



ST. CHARLES CWL NEWSLETTER

October 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.

Faith

Service

Social
Justice

From The President's Desk

Hello Ladies, Winter is around the corner, I hope you had time to prepare for the Season ahead.



We have been super busy this past month with preparing for our Bazaar and Rose Hearn stepping down from our Funeral Lunches and them being put on hold. Thank you Rose for all your time and work you have put forth in serving our Lunches over the years. God Bless.

Going through several Meetings and sending out a survey we are back with the Funeral Lunch Service. We have a few ladies that came forward and we have our main Coordinator – YES!! – Rachele Pouliot, and in time there will be a couple more Ladies to spell her off. Thank you, Rachele and Girls!!! Thank you to all the Ladies that phone, donate their time working and for the donations of food.

The end of October and the beginning of November begins the three-day triduum dedicated to remembering the dead, beginning with Halloween (Oct. 31) and followed by All Saints' Day (Nov. 1) and All Souls' Day (Nov. 2). The Church reminds us to take special note of loved ones, family and friends who may now be in purgatory yearning to be on their way to heaven. "Roman Catholic doctrine holds that the prayers of the faithful on earth will help cleanse these souls in order to fit them for the vision of God in heaven, and the day is dedicated to prayer and remembrance."



Eternal rest grant unto our CWL Sisters, Our Family Members and Our Friends, who have departed this world. Oh Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

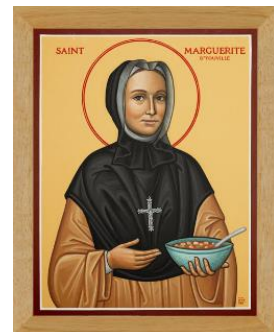
If you need to get in touch with me, you can be reached **through text or email** at **780-916-9728** or kabtarras@gmail.com.

Katherine Tarras, President

Stories of Women Saints

This month's Saints featured on the CWL quilt that we will be contemplating on are Our Lady of Good Counsel and St. Marguerite d'Youville. Our very own Connie McBride and Yvette D'Entremont completed the fine needlework in contributing Our Lady of Good Counsel to the CWL quilt.

We have a strong devotion to Mary and are inspired by her life, and the role she plays in our own lives. By invoking our Lady as the "Mother of Counsel" we are asking her to give us the Holy Spirit which she possesses - "The Good Counsel. It was at the national convention in 1923, in Halifax, that a resolution was passed to adopt Our Lady of Good Counsel as the League's patroness.



The gift of Good Counsel manifests in Wisdom, Fear of the Lord, Understanding, and Knowledge in order to always do whatever God wants of us. St. Marguerite d'Youville is the Mother of Universal Charity and her patronage is for widows, difficult marriages, and the death of young children. She was born in Varennes, Quebec in 1701 and died in Montreal Quebec in 1771. St. Marguerite endured much hardship and suffering in her life but was always mindful of the poor and less fortunate. She was able to study for two years at the Ursulines in Quebec due to the influence of her great-grandfather. When she returned home, she also educated her brothers and sisters. At age 21, she married Francois d'Youville, moved in with her Mother-in-law, who did not make life easy for her. Her husband was never home, and 8 years into the marriage, he became seriously ill and passed away. She lost 4 of her 6 children in infancy during that time.

In all these sufferings, Marguerite's faith grew and she worked tirelessly for the rights of the poor, always caring for them regardless of obstacles that came her way. Without knowing it, she had become the foundress of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, today known as the Grey Nuns. May we be inspired by her faith and service to God.

Teresa McGrath
Spiritual Convenor

Alberta Mackenzie Prays the Rosary- Weekly

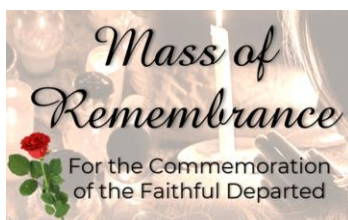
Members are invited to pray the Rosary weekly on Thursdays @ 7:00 pm (MST). Log in information is:

<https://us02web.zoomus/j/83965879451?pwd=dk00cmRBTkdrbmRieVixeW9Fek5wdz09>

Meeting ID 839 6587 9451 Passcode 963178

Mass of Remembrance – Volunteers Needed

Our Council has been requested to provide hospitality (coffee, juice and cookies) following the Mass of Remembrance scheduled for Friday, November 8th. Rose Hearn has offered to coordinate the hospitality. If you are able to help, please contact Rose Hearn at 780-915-0166 or by email at khearn@live.com.



Funeral Lunches – Big News!

We wish to thank Rachelle Pouliot who has offered to be the coordinator for the funeral lunches. Bev Jensen has also offered to work with Rachelle to learn how things are done so that she may be able to be an additional leader once she fully retires next year. If there is anyone else who would like to train along with Bev to be a future leader, please contact **Rachelle Pouliot at 780-475-6500**.



Funeral Lunch Survey Results

Thank you to all who answered the Funeral Lunch survey. We received 22 responses which represents approximately 20% of our members. The Committee met to discuss the results which were presented by Connie McBride at the October General meeting. To summarize, all members who answered the survey wanted our Council to continue offering funeral lunches. However, there was a mixed response as to how the service would be offered and whether we should charge some type of a fee.

- 9 wanted to offer 2 menus, with a full-service charge (as in catering a function).
Of those nine, 4 also wanted to offer “service only” with the family providing all the ready-to-serve food (so also option #2)
- 5 wanted to offer service only with the family providing all the ready-to-serve food
- 7 wanted to offer our current service as is, but charge a fee per person
- 7 wanted to offer our current service exactly as is, for a donation only

Connie prepared an analysis of the income/expenses/donations for the 8 funeral lunches served to the end of August. Total number of people requested to serve was 895 people.

Average donation received per person	\$ 9.22
Average donation received per funeral	\$ 1,031.25
Average net (after expenses) donation received per person	\$ 7.56
Average net (after expenses) donation received per funeral	\$ 845.44
Net (after expenses) Income to end of August	\$ 6,763.54

For comparison and example only, if a fee of \$6.00 per person had been charged, the income would have been $895 \times \$6.00 = \$5,370.00$ (not necessarily net). The numbers show that our current payment method by donation only is working quite well as most families are very generous.

Rachelle recommended that we continue with our current service until the New Year to give herself and Bev a chance to get settled into their new roles, review the Funeral Lunch Policies and provide their recommendation(s) to the Executive. By general consensus, this was agreed to at the meeting.

Carmelite Nuns – Christmas Craft Sale – Volunteers Needed



Our Council will again be helping the Carmelite Nuns with the sale of their crafts after the Masses on December 8th, 2024. Katherine Tarras will be coordinating the sale and is looking for a few volunteers to help her with set-up, take down and sales.

If you are able to help out, please contact Katherine **through text at 780-916-9728** or email kabtarras@gmail.com



Organization - Membership

WOW & KOODOO'S ladies! Our 2025 membership drive has started with a BANG!! As of October 20th (the cutoff for our membership draws), over 65% of our members renewed their memberships for 2025 – that's amazing and a record in my time as organization coordinator. If you have paid, but have not yet received a paper or electronic receipt, please contact me; Bea at (780)399-9459. Just a reminder the draws will be made at our November 5th Executive meeting.

For those who still need to renew, our fees remain unchanged at \$40. There are a number of ways to renew (or join if you are encouraging friends/family!!):

1. You can drop your cheque* (preferred, but cash is also accepted) into the offertory basket or at the Parish Office during office hours
2. You can mail your cheque* to the church (no cash in the mail please) or to Bea Spatafora 14407 130 Street NW Edmonton, AB T6V 1E2
3. You can e-Transfer** Bea Spatafora at bspat@shaw.ca
4. 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 6:45 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.

Why continue to support our Council and the League you might ask? Because together we are making a difference in our Parish, in our community and in our world. To see some of the impact we and our Sisters around the League are making, visit our National website at <https://www.cwl.ca/>. 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".

For those of you who renewed your membership at the bazaar, you may have received a new 2024 CWL directory**. An e-copy will be sent out shortly (if not already sent), for those with emails. Paper copies will be available at our November meeting.

New/Returning Members...please welcome (back) the following members - Lorette Bowers (new member), Dora Dumont & Elsie Johnson (returning members). Welcome (back) ladies!! **New/returning members are not included in the 2024 CWL directory.

Save-The-Date. Please mark your calendar & plan to attend our next General meeting on **Tuesday, November 19th at 6:45pm (social) & 7:00pm (meeting)**

Finally, I'd like to congratulate our door-prize winner from October's General meeting - Connie McBride (Tim Horton's Gift Card). Hey!! This could be YOU if you come to our November General meeting!! Happy Fall Everyone!!

**Bea Spatafora, Vice-President/
Organization Convenor
[Bspat@shaw.ca](mailto:bspat@shaw.ca) or 780-399-9459**



Fall Bazaar - That's a Wrap for Another Year!

The Bazaar Committee is working on their reports and the final results will be reported at the November General meeting and published in the November newsletter. Thank you to everyone who helped out and supported our bazaar this year.

Multi-Raffle Winners Congratulations!

Prize	Donated By	Winner
Wine Basket	Katherine Tarras & Tina Casella	Lorraine Mason
Italian Centre Basket	Teresa Spinellie	Kathleen Oswald
Gift	Good News Auto	Steve Wawzonek
Gourmet Basket	CWL Members	Ginny Castiday
Oilers Tickets	Jim Storoschuk	Penny Smerka
Beauty Basket	Shopper's Drug Mart Namao	Renee Li
Telestration Game + Pedicure Gift Card	Park Memorial	Simon Dubuc
Afghan	Anne Chmilar	
Her Gymvmt Bag, Bottle + 1 month membership	Judy Billar	Fran Helland
Avon Basket	HER GYMVMT Fitness Club	
Wine Basket	Evelyn Radostits	Teresa Magrath
	John Bergin & Family	Darlene Durand
		Ken Dufresne

Quilt Raffle Winner

The winner of the beautiful quilt was our very own Yvette d'Entremont! Congratulations! Many thanks to Connie McBride and Monika Murname for sharing their quilting talents and the donation of the end result.



Volunteer(s) Needed

If you are interested in social justice issues such as poverty, climate change, food insecurity, the refugee crisis, to name a few, and are interested in volunteering to join our CWL Executive, please contact Katherine Tarras through text or email at 780-916-9728 or kabtarras@gmail.com.

Sharing the Words From Our National Sisterhood Map

OUTREACH

33 "For it is in giving that we receive." Members of the Catholic Women's League strive to reach out to those in need. Won't you help us reach further? Come and join us.

PEACE

34 The Catholic Women's League helps members grow in their relationship with God and with each other, a true peace. Find peace with us.

Advent Retreat - Monday, November 25th (1-4 PM)

The CWL Council at Holy Family Parish have planned a retreat to prepare for the upcoming advent season. They invite their sisters from St. Charles Parish to attend. Lynne De Zaeyer will present on the Symbols of Christmas. She is very noted as a speaker and enjoys the question-and-answer feature of the talk. The retreat will be held in the Parish Hall, 75 Poirier Ave. The event is free.

We would appreciate everyone registering, very helpful for preparing a coffee break and seating for everyone. Options to register please:

Email: cbmacisaac60@gmail.com
Leave a message or text with your full name
at 780-977-9954 for Catherine Holy Family CWL

Registration will close November 15, 2024.

Laughter is Good for the Soul

One Halloween a trick-or-treater came to my door dressed as 'Rocky' in boxing gloves and satin shorts. Soon after I gave him some goodies, he returned for more.



"Aren't you the same 'Rocky' who left my doorstep a few minutes ago?" I asked.

"Yes," he replied, "but now I'm the sequel. I'll be back three more times tonight too."



QUICK LINKS

National Website: www.cwl.ca
Provincial Council Website: www.cwl.ab.ca
Diocesan Council: www.edmontoncwl.org

CWL Virtual BYOB Book Club

October Reads



1. ***Thrift Store Saints: Meeting Jesus 25 cents at a time*** – Jane Kruth. A collection of true stories based on the author’s experiences at a St Vincent de Paul thrift store.
2. ***The Book Thief*** – Markus Zusak. Liesel picks up her first book at her brother’s graveside, this is her first act of book thievery. Soon she is stealing books from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor’s wife’s library, wherever there are books to be found.
3. ***Girl in the Walls***- A. J. Gnuse. Elise lives on the walls of the family home after her parents are killed in a car crash.
4. ***The Penny Tree*** - Holly Kennedy. Annie was introduced to the penny tree by her father. She takes solace in it through hard times.
5. ***Remember Me*** – Sophie Kinsella. It is about Lexi Smart, a woman who has insecurities about herself until she experiences amnesia after a car accident.
6. ***The Star and the Shamrock*** – Jean Grainger. Ariella realises that the only way she can ensure her Jewish children’s safety is to avail of the Kindertransport.
7. ***All of Me*** – Anne Murray and Michael Posner. An autobiography of her 40-year career in show biz.
8. ***What Happened to the Bennetts*** – Lisa Scottoline. Jason Bennett is driving his family home when he’s carjacked. In the melee, his daughter is shot and dies. Jason learns that the attack against them might not have been random.
9. ***Sooley*** – John Grisham. In the summer of his seventeenth year, Samuel Sooleymon gets the chance of a lifetime: a trip to the United States with his South Sudanese teammates to play in a showcase basketball tournament.
10. ***Soul of an Octopus*** – Sy Montgomery. From New England aquarium tanks to the reefs of French Polynesia and the Gulf of Mexico, she has befriended octopuses with strikingly different personalities.
11. ***End of Story*** – A. J. Finn. Set in San Francisco, it is a thriller about a young woman writing the biography of a celebrated crime writer.
12. ***The Book of Two Ways*** – Jodi Picoult. The story follows Dawn as she travels from Boston to Egypt to rediscover her past life and love.
13. ***The Hiding Place*** – Corrie Ten Boom, Elizabeth Sherrill, John Sherrill. The story of a Dutch family who helped Jews hide from Nazis during World War II.

NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETING: November 28 at 7 pm

Important Dates

November 8	Mass of Remembrance
November 19	General Meeting
November 25	Advent Retreat – Holy Family Church, St. Albert
November 28	Virtual Book Club
December 8	Carmelite Nuns Craft Sale (following Masses)
December 10	CWL Christmas Social

St. Charles Catholic Women's League 2024 Purdys Christmas Campaign

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1501157-119657>

Customer # 58666



The Purdys 2024 Christmas Campaign is **now open** to [online orders](#) or contact Katherine Tarras at C)780-916-9728 or R)780-488-5521 or email kabtarras@gmail.com for an order form or if you require help.

Dates to Remember:

Supporter Deadline Date (last day to order) is Monday the 11th of November

Supporter Pickup Date: Saturday the 30th of November
9:30 – 5:00 pm at 15712-119 St. (or contact for another time)

ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

October 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
Jacqueline Cuerrier
Annet Maitwe and AIM school
Hope Maitwe (Annet Maitwe's daughter)
Rafael Martel (Kathy Martel's grandson)
Evelyn Radostits
Sharon Roshko
Agnes Sam
Marlene & George Schmidt
Bea Spatafora
Lily Webb
Mary Ziska
Celine deVries-Stadleer (Marie-Paul Petersen's daughter)
Stella Kachmar
Ann Jubinville (IRENE Midgley's mother)
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)
Sybil Ledi
Marie-Paul Petersen

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)
Marie Margurite d'Entremont (Yvette d'Entremont's mother)
Stella Byer (sister of Olive Byer)
Roland Cramer (father of Father Marc Cramer)
Sandy Bergin (wife of John Bergin)
Maryanne Beaulieu (wife of Charles Beaulieu)
Madeline Van Brabant (Dianne Nolette's mother)

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

