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Mission Statement

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 dignity for all.

**Be women of faith*

**Encourage spiritual growth*

**Increase membership*

**Promote the motto of "Unity and Charity"*

Announcements

Next meeting is on **Thursday, Nov. 5 at 6pm** for a rosary at CGs by the Marian windows. We'll start dinner at 6:30pm followed by the meeting at 7pm.

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**Remember the Fall Festival on
Sat., Oct. 17th from 11am-5pm**



Officer's Message

Lillian Kanier, Vice Regent



Being part of the Catholic Daughters of America has given me the opportunity to slow down and reflect on my faith in God to recognize God's presence in my daily life. Sometimes in my home life it is easy to forget, pause and listen to what God needs to say to me. CDA and my other ministries remind me that I am not walking in my faith alone.

Being part of the different Ministries at CGS like EMHC, Sacristan, and the most sacred of them all to me is the Linen Ministry. This Ministry to me is one of the most important to be a part of because I make sure that the Linens used during the Mass are done by my hands. I am very proud of my work.

One of the things I value most about being a member of CGS is the Christian bond that we share. We all have the support of each other, we all have different experiences, struggles, sicknesses and stories that our faith in God brings us together. God works in each of us in different ways.

My faith is not always perfect or easy. There are times when I question if God is listening to me about my troubles and my pain. There even times I question myself on what God is trying to tell me. I have learned that through those difficult times faith does not mean having all the answers. I trust in God and I must believe He will direct me in the path He has planned for me.

Being a part of the CDA has encouraged me to be more open and know that God is with me throughout my daily living. I am grateful to be part of this wonderful women's group, and I hope for all women to be a part of a group which creates a family outside of your own family.

Be still and know that I am God. --Psalm 46:10

Lillian Kainer



Chaplain's Corner: Walking Together Through a Season of Grace

Deacon Stacy Millsap, Court Chaplain

Dear Sisters in Christ,

There is something especially beautiful about these final months of the year. As summer soon gives way to fall and the days grow shorter, the Church invites us to slow down, look within, and turn our hearts again toward the Lord. October, November, and December lead us on a wonderful spiritual journey of prayer, remembrance, hope, and preparation.

October draws us especially close to our Blessed Mother and the Rosary. As Catholic Daughters, Mary holds a special place in our hearts. Her life reminds us what faithful discipleship looks like: listening for God's voice, trusting His plan, and saying "yes" even when we cannot see the whole road ahead. This is a beautiful time to take up our Rosaries with renewed devotion. We can bring to Mary the concerns we carry for our families, our parish, our Catholic Daughter sisters, and our world, trusting that she always leads us closer to her Son.

November brings a quieter and more reflective spirit as we celebrate All Saints and All Souls. We remember with gratitude those who have gone before us: parents and grandparents, spouses, relatives, friends, and our own Catholic Daughter sisters who once prayed, served, laughed, and worked beside us. We miss them, but we remember them with Christian hope. Our faith assures us that death does not have the final word. Christ does. As November draws toward its close with Christ the King, we are reminded that everything we are and everything we hope for ultimately rests in Him.

Then Advent arrives. While the world around us seems to become busier by the day, the Church offers us a different invitation: Wait. Watch. Pray. Prepare. Advent encourages us to pause amid the decorating, shopping, gatherings, and preparations and ask a more important question: *Am I preparing my heart for Jesus?* Mary accompanies us once again. Her quiet faith and willingness to receive Christ remind us that perhaps the most important preparation for Christmas is not something we can purchase, decorate, bake, or wrap. It is simply making room for Christ.

And so, as Catholic Daughters, we walk through these months together:

In October, we pray.

In November, we remember.

In Advent, we wait.

At Christmas, we welcome Christ.



May this season draw us closer to the Lord and to one another. May we remember those who have gone before us, reach out to those who may need friendship or encouragement, and continue to serve our parish and community with the love that has always been at the heart of our Catholic Daughter sisterhood. May God bless each of you and your families throughout this beautiful season of grace.

Deacon Stacy, Chaplain

Court Happenings

Bake Sale – August 30, 2026



CDA and JCDA members held a bake sale on August 30th as a fundraising event in the CGS Social Hall.



JCDA & Youth Group Carwash Fundraiser – September 19, 2026



Members of the JCDA collaborated with the Youth Group to provide a car wash fundraiser. Thank you so very much to the members who volunteered to serve and to those 32 who participated as donors by bringing their cars to this event! Over \$1,400 was raised with the proceeds benefiting JCDA, the Youth Group and CGS.

May God abundantly bless the volunteers, donors and JCDA's activities this year!

St. Stanislaus – September 20, 2026

One recent CDA trip was to both St. Mary's in Plantersville, then to mass at St. Stanislaus, and then to lunch as Martha's Bloomers. Being able to visit historic churches together is such a blessing!



St. Stanislaus (continued)



Priesthood Sunday – September 27, 2026

Each year, CDA demonstrates support to the priests of our parish on Priesthood Sunday. Please pray for our priests—Fr. James and Fr. Paolo.

May God continue to bless our priests here at Christ the Good Shepherd, filling their hearts with love and their lives with the grace they need to fulfill their vocation to the priesthood in accordance with His holy will. Amen.



Manna Bag Assembly – Fall 2026

Twice monthly, Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons, CDA volunteers gather in the social hall to assemble “manna bags.” These food-filled bags are delivered to the Hope Center which is a local homeless center. Please come join in this work of mercy to feed the hungry and enjoy the company of fellow CDA members in the process of this undertaking. Upcoming manna bag assembly meeting dates are below.

- Mondays at 7pm – 11/2, 12/7, 1/4
- Thursdays at 3:45pm – 10/15, 11/19, 12/17, 1/21



Manna Bag Assembly (continued)

August 31, 2026



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October 5, 2026



September Meeting Birthdays & New Member Installation – September 3, 2026

During the monthly meeting, CDA members celebrated September birthdays and the installation of new member Jennifer Schattle.



District 54 Fall Spiritual Retreat – October 3, 2026

District CDA members met at Christ the Good Shepherd on Saturday, October 3rd for mass and a spiritual retreat!

Upcoming Events

Fall Festival – Saturday, October 17, 2026

CGS's annual Fall Festival is this weekend! Please volunteer at the CDA booth! Please come to enjoy food, games, sweets, fellowship, and a chance to bid on (and win) auction items from 11am to 5pm!

CDA Sunday with JCDA – Sunday, October 18, 2026

Join with CDA and JCDA members during mass this weekend to celebrate our organization.

End-of-Life Session – Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Jackie Vail, as our Respect Life representative, has organized an end-of-life session led by Deacon Stacy. Please come to learn more about the Catholic church's teaching on end-of-life so that we can be properly equipped when assisting others to navigate their decisions or facing personal circumstances ourselves.

Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 30, 2026

CGS's annual trunk or treat event is around the corner. This year, the theme is Noah's ark! Wear your saintly costume and bring treaters who are pre-K through 5th grade to enjoy food, games, candy, and fellowship from 6:30 to 8pm!

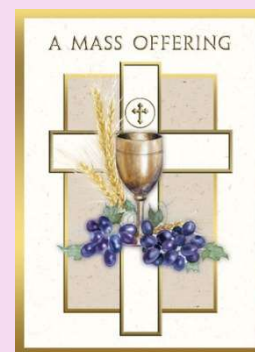
Visit to Brookwood Community – Wednesday, November 18, 2026

CDA is planning a visit to Brookwood Community! Please consider coming to learn more about this amazing residential living community for adults with disabilities. Bring your pocketbook because there is a gift shop and garden center! 😊



Ongoing Mass Cards

CDA offers mass cards which provide scholarships for relatives of CDA members. Scholarships can be used for attendance at college or a catholic high school. Mass cards can be purchased at any CDA meeting or by contacting Mary Roberts.



Praying the Rosary

On the second Thursday of the month, CDA joins at 6pm by the Marian windows of the church to pray the rosary together for the intentions of those gathered for prayer.



Legislative Updates

Elections in 2026

Election Day is November 3 from 7am to 7pm. Early voting will be open from Monday, Oct. 19 through Friday, Oct. 30. George Bush Community Center at 6827 Cypresswood will serve as an early voting center. For other voting locations, click this link: <https://www.harrisvotes.com/Vote-Centers>

To learn more about issues in relation to church teachings, visit the USCCB website: <https://www.usccb.org/topics>

State Legislative News:
<https://txcatholic.org/category/89th/>

CDA National Legislative Link:
https://catholicdaughters.org/circle-of-love#tabContent_2505669



State & National CDA News

State

Upcoming events at the state level are listed below.

- **Biennial Texas State Convention** at Sheraton Hotel in Dallas on April 7-11, 2027.

National

Upcoming events at the national level are listed below.

- **New York Pilgrimage to Italy** – November 3 through 14, 2025
 - <https://www.lpjp.org/trips/12-day-italy-pilgrimage-the-jubilee-of-rome-2025-cda-ny>

Charities & Ongoing Projects

CDA supports several national charities and projects such as Habitat for Humanity, Apostleship of the Sea, Catholic Relief Services, Disaster Relief Fund, Human Life International, and Missionaries of Charity. For a full list visit the website: <https://catholicdaughters.org/national-projects-and-charities>



October Birthdays

Shirley Varsel 10/6
Elizabeth Thompson
Marla Clancy 10/19
Norina Fisher 10/23
Patrice Rodriguez 10/23
Fr. James 10/27
Christina Takarsi 10/29
Beth Hutton 10/31

October Anniversaries

Melody Barr 10/11
Dawn Leal 10/19
Nanda Havemann 10/24

November Birthdays

Quetzy Reyes 11/2
Sheryl Andrew's 11/4
Yolanda Cadena 11/5
Phyllis Rourke 11/10
Karen Ringholz 11/10
Rita Egbuna 11/12
Amy Uribe 11/20

November Anniversaries

Lorena Ortiz 11/2
Nancy Williams 11/3
Lillian Kainer 11/4
Jennifer Hamilton 11/7
Missy Landry 11/14
Rita Egbuna 11/15
Jean Philpot 11/16
Jan Beall 11/17
Gizelle Williams 11/22
Deacon Stacy Millsap 11/28

December Birthdays

Lori Maldonado 12/17
Maria Vitucci 12/26

December Anniversaries

Pat Kocan
Mary Giles 12/7
Cathy Peplau 12/8
Katherine Lee 12/15
Phyllis Rourke 12/17
Ellie Peterson 12/23
Kathy Kietur 12/28
Vickie Simental 12/27



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