

Minutes of March 8, 2021

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)

Court Blessed Mother Teresa #2550

Regent Bonnie Viator called the meeting to order. All officers were present. Barbara Babineaux led us in the Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regent Bonnie Viator thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Refreshments were provided by Regent Bonnie Viator and Mary Reaux. Kathy Cox initially was going to handle the refreshments, however she had a death in the family and was not going to make the meeting. Mary Reaux and Paula Foret volunteered to provide refreshments for the April meeting. Jeri Mestayer and Pat Waguespack volunteered to provide refreshments for the May meeting.

Correspondence was passed around.

Minutes of the November 2020 and the February 2021 meeting were read. Denise Girouard made a motion to accept the minutes, Pat Waguespack seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

	Checkbook Balance	Bank Statement Balance
As of February	\$3454.23	\$3549.23

Committee Reports:

Rosary- Tabled until next month.

Pro-Life Rosary- March (5 ladies)

Empathy- 3 Birthday, 2 Thinking of You

Circle of Love- Has not been announced yet.

Scrapbook- Regent Bonnie Viator put all photos in a folder in the filing cabinet at the Parish Life Center.

Spirituality- Anne Minveille spoke about the Feast of Saint Katharine Drexel. Saint Katharine Drexel was the second American-born Saint. In 1915, Katharine founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic University in the United States for African-Americans. There was a short period of time between her death and canonization. On March 19, is the Feast of Saint Joseph. Ms. Anne Minveille noted that if you do the Novena, start on March 10th. Also talked about the first American-born Saint was Elizabeth Ann Seton. Saint Elizabeth Seton was the founder of the Sisters of Charity. Elizabeth Seton High School, an all-girls Catholic school in Bladensburg, Maryland, sponsored by the Daughters of Charity, is named in honor of Seton. Mother Cabrini/Frances Xavier Cabrini was the first United States citizen to be canonized as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

Announcements:

- We are now collecting dues for 2021.

- The Church Vocational Cross sign-up sheet is now ready. You can sign up by calling the Our Lady of Perpetual Help's office in the morning.

- On the sign-in table, you will find:
 - CDA's 2021 monthly mass schedule
 - "New" budget that was voted on and approved in February
 - Prayer petitions from February
 - Information about the Pro-Life Rally held in Washington D.C.
- At the Christmas Social, Regent Bonnie Viator presented CDA anniversary pins to those members in attendance.
- Jeri Mestayer donated two reams of paper and a box of envelopes for the Court. The items were labeled and placed in the CDA closet at the Parish Life Center.
- Ms. Enella Broussard is doing well. She is still wearing a collar on her neck. She can no longer drive. She advised that she will not be back this year. Please give her a call or card every now and then!

Old Business:

- **7 Pillars Project-** At our November meeting we "voted" for the "New Iberia Unexpected Pregnancy Center". Our ballot was sent in. The winner selected for our Diocese was Community of Jesus Crucified in Saint Martinville. This community has lay members, married and single, who live in their own homes, and Priests, Brothers, and Sisters who live a common life. Members of CJC bind themselves together to freely consecrate their lives in service of suffering and wounded humanity. The Community recognizes Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, as the model lay contemplative and chooses her as the first and perpetual superior of the Community of Jesus Crucified. Michael Champagne founded it.

New Business:

- **St. Joseph's Altar-** As stated in February, due to Covid, the Church will not have a St. Joseph's Altar this year. It will resume when Covid will no longer be a threat to our health. However, the Parish will honor St. Joseph this year by continuing the tradition of giving food to the needy. Parishioners and visitors have been invited to show their devotion to St. Joseph by offering nonperishable food items, which will be donated to local food banks- as they are especially in need this year. Baskets have been placed in the vestibule of the church this morning, prior to the feast. Let our offerings speak to St. Joseph of our needs as well as our gratitude for our many blessings. The parish will also foster devotion to St. Joseph by publishing prayers to St. Joseph in our weekly bulletin. The parish will also pray a novena to St. Joseph from March 10 to March 19, with the prayer to be found in the bulletin. The novena prayer will be recited before Mass on the nine traditional novena days. Regent Bonnie Viator thanked Anne Minveille for coming up with this idea and putting it all together.

- **Annual Shrimp Boil Fundraiser-** Our fundraiser is scheduled for the fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14, 2021. We sold tickets after masses this past weekend. We did well. Regent Bonnie Viator thanked all the volunteers. Reminder, we will not have a sweets booth for the fundraiser. This will leave us with more volunteers. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers.

- **CDA Monthly Mass-** The March CDA monthly mass is Wednesday, March 17th, at 12:15 p.m. (St. Patrick's Day).

- Easter Sunday is April 4.

- **CDA Meeting-** Our next CDA meeting will be on April 12th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. here in the Parish Life Center.

- **Eucharistic Adoration**- The Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, April 2nd, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. noon ONLY.

- **Pro-Life Rosary**- Next Grotto Rosary is scheduled for Saturday, April 3 at 10:00 a.m.

- **March Birthdays**- Janie Smith (3), Kathy Cox (17), Wendy Mouton (18)

- **Prayer Petitions**- Donna Alleman was in the hospital for eight days. Update on Toddy: tumors/lesions are shrinking. Chemo is working. If you would like to add/remove names from the prayer petition, please contact Vice Regent Kathy Cox.

Regent Bonnie Viator led us in prayer. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned. Everyone agreed. The meeting was adjourned. (Afterwards, door prizes were awarded.)

Jeri Mestayer, Recording Secretary