



CWL December 2021 Newsletter

Message from the Acting President

We need a little Christmas

We are gradually turning our hearts to the sacredness of the Christmas season. It's been a long, long 20 months coping with pandemic isolation, constantly changing rules and restrictions. In spite of these ever changing restrictions, St Charles CWL has managed to keep in contact with members via emails, newsletters, and zoom meetings. Yes, we need a little Christmas...right this very minute!

May your Christmas sparkle with moments of love, laughter, joy and may the year ahead be full of peace and contentment.



Yvette d'Entremont, Acting President

Special Announcement Presentation of Maple Leaf Pin

The Maple Leaf Service pin was introduced in 1971 for members who have served the League in an exceptional or meritorious manner. During our Virtual Christmas Gathering on December 14th, a very deserving member of our Council was surprised to learn that she is the recipient of the Maple Leaf pin. Introducing...**Rose Hearn**. Congratulations!

Christmas Social



Thank you to all of the members who participated in our Virtual Christmas Gathering on December 14th. Members enjoyed Christmas performances by our Executive via Jib Jab, a presentation of photos from the past 40 years of our CWL and a comedy presentation by (the late) Jenny Robertson. Our prize winners were:

Purse Scavenger Hunt – Rachele Pouliot - Christmas Morning Mimosa Basket

Jelly Bean Guess – Bea Spatafora - Jar of Jellybellies

Reverse Draw – Yvette d'Entremont – Coffee Gift Basket

Best Spirit of Christmas– Cecile Dufresne – Snowman Tin



Thank you to St. Charles Knights of Columbus

A big thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the \$1000.00 donation to CWL We appreciate your support.

January 2022 - Upcoming Elections

At this moment no nominations have been received. However, many phone calls have been made in the hopes that we will have a slate of officers by the January General meeting.

Remember, you don't need to be nominated... you can volunteer! If there is a certain area that you are interested in helping out with, please contact Yvette.

Help Needed!

Do you love to scrapbook? Do you have time to help out our CWL with our archive scrapbook? Please contact Rita Pfefferle for more information if you are interested in taking on this project.



Fundraiser Results!



Thank you again to all those CWL members, family and friends who made the Christmas Purdys Fundraiser a success! We sold over \$6000.00 worth of chocolate!

Thank you to Katherine Tarras for taking the lead on this project.

Enjoy your purchase!!

50/50 Raffle Results

The final numbers are in! The CWL share of the raffle is \$1246.55.



Thank you from Sacred Heart Parish of the First People

Thank you for your generous donations to Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. The donations have been greatly appreciated!!



Laughter is Good for the Soul

The Meaning of Christmas

Sorting out how Santa fits in with the religious meaning of Christmas can be confusing for kids. This was evidenced by my two-year-old daughter, Josie, as she pretended to read from a book: "Then Santa forgave them their trespasses..."

Traffic Jam in the Sky

On a flight to Mexico for Christmas vacation, I watched my four-year-old son, Max, stare intently out the airplane window. We had just taken off and were passing through some big white clouds. Max looked concerned and I wondered what he might be thinking about.

Suddenly his eyes lit up and a big smile came across his face. He announced loudly, "Mom! I know why we're not getting anywhere—we're stuck in all this snow!"

2022 Memberships Now Due

Last month kicked off the start of our 2022 CWL membership drive. If you missed the notice, it's not too late to pay!! Annual fees for 2022 will remain the same at \$30.

Although we are still meeting virtually at this time, there are still a number of options to pay your membership:

- If you are currently attending church in person, you can drop your cheque* (preferred, but cash is also accepted) into the offertory basket
- You can drop your cheque* off at the Parish Office during office hours
- You can mail your cheque* to the church (no cash in the mail please)
- You can mail your cheque* to
Bea Spatafora, 14407 130 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T6V 1E2
- You can e-Transfer** Bea Spatafora at bspat@shaw.ca



*If sending in a cheque (or cash), please make payable to St. Charles CWL & complete & include the below form with your payment.

**If paying by e-Transfer, please include your name in the notes of the transfer; I'll contact you via email to confirm payment and verify your contact information.

I did send a few reminders out to some of our members for 2021's dues; if you are one of the members who did not pay last year, you can double-up your membership dues this year (ie pay \$60) if you would like the 2021 year counted towards your years-of-service.

Finally, for our members with email, you should be receiving an electronic (emailed) copy of your receipt once you've paid. If you have sent in your payment for 2022 and but have not received an electronic receipt, please contact me to follow-up. If you do not have email, a manual receipt has been written out, but not mailed out – if you wish to have your receipt mailed out, please let me know.

If you have any questions on membership, please feel free to call me at 780-399-9459.

**Bea Spatafora
Organization Convener**

CWL	DATE:
TITLE: (Miss Mrs Ms Dr.)	
NAME (First, Last):	
ADDRESS (w/ Postal Code):	
HOME #:	CELL #(Optional):
EMAIL:	

BYOB Club



List of books recommended by the November Book Club Group.

1. ***The Story Behind Alberta Names*** by Harry Sanders
The context of people's lives and careers, and the relationship between individuals and the places named for them.
2. ***The Best Edmonton Stories*** by Tony Cashman
Short stories about the early history of Edmonton.
3. ***A Column of Fire*** by Ken Follett
In 1558, the ancient stones of Kingsbridge Cathedral look down on a city torn apart by religious conflict. As power in England shifts precariously between Catholics and Protestants, royalty and commoners clash, testing friendship, loyalty, and love.
4. ***The Song of Achilles*** by Madeline Miller
Retells the story of Greece's greatest hero from the point of view of his best friend Patroclus.
5. ***The Invention of Wings*** by Sue Monk Kidd.
Hetty "Handful" and Sarah Grimke are the stars of this novel which follows them through the different restrictions placed on slaves and women during the early 1800's.
6. ***And the Mountains Echoed*** by Khaled Hosseini
An ode to siblinghood and all the joys and heartbreaks that come with it.
7. ***Victoria: The Queen*** by Julia Baird
The extraordinary story of the world's most influential, intriguing and surprising ruler.
8. ***Price of Honor: Muslim Women Lift the Veil of Silence on the Islamic World*** by Jan Goodwin
A journey into a world where women are confined, isolated, even killed for the sake of a code of honor.
9. ***Living Islam Out Loud: American Muslim Women Speak*** by Saleemah Abdul-Ghafur
Presents the first generation of American Muslim women who have always identified as both American and Muslim. They have had to forge new identities for themselves and future generations.
10. ***Late Nights on Air*** by Elizabeth Hay
Hay chronicles her experiences as a CBC Radio journalist in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.
11. ***The Thursday Murder Club*** by Richard Osman
A mystery about a group of senior citizens who find themselves in the center of a murder investigation.

**Next Meeting will be in January.
Happy reading during the holidays**

ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

December 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)
Jacqueline Cuerrier
Marlene Schmidt
Margaret Gartner (sister of Rose Potter)
Marie Phillips
Rafael Martel (grandson of Kathy Martel)
Cathy Jacobs (niece of Bev Jensen)
Hope Maitwe (daughter of Annet Maitwe)
Melissa Cuerrier (daughter of Jacqueline Cuerrier)
Julie McMillan
Lynn Cristini
Dorothy Woods
Evelyn Radostits
Georgie Alexander (sister of Kathy Martel)
Sandy Bergin
Liesse Saldanha

For those who have died and all who mourn them:

Colleen Fitzpatrick (daughter-in-law of Myrla Fitzpatrick)
Nellie Grandish
Leo Landreville (brother of Norma Belanger)
Patrick Maitwe (husband of Annet Maitwe)
Sophie Oshaneck (sister of Evelyn Radostits)
Betty Loiselle

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

