



ST. CHARLES CWL NEWSLETTER

April 2024

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

April – Signs of Spring – Easter – Transformation – New Beginnings – Hope – Reawakening – New Life



Spring is a beautiful time of year when winter has passed, and the flowers begin to grow and bloom. Spring brings new hope, rebirth, renewal and the resurrection of Christ rejuvenated in our lives and in our Faith. The beauty of Spring comes, and nature resumes her loveliness so to the human soul is given to revival. Open up and turn toward the light of God for the beauty of Life.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” – Romans 15:13

Congratulations to our new St. Charles CWL Executive as we are installed this month, may we continue to be guided by our Lord and Our Lady of Good Counsel – pray for us!

If you need to get in touch with me, you can be reached **through text or email** at **780-916-9728** or kabtarras@gmail.com.

Katherine Tarras, President



Thank You

A note of thanks to my sisters in Christ for the many acts of kindness and caring that were extended to me and my family as we mourned the passing of our beloved mom. Your generosity of heart was a ray of light for all of us and for this we are very grateful.

Deacon Joseph Leuwer
Spiritual Advisor

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On Sunday, April 21st, our Executive Council members were officially installed during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Congratulations to (left to right) Katherine Tarras (President), Tina Casella (Service), Maureen O'Donnell (Secretary), Bea Spatafora (Vice President), Crystal Cordiero (Treasurer), Teresa McGrath (Faith).

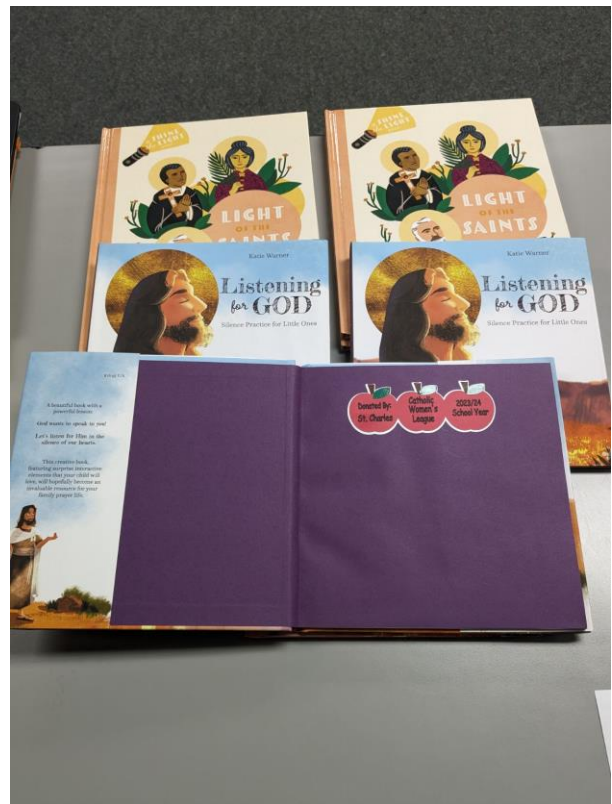


Diocesan Book Project

Tina Castella, our Service Convenor, purchased the books recommended by the Diocesan Counsel, and delivered two books to each of our Parish schools – St. Lucy, Bishop Savaryn, St. Charles and Bishop Greschuk Elementary schools.



**Tina with Leana Perri, Principal
Bishop Greschuk School**



There were 2 funeral lunches during the month of April – one on April 5th and one on April 8th. Lunch was prepared for 150 people for each. There were 10 CWL volunteers and 6 Knights. Thank you to all who helped out.

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.

March for Life – May 9th

12 noon – The Rally and March

The Alberta Legislature – Violet King Henry Plaza Parking- East of the Legislature on 106 St

Join thousands at this peaceful event to show the size, strength and solidarity of the pro-life movement to the public and government. Participants will remain respectful, peaceful and welcoming. You are welcome to make your own signs without graphic abortion images

PRO-LIFE MASS-10:00AM

THE ROSE Dinner 6:00PM – Dinner and Dialogue with Alveda King

For more info visit albertamarchforlife.com.

Organization

April's CWL general meeting began with guest speaker Gerald Murnane, who spoke about the many maintenance projects St. Charles has on the agenda, and more specifically how our St. Charles CWL can help with these projects. One project they would like us to help with is beautifying the exterior and grounds for the summer. We'll most likely discuss this in more detail at our May meeting, so if you are the gardening type, and have some ideas on how we can help with this project, please plan to attend our May meeting.

Our next CWL General meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21st 6:45pm (social) & 7:15pm (meeting)**



*****Feedback has been very positive on this change & as a result, we will include to meet 30 minutes prior to our formal meeting to visit with members while enjoying delicious snacks and beverages provided by 1-2 of our members. All we're missing is YOU – please join us*****



I also like to congratulate our April door-prize winner:

- Rita Pfefferle (Tim Horton's Gift Card)

And I would be remiss not to mention once again, if you have not yet paid your 2023 &/OR 2024 dues, it's not too late to purchase your membership and ensure your years-of-service remain intact. Please call or email me if you are unsure how to pay your dues (see Holy Moments excerpt for contact info).

**Bea Spatafora
Vice-President/Organization Convenor**

Secretary Position Filled!

Thank you to Maureen O'Donnell who has volunteered her time and talent to become our Council's Secretary. Maureen is a new member of our Council, having transferred from St. Matthew's Parish. We welcome Maureen to our Executive and look forward to working with her.



October 19, 2024.

The following ladies have graciously taken on convenor roles for this year's function:

Chair	Irene Midgley	780-984-9229	irenemidgley@yahoo.com
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Kitchen	Bev Jensen	780-457-1696	tagejen@shaw.ca
Kitchen	Rachelle Pouliot	780-475-6500	georgepouliot@gmail.ca
Bake Table	Jerika (Jeri) Gajewski	780-953-7560	jgaje@shaw.ca
Craft Table	Bea Spatafora	780-476-1051	bspat@shaw.ca
Multi-Raffle	Tina Casella	780-905-9547	Tinacasella59@gmail.com
Phoning	Kathy Martel	780-456-9181	kmartel780@gmail.com
Membership	Bea Spatafora	780-476-1051	bspat@shaw.ca
Treasurer	Crystal Cordeiro	780-966-9171	chejnar1@gmail.com

We are also looking for an additional member to join each group above (most notably the kitchen). If you have an interest in any of the areas above, or have any questions what it would entail please give the corresponding Convenor a call.

Please keep in mind, we welcome all donations and will be looking for the following items: - - -

- Homemade preserves, jams, jellies, pickles, salsa, etc.
- Crafts for our craft table – knitting, crocheted items, sewn items, kitchen towels, scrubbies, etc.
- Donations towards the multi raffle table
- Donations for the CWL Gourmet basket which will be raffled off (canned nuts, chocolates, specialty canned items, wine)
- Apples or other fruit for pies and crisps
- Baking of all kinds – bread, buns, loaves, cakes, pies, squares, cookies, fudge & other homemade treats

Our first Convenors meeting will be held in May. An announcement will be made in the church bulletin the beginning of September with further details, baking bee dates, etc. In order to make this a successful event, as it is our largest fund raiser of the year, we will be requesting help from our members from time to time. Your help, time and generosity is greatly appreciated.

If you wish to offer your help as a convenor or have any questions, please feel free to **call Irene Midgley @ 780-984-9229 or email @irenemidgley@yahoo.com**

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CWL YEAR-END SOCIAL ON JUNE 11TH: A MOD-HATTER EVENT

Our year-end Social has been booked!!

This year we will be “Celebrating the Many Hats Women Wear” at our June Social on Tuesday June 11th, in the St. Charles Activity Centre. This will be a Ladies Night Out event.

As this is a Mod-Hatter event, we encourage everyone to create a hat, sharing something about you! Maybe your favorite activity(ies), one or some of the many “jobs/hats” you personally wear or have worn through your life...wherever your imagination takes you. You are also welcome to simply wear your favorite hat.

The evening will include a dinner, beverages, wine (toonie-bar) and door prizes, including a prize for THE BEST HAT, as voted by all who attend.

Tickets for members will be \$20. You are welcome to bring a female guest; non-member tickets are available for \$30 (payable by cash or cheque).

Tickets will be on sale at our May general meeting on May 21st OR after masses – watch your emails for more information on this, or simply check out the foyer starting mid-May. Please mark your calendar & plan to bring a friend & attend as this even promises to be a lot of fun & a great opportunity to visit with friends & sisters of the league prior to our summer break.



**Co-Convenors:
Irene Midgley &
Bea Spatafora**

Sharing the Words From Our National Sisterhood Map

INCLUSIVE

- 25** Catholic Women’s League members are a mosaic of women inclusive of all ages and cultures. Add your fabric to our quilt. Your place is among us.

INNOVATION

- 26** Members of the Catholic Women’s League bring innovative ideas to develop resolutions for change. We read the signs of the times and propose creative solutions. Be a part of the process.

Laughter is Good for the Soul

An elderly woman hurried to the pharmacy to get medication, got back to her car, and found that she had locked her keys inside. She found an old rusty coat hanger left on the ground. She looked at it and said, "I don't know how to use this." She bowed her head and asked God to send her some help.



Within 5 minutes a beat-up old motorcycle pulled up, driven by a bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag. He got off of his cycle and asked if he could help. She said, "Yes, my daughter is sick, and I've locked my keys in my car. I must get home. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute, the car door was open.

She hugged the man and through tears, softly said, "Thank you, God, for sending me such a very nice man."

The biker heard her little prayer and replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison yesterday; I was in prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again, sobbing, "Oh, thank you, God! You even sent me a professional."

Is God great or what!?!

Important Dates

May 9

May 21

June 11

September 22

March for Life

General Meeting (6:45pm social time)

June Social

Pumpkin Spice Membership Event

Future Conventions

Provincial CWL Convention

Ascension, Calgary

May 31 to June 2

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

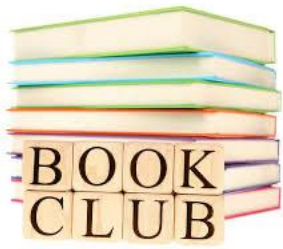


QUICK LINKS

National Website: www.cwl.ca

Provincial Council Website: www.cwl.ab.ca

Diocesan Council: www.edmontoncwl.org



CWL Virtual BYOB Book Club

1. ***The Papal Secret*** - Stan Miller
When Pope John Pietro I receives news from a strange visitor, he learns a secret that shocks him to the core.
2. ***The 6 Messiahs*** – Mark Frost
Sherlock Holmes is about to tour the United States. Arthur Conan Doyle finds himself helping six extraordinary people who have been called through visions to find ancient holy texts.
3. ***The Forest*** – Edward Rutherford
A historical novel covering 10 centuries, tracking a half-dozen families and their fates, their fortunes, and intrigues moving the stories along.
4. ***The Clockmakers Daughter*** – Kate Morton
A little girl is abandoned on the streets of Victorian London. Shortly after her 18th birthday, she travels with a group to a beautiful house on the Upper Thames. It is only 100 years later that we find out what happened in the house.
5. ***Leave it to Psmith*** – P. G. Wodehouse
A comedy of youth, love, and misadventure.
6. ***The Sunday Philosophy Club Series*** – Alexander McCall Smith
Isabel Dalhousie is a philosopher in her early forties and lives alone in a large aging house in the south of Edinburgh. Isabel Dalhousie is an amateur sleuth solving mysteries.
7. ***The Beauty in Breaking*** – Michele Harper
A true story of Harper's journey toward self-healing.
8. ***Through Black Spruce*** – Joseph Boyden
The narrative moves between the experience of James Bay Cree bus pilot and his niece Annie Bird.
9. ***The Bullet that Missed*** – Richard Osman
The crime-fighting quartet of the Coopers Chase Retirement Village take on an ex-KGB colonel, a murderous money launderer.
10. ***The Last Devil to Die*** – Richard Osman
Shocking news reaches the Thursday Murder Club. An old friend in the antiques business has been killed, and a dangerous package he was protecting has gone missing.

NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETING: May 30 at 7 pm

ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

April 2024

*Please pray for our CWL members and our Council
Prayers for peace in the Ukraine & the Middle East
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
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
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)
David Meier (Shirley's husband)
Melissa Cuerrier (daughter of Jacqueline Cuerrier)
Colleen O'Donnell (Maureen O'Donnell's sister)
Eileen Kavanagh (Monique Gauthier's daughter-in-law)

For those who have died and all who mourn them:

Marie Strauss (Kathleen Oswald's sister)
Brian Black (Pat Black's husband)
Gene Kerns (Kathy Martel's brother)
Kathleen Leuwer (Deacon Joe's mother)

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

