



# ST. CHARLES CWL NEWSLETTER

February 2023

## Mission Statement

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

Faith

Service

Social  
Justice

## From The President's Desk

Hello ladies, I had three amazing opportunities during the weekend of February 18<sup>th</sup>. One was attending the re-establishment of the Sacred Heart Church of the First People's CWL Council. They were very excited and happy to begin again. Their church is a beautiful representation of the Faith that our Indigenous, Metis and Inuit people enjoy. If you have a chance to attend a mass there, you will enjoy it.

The second event was attending the Zoom Lenten Retreat, "Lent and Social Justice-Fasting To Do More," offered by ABMK, (our Provincial CWL), on February 20. Sister Susan Scott was the Presenter. This was recorded and will be available on the National website. 127 CWL ladies attended from BC, Yukon, and across the country. Sister Susan suggested we give up something good, something we enjoy, for something better (i.e. less TV for visiting with others).

The third event was seeing the excitement of the children and parents at the Family Fun Day. A wonderful joint project with our Knights and CWL.

Our League Prayer is a powerful reminder to care for our country, our homes and our families. Take time in Lent to keep this in mind. If you need to reach me, please call my cell phone at **(780) 916-2414**.

**Rita Pfefferle, President**



# Sacred Heart Church of the First People



Faith

## Installation of Deacon Joseph Leuwer, Spiritual Advisor



Our Council is excited to have Deacon Joe as our Spiritual Advisor. During our General meeting held on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, He was officially installed and was presented with his Spiritual Advisor pin.

Deacon Joe shared a wonderful spiritual talk about the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday It included a few questions we could reflect on for yourselves. He complemented this with his reflection of the reading.

Thank you, Deacon Joseph.

# MY CUP RUNNETH OVER

Hosted by Parkland Holy Trinity CWL

**DAY RETREAT WITH GUEST SPEAKER**

**SANDRA PRATHER**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023**

Registration 9:30 am

Workshop 10:00 am-4:00 pm

\$25.00 Registration Lunch included

Registration Deadline: March 12

Payment remittance:

Mariette Huot

38 Deer Park Crescent,

Spruce Grove AB T7X 4J2

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**WHAT IS IN YOUR CUP?**

Come to discover  
what is YOUR cup  
and how to deal  
with it all.



Service

## Family Day Fun Day

Thank you to the Knights, CWL volunteers and Rose Hearn who organized the kitchen workers and snacks for the Family Day Fun Day held on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from noon to 4:00 pm. Attendance was down this year with approximately 120 people in attendance.



# Carmelite Greeting Card Collection

Katherine Tarras will soon be taking the used greeting cards from the box in the reception area to the Carmelite Nuns.. If you have any greeting cards that you would like to recycle, please put them in the box within the next couple of weeks.



Social Justice

## Bake Sale?

If anyone (or two people) would be interested in convening a spring bake sale, please contact Rita Pfefferle at **(780) 916-2414**. The proceeds of the bake sale would be designated to a worthy cause as voted on by our members.

## Sharing the Words From Our National Sisterhood Map

### ADVOCACY

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Catholic Women's League members educate themselves on how to make their voices heard by government and work together to address social justice issues. Join us. Be an advocate and let your voice be heard!

### BELONGING

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Do you want to grow your faith, serve your community, act on social justice issues and be supported by a sisterhood that embraces these core values? If so...WELCOME to the Catholic Women's League...you belong with us.

## Membership Renewal Time!!

***Please note that Bea Spatafora has a new phone # (780)399-9459. The previous number is no longer in service. You can also reach her by email at [bspat@shaw.ca](mailto:bspat@shaw.ca)***

March is almost here and it is time to renew your membership. I would like to challenge each of you to invite a family member or friend (or both) to join our league as well. As renewing members, we all appreciate the benefits of being part of such a strong, united group of Catholic women:

- We build friendships with other sisters of the League, feeling their support in our times of need and being there for others in theirs.
- We unite and celebrate our faith through the many social activities we partake in
- We have a comradery in our Faith
- We take on Social Justice issues
- We have ample opportunities to make our Parish, our community and our world a better place though the connections we've made.
- ...to name a few



**The membership fee is \$40.** You are more than welcome to purchase a membership for a fellow Sister of the League; either in whole or in part. Like everything we do from our hearts, a membership would make a lovely gift.

Fees can be paid a number of different ways:

- Mail to Organization Convener Bea Spatafora at 14407 130 St, Edmonton, AB T6V 1E2\*  
Or contact **Kathy Martel** at **780-456-0760** or [kathymartel780@yahoo.ca](mailto:kathymartel780@yahoo.ca) who is helping Bea out
- Drop envelope in the offertory basket at mass, or leave at the parish office\*
- E-transfer fees to [bspat@shaw.ca](mailto:bspat@shaw.ca)
- Bring cash/cheque to a general meeting

\*Please do not send cash through the mail. Be sure to include your name, address & phone # with your remittance. Thanks,

**Bea Spatafora**  
**Organization Convener**

## Laughter is Good for the Soul

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house he thought was empty. He tiptoed through the living room but suddenly he froze in his tracks when he heard a loud voice say: "Jesus is watching you!"



Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. "Jesus is watching you," the voice boomed again. The burglar stopped dead again. He was frightened. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a bird cage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot:

"Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?" "Yes," said the parrot. The burglar breathed a sigh of relief and asked the parrot: "What's your name?" "Clarence," said the bird.

"That's a dumb name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. "What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot said, "The same idiot who named the Doberman Jesus."





## CWL Virtual Book Club

### January Readings

1. ***The Only Café*** – Linden MacIntyre

A son tries to solve the mystery of his father's death and what happened to him in Lebanon.

2. ***Against a Darkening Sky*** – Lauren Davis

Follows Wilona, a seeress and healer whose life and way of being are threatened by the coming of Christianity.

3. ***Mistress of Rome*** – Kate Quinn

The story takes place in ancient Rome and tells the story of a Jewish slave girl called Thea.

4. ***Agent Sonya: Moscow's Most Daring Wartime Spy*** – Ben MacIntyre

The true-life story about the woman code-names "Sonya".

5. ***When the Fat Lady Sings: Opera History as it Ought to be Taught*** – David Barber

Stories on and off stage happening in the composers' personal lives.

6. ***Rebel Prince: The Power, Passion and Defiance of Prince Charles*** – Tom Bower

The book relies on the testimony from over 120 people employed or welcomed at Clarence House.

7. ***The Secretary*** – Renée Knight

In her mid-twenties, Christine Butcher goes to work as a secretary for Mina Appleton, the heiress of a large supermarket chain.

8. ***Our Missing Hearts*** – Celeste Ng

A story set sometime in the future where mankind lived in fear of the government and each other.

9. ***See How She Dies*** – Lisa Jackson

London Danvers was kidnapped as a child from a wealthy family. Over the years, many women have claimed to be the long-lost heiress.

10. ***A Good Girls Guide to Murder*** – Holly Jackson

Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know it and everyone in town knows it but the case is closed.

11. ***Tides of Honour*** – Geneviève Graham

It's 1916, and the last thing Nova Scotian soldier Danny Baker to find in war-torn France is the love of his life.

12. ***Anil's Ghost*** – Michael Ondaatje

Working with an archaeologist, Anil Tissera discovers a skeleton whose identity takes Anil on a fascinating journey that involves a riveting mystery.

13. ***Scarlett*** – Alexandra Ripley

The sequel to *Gone with the Wind*.

14. ***The Illegal*** – Lawrence Hill

Keita's very existence in Freedom State is illegal. As he trains in secret, eluding capture, the stakes keep getting higher.

15. ***The Full Cupboard of Life*** – Alexander McCall Smith

The fifth in the No 1 Ladies Detective Agency series of novels.

16. ***A World of Curiosities*** – Louise Penney

It's Spring and Three Pines is re-emerging after the harsh winter. But not everything buried should come alive again.

17. ***Haven*** – Emma Donahue

Set around the year 600, three Irishmen vow to leave the world behind and set out in a small boat to found a monastery on an island their leader has seen in a dream.

18. ***The Last Book Party*** – Karen Dukess

A young woman trying to find herself while surrounded by the bohemian literary scene during the summer on the Cape in the late 80's.

**NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETING: Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

## Important Dates

**April 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Tuesday, December 12**

Edmonton Diocesan Convention (Red Deer)

Retreat at Holy Trinity Church, Parkland County

General Meeting

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Provincial Convention (Edmonton)

June Social

Bazaar Prep & Set-up

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Fall Tea & Bazaar

Christmas Social



## QUICK LINKS

National Website: [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)

Provincial Council Website: [www.cwl.ab.ca](http://www.cwl.ab.ca)

Diocesan Council: [www.edmontoncwl.org](http://www.edmontoncwl.org)

# ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

## *February 2023*

*Please pray for our CWL members and our Council  
and for seminarian Ben Wilkins on his journey to respond to God's call*

*Prayers for peace in the Ukraine  
Prayers for doctors, nurses, LPNs, and all health workers  
Prayers for Pope Francis*

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

Georgie Alexander (sister of Kathy Martel)  
Larry Belanger (husband of Norma Belanger)  
Margaret Bernard  
Noella Biollo (Evelyn Radostits' daughter)  
Father J.D. Carmichael  
Jacqueline Cuerrier  
Melissa Cuerrier (daughter of Jacqueline Cuerrier)  
Margaret, Mary & Peter Gartner (siblings of Rose Potter)  
Matt Klassen (Lynn Cristini's grandson)  
Annet Maitwe and AIM school  
Hope Maitwe & baby Ryder (daughter of Annet Maitwe)  
Rafael Martel (grandson of Kathy Martel)  
Marie Phillips  
Evelyn Radostits  
Gemma Roque  
Mark Pagtakham (Gemma's nephew)  
Liesse Saldanha  
Agnes Sam  
Marlene Schmidt  
Bea Spatafora  
Marie Strauss (Kathleen Oswald's sister)  
Faye Tkachuk  
Lily Webb  
Mary Ziska  
Celine deVries-Stadler (Marie-Paul Petersen's daughter)  
John Bucci (husband of Simone Bucci)

*For those who have died and all who mourn them.*

*Please contact **Kathy Martel** at 780-456-0760 or [kathymartel780@yahoo.ca](mailto:kathymartel780@yahoo.ca) to add names.*

