



CWL March 2021 Newsletter

Message from the Acting President

Easter Blessings



For everything, there is a season, and Spring is a season of hope. This remains true even in these uncertain times. We need hope in the midst of uncertainty and anxiety. During this sacred time when we commemorate the solemn events leading up to the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday, we continue to care and support one another. May this Easter bring strength to each of us as we face the challenges of these strange days. May the Risen Lord bring us comfort and peace.

Yvette d'Entremont
Acting President

Every Season Has a Reason

Have you considered the reasons for the season in your spiritual lives? As Lent draws to a close, let us take stock of the moment and see where our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving have brought us and how we can finish well so as to celebrate fully the Easter joy on the horizon.

Join presenter Dr. Anne Jamieson, Executive Director of the Institute of Catholic Education in Ontario as she leads us through the reasons for the season in our spiritual lives.

WHEN: Friday, March 26
TIME: 10:00 - 11:30 am (Edmonton Time)
COST: FREE

Here is the link to register:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6410336821432699664>



Purdy's Chocolates – Thank You!

Thank-you for your support with the Purdy's 2021 CWL Easter Fundraiser!! You raised \$6,302.68 in product for a profit total of \$1,700.66 (donations included).

"May the springtime sunshine warm each day right from the very start and the joy and love that Jesus' brings be always in your hearts!" Gods Blessings to All this Easter Season.

Katherine Tarras
Project Coordinator

Easter cards for the Female Inmates

Edmonton Institution for Women

Thank you to Kathy Martel for organizing the distribution of 150 Easter cards to the women at the Edmonton Institution for Women.

Congratulations to the 50/50 Winner!



The Parish 50/50 Raffle was a success! The total sales was \$14,950.00 with the winner taking away \$7475.00.

2021 Memberships

Happy Spring!!

First off, thanks to everyone who's paid their 2021 membership fee. I've emailed anyone who remains outstanding – if you haven't paid your membership yet, could you please mail or e-transfer your \$30 payment to me this month. As a reminder, my address is:

Bea Spatafora
14407-130 Street NW,
Edmonton, AB T6V 1E2.
My email is bspat@shaw.ca

Please note, you can also drop your payment off at the parish; either through the mail slot or in the offertory basket during mass.

The above contact info, along with my phone number if you need to call me, can be found in your 2021 CWL Membership directory.

By now you should have received a copy of our 2021 CWL Membership Directory. I believe it was emailed out on March 7th -. Huge shout-out to Marlene Schmidt for sending the directories out to everyone for me - "Thank you Marlene!!".

If by change you were missed, please contact me & I can email you one. If you are reading this note and don't have email, please contact Pat at the parish office & ask her to print a copy for you. Once it's been printed, you can make arrangements to stop by the church and pick up a hard copy of the directory. I was able to verify contact information with some members when emailing their receipt, but when you look it over the list, if you notice an error in your contact information, please call/email me & I will correct it in our records and on our National website right away.

Finally, as you browse through our directory, you'll notice two new names/members on our list: Sandra Palazzo and Maria Vicente. Sandra is transferring over to our council from St. Joseph's Basilica and Maria is new to both St. Charles and CWL. Welcome ladies!!

Bea Spatafora
Organization

Used Greeting Cards

We are collecting used cards for the Carmelite Sisters. Please save your cards and we will collect them soon.

Magdalene House

The Magdalene House Society announced that the Board of Directors resolved on Dec. 31, 2020, to dissolve and liquidate the organization. During the operation, they were able to assist ten women who were seeking support in their recovery from Human Trafficking and referred many others to services in Calgary and Edmonton. Through many presentations they were able to make people aware of the scourge of human trafficking in its many forms. St Charles CWL was one of their supporters.



St Charles CWL BYOB CLUB February BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Club



The first meeting of the BYOB Club was held online on Thursday, February 25 with 11 participants. The book being read was diverse and exciting. Here is the list of books that were discussed at the meeting. Happy Reading !!

1. *Sapiens: A Brief History of Mankind* (Yuval Noah Harari)
2. *The Lost Orphan* (Stacey Halls)
3. *Truths I Never Told You* (Kelly Rimmer)
4. *St. Monica & The Power of Persistent Prayer* (Mark Sullivan & Mike Aquilina)
5. *Man's Search for Meaning* (Viktor Frankl)
6. *The Chicken Sisters* (KJ Dell'Antonia)
7. *The Last Story of Mina Lee* (Nancy Jooyoun Kim)
8. *The Boy who Followed his Father to Auschwitz* (Jeremy Dronfield)
9. *The Push* (Ashley Audrain)
10. *Two Women of Galilee* (Mary Rourke)
11. *Louise Penny – The Inspector Gamache Series*
12. *Becoming* (Michelle Obama)
13. *The Life-changing Magic of Tidying Up* (Marie Kondo)
14. *The Forgotten Home Child* (Genevieve Graham)
15. *Ghost Map* (Stephen Johnson)
16. *Pier 21: The Gateway that Changed Canada* (T. Duivenvoorden Mitic & J. P. Leblanc)
17. *Consecration to St Joseph; The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* (Donald Calloway)

The next meeting will be **Thursday, March 25 at 7 pm**. The link will be emailed two days before.

CWL 40th Anniversary



Just a reminder to mark your calendars for our CWL's 40th Anniversary celebration on **Saturday, October 16th, 2021**. In the meantime, we would like our members to write down their CWL memories of years gone and we will be collecting those excerpts to share at the celebration. Further details of this CWL memories project and of the celebration will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

Remember the Society of St Vincent de Paul

Spring is in the air and you know what that means, you guessed it... SPRING CLEANING! Now is the time to go through the cupboards, the linen closet, the attic, the basement and any other space you can think off. St Vincent de Paul.



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 or by phone at 780-915-0166.**

Save Those Stamps

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.

Dresses for Uganda

Thank you to those who are sewing dresses for Uganda. We have been very fortunate to have received a donation of dresses and 'kits' from CWL Holy Trinity in Spruce Grove. They found out that we have a person who brings them personally to a school in Uganda and were very glad to know that they would reach a destination where they are needed and appreciated. With the dresses donated and the ones being completed by the CWL members, we will have more than 100 to give to the girls at AIM School.

We have a number of 'kits' that need sewing. Everything is in the bag, cut and ready to sew. If you can help with sewing a few kits, please contact **Connie McBride at 780-456-0485.**

CRAFTS FOR BAZAAR



What bazaar? During these pandemic restrictions, nothing is certain nor do we know when we will be able to meet as a group and return to a semblance of normal activities. However, the vaccine is rolling out at a steady pace and we must remain optimistic. While you are at home thinking of what to do next, begin creating the crafts for the bazaar. We are hoping that come October we will be able to have some sort of bazaar.

Laughter is Good for the Soul



Two little boys were known troublemakers, stealing everything they could get their hands, even from the church. One day a priest stopped one of the boys and asked, "Where is God?" The boy shrugged and the priest repeated, "Where is God?" The boy ran out of the cathedral crying to his home where he hid in a closet. Eventually his brother found him and asked, "What's wrong?" The crying boy replied, "We're in trouble now! God is missing and they think we took him!"



ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

March 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
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

