

Blessed Sacrament Parish CWL



April 12, 2024

From the President's Desk:

I am writing to you today on The Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord (April 8, 2024).

I am honoured to be your CWL President! Our current CWL executive is a team that works together along with The Knights of Columbus to build a better place for Blessed Sacrament Parish!

Truly, we are blessed to have a community of dedicated and committed Catholic sisters serving God and Blessed Sacrament!

With this year's theme, ``**Here I am Lord, send me**`, we are fully embracing our Catholic faith through our actions, the way we live, so others can see truly we are indeed members of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Let's continue to inspire others – our fellow parishioners, our family and our friends!

Looking forward to the upcoming months of fun and faith with our fellow CWL members!

God Bless,
Donna



WELCOME!

IN THIS ISSUE...

With this issue we want to provide members with important news and dates to remember, such as Baby Shower for the Kingston Birthright organization, the Feast Day of Our Patroness Our Lady of Good Counsel, 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care. Mother's Day Activities.

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Faith

Service

Social
Justice

From the Desk of the Treasurer

Fund Raising with FundScrip Gift Cards

It has recently been decided that we should “set a schedule” for this campaign so that parishioners and our extended families can plan for their gift card/cash opportunities that will support us at the same time. We promote that the income raised will help us with some of our administration costs associated with our membership dues and convention registration.

The CWL will launch a campaign mid – late April so gift cards/cash arrive early May and then a second campaign mid-late November so gift cards/cash arrive early December in time for the holidays.

Remember the gift card is really cash, so you can use them as well as give them as gifts. Buy a few each campaign, if bulk buying is not your thing.

Fundscrip order forms will be available via a link on the Parish website, will be sent to members via the secretary and a few forms will be available at the back of the church once each campaign is launched. Hopefully gift cards/cash of interest will be the promotional items as they will have a higher than usual percentage income return to us.

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.



IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

April

Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel, April 26, 2024: Our CWL is sponsoring a Mass in honour of our Lady of Good Counsel on Friday, April 26th at 9:30 at Blessed Sacrament. She is our patroness and her title is an apt one that reminds us that we can look to her as a wise mother to guide us.

April 21st, 2024: Birthright Baby Shower, in the church hall at 2:00 pm. Birthright is an charitable organization providing love and support to women facing unplanned pregnancies. We will be inviting parishioners to come as well. Monetary donations are preferred as gifts. *** If you would like to bake something (at present we have 3 committed bakers: Bernadette Veitch, Margaret Wilson and Anne Nicholls) please contact Donna at 613-331-5789 to let her know what you would like to bring and the quantity.*** Please join us for games, desserts and lots of laughs. The shower is a joint venture of the Faith, Social Justice and Service Committees.

Our General April meeting will take place on Sunday, April 21st at 1:00 pm (prior to the Baby shower). This will be a short meeting.

NEWS

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement of Christian women who pray and act for justice and peace. The theme for this year was “I beg You Bear with one another in Love”. Our area World Day of Prayer was held at Our Lady of Lourdes on March 1, 2024 (it is always held on the first Friday in March). Theresa Shanks and Donna Guiney participated in the service. At least 8 other CWL members of our council were in attendance. The service was very well attended. This year the country that was represented at the service was Palestine.

Faith: News and Important Dates: Liz Ford

If you are unable to attend our council's sponsored Mass, on the morning of April 26th at Blessed Sacrament, the National office is sponsoring a Mass in honour of Our Lady of Good Counsel the 26th as well.

Held and taped in advance at Loretto Abbey Chapel in Toronto, the Mass is being offered for the living and deceased members, their families, spiritual advisors and for the wellbeing of the League. Members will be able to view the televised mass: (Eastern Daylight Time)

- [Daily TV Mass](#) (website)
- [Daily TV Mass](#) (YouTube)
- [FaithTV](#)
- [JoyTV](#)
- [Salt + Light TV](#)
- [Vision TV](#)
- [Yes TV](#)

May 4th: First Communion at Blessed Sacrament. Please pray for 35 children who will be making their First Communion! We traditionally present a pendant to each child.

Mother's Day May 12th: Crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother will take place immediately after the profession before the 9:00am Mass. Bernadette Veitch will be coordinating the event on that Sunday. She has asked that members wear their scarves (if they have them) since we will be inviting all women in attendance at Mass to participate. On Mother's Day weekend Council members will be distributing carnations to all adult women in the parish after each Mass.

Membership

Following a very successful drive Shirley McDonald, Vice President, reports that we have 65 members. We welcome new members Mini Peetthuruthal and Christine Edwards. Heather Matthews transferred in! Diane Raffael was the winner of the Early Bird Draw (membership dues refunded) and Mini's name was drawn for new member draw (gift card).

Our Council presented the following Service pins on March 12th:

30 Years' Service: Susan Aubin

25 Years' Service: Cathy Splinter and Heather Matthews

20 Years' Service: Danna Dobson

15 Years' Service: Cornelia Splinter, Diane Raffael, Kelly Neville

Congratulations!

Social Justice Standing Committee Update

Gail Raymond is the spokesperson for the Social Justice Committee:

On May 21-23, 2024 the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, in collaboration with the Pontifical Academy for Life and other key partners, is hosting a symposium on palliative care in Toronto. The symposium aims to strengthen hope for end-of-life issues within the Catholic church, other faith traditions and society.

With that in mind Faith Chairperson (Liz Ford) and Social Justice Chairperson (Gail Raymond) have chosen **May 4th** as the date for the 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care. Starting at 8:00 am ladies from our Council will be praying the Rosary hourly. Already 10 members are committed to saying the Rosary. We urgently need volunteers to pray the Rosary at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm. If you can help, please call Donna at 613-331-5789. You can also be added to the already booked time slots. Since we cannot keep the church open from 8am until 9pm we are asking that you pray in the comfort of your home. Other sources of prayers - such as St. Peregrine, patron saint of cancer, can be found in your Blessed Sacrament and St. Linus Prayer book. The Kingston Diocesan CWL 100th Anniversary Prayer book is another beautiful source. If you do not have either contact the church office for one. Post cards, for mailing to Members of Parliament, are available for purchase at www.cwl.ca under Resources, crest, stationery and other council supplies – 180 Palliative Care and 180A; Medical Assistance in Dying 185 A-E.

Service Standing Committee Update

Danna Dobson is the chair for this committee:

Some ideas that have germinated thus far include a `Tea and Talk` social time; hosted by the council and open to the Parish and friends. The purpose, truly just a social gathering with the collateral opportunity might be members or members coming out again to meetings as well as events. The first event would be truly social with future events having entertainment or a speaker for a bit of time. We will be recommending to pursue with the support of CWL and publish in the Bulletin soon. Perhaps we could host in May. Perhaps daytime would be best but then perhaps evenings would be best. A few things to work out of course, including the need to check the Parish Calendar. If you have ideas to support a `social` that would be fun, please share. A survey will be prepared and sent out to not only our members but other Parish groups and members as well so that we can plan for the year. Your input is really appreciated.

Another area of responsibility for this Committee is to recommend where to allocate the approved funds to community organizations that provide a service (services) that align with our mission, goals and objectives; especially at the local level. Please reach out to Mary Myers, Marg Wilson, Donna Guiney, or myself, Danna Dobson, if you have suggestions we can consider as part of this activity. We are hoping to submit for endorsement at the May General meeting.

Just a reminder that Barb Larmondin sends out birthday cards and Marg Wilson sends other cards on your behalf. If you know of someone who has lost a loved one, is not well or would really benefit from a `thinking of you` card, reach out to Marg and she will send a card on behalf of the Council. Staying connected with our members is important!

GRATITUDE CORNER

At this time we want to thank Suzanne MacDonald and Margaret Wilson for their service to our Council as members of the Executive before, during and after COVID.

To Marie Minifie who graciously provides us with beautiful Snowflake Bazaar posters, Birthday Cards, and the Guardian Angel Prayer cards that are presented, along with the Miraculous Mary medal, at the time of Baptism.

Special Announcement!

All CWL members are invited to a luncheon on Saturday, June 8th at 12 noon. Location: Bella Bistro 4050 Bath Road, Kingston (Collins Bay at Bath Road). Items for everyone's budget. Maximum: 30 people. If you would like to attend, please contact Donna by June 2nd at: 613-331-5789 or email her at donna.stout.guiney@gmail.com.

Special Words of Gratitude:

To Fr. Americo:

Father, thank you for taking on the task of Spiritual Advisor to our `little group`! Despite knowing nothing about the Catholic Women`s League you gave of your precious time to be with us at our general meetings; helping and supporting us at our events; instructing us in our faith, particularly the liturgy!

Thank you and God Bless you!

More Upcoming Events

May-July

May 25th: Parish Pot Luck Supper

After Saturday evening Mass there will be a Special Pot Luck dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus and The Catholic Women's League. The Knights of Columbus and the Blessed Sacrament CWL will be providing the main entree of pork tenderloin. Prior to the event there will be sign-up sheets at the back of the church, or front entrance, for parishioners to bring a salad, a side dish, buns and butter, and condiments. Watch church bulletins for more information closer to the date.

We hope to see you there!

July 5-10, 2024: Ontario Provincial Convention: Sudbury



The attached page contains special presentation from our Treasurer, Danna Dobson, concerning the Council's Executive proposed local dues increase for 2025.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

We are always looking for ideas or for topics for the newsletter. Please submit your contributions to Donna or Mary Lou and we will be happy to incorporate them in our next newsletter!

Prayer Corner

Recently our CWL members requested prayers for a Spiritual Bouquet for Marie Minifie (surgery re a broken ankle) as well as for Mary Garrah who is ill. A Spiritual bouquet is the **offering of prayers and or sacrifices as a gift**. This can be indicated in many ways, but traditionally it is in the form of a card letting the person know what prayers or sacrifices have been offered up for them.

League's Prayer

We humbly pray you, O God our Father to bless The Catholic Women's League of Canada. Bless our beloved country, our homes and families. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds and strength to our wills that we may know and fulfill your great law of charity. Teach us to share with others at home and abroad the good things you have given us. This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of our patroness "Our Lady of Good Counsel".