



# CWL February 2021 Newsletter

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## Message from the Acting President

Lent, a time of prayer and renewal, begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17. While Lent itself remains the same, some of our activities will have to be adapted to fit the pandemic restrictions. As we come together by staying apart, our prayers may be private but no less fervent. Pope Francis invites us “to experience Lent with love, and caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned because of the Covid-19 pandemic. He invites us to speak words of reassurance, and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters. Although hope may seem challenging in fragile and uncertain times, Lent is precisely the season of hope” Quote taken from *The Vatican News*).

**Yvette d'Entremont**  
**Acting President**

## Spiritual

Dear Sisters in the League,

I have found the Loyola website very interesting. It includes 3 minute retreats, family activities and prayers for each season of the Church. I hope that you enjoy it.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources>

**Rita Pfefferle**  
**Spiritual Development**

## Purdy's Chocolates – Just In Time for Easter!

Please support our CWL fundraising project by purchasing some very sweet Easter gifts for friends, family and yourself. To make your purchase, use the link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1314584-83335>

When you click on the link, you have to sign in using your name, phone number, an email address and a password of your choice. Don't forget the password in case you want to log in again and buy more chocolate. After you've signed in, click on the tab "Shop Online". If you click on the tab "Online Order", you will see the list of chocolates to choose from, or click on "Marketplace" and see the pictures of the products.

The link is now active and will be active **until March 17th**. Invite others to join and support our Fundraising Campaign. Thank you to Katherine Tarras for leading this project.

A big thank you to Katherine Tarras who has taken the lead on this project.

## Update – Motions from National

The Motion and Instructed Votes from National were discussed and voted on at the General Meeting of February 16.

- There was a motion to increase the per capita fee from \$13.00 to \$25.00. **This motion was defeated.**
- There was a proposed Amendment to the *Constitution & Bylaws* to change the Patroness from Our Lady of Good Counsel to Our Lady of Guadalupe. **This motion was defeated.**
- There was a proposed Amendment to the *Constitution & Bylaws* to add the following:  
*In the case of government declared emergencies, parish council regular and annual meetings of members may be held electronically for the purpose of making decisions to keep the League operational in unprecedented circumstances.* **This motion was defeated based on the fact that the motion is not clear as to what “government” is referred to and what constitutes “unprecedented circumstances”.**
- There were six other amendments to the *Constitution & Bylaws* **that were passed** as they have very little effect on how we function, and will continue to function, as a Council.

Thank you to all the members who were present at the meeting to make their voices heard regarding these decisions. The results of the votes will be forwarded to Diocesan and National.

**Yvette d’Entremont**  
**Acting President**

## Alberta Featured During Black History Month

February is Black History Month. In January 2021, Canada Post issued two new domestic stamps to celebrate Black History Month. These two stamps honour the communities of Amber Valley, Alberta, and Willow Grove, New Brunswick.

The community of Amber Valley was one of several in Alberta and Saskatchewan settled by Black people from Oklahoma, Texas and other southern states, who were looking for a life away from racial segregation and violence. They came to Canada in response to the federal government’s Dominion Lands Act, which was passed in 1872 to encourage settlement on the Prairies. The residents of Willow Grove and Amber Valley faced the challenges of poor farming land and harsh weather conditions. They also faced continued prejudice and discrimination, including from local and federal governments. Despite the hostility of their environments, these communities grew, and their descendants have enriched Canadian society and culture.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

CWL has Prayer Shawls available to those who would be interested in receiving one. If you are interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Rose Hearn by email at [khearn@live.com](mailto:khearn@live.com) or by phone at 780-915-0166

## Used Stamps for Development and Peace

As you know, CWL has been collecting used stamps for Development and Peace for a number of years. Unfortunately, pandemic restrictions do not allow us to put a put in the lobby to collect the stamps. Please save your stamps and we will collect them when we are able to do so.



## Laughter is Good for the Soul

A friend of mine, a professional organist, was asked to play for a wedding. Unfamiliar with the church's organ, she went to the sanctuary to practice. Curious about a small keyboard that slid out from under the two regular keyboards, she tapped out a couple of bars of a children's song but heard nothing. Then she played a few more notes, but still no organ music.

Just then a man came running into the church, shouting, "Who's playing 'Three Blind Mice' on the church-steeple bells?"

She had been operating the carillon.

## CWL 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Thank you to Rachelle Pouliott, Rita Pfeffelle and Bev Jensen who have formed a Committee to organize our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. At 1:00 pm, Father J.D. will be officiating a Mass for CWL members which will also be livestreamed for those who are unable to attend in person. Further details of the celebration will be provided in the upcoming months.

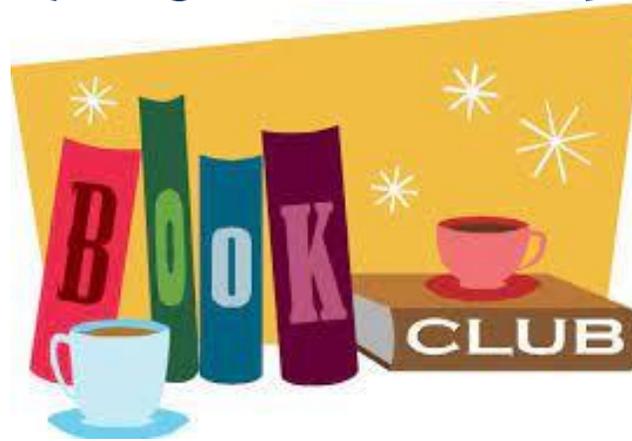
## 2021 Memberships

We currently have 91 paid members. If you have any questions regarding memberships, please feel free to call (780-399-9459) or email me at [bspat@shaw.ca](mailto:bspat@shaw.ca)

Thank you,

**Bea Spatafora**  
**Organization**

# *St Charles CWL BYOB CLUB* *(Being Your Own Book)*



*Do you like to read?  
Have you been doing a lot of reading?*

## **Join the CWL BYOB Club!**

We will gather once a month (virtually) to talk about books we read, we like, don't like or don't even understand. It is an informal gathering to share what we are reading with others.

**YOU** get to choose the book!

Yes, you can read whatever you like and share your thoughts about the book you are reading or have read with others. This is a great way to discover new titles. The titles will then be listed in the Newsletter for others who may be interested.

**TIME:** 7 pm

**PLACE:** Online (link will be sent two days before)

**DATE:** Last Thursday of the month

**START DATE:** February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **Ready, Set, Read!!**



# St. Charles 50/50

This could be your \$10,000 Pot of Gold!



**DRAW DATE**  
**MARCH 17, 2021**

Tickets: on sale till March 14<sup>th</sup> at  
[www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/stcharlesparish](http://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/stcharlesparish)

Series A - 1 for \$10

Series B - 3 for \$20

~~Series C - 10 for \$50~~

*Sold out!*



The St. Charles 50/50 raffle is a coordinated fundraising effort by:

- St. Charles Finance Council
- St. Charles Knights of Columbus
- St. Charles Catholic Women's League.

All proceeds go towards supporting the St. Charles Parish operating expenses and charitable groups within the parish.

License  
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Total tickets  
3,025

# ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

## *February 2021*

Please pray for seminarian Martin Kaguima on his journey to respond to God's call.  
Please pray for our CWL members and our Council.

### **For those who are sick and all who look after them:**

Mary Ziska  
Larry Belanger (husband of Norma Belanger)  
Rollande Paquette  
Faye Tkachuk  
Jacqueline Cuerrier  
Marlene Schmidt  
Rose Potter  
Margaret Gartner (sister of Rose Potter)  
Marie Phillips  
Rafael Martel (grandson of Kathy Martel)  
Matt Taylor (brother-in-law of Rachelle Pouliot)  
Diane Melnyk (sister of Bev Jensen)

### **For those who have died and all who mourn them:**

Evette Michael Barry (mother-in-law of Kathy Michael)  
Theresa Logan  
Kathleen Correia  
Allan LaFrance (nephew of Claire Kawulok)

If you wish to have a loved one's name added to the CWL Prayer List  
Please email: Janice Albiston [janicealbiston@gmail.com](mailto:janicealbiston@gmail.com)

