



ST. CHARLES CWL NEWSLETTER

September 2025

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



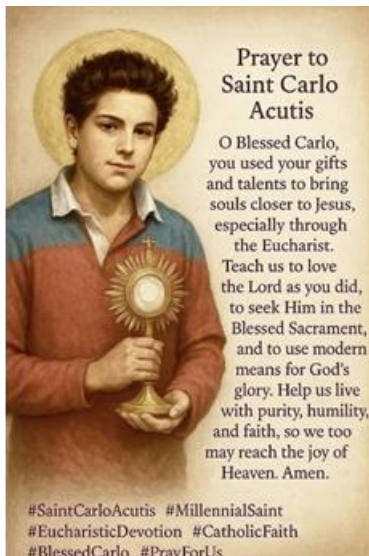
Welcome to Fall, I hope you had a great summer filled with family, friends and fun! Now we are all back into our routines; I'd like us to reflect on 'Service' "to God and Canada", our CWL saying With this in mind, please take the time to pray and reflect that you can let your name stand in the New Year for our St. Charles Executive. There are a few positions open and we would love to have a few new faces be a part of our team. Apart of some business, we do have an enjoyable bonding time together.

If you are new to our Parish and would like to meet new friends this is a great opportunity. **Come together and Bond with us!**

Please contact **Katherine Tarras** at (text) 780-916-9728 (res) 780-488-5521 or email kabtarras@gmail.com

Katherine Tarras, President

St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorio Frassati Pray for us.



Message from the Past President

On July 2, a very hot day, 18 volunteers came out to help beautify the south west garden in front of the church. CWL was asked by Gerald Murnane to plan and execute a new design. Members, family, grandchildren and Knights showed up. Rita Pfefferle along with input from Bev Spatafora, and Monika Murnane came up with suggestions. Ken McGillis donated a truck full of dirt. Lorraine Trudel donated snacks and drinks. Members also helped to weed every planted area. As plants were donated, they filled the west wall plot. What a difference! The Angel, donated anonymously, completed the project. Thank you to all who contributed to the project, making it a success.

Any time you see a weed, please pull it to keep everything looking wonderful.

Rita Pfefferle- Past President



Organization (Memberships)

Happy Fall, Everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. A huge thank you to everyone who attended our September meeting—it was heartening to see nearly every chair filled with a member!

As advertised, we unveiled our 25-year-old time capsule, sealed in the year 2000. What an incredible experience to witness 25 years frozen in time. A special thank you to all who contributed to the 2025 time capsule, which will be opened in 2050. I'm sure future members will be just as amazed as we were by the items chosen to be remembered.

Gratitude also goes out to Rose Hearn and myself (Bea Spatafora) for providing the snacks that accompanied our wine and cheese evening—everything was fantastic!

If you missed September's meeting, don't worry—you're always welcome next month. We love seeing and hearing from as many members as possible. Your voice truly matters!

♥ Membership Drive Begins!

October marks the start of our 2026 membership drive. We'll begin accepting membership payments at our **Fall Bazaar on October 25th**.

📅 Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our next general meeting:

Tuesday, October 21st

- **6:45 PM** – Social
- **7:00 PM** – Meeting



Note: We've adjusted the pre-meeting social to 15 minutes, with additional social time planned after the meeting.

🎉 September Door Prize Winner



- *Tim Horton's Gift Card:* Teresa McGrath — congratulations!

Changes to the Ladies Washroom

Next time you visit the ladies' washroom at St. Charles, you'll notice a few thoughtful changes. We've added signage to each stall to highlight our council and showcase some of the wonderful projects we've undertaken throughout the year.

We're also introducing a new *comfort basket*—a small collection of items that women may need but might have forgotten to bring. If you'd like to contribute items to the basket, please feel free to do so. And if you notice supplies running low, kindly let an executive member know so we can replenish them.

📄 Final Reminder: Membership Dues

If you haven't yet paid your **2024 and/or 2025 dues** (\$40 per year), this is your final month to do so. Once National closes the fiscal year, we can only go back one prior year to record payments—this ensures your years of service continue uninterrupted.

If you're unsure how to pay your dues, feel free to call or email me:

Blessings,
Bea Spatafora
Organization Convenor
bspat@shaw.ca or 780-399-9459

Harvest Prayer

God of Harvest, gardener supreme,
 you place us at the centre, feed us, equip us and, having provided for us,
 look to a different harvest, a fruitfulness of lives in service to you, and others.
 God of Harvest, feed us, prune us, harvest us, that our lives might bring glory to you.
 Amen.



Teresa McGrath
Spiritual Convenor

Alberta Mackenzie Prays the Rosary- Weekly

Members are invited to pray the Rosary weekly on Wednesday @ 7:00 pm (MST) (visiting) and 7:30 pm (Rosary). Log in information is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89633721663?pwd=Z9wPaKGjbTFRy9JrKptPLYsXpYHeY5.1>

Meeting ID: 896 3372 1663
 Passcode: 064710

Funeral Lunch Committee



It has been a busy year for the Funeral Lunch Committee and our volunteers. Rachelle Pouliot took the lead for most of the first year while Bev Jensen worked with her to learn the procedure. Bev has since coordinated 2 funeral lunches on her own which will enable her and Rachelle to take turns if they so wish.

Rachelle and Bev would like to personally thank our members who have been key to the success of our funeral lunch service - our phoners who contact our members prior to every funeral, our members who provide generous donations of sandwich fixings and sweets, our members who prepare the lunch on the day of the funeral and the Knights who continue to send us volunteers to help with clean-up and dishwashing.

At our September General meeting, Rachelle Pouliot reported for the period October 22, 2024 to August 15, 2025 that the funeral lunches were doing very well as the donations were exceeding our expenses.

At the meeting, a motion was passed to give the Knights of Columbus a donation of \$2,000.00 for their service this past year.

Rachelle Pouliot & Bev Jensen
Funeral Lunch Coordinators

Edmonton Municipal Election – October 20th, 2025

The 2025 Edmonton municipal election will be held on October 20, 2025, to elect a [mayor](#), twelve [councillors](#) to the [Edmonton City Council](#), and nine [trustees](#) to the [Edmonton Public Schools](#) board of trustees.

Please mark your calendars and remember to vote!

June Social Report

At the September General meeting, it was reported that the June Social held on June 10th, 2025 was a success and enjoyed by everyone. The theme was Country Classic with Patsy Cline. A total of 66 people were in attendance. Catering was provided by Happy Ness Catering.

A big “thank you” goes out to Yvette for convening this event.

Fall Bazaar – October 25th, 2025

Please plan to attend our **Annual CWL Fall Bazaar, October 25, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm** in the St. Charles Activity Centre. As always, FREE Admission, Door Prizes, Homemade Lunch, Gifts, Crafts, Baking, Vendor market (some new vendors this year!).

Donations of homemade baking, preserves and crafts are welcome.

If you have any questions about donations, please contact **Mary @ 780-721-1247** or mleuwer@telus.net.

To volunteer to work on the day of the Bazaar, please call **Kathy Martel @ 780-456-0760** or email kmartel780@gmail.com.



Feel free to advertise the Bazaar on social media among friends and family! See you there!

Mary Leuwer
Bazaar Convenor

Purdy's Chocolate Christmas Campaign



Our Council will be doing another Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser for Christmas. Ordering will commence October 1st through to November 12th. Katherine Tarras volunteered to convene this fundraiser again this year.

Watch your emails and Flocknote for more information. Orders will also be taken at our Fall Bazaar.

If you require more information, please contact **Katherine Tarras at (text) 780-916-9728 (res) 780-488-5521** or email kabtarras@gmail.com

2000 CWL Time Capsule Reveal

At our September General meeting, the contents of our Year 2000 Time Capsule was revealed. There were various items inside – a membership list, our CWL history, a cassette tape, an old CWL membership pin, newspapers, a Sears sale catalogue, an empty wine bottle, a Pokemon card, a hockey card, a miniature wooden Millenium door, to name a few. There was also a lovely note from Louise Wilk (deceased in 2016) who left us a \$100.00 bill for our Council to have a tea party. Mark your calendars for the tea party which has been scheduled for our October General meeting.

Members brought items to the meeting for the new 2025 CWL time capsule which will be sealed and buried in the Prayer Garden until 2050.



Mass of Remembrance – November 7th, 2025

Our Council will be providing the hospitality following the Mass of Remembrance which is scheduled for **Friday, November 7th, 2025**.

Mary Leuwer volunteered to coordinate the event and will require a couple of additional volunteers. If you are able to help out, please contact **Mary Leuwer at 780-721-1247**.

Sharing the Words

VALUES

- 49** The Catholic Women's League is an organization built on Catholic values, embracing all aspects of Christian family life. Standing together, members grow in faith and witness to the love of God through ministry and service. To be the cornerstone for women who believe helping one another is a call for all. If you believe – your place is with us!

VISION

- 50** The Catholic Women's League's envisioned future is to be an inclusive and engaged community of Catholic women – inspired by faith. Its vision is to ensure that it remains a vital participant in the church, a valued partner for social justice, a respected advocate at all government levels, and connected to the world. Come and see!

Laughter is Good for the Soul

A middle-aged woman has a heart attack and is taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she has a near death experience. During this experience, she sees God and asks him, "Is this it"? God says, "No" and explains that she has another 30 years to live.



Upon her recovery, she decides to just stay in the hospital and have a face lift, liposuction, tummy tuck, and so on. She even has someone come in and change her hair color. She figures since she's got another 30 years, she might as well make the most of it.

She walks out of the hospital after the last operation and is killed by an ambulance speeding by. She arrives in front of God and complains, "I thought you said I had another 30 years."

God replies, "I didn't recognize you!"

Important Dates

October 1	Hamburger Soup Bee @ 9:00 am.
October 7	Executive Meeting @ 6:45 pm.
October 8	Carrot Ginger Soup Bee @ 9:00 am.
October 21	General Meeting @ 6:45 pm.
October 23	Book Club @ 7:00 pm on Zoom
October 24	Bazaar Lunch Set-up @ 9:00 am.
October 25	Fall Bazaar - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
November 7	Mass of Remembrance @ 7:00 pm

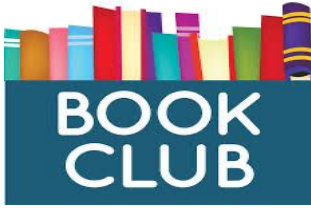


QUICK LINKS

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

CWL Virtual BYOB Book Club

May Reads



1. ***A Deadly Little List***, Kay Stewart & Chris Bullock. The body of a security guard for a controversial land developer is found in a deserted cabin on Salt Spring Island. Evidence found at the crime scene suggest suicide but to RCMP Constable Dranchuk things just don't add up.
2. ***HOPE. The Autobiography***. Pope Francis. Hope is the first autobiography in history ever to be published by a Pope. This complete autobiography starts in the early years of the twentieth century, with Pope Francis's Italian roots continuing through his childhood, his youth, his vocation, adult life, and the whole of his papacy up to the present day.
3. ***The Berry Pickers***, Amanda Peters. A four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a tragic mystery that haunts the survivors, unravels a community, and remains unsolved for nearly fifty years.
4. ***The Gun Seller***, Hugh Laurie. A comedic spy thriller about a former Scots Guardsman who gets caught up in a dangerous plot after trying to warn an assassination target.
5. ***Bitter Chocolate. Investigating the Dark of the World's Most Seductive Sweet***, Carol Off. *Bitter Chocolate* is a social history, an investigative account and an eye-opening exposé of the workings of a multi-billion-dollar industry.
6. ***Crying in H Mart***, Michelle Zauner. A moving memoir about growing up mixed-race, Korean food, losing her Korean mother, and forging her own identity in the wake of her loss.
7. ***More or Less Maddy***, Lisa Genova. A novel about a young woman diagnosed with bipolar disorder who rejects the stability and approval found in a traditionally "normal" life for a career in stand-up comedy.
8. ***The German Girl***, Armando Lucas Correa. *A young girl flees Nazi-occupied Germany* with her family and best friend, only to discover that the overseas refuge they had been promised is an illusion.
9. ***The Invention of Wings***, Sue Monk Kidd. Inspired by real events, and set in the American Deep South in the nineteenth century, it evokes a world of shocking contrasts, of beauty and ugliness, of righteous people living daily with cruelty they fail to recognize; and celebrates the power of friendship and sisterhood against all the odds.
10. ***The Keeper of Stars***, Buck Turner. Twelve years removed from the summer when she first gave her heart away, Dr. Elizabeth (Ellie) Spencer, Professor of Astronomy at Indiana University, receives a mysterious package that has her asking that very question.
11. ***Mistakes to Run With***, Yasuko Thank. A memoir that tears open the past to examine how circumstances, and the choices we make, dictate the people we become.
12. ***On Isabella Street***, Genevieve Graham. Two young women with different backgrounds, attitudes, and aptitudes are living in an exciting but confusing time, the most extreme counter-culture movement the modern world has ever seen. They have little in common except for the place they both call an apartment building on Isabella Street.

NEXT BOOK CLUB: October 23

We Are Now On Facebook!

The St. Charles Catholic Women's League is excited to announce that you can now connect with us on Facebook! Follow our page to:

Stay informed about upcoming services and events
Connect with fellow members and visitors
Be part of our growing online faith family.

You do not have to be a CWL member to join, feel free to invite family and friends.
You can find our page by searching "**Catholic Women's League, St. Charles, Edmonton**" on the Facebook page or you can find us by in your browser:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1017745547096618>

Let's continue to grow in faith and fellowship - both in person and online. We would love to see you there!



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ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

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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
Bea and Joe Spatafora
Lily Webb
Mary Ziska
Celine deVries-Stadler (Marie-Paul Petersen's daughter)
Stella Kachmar
Mary Miller (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
Father Marc Cramer
Audrey Waseylenko
Bev (friend of Janice Lakusta)
Jeanne Richelhoff (Louise Despins' sister)
Marie Phillips
Theresa Amuzu
Myrla Fitzpatrick
Rita Oplanich (Tina Casella's mother)
Kathleen Oswald
Sheila Wright (friend of Hilda Daubner)
Richard Cloutier (brother of Cecile Dufresn)

For those who have died and all who mourn them:

Francis Huber (son of Vera Huber)
Steve Wawzonek (Lillian Wawzonek's husband)
Ann Jubinville (Margaret Bernard's sister)
Berto Oplanich (Tina Casella's mother)
Vera Huber

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



October 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8 PRAY THE ROSARY	9	10	11
Louise Despina	Betty Dixon	Debbie Dixon	Marjolaine Dubuc	Cecile Dufresne	Dora Dumont	Pat Duncan
12	13	14	15 PRAY THE ROSARY	16	17	18
Dianne Dyer	Rhoda Estoqui	Odell Fahn	Lorette Fairfield	Rose Febrowski	Tina Fernandes	Myrla Fitzpatrick
19	20	21	22 PRAY THE ROSARY	23	24	25
Marion Foster	Jerika (Jerri) Gajewski	Monique Gauthier	Theresa Girvin	Janice Grabow	Rita Haakensen	CWLB BAZAAR
26	27	28	29 PRAY THE ROSARY	30	31	
Audrey Harris	Rose Hearn	Joan Hejnar	Stella Hoekstra	Claire Kawulok	Angela Hunt	

Notes

Print / Post this page on your fridge.

Pray for your CWL Sisters on the day they are tagged.

Each Wednesday you can pray the Rosary online. The link changes every 3 months. To ensure you have the most updated link, please visit our Provincial website: <https://www.cwlabnsk.ca/>. Scroll down the home page for the newest link to this week's rosary. Site opens 7 pm & the Rosary starts at 7:30



September '25

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November '25

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