



ST. CHARLES CWL NEWSLETTER

November 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

November is almost over, as I reflect these past few weeks, we remember the Saints on "All Saints Day", our loved ones on "All Souls Day." We celebrated our patron Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop on the 4th. We also remembered the people who laid down their lives for our freedom today, on "Remembrance Day." Thank you, Lord, and may they all rest in eternal peace with you. This morning, we had a wonderful surprise from Pope Leo XIV – We have a new Archbishop assigned to us! – Archbishop-Designate Stephen Hero, who will be installed on the 23rd of Jan. 2026. To finish off the month we have our new liturgical year (A) beginning with "Christ the King" on the 23rd and the beginning of Advent on the 30th.

In the beginning of December we have the feast day of Our Lady, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on the 8th and on the 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Being that Christmas is before the next Newsletter; I'd like to Wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and Blessings to all your families. Yours in Christ.

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Katherine Tarras, President



Organization (Memberships)

#Grateful

As I sit here contemplating what to share in our newsletter, the first thing that comes to mind is how grateful I am to be part of such an amazing sisterhood.

- Our Fall membership drive was a huge success!
- The annual Feeder School Christmas Fundraiser is off to a great start.
- Our Christmas Social is just around the corner, and many of you have already purchased tickets to join the festivities.
- And to top it off, a fresh blanket of fluffy snow has turned our neighborhood into a Winter Wonderland.

So many things to be thankful for!!

November Meeting

I'm so sorry I had to miss the November General meeting—not because I was ill, but because I had the chance to spend a week away with my entire family. Sadly, it overlapped with the meeting, which I heard it was awesome!

In other good news that arose from our November meeting, I'd like to congratulate our door-prize winner:



Janice Lakusta (Tim Horton's Gift Card)

Hey!! This could be **YOU** if you come to our next general meeting on January 20th at 6:45.

We also welcomed a new member, **Donna Hartnett** to our council in November. If you know Donna, please give her a warm welcome next time you see her.

Membership

If (like me) you missed the November general meeting, you missed my report celebrating the fact that we had a record 79 members entered in our October membership draw! Winners were drawn at our executive meeting on November 4th:

- 1) \$50 GC Ultimate Dining GC – **Cecile Dufresne**
- 2) \$25 GC Ultimate Dining GC – **Sharon Roshko**
- 3) \$15 GC Tim Hortons – **Rita Pfefferle**

All winners also received one of the wallet sized cards of the Divine Mercy painting our talented member Marianne Konanz created (that is now hanging proudly in our church). Congratulations ladies and thank you all who paid their fees by the end of our bazaar weekend & were entered to win.

I know there aren't many of you, but if you haven't had a chance to pay your membership fees yet, and are not sure how to do so, please reach out to me at (780)399-9459 or by email at bspat@shaw.ca. **Christmas Social –**

December 9

I hope to see everyone at our **Buon Natale Christmas Social!**

Our chosen charity this year is once again **St. Charles Parish Feeder Schools**. We're collecting **cash** and/or **Walmart/Superstore gift cards** for needy families in our parish elementary schools.

If you missed the parish collection on Nov 22/23 and can't attend the social, you can still donate through the offertory—just write **ATT: CWL** on your envelope.

Wishing you all a joyful Advent season and a blessed Christmas!

Bea Spatafora

Organization Convenor

bspat@shaw.ca or 780-399-9459

Meet Our New Seminarian

At the last Diocesan meeting, it was noted that Ben Wilkins was not available for the “Adopt a Seminarian” program. We were provided with a name of a new seminarian who we could adopt.

Introducing **Matthew Gensorek** from Calgary, Alberta. His birthday is February 10th. We hope to see Matthew out at some of our CWL events in the future.



Alberta Mackenzie Prays the Rosary- Weekly

Members are invited to pray the Rosary weekly on Wednesdays @ 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

Mass of Remembrance Report November 7th, 2025

Our Council provided the hospitality following the Mass of Remembrance which was held on **Friday, November 7th, 2025**. There were approximately 175 people in attendance. Refreshments and sweets were served to approximately 150 guests.

Thank you to Rachelle Pouliot, Lorette Bowers and Estrela De Sousa who coordinated the refreshments and sweets.

Funeral Lunch Committee



There were two funeral lunches requested during the month of November. On November 7th, we prepared a lunch for a funeral for 100 guests. On November 6th, we prepared refreshments and sweets for a Prayer Service followed by a lunch for 50 people the next day. The families were very appreciative of the lunch service provided. Thank you to our phoners, all our volunteers and the Knights of Columbus who came out to help.

Rachelle Pouliot & Bev Jensen
Funeral Lunch Coordinators

105th National Annual Meeting - Resolutions

Over the next months, the four Resolutions passed at the National Convention will appear in our newsletter, including a suggested Action Plans for each Resolution.

2025.1 Federal Government to Create a Unified and Centralized Cybercrime Reporting System for Individuals in Canada

Resolved, that the National Council of The Catholic Women's Leque of Canada in 105th National Annual meeting of members assembled urges the Federal Government to create a unified and centralized cybercrime reporting system for in for individuals in Canada as recommended by the Auditor General of Canada in its "Report 7 – Combatting Cybercrime".

Action Plan

1. Write letters to the Prime Minister and Members of Parliament, including the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness urging them to develop a national strategy to combate fraud beginning with a unified cybercrime reporting system for Canadians of all ages, where centralized reports are directed to appropriate agencies for action.
2. Organize local parish information sessions with programs such as Compassionate Community Care and Community of Hoope Outreach: Conecting with Seniors Project – a new nationwide calling service.
3. Conduct in-person sessions with bank personnel to build trust, create comfort and educate the public on banking effectively and protecting financial records.
4. Host information sessions with law enforcement agencies.
5. Work collborative within communities to encourage law enforcement organizations to eliinate the under-reporting of cyber fraud and scams.
6. Support education for older adults and interested citizens offered by municipalities and police departments such as courses and workshops.

Christmas Social Reminder – December 9, 2025



This year, your Executive has taken on planning the Christmas Social scheduled for **December 9th, 2025** in the Activity Centre. Please join us for an Italian-themed supper followed by Jackson Mackenzie who will entertain us with his voice and guitar. Tickets are \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for guests (men welcome). Tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be available at the door.

If you missed purchasing your tickets after the weekend masses, please contact **Bea Spatafora** bspat@shaw.ca or 780-399-9459 **by December 5th, 2025**.

Purdy's Chocolate Christmas Campaign Results



Thank-you to Katherine Tarras who convened this year's Purdy's Chocolate Christmas Campaign and to everyone who made their chocolate purchases.

The profit from the sales was over \$1,100.00 which was designated to cover the cost of framing the Divine Mercy painting which has been hung in the main body of the church.

Boiler Campaign – CWL Donation Update

At the November General meeting, a motion was passed to donate an additional \$6,500.00 to the Parish's Boiler Campaign, for a total of \$13,000.0 for 2025.

Thank you to all members who helped in the various fundraising projects throughout the year which made this large donation possible.

Carmelite Nuns Craft Sale Reminder

Our Council will be selling crafts made by the Carmelite Nuns after the 4:30, 9:00 and 11:00 o'clock Masses on December 6th and 7th.

Please stop by the table which will be set up on the foyer. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated by the Carmelites.

Thank you to Katherine Tarras for coordinating this craft sale.



CWL Virtual BYOB Book Club



November Reads will be published in the December newsletter.

NO BOOK CLUB IN DECEMBER

Laughter is Good for the Soul

When my daughters were little, I would always tell them around Christmas that this is Jesus' birthday and he only received 3 things so do not be disappointed in what lies under the tree.

When it came time for worship on Christmas morning, I asked the children what they thought Jesus would think of Santa and all the hype. Would he ask Santa a question? My youngest daughter replied, "I think Jesus would ask how come I only got three things and none of them were toys?"





Merry Christmas from Your Executive!

President	Katherine Tarras
Vice President	Bea Spatafora
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Crystal Cordeiro
Past President	Rita Pfefferle
Faith	Teresa McGrath
Service	Tina Casella
Social Justice	Vacant
Communications	Bev Jensen
Sunshine Coordinator	Kathy Martel
Funeral Lunches	Rachelle Pouliot & Bev Jensen

Please note that our election is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20th. Please consider letting your name stand for the election if you are nominated. No experience is necessary and it is a great opportunity to learn and make many new friends. If you have an interest in being on the Executive, please let one of the Executive members know. We need you!

Important Dates

December 6 & 7	Carmelite Craft Sale in the Lobby after Masses
December 9	Christmas Social (no General Meeting)

Quick Links



National Website:	www.cwl.ca
Provincial Council Website:	www.cwl.ab.ca
Diocesan Council:	www.edmontoncwl.org
Facebook Page:	Catholic Women's League, St. Charles, Edmonton https://www.facebook.com/groups/1017745547096618

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 Matthew Gensorek 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
Rafael Martel (Kathy Martel's grandson)
Evelyn Radostits
Sharon Roshko
Bea and Joe Spatafora
Lily Webb
Celine deVries-Stadleer (Marie-Paul Petersen's daughter)
Stella Kachmar
Bert Trompetter (Cora's husband)
David Meier (Shirley's husband)
Melissa Cuerrier (daughter of Jacqueline Cuerrier)
Eileen Kavanagh (Monique Gauthier's daughter-in-law)
Sybil Ledi
Marie-Paul Petersen
Father Marc Cramer
Jeanne Richelhoff (Louise Despains' sister)
Marie Phillips
Theresa Amuzu
Myrla Fitzpatrick
Rita Oplanich (Tina Casella's mother)
Sheila Wright (friend of Hilda Daubner)
Dianne Dyer
Shane Castiday (son of Genny Castiday)
Lillian Wawzonek
Richard Cloutier (brother of Cecile Dufresne)
Suzanne Wowk
Therese Swityk

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 father)
Vera Huber
Mary Miller (Irene Midgley's mother)
Linda Holsted (Teresa McGrath's mother)
Rick Hoekstra (Stella Hoekstra's husband)
Mary Ziska
Baby Callahan

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



December 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Rachelle Pouliot	2 Evelyn Radostits	3 Lynette Reynolds	4 Sharon Roshko	5 Barb Roth	6 Judy Roy
7 Marlene Schmidt	8 Sherrie Schumacker	9 Bea Spatafora CWL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL	10 Janice Stalker	11 Betty Storoschuk	12 Therese Swityk	13 Katherine Tarras
14 Faye Tkachuk	15 Cora Trompetter	16 Lorraine Trudel	17 Juliette Vizsa	18 Audrey Waseylenko	19 Lillian Wawzonek	20 Mary Lily Webb
21 Cecilia Zdunich	22 Denise Zubick	23 Judy Acker	24 Janice Albiston	25 Theresa Amuzu <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26 Carol Andrews	27 Norma Belanger
28 Judy Biller	29 Patricia Black	30 Linda Boire	31 Lorette Bowers			

Notes

Print / Post this page on your fridge.

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

Each Thursday 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.cwlabmk.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 pm



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