

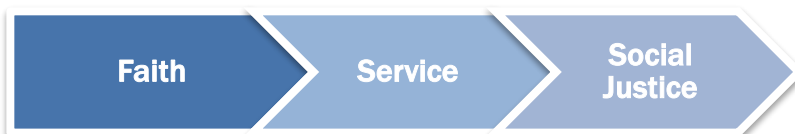


ST. CHARLES CWL NEWSLETTER

December 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.



From The President's Desk

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone,

I would like to thank your executive for all its efforts this last 2 years. We have had a great two years of success in our projects. I missed seeing all of you at the Christmas social, but I heard that you all had lots of laughs. Thank you, Bev and her team.

You are a charitable group of women who when called upon give generously. You have made many families in our parish schools have extra something for Christmas. This is a time of the year when we are filled with **caring and sharing**.

We have a beautiful sign stating our mission statement in the foyer, and you are fulfilling its mission. We have been successful in rebuilding our membership and keeping our mission alive. Now I ask you to keep coming forward to build a new executive. It is a very fulfilling experience. Everyone has a talent. Let your name stand when you are nominated.

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

Blessings,
Rita Pfefferle, President



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)

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/tZckceygqTIuH9X3ABLDIxDI5l_tjTrwN3ya/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGrpz0vEtOctByGRpwqHY_oZ_zwtlhbgvplzz7HLwR6eifcY-59JrhLAs -](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZckceygqTIuH9X3ABLDIxDI5l_tjTrwN3ya/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGrpz0vEtOctByGRpwqHY_oZ_zwtlhbgvplzz7HLwR6eifcY-59JrhLAs-)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83965879451?pwd=dk00cmRBTkdrbmRIeVlxeW9Fek5wdz09>

Meeting ID: 839 6587 9451

Passcode: 963178

Funeral Lunches

On December 15th, 2023, our Funeral Lunch Committee provided lunch to approximately 80+ attendees. There was a total of approximately 12 CWL members and 5 Knights who volunteered to help out. Thank you to all.

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.

Feed The North – Thank You

The Alberta MacKenzie Provincial Council reported that the Feed The North campaign was a resounding success. Each CWL member was asked to donate \$5.00 and if possible, more. **The Archdiocese of Edmonton** contributed \$5,000.00, ABMK Provincial CWL Council (\$5,000.00) and other donations began to come in and at the end of this project over **\$59,000.00** in donations of money and services will be gifted to the North. Money collected after the food shipment will be given to St. Vincent de Paul for their continuing work in the North.

Helpers Still Needed

Volunteers are needed **on February 19th, 2023** to help with the Family Fun Day festivities in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus. If you are able to help for a few hours with serving hotdogs and hot chocolate, please **contact Rita Pfefferle, (780) 916-2414**.





Christmas Social Report

Our Christmas Social held on December 12th, 2023 was a great success with approximately 57 members and guests in attendance. HappyNess Catering (Rosie) served up a delicious supper for us. Bev Jensen was the MC for the evening and Katherine Tarras stood in for Rita Pfefferle who was unable to attend due to illness. The evening included door prizes, contests, games and the singing of Christmas carols led by Lorette Fairfield.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success, including Kathy Martel (tickets), Jeri Gajewski (decor), Claire Kawulok (punch), and all the ladies who came out for set up and stayed for the cleanup. Enjoy the photos of the evening included in this at the end of this newsletter.

Bev Jensen
Christmas Social Convener

Membership – And The Winner Is...

Congratulations to our membership contest winner, Judy Horban!! We had a total of 74 ladies in the draw for the beautiful pewter ornament and Judy, who was not able to attend our Christmas Social, was our lucky winner. As luck would have it for one other member, Judy opted to donate the ornament back for someone else to enjoy, so we re-drew and Odell Fahn, one of our newest members, was drawn – Congratulations again!!

If you haven't yet purchased your 2024 membership, it's not too late. We accept membership payments over 1 year in arrears, to help you keep your years of service 'counting'. **Our fees remain unchanged at \$40** and there are a number of payment options available to you:

- 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). Next general meeting will be January 16, 2024l.

***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.

Bea Spatafora
Organization Coordinator



BYOB Book Club November Reads

1. ***The Book of Lost Names*** – Kristen Harmel

A World War II historical fiction novel. It starts in 1985 when 85-year-old Eva Traube Abrams is shelving books at the Florida library where she works. She sees a magazine article with a picture of a German librarian holding a book that has been confiscated by the Nazis.

2. ***Bitter in the Mouth*** – Monique Truong

A young woman's search for identity and family as she uncovers the secrets of her past and history.

3. ***Hornet Flight*** – Ken Follett

It is June 1941 and the war is not going well for England. Across the North Sea, eighteen-year-old Harald Olufsen takes a shortcut on the German-occupied Danish island of Sande and discovers an astonishing sight that will change the momentum of the war. He must get word to England-except that he has no way to get there. He has only an old derelict Hornet Moth biplane rusting away in a ruined church: a plane so decrepit that it is unlikely ever to get off the ground...even if Harald knew how to fly it.

4. ***The Other Side of the Bridge*** – Mary Lawson

Two brothers, Arthur and Jake Dunn, are the sons of a farmer in the mid-1930s, when life is tough and another world war is looming. Arthur is reticent, solid, dutiful and set to inherit the farm and his father's character; Jake is younger, attractive, mercurial and dangerous to know – the family misfit. When a beautiful young woman comes into the community, the fragile balance of sibling rivalry tips over the edge.

5. ***The Fallen Architect*** – Charles Belfoure

Architect Douglas Layton has lost everything. The balcony of one of his beautiful music halls collapsed during a packed performance, killing dozens. Layton knows the flaw was not in his design; someone else must have caused the dreadful catastrophe. But with no proof and a hoard of furious Londoners screaming for blood, someone has to take the fall-and Layton finds himself facing a five-year prison sentence.

6. ***All the Light We Cannot See*** – Anthony Doerr

All the Light We Cannot See follows the lives of two teenagers during the height of World War II: Marie-Laure, a blind French girl and Werner Pfennig, a German boy forced to join and fight for the Nazi regime. (Now on Netflix).

Next Book Club Meeting: January 25, 2024



QUICK LINKS

National Website: www.cwl.ca

Provincial Council Website: www.cwl.ab.ca

Diocesan Council: www.edmontoncwl.org

Sharing the Words From Our National Sisterhood Map

GOOD WORKS

- 17** Imagine if you knew the great works done by Catholic Women's League members. As social justice activists, we pray and work for family, friends and all people to change current issues and make this world a better place. We hope you will join us!

GROWTH

- 18** The Catholic Women's League has grown to become Canada's largest women's organization. Did you know it meets with government and has an impact on legislation and policy? Help us continue to grow and make a difference.

Laughter is Good for the Soul



Billy had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer. "Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you." "Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked Him to help you put up with me."

Important Dates

Tuesday, January 16	General Meeting (7:00 pm)
Tuesday, February 20	General Meeting (7:00 pm)
Monday, February 19	Family Day Fun Day

Future Conventions

Diocesan Convention	April 26 – 28th, 2024
St. Joseph's Basilica, Edmonton	

104th National Convention	August 11-14, 2024
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	
Hilton Garden Inn Saskatoon Downtown	
90 22nd Street East, Saskatoon, SK	
Visit https://www.cwl.ca/saskatoon-2024/ for more information.	

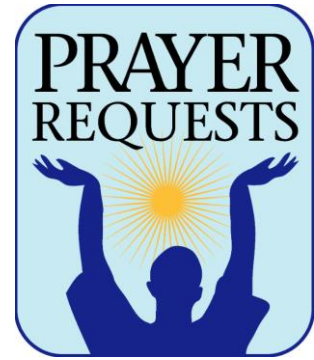
ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

December 2023

Prayers for peace in the Ukraine & the Middle East

Prayers for Pope Francis

*Please pray for seminarian **Ben Wilkins** on his journey to respond to God's call*



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

Larry Belanger (husband of Norma Belanger)

Margaret Bernard

Father J.D. Carmichael

Jacqueline Cuerrier

Melissa Cuerrier (daughter of Jacqueline Cuerrier)

Matt Klassen (Lynn Cristini's grandson)

Annet Maitwe and AIM school

Hope Maitwe & baby Ryder (Annet Maitwe's daughter)

Rafael Martel (Kathy Martel grandson)

Marie Phillips

Evelyn Radostits

Lyn Reynolds

Sharon Roshko

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)

Olive Byer

Tricia Cisakowski (Kathy Martel's friend)

Bert Trompetter (Cora's husband)

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)

Ted Gajewski (father of Jeri Gajewski)

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







