wonderful St. Peter's sisters in Christ, and have served on several ACTS teams and the ACTS Core Team. For ten years I headed up the fall festival's financial team, and about one year ago I humbly became a Eucharistic minister. When I am not working or volunteering, I enjoy fishing, traveling, and working in the yard. Spending time outdoors is a wonderful time for reflection, catching one's breath, and enjoying nature.

Joining CDA has been a great experience. I have enjoyed volunteering for various activities. I am amazed at how wonderful, caring, generous, and friendly this group of ladies is. The list of those who are served by the CDA is numerous. CDA is a major asset to St. Peter's Church and the community, and I am proud to be a member. Although I still work full time, I look forward to forming new friendships within CDA and participating in their many activities.

Congratulations!

Ree Laughlin, editor of Court #2690's newsletter for the past five and one half years, placed first in State and first in Nationals for her comprehensive, beautifully edited, and informative newsletters. Ree began editing the newsletter when she purchased a brand new Mac computer and wanted to play with it to see how creative she could be. The previous editor, Mary Frances Teniente, was ready to step down, so Ree approached her with the possibility of taking it on. Ree edited the newsletter with a collaborative spirit, relying on her regents and the Catholic daughters who volunteered for various projects to send in news. She also wanted to include information that supported and promoted our motto, "Unity and Charity," and the Circle of Love. Ree writes that she is a firm believer in the work of the Holy Spirit. She states, "If you listen, you gravitate to what is meant for you!"

Ree was presented with her well-deserved award at the September meeting by Deacon Marty Lee.



Photo courtesy of Dorothy Meuth.



Spiritual Enhancement - Pursuing Holiness...

Devotional

By CDA Daughter Nancy Roberts

A Gift of the Rosary From Our Lady

Our Blessed Mother appeared in a vision to St Dominic around 1208, and he was the first to teach and preach the Rosary. The Rosary has been called a Wreath of Roses that has led to many miracles and the conversions of sinners. Our Lady also revealed that those who faithfully say the Rosary are granted 15 promises from her. Here are just a few of the promises:

- + You will have special protection and will be provided her greatest graces.
- + You will have powerful armor against hell, and Mary will destroy vices and decrease sin.
- + You will experience a flourishing of virtues and good works.
- + Your soul will not perish.
- + You shall not die without the sacraments.
- + The Blessed Mother shall deliver you from purgatory.
- + At the moment of death, you shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.

Our Lady also provided a wonderful revelation to Blessed Alan De La Roche, who was a Dominican in the 15th century. She told him, "When you say your rosary, the angels rejoice, the Blessed Trinity delights in it, my Son finds joy in it, too, and I myself am happier than you can possibly guess." Let's make our Mother happy every day!!



The Holy Rosary is the
storehouse of
countless blessings."

-Blessed Alan de la Roche

Book Recommendation

*The Rosary: The Prayer That Saved
My Life*
by Immaculee Ilibagiza

After the brutal murder of her family in Rwanda, Immaculee and seven other women hid for three months in a bathroom in order to survive. Praying the rosary saved her in more than one way.

November 1: All Saints' Day

In *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, it is written that "A society is a group of persons bound together organically by a principle of unity that goes beyond each one of them. As an assembly that is at once visible and spiritual, a society endures through time: it gathers up the past and prepares for the future."* Our celebration today, All Saints' Day, is a beautiful example of the societal nature of our church. Today, on this Holy Day of Obligation, we remember all saints as members of our Catholic family who have gone before us and who are exalting our Lord in Heaven. We have such a wealth of knowledge for how to live in our brothers and sisters of our past, and it is life-giving to us to be able to know about them, remember them, and learn from them.



All Saints' Day is a long tradition in our church. In history, this day was called All Hallows' Day, or Hallowmas, and follows Halloween. The name "Halloween" derives from "All Hallow's Eve(n)," or "Hallowe'en." Collectively, the three days of Halloween, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day (November 2) are sometimes known as "Allhallowtide." In 837 A.D. Pope Gregory IV ordered the general observance of All Saints' Day.

Celebrating All Saints' Day can be an important part of each year, both in our liturgical and domestic life. Opening our hearts to remember the saints in Heaven, our ancestors, as it were, allows us to continue a connection to them. Besides going to Mass, this is a good time to research and learn about any special saints in your life, such as saints for whom your family members may be named, your Confirmation saint, or the saint celebrated on your or your family members' birthdays. Sharing a special meal together in honor of the saints is another way to mark the day, as well as praying to ask for their intercessions for you and those you love. What a comfort it is to know we have this connection.



*Catechism of the Catholic Church, Part 3, Life in Christ; Section One: Man's Vocation, Life in the Spirit; Chapter 2, The Human Communion; Article 1: The Person and Society; I. The Communal Character of the Human Vocation

Mind, Body, and Spirit: Health for the Journey

By CDA Daughter Donna Oates

3 John 1:2 (NAB): "Beloved, I hope you are in good health--may you thrive in all other ways as you do in the spirit."

Have you felt it? Whispers of crisp, fall breezes? The lessening of oppressive heat that saps your energy the minute you step outside? Have you seen the fat pumpkins, all shapes and sizes, at the grocery store, maybe picked some up for your deck or porch? Have you thought about bringing in some wood for the fireplace? Fall is here!

I don't know about you, but I always long for cooler weather, the smell of wood smoke from neighbors' chimneys in air that somehow seems more golden, and hearty soup recipes to make for dinner. Fall is a season of beauty, God's sure and steady promise of harvest, plenty, home. This planet that our Heavenly Father created gives us signs that change is around the corner. Leaves turn vibrant colors; the air cools; and then, one morning, there is frost! Such blessings. Such easy things to miss, if our minds are full of other things. Work, bills, money, family issues, sadness, and countless other worldly worries can rob us of our ability to see these small, and at the same time immeasurable, blessings.

When we consider our health, we usually turn first to our waistlines and diets, exercise, sleep. But a critical component of good health is our minds. In her article in the San Antonio Express News, Wellness Writer Marci Sharif shares that "one of the greatest indicators of well-being is how we think." When we learn to control what she calls our "mental narrative," we can create space in our thoughts to allow us to embrace and enjoy the more optimistic and positive components of our daily lives. We have space to see the beautiful pumpkins at the store, to take a deep breath and smile at the cool air filling our lungs, to delight in sparkly frost covering our windows and the warm steam rising from a mug of hot chocolate.

The question is, "How?" Bills need to be paid. Responsibilities weigh us down. The clock never stops ticking. Life is full of legitimate worry and sadness. So, in reality, how? Sharif offers three steps toward a "lighter headspace."

1. Notice. What is going on inside your head? Once you know, you can make some choices about how to handle your thoughts. Do negative thoughts often take over? Do you find yourself doubting your own worth or second-guessing your decisions? If you feel the need for more positivity, or to slow down, or to focus on God's beautiful seasons, notice when those negative thoughts creep in, and then...

2. Choose. What thoughts do you need to listen to, and what thoughts can you let float right on by? If you pause to look at a tree all decked out in gorgeous orange and gold, and then the thought rushes in that you are going to be late for wherever you need to go next, realize that you really can take ten seconds to see beauty. Choose to slow down. You are healthier when your thoughts are warm, pleasant, and affirming. And what you really want is for more and more of those thoughts to direct your thinking. So, you need to...

3. Create more of those feel-good thoughts. Deliberately pause to smell the crisp, fall air, and hold on to the feeling of joy that creates. Don't think of the dishes you have to wash while you are savoring that warm soup. Don't become impatient for the defroster to work on your windshield so you can get down the road. Just savor those beautiful little gifts from God. And then do one more thing: Take it a step further, and write them down. Create a list of the things for which you are grateful. Your perceptions and experiences will get better and better over time when you realize and work at filling your thoughts with what brings you beauty and gives you joy. Like pumpkins; wood smoke; and crisp, cool air.

What's coming up...

Watch the bulletin for these events and much more!

To read St. Peter's online bulletin, click [HERE](#).



Need Some New Wheels?

The Truck Raffle is on again this year at St. Peter's. Greg Jaeger, along with Phillip Hunter and Brett Haas, is heading up this year's raffle.

This is the third consecutive year St. Peter's is raffling off a new vehicle; proceeds will help tackle some large parish projects. The first prize this year is a 2022 Ford F-150. It is on campus now; ticket sales began Saturday, October 1 at the Fall Festival. New this year is the addition of several nice secondary prizes: a diamond necklace, a new set of Callaway golf clubs, a two-night stay at the Kendall Inn, and a new electric scooter to get the youngsters excited!

Only 1500 tickets will be available for sale; ticket prices remain at \$100 each, as they were last year. This year, however, there is going to be a shortened turnaround on the raffle. Ticket sales will end on December 4, when the winners' tickets will be drawn.

Underwriters for the F-150 are requested, and any contribution to that effort is tax deductible and would be greatly appreciated. Some recognition of that contribution will be provided, if desired. If the truck can be completely underwritten, the parish benefits tremendously. To help in the underwriting effort, contact Greg directly at grijlc@gvtc.com or by phone at 210-913-8686.



Together, We Remember and Pray



Edwin Louis Kneifel

Father of Darlene Hicks



Ronnie Boerner

Brother-In-Law of Nancy Boerner



JT Toner

Friend of Susanne Henslee



Lillian Mangold

Mother-In-Law of Arla Mangold



Lucretia Coates

CDA Past National Director



Rudy Flores

Stepson of Christina Flores

The Christian who unites his own death to that of Jesus views it as a step towards him and an entrance into everlasting life. When the Church for the last time speaks Christ's words of pardon and absolution over the dying Christian, seals him for the last time with a strengthening anointing, and gives him Christ in viaticum as nourishment for the journey, she speaks with gentle assurance:

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world
in the name of God the almighty Father,
who created you,
in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God,
who suffered for you,
in the name of the Holy Spirit,
who was poured out upon you.
Go forth, faithful Christian!
May you live in peace this day,
may your home be with God in Zion,
with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,
with Joseph, and all the angels and saints. . . .
May you return to [your Creator]
who formed you from the dust of the earth.
May holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints
come to meet you as you go forth from this life. . . .
May you see your Redeemer face to face.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, Part 1, Section 2, Chapter 3, Article 12.

<http://www.scborromeo.org/ccc/p123a12.htm>

Parish News and Events--Our Community

On September 3, CDA joined forces with the Matachines, the Knights of Columbus, and other volunteers to represent St. Peter's in the Kendall County Labor Day Parade. Catholic Daughters walked by the float and handed out water bottles and flyers to advertise the Fall Festival. It was a successful endeavor, as St. Peter's float won awards for Best Organization and Best Youth.



Photos courtesy of Dorothy Meuth



Audra Duran, Catholic Daughter Arleen Skwara, and Kathy Bandujo.
Photo courtesy of Dorothy Meuth.

On September 15, CDA presented a check to Blessings In A Backpack (BIB) for \$6,700. This donation will help support local families with children in our school system who are food insecure, providing staples children can take home in their backpacks in order to have food over the weekends while they are not in school. Arleen Skwara, CDA Coordinator of Blessings in a Backpack, presented the check to Audra Duran and Kathy Bandujo, volunteers with BIB.



Parish News and Events--Our Community Cont'd.



Catholic Daughters helped make the kickoff of St. Peter's 2022-2023 Elementary Faith Formation classes a sweet success! Daughters were on hand to help serve treats to students and their families.



Parish News and Events--Our Community Cont'd.



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Catholic Daughters stepped in at the last minute to prepare and serve a delicious Frito pie meal to Life Teen members and their catechists. Pictured are Sue Taylor; Dana Gonyer; Charlene Jones and her husband, Stanley; Esther Keeley; and Rose Jaeger.

"Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare." Isaiah 55:2.



To say "thank you" for CDA support of the Tour de Boerne, a community-wide bicycle event that raises money for our parish, officers of that organization presented a check in the amount of \$3,500 to Catholic Daughters Court #2690 at the October meeting.



Mary Stapper (left) and Daughter Kathy Hassenger (right), volunteers at Hill Country Daily Bread (HCDB), were guest speakers at the October meeting. They are working on creating a partnership with St. Peter's and HCDB so that families in our parish can mentor Catholic families who are served by HCDB, with the goals of evangelization and support.



Parish News and Events--Our Community Cont'd.



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Catholic Daughters brought Halloween candy to our September and October meetings. The candy will be distributed to area nursing homes for Halloween. The Senior Ministry is so appreciative of the generosity of our members!



Catholic Daughters collected diapers and wipes during the annual Diaper Drive, which supports the Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center. In addition to those needed supplies, a check for \$682.52 was presented to the Center.



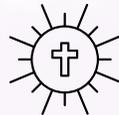
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CDA Beyond Boerne

State News

In his most recent letter to Texas Catholic Daughters, State Chaplain Daniel Cardinal DeNardo shared his views on life in a post Roe vs. Wade society. DeNardo wrote that society has long viewed abortion as a necessary component of women's health and freedom and that, while the overturning of Roe vs. Wade and the recent Supreme Court decision in Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health are steps toward a society that values and affirms life, we must not become complacent. Abortion still exists and will continue in our country, even in states such as ours where the unborn are more protected than in other parts of our country. Our work through CDA and the Circle of Love--Leadership, Legislation, Quality of Life, Spiritual Enhancement, Youth/JCDA, Education, and Family--continues to be vital, especially in those ways we can support human life and dignity hand-in-hand with our church's teachings. DeNardo writes, "In this post Roe world, the members of the Catholic Daughters of America, along with all the faithful, have a unique opportunity to show the world the power of Christ's love for all life at every stage. Let us show the world by our charitable works and prayers the value of every human life, so that by our actions and by God's grace we might become true icons of God's love in the world."



State Regent Rebecca Brown shared some important information in her last letter to Texas Catholic Daughters. Following are some of her updates:

- At the national convention a motion was adopted to increase national dues by \$3.00 per year. Therefore, each court will see an increase of \$1.50 per member on the November and April invoices from national.
- Several bylaws were discussed and voted on. Be sure to get a copy of the new bylaw book when they are available.
- A recommendation to the national board for a committee to study CDA robes and the dress code was made at the convention. Changes may or may not be seen in the coming year.
- Start planning now to attend the Texas State Convention at Moody Gardens in Galveston on April 26-30, 2023.
- The Texas Information Notebook has updates to various pages.
- We were sent almost \$1,500.00 from the Astros organization from the Day at the Ball Park Event. Those funds have been designated for the Habitat for Humanity build. Thank you to everyone who attended and to those who planned the event!

National News

On October 9th, National Regent Emily Guilherme sent a letter to all Catholic Daughters of the Americas appealing for help for our sisters in Florida who suffered profound losses due to Hurricane Ian. Ian was reported as Florida's deadliest hurricane since 1935; many communities and dioceses were impacted. In addition to our heartfelt prayers, CDA Court #2690 voted to send \$1,000 to the CDA National Office for the intention of supporting the stricken communities in Florida.



A Message from Deacon Marty

Presence

As we enter into November, our basic human need to be in communion with others certainly comes to the forefront of our lives. If your families are like mine, you have already been planning your Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings. Who will be here, where will we be on what day, what food will we prepare, pumpkin or pecan, turkey or ham, who will sit where, who shouldn't sit together and who should, what time will we eat, what Mass will we attend....? All of this in the service of answering the longing that lives deep within our hearts--to be known and to know others. To be loved and to love. Our call to communion.

At our October Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2690 meeting, we had a presentation on a new ministry that is starting up here at St. Peter's. Guest speakers and Catholic Daughters Mary Stapper and Kathy Hassenger spoke about the ministry, "Come to the Table Family Mentoring." Working in conjunction with the Hill Country Daily Bread, St. Peter's will help Catholic families in need, walking with a family by serving them with food, clothing, and other resources. The goal is to develop a mentoring relationship and to support the families' spiritual and physical needs.

Mary and Kathy each shared their story of being drawn to serve others, of their calling to care for their brothers and sisters in Christ. We are all called to give what we have for the care of those whom God places in front of us, just as Christ commanded his disciples, "give them some food yourselves." (Lk 9:13) During the meeting I was struck by how much need there is in our parish and in our small, affluent community. The Catholic Daughters are called on by so many in need and can only do so much. There are needs that go unanswered as time, talent, and money are not available. But remember that Jesus tells us to give what we have, and his Father will bless our efforts. The Tour De Boerne, in thanks for helping with their fundraiser, gave the CDA a donation that will in turn be given away to fill other needs. In our families, in our communities, during our time on this Earth, we are called to give away that which we ourselves have been given. To love as we have been loved. A message we must live in our daily life.

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A Message from Deacon Marty Cont'd.

We are members of an active and loving parish with many different ministries serving a wide variety of needs, and it is a model of the early Church in that we lovingly support each other's efforts to do the work of Christ. When we feel empty, when money does not seem available, when there seems too much to do, or when we're afraid that we don't have wise, comforting words to share, where do we turn?

Luke 24:30-31—And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So, they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This passage from the walk to Emmaus story is a much loved bit of Sacred Scripture that speaks to the transforming power of "presence." When things seem hopeless, empty, or impossible, it is our presence that is important, both Christ's presence to us and our presence to our brothers and sisters, to fill the human need for communion. Let us focus on this beautiful teaching during the coming holidays. With our families and friends, with our coworkers, within our ministries, and with all those whom God places into our lives, let us be more present and simply seek to love one another as we have been loved.

As our own faith began by an invitation, I invite each of you to learn more about the ministries that are active in our parish and in the Archdiocese. I invite you to serve. To say "yes" to the Lord. Your presence will transform lives.

Many blessings for you and your families,
Deacon Marty

