



ST. CHARLES CWL NEWSLETTER

November 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

I have a very important question to ask you, "Do you take pride and enjoy hearing about what our Catholic Women's League gives to help others at home and abroad?" Then please look into your hearts and accept your nomination for our next Executive. Our Elections are in January.

We all have talents to share. We need a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Standing Chair Committee persons. **Sounds like a lot? It is.** We need the Executive structure to guide our members. I will still be on Council as Past-President to help mentor you through. There are a few past Executive members who are willing to help support your efforts and there are many members who are willing to lead projects. Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in the direction you should take. Please call me, or one of the Executives to ask any questions that you may have about the positions. If you have an interest in being on the Executive, please let me know. We need you.

I have made many friends by being on the Executive. The nomination box is on the Prayer Shawl cabinet in the foyer. Forms are beside it. There is also info on the new Chairperson positions. May you have a safe, happy season!

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

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)

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:

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Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 839 6587 9451

Passcode: 963178

Mass of Remembrance

Thank you to Rose Hearn, Kathy Martel and Rita Pfefferle who organized the hospitality (coffee and sweets) for the Mass of Remembrance held on November 10th, 2023.

Approximately 150 to 200 people were in attendance at the Mass and 75 people stayed for coffee and socializing.

Funeral Lunches

On November 24th, 2023, our Funeral Lunch Committee provided lunch to approximately 40 attendees. There was a total of 9 volunteers who helped out. Thank you to all. We especially grateful for the Knights who washed the dishes.

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.

Helpers 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**.



AIMS School – Uganda – Update



November 7, 2023

Please accept my gratitude! From the money I received from CWL. I managed to renovate the kindergarten as well extending on the primary section [grades one to seven] - partly.

You will notice that some photos are forwarded from my chair person, Becky. She wanted to know how AIM school was doing. We hope that, if all goes well, the Norquest students will come to AIM School to do International Practicum.

May God bless you all Greetings to everyone. It is almost 2 am here. Internet is cheaper at night when most of the people are sleeping.

Love always
Annet Maitwe



New Construction



Annett Maitwe with Students of AIMS School

2023 Purdy's Christmas Campaign – Thank You!

The St. Charles CWL 2023 Christmas Purdy's Campaign was a success, raising over \$1,190.43 profit.

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.



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

Thank you very much for your support and God Bless!

**Katherine Tarras
Purdy's Fundraiser Convener**

MEMBERSHIP - BE ENTERED TO WIN...

We are having a contest!! All members who renew their 2024 membership prior to the Christmas Social on December 12th will be entered into a draw to ***win a beautiful CWL pewter Christmas Ornament, featuring the stylized Madonna surrounded by a wreath of holly.*** This ornament which comes with a silver ribbon would look great for your Christmas tree, hung on your wall, or in a window. You can even opt to gift it to a family member or friend if you win it!!

Note that all members who have already paid their 2024 membership are already automatically entered.

For anyone who has not paid, just a reminder our fees remain unchanged at \$40. There are a number of payment options available to you:

- 1) You can pay for your membership when you purchase a ticket to our Christmas social.
- 2) You can drop your cheque* (preferred, but cash is also accepted) into the offertory basket
- 3) You can drop your cheque* off at the Parish Office during office hours
- 4) You can mail your cheque* to the church (no cash in the mail please)
- 5) You can mail your cheque* to Bea Spatafora 14407 130 Street NW Edmonton, AB T6V 1E2
- 6) You can e-Transfer** Bea Spatafora at bspat@shaw.ca
- 7) 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, 2024, since December's meeting is our Christmas Social.

***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.

*Note that if purchasing a membership as a gift, the recipient would be the eligible winner of the ornament contest.

**Bea Spatafora
Organization Coordinator**

BYOB Book Club



Stay tuned for the November favorites which will be posted next month. Happy reading!



St. Charles C.W.L. Christmas Social December 12, 2023



Catered Supper, Door Prizes, Entertainment

We will be collecting Grocery Store Gift Cards & Cash for Hampers for Families in need from St. Charles, St. Lucy, Bishop Savaryn & Bishop Greschuk Elementary Schools

Doors Open @ 6:00 p.m.
Supper @ 6:30 p.m.

Bring Your Unique Christmas Tree Ornament for a Chance to Win A Prize

Tickets: \$20.00 – Members \$30.00 – Guests
Contact: Kathy Martel @ 780-456-0760
Email: kmartel780@gmail.com
Tickets will be available after Dec. 2 & 3 Masses
Ticket Deadline: Monday, December 4th



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

FULFILLMENT

- 15** If you only knew... joining the Catholic Women's League will help you find fulfillment. This one-stop women's organization focuses on faith, service and social justice. Become active and involved in your area of interest. Your place is among us.

FUTURE

- 16** My Catholic Women's League is active in the present and looks to the future with enthusiasm. For more than 100 years, members have been making a difference nationally and even internationally as a member of World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations. The future needs you.

Laughter is Good for the Soul



Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents' house the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers. The younger one began praying at the top of his lungs:

"I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE..."

"I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO..."

His older brother leaned over, nudged him and said, "Why are you shouting? God isn't deaf." to which the little brother replied, "No, but Grandma is!"

Important Dates

Tuesday, December 12

Christmas Social (6:00 pm)

Tuesday, January 16

General Meeting (7:00 pm)

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.

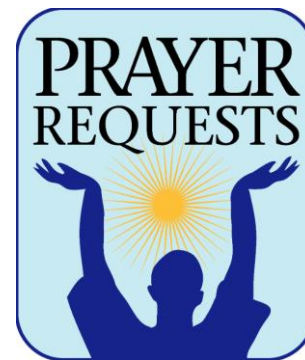
ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

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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:

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-Stadler (Marie-Paul Petersen's daughter)

Stella Kachmar

Sandy Bergin

Ann Jubinville (Margaret Bernard's sister)

Olive Byer

Gene Kerns (Kathy Martel's brother)

Tricia Cisakowski (Kathy Martel's friend)

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.*