



ST. CHARLES CWL NEWSLETTER

October 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

I would like to thank our Bazaar committee for all its efforts. It was a great success, even with the construction blocking easy access to our church. It was wonderful to see our members, and volunteers out helping and enjoy visiting. I would like to also thank our volunteer students who brought energy and a willingness to participate in any task we asked of them. Thanks to all. Our charitable donations will be able to be met again.

Our CWL **needs** all your participation to make our Council strong. We are going into an election year. This is an opportunity to learn more about CWL and our members. When your name is nominated, **please** consider being on the Executive. We will have a large turn over of Executive members this year. Your talents are necessary and needed to keep our CWL active. As President I will care on in the Past President position and will mentor the Executive. Election information will be coming in November.

If you need to reach me, please call my cell phone at **(780) 916-2414**.

Rita Pfefferle, President

Faith

Alberta Mackenzie Prays the Rosary

With Judy Look on Zoom

Time: 7:00 PM

Every week on Thu, until Jan 11, 2024, 19 occurrence(s)

Nov 2, 2023

Nov 9, 2023

Nov 16, 2023

Nov 23, 2023

Nov 30, 2023

Dec 7, 2023
Dec 14, 2023
Dec 21, 2023
Dec 28, 2023
Jan 4, 2024
Jan 11, 2024

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZckceygqTluH9X3ABLDIxDI5l_tjTrwN3ya/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGrpz0vEtOctByGRpwqHY_oZ_zwtlhbgvplzz7HLwR6eifcY-59JrhLAs_-

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83965879451?pwd=dk00cmRBTkdrcmRleVlxeW9Fek5wdz09>

Meeting ID: 839 6587 9451

Passcode: 963178

Service

Fall Bazaar Report!

The St. Charles CWL Fall Bazaar was held on October 21, 2023. The event was well attended and we received a net income (after expenses) of \$5,691.64.

Attendees were greeted in the foyer by CWL Members where they had the opportunity to renew/purchase a CWL 2024 Membership as well as enter a door prize draw, Silent Auction for Snow Leopard print, donate to the Feed the North program and purchase tickets for a delicious lunch. The CWL bake table was also located in the foyer. A variety of baked items included pies, cookies, squares, dinner rolls, as well as preserves were available for sale. The Purdys chocolate fund raiser was also located at the end of the bake table



The lunch tables were located in the activity center where 115 full meals were served as well as individual soup, sandwiches or desserts plus beverage.

The CWL Multi Raffle table as well as the CWL Craft table were located in the Activity Center along with 12 Vendor tables.

Thank you to all the CWL Bazaar Convenors for their dedication and hard work in organizing and preparing for this day. A big thanks to both men and women, CWL Members and Non CWL members, young adults from various schools who all came together to Volunteer and make the day enjoyable and successful.

Thank you to all who donated not only their time, but items for the multi raffle, craft tables, baking. All this, is what makes this special fund raiser possible.

**Irene Midgley
Bazaar Convenor**

Winners Of The Multi Raffle Prizes



Gourmet Gift Basket
Oiler's Tickets
Movie Basket
Keg Gift Card
Golf Basket A
Golf Basket B
Family Game Basket
Purse, Top, Tims Card
Picture 1
Picture 2
Picture 3

Lucy Abonojar
Sandra Bergin
Greta Menon
Theresa Fairfull
Taylor Sinclair
David McBride
TJ Castaneda
Simon Dubuc
Bev Jensen
Barb Epp
Bev Jensen

Thank you to all who contributed to the prizes, and to Lorraine Trudel for putting together the beautiful baskets. So Amazing!!!

Funeral Lunches

Funeral lunches will once again be offered to the families having funeral services at our church.

Any members who are interested in becoming a volunteer for the Funeral Lunch Committee may contact Rose Hearn at 780-915-0166 or email her at khearn@live.com.

2023 Purdy's Christmas Campaign Reminder

Please join our St. Charles CWL 2023 Christmas Purdy's Campaign which is now open for orders until **Wednesday the 15th of November**.

You can pick up your orders on **Saturday, the 2nd of December** at 15712 – 119th Street NW Edmonton, AB, between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm or make other arrangements.



(On your order, please leave a phone number and an email address for easier contact.)

If you require assistance, please call Katherine Tarras at 780-488-5521 or text 780-916-9728 or email: kabtarras@gmail.com

Web site orders: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1501157-108406>
Our customer number is: 58666

Thank you very much for your support and God Bless!

Katherine Tarras
Purdy's Fundraiser Convener



***What do pumpkin spice & October have in common?
They remind us it's "Membership Renewal Time"***

That's right; October is upon us and with it comes **membership renewal time** for our Catholic Women's League 2024 memberships. Why continue to support our council and the league? Because together we are making a difference in our parish, in our community and in our world. The latest version of our CWL magazine, *The Canadian League* – October 2023 (<https://www.cwl.ca/the-canadian-league-fall-2023/>) was just released and shares both words of wisdom from our National executive members as well as examples from across Canada of other councils also making a difference. Your membership in the Catholic Women's League means you are part of impact we are making. Please renew today and continue to "Grow in Faith with Us".

Our fees this year remain unchanged at \$40. Thank you to everyone who's already paid their 2024 membership (there are 53 of you so far!!); you should have received your receipt by now, either by email or manually written-out at the bazaar. If you did not receive a receipt, please contact Bea (780)399-9459. For everyone else, there are a number of ways to renew (or join!!):

- 1) You can drop your cheque* (preferred, but cash is also accepted) into the offertory basket
- 2) You can drop your cheque* off at the Parish Office during office hours
- 3) You can mail your cheque* to the church (no cash in the mail please)
- 4) You can mail your cheque* to Bea Spatafora 14407 130 Street NW Edmonton, AB T6V 1E2
- 5) You can e-Transfer** Bea Spatafora at bspat@shaw.ca
- 6) You can bring your payment to a general meeting, (which are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at St. Charles Church – 2nd floor meeting room, at 7 pm).

***Cheque should be made payable to St. Charles CWL**

Please be sure to include your contact information, particularly any updates to your address, email or phone number with your payment

Just a reminder you can purchase a new membership for a friend or family member you'd like to encourage to join with you or an existing member you would like to help support or surprise! It's never too early to think of others and a CWL membership would make a beautiful gift for someone you know. Just be sure to share their name and contact information with me when purchasing this gift & let me know if it's to be anonymous or not. Happy Fall Everyone!!

**Bea Spatafora
Organization Coordinator**

Feed the North



Last month we circulated information regarding the “Feed the North” program. At our October General meeting, we voted to donate \$500.00 from our Council. We also decided to put a can to collect funds on the Membership Table. As a result, we will be sending a cheque to “Feed the North” in the amount of \$610.00. Well done!

Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause.

Sharing the Words From Our National Sisterhood Map

FAMILY

- 13** My Catholic Women's League is like family. Wherever you live in Canada, you can find or start a council in your parish. Sisters, mothers aunts and grandmothers are ready to share their wisdom. Catholic family values are abound at the Catholic Women's League. Come join our family.

FRIENDSHIP

- 14** Catholic Women's League members build enduring friendships. We celebrate new members, anniversaries and special events along the way. Meetings, socials, projects and conventions create bonds of friendship. Meet new friends from your parish and beyond. Your place is among friends.





BYOB Book Club

1. Kate Atkinson – ***Transcription***
In 1940, 18-year-old Juliet Armstrong is recruited by MI5 to monitor the comings and goings of British Fascist sympathizers. After the war has ended, she presumes the events of those years are in the past forever. Not so.
2. Kate Atkinson – ***A God in Ruins***
The life of Teddy Todd, a WWII Royal Air Force bomber.
3. Jan Karon – ***At Home in Mitford (Book One)***
The Mitford Series by Jan Karon features Father Timothy Kavanagh and the trials and tribulations as a priest in a small town such as Mitford.
4. Jan Karon – ***A Light in the Window (Book Two)***
5. Jan Karon – ***These High, Green Hills (Book Three)***
6. Sarah Ackerman – ***Radar Girls***
A story inspired by the real Women's Air Raid Defense, where an unlikely recruit and her sisters-in-arms forge their place in WWII history.
7. Pam Jenoff – ***Woman with the Blue Star***
The story of Sadie, a Jewish girl hiding in the sewers with her family as German soldiers take away all the Jews. Ella, a Polish girl, who has some clearance to wander the city soon finds herself helping Sadie.
8. Joanna Goodman – ***The Forgotten Daughter***
Véronique is the daughter of a separatist convicted of murdering a prominent politician in the 1970. Elodie, one of the Duplessis Orphans becomes involved with a coalition demanding justice and reparations for their suffering in the 1950s when Quebec's orphanages were converted to mental hospitals.
9. Michelle Good – ***Five Little Indians***
The story of 5 Indian children taken from their homes at an early age.
10. Paula Hawkins – ***The Girl on the Train***
En route to London, Rachel sees a happy couple in their home by the tracks. When papers say the wife is missing, Rachel decides to investigate.
11. Lisa Jewell – ***None of This is True***
A woman finds herself the subject of her own popular true crime podcast.
12. Lawrence Hill – ***The Illegal***
Examines the plight of refugees who risk everything to start over in a new country.
13. Eric Brown – ***Ginny***
The story of love, hardship, and strength of the early pioneers in western Canada.
14. Andrew Stobo Sniderman and Douglas Sanderson – ***The Valley of the Birdtail***
Follows multiple generations of two families: one white and one indigenous, and weaves their lives into the larger story of Canada.

Important Dates

Friday, November 10
Saturday, November 11
Tuesday, December 12

Mass of Remembrance (7:00 pm)
Remembrance Day
Christmas Social



CWL National Bursary Fund

The National Bursary Fund is used to provide financial assistance to members needing it to pursue studies, courses, seminars, conferences, workshops and diploma/degree programs that align with and promote the Objects of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. For more information regarding the criteria and the Application Form, please go to:

<https://www.cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/20230830-02-National-Bursary-Application-Form-2023.pdf>

Future Conventions

Diocesan Convention
St. Joseph's Basilica, Edmonton

April 26 – 28th, 2024

104th National Convention
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Hilton Garden Inn Saskatoon Downtown
90 22nd Street East, Saskatoon, SK
Visit <https://www.cwl.ca/saskatoon-2024/> for more information.

August 11-14, 2024

Laughter is Good for the Soul

Two brothers who loved baseball wondered whether they could play the sport when they went to heaven. So, they swore that whoever went to heaven first would find some way to let the living brother know.

The oldest brother passed away a week later. And, on the night he was buried, he reappeared at the foot of his brother's bed.

"Is there baseball in heaven?" asked the younger brother.

"Well, I've got good and bad news," the older brother said. "The good news is that there is baseball in heaven."

"That's great!" said the brother. "What's the bad news?"

"The bad news is you're pitching Sunday."



QUICK LINKS

National Website: www.cwl.ca

Provincial Council Website: www.cwl.ab.ca

Diocesan Council: www.edmontoncwl.org

ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

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*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
Olive Byer
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
Lyn Reynolds
Liesse Saldanha
Agnes Sam
Marlene Schmidt
Bea Spatafora
Marie Strauss (Kathleen Oswald's sister)
Faye Tkachuk
Lily Webb
Mary Ziska
Celine deVries-Stadleer (Marie-Paul Petersen's daughter)
Stella Kachmar
Sandy Bergin
Ann Jubinville (Margaret Bernard's sister)

For those who have died and all who mourn them:

Sister Tarcienne Meunier, fj (sister of Olive Byer)
John Bucci (husband of Simone Bucci)
Dianne Vrapcenak (sister of Mary Ziska)
Noella Biollo (daughter of Evelyn Radostits)
Rick Fleming (husband of Shirley Fleming)
Bernard Bouma (brother of Katherine Tarras)
Patrick Carley (brother of Cathy Michael & son of Natalie Carley)
Karin Hamilton (sister of Monica Murnane)
Peter Lema (brother of Lorette Fairfield)

*Please contact **Kathy Martel** at 780-456-0760 or Kmartel780@gmail.com to add names.*

