St. Andrew the Apostle

CWL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME!

NEW NATIONAL THEME:

HERE I AM LORD; SEND ME

Next Meeting
Sunday, February 11, 2024
9:00am Mass
65th Anniversary Celebration Breakfast
Guest Speaker:
Adelaine Nohara
"Entering into the Mystery of Redemptive Suffering"

Our New Year Blessing

May your New Year be a time of peace, joy, and serenity!

May each day bring you closer to Christ and more loving to those in your family!

May each week see you advancing in the practice of faith, hope, and charity!

May each month give to you the aid, comfort, and strength you need from God!

May the march of the seasons make you appreciative and be grateful for all the good things you enjoy!

May the end of the new year find you happier, healthier, and holier that you have ever been!

AMEN.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

FYI there is no scheduled general meeting for the month of January. However, on the last Sunday of January, CWL Sunday, we will hold a membership drive. Please take some time to talk to the ladies of our parish family about the blessings of CWL membership and encourage them to join. If you are available before and after the Masses that weekend, please let me know if you can assist with the membership drive.

Also, as you know we will be celebration our 65th Anniversary of the granting of our charter on Sunday, February 11. Be sure to indicate your attendance on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church so that the necessary preparations can be made.

Be assured of my prayers for many blessings for you in the coming new year. Love Shelley

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS 2024

65TH ANNIVERSARY MASS
BREAKFAST & MEETING
REAFFIRMATION
OF
EXECUTIVE
GUEST SPEAKER:
Adelaine Nohara
"Entering into the Mystery of Redemptive Suffering"

Sunday, February 11, 2024
Communion Breakfast
Following 9:00am Mass
No Cost for Members
$10.00
Family Members
and
Members of Parish Family
RSVP Your Attendance
on
Sign-up Sheet

CONTACT INFO

MEMBERSHIP

If you are not a member and have interest in joining the CWL, please contact our Organization Standing Committee Chairperson, Mary Jane at 905 734-1611.

RESPONSE TO NATIONAL INITIATIVE - TREASURE IN HEAVEN
40-Day Prayer Guide with Random Acts of Kindness

At our November General Meeting members in attendance decided to respond to the National Council's 2024-2026 Theme, *Here I am Lord, send me,* initiative with a special focus during Lent of this year. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, each member will commence a 40-day, ten minutes a day prayer guide, entitled Treasure in Heaven, authored by Fr. Mark Goring, CC. This will be an opportunity to grow in our relationship with God the Father, His Son, and His Holy Spirit. In addition, we will respond, with faith in action, to a 40-day Acts Challenge through 40 daily simple, generous acts of spreading kindness. On Saturday, February 17 we celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day – each of us may want to plan to do something extra special that day. Please pray for the success of meeting our goals in this undertaking.

FAITH

Hearts in Prayer

"Uniting Catholic Women to Grow in Faith"

According to the Constitution & Bylaws of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, chairpersons of faith shall evangelize, promote spiritual growth and encourage members to

a. pray, individually and communally;

b. uphold the sanctity of life;

c. study Catholic teachings;

d. stress the importance of the role of women in the church;

e. foster vocations f. advance ecumenical and interfaith endeavours.

Our Faith Standing Committee Chairperson, Barabara Nenadovich, makes every effort to uphold these guidelines.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

"Actively Involved in Society"

In its envisioned future, The Catholic Women's League of Canada sets out to be a respected advocate at all government levels. Social Justice, as one of the three fundamental core values, is critical in supporting this endeavour and is vital to accomplishing several Objects of the League. Exemplifying the Christian ideals by upholding and defending Christian education and values, protecting the sanctity of human life, recognizing human dignity of all people and contributing to the understanding and growth of religious freedom are all foundational in achieving social justice.

This is the core value that facilitates the League affecting change in areas like policies and legislation within various levels of government.

QUICK LINKS

*** NEW E-MAIL:**

St. Andrew Parish Council

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WEBSITES:

Diocesan Council

www.stcatharinescwl.ca

Provincial Council

www.cwl.on.ca

National Council

www.cwl.ca

Diocese

www.saintcd.com

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.

SERVICE

Hands that Share

"Service to the Church, Canada, and the World"

"Just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:25). The Catholic Women's League of Canada and its members provide service to those in need, their parish, their local community, the country and the world. The League Prayer includes the words, "…teach us to share with others at home and abroad,,," The League is known for this service. Individuals and councils address the corporal works of mercy in their service to the Church, Canada and the world.

GRATITUDE CORNER

May all our friendships serve to remind us of God's love. Blessings!

Our Lady of Lourdes, please pray for the sick that they may be healed.

DID YOU KNOW?

St. Andrew Parish Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada contributed to the following charities during 2023 from their fundraising efforts:

$ 150.00 Christmas Flowers for the Church
$ 500.00 Rosary Apostolate
$ 200.00 Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine
$ 200.00 Society of St. Vincent de Paul
$ 200.00 Welland/Port Colborne Pro Life Association
$2,000.00 St. Andrew Church for the Purchase of New Chairs for the Hall

Role of Spiritual Advisor

1. The spiritual advisor, in cooperation with the chairperson of faith, shall provide advice and guidance for the spiritual program.
2. The spiritual advisor shall receive due notice of all executive and council meetings and annual meetings of members/conventions and shall attend and participate in all such meetings, when possible, in an advisory capacity.

PRAYER FOR OUR SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Fr. Paul may you be inspired by the Holy Spirit in offering support, encouragement and guidance to the officers and members of the League. The Catholic Women's League of Canada is an important work in the mission of Christ's Church in Canada. May your collaboration in League activities bring growth and spiritual blessing to the members and their communities. Creator God, sustain all CWL spiritual advisors with Your divine grace and grant them peace and joy in serving You. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Amen.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please submit newsletter contributions to Shelley Tamas by the 1st of the month and she will do her best to incorporate your contribution.

SAINT CORNER

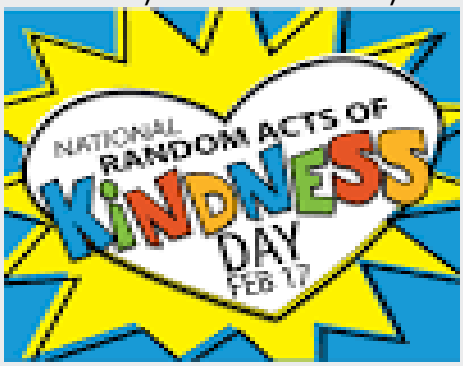
Mary, Mother of God January 1

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

After much controversy and debate among theologians regarding the idea of Mary in God's plan, bishops declared that Mary is the Mother of Jesus and Jesus is God. So, it was said that Mary is the Mother of God.

Mary's cousin Elizabeth called her "Mother of my Lord." When Elizabeth welcomed Mary, she recognized both the great privilege God had given Mary and Mary's great faith in accepting God's will. She is Mother of God because of her faith in God. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrates Mary's faith and trust in God alone. The Church encourages us to imitate the faith of Mary.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024



In consideration of our response to the National theme and initiative, this year I encourage each member to celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day in a special way. Observed this year on Saturday, February 17, I suggest you spread love through small, unexpected acts of kindness. Together we can make our world a better place by creating more compassionate and caring communities one act of kindness at a time!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish to convey our sincere best wishes for a Happy Birthday to our dear sisters in the League who will celebrate a birthday in January and February.

15/02 Tony Garofalo

22/02 Linda Machett

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy Anniversary to members celebrating their Wedding and Ordination Anniversaries in January and February.

08/01 Fr. Paul Vellakunnathu

LENT 2024
Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – Thursday, March 28, 2024

What does Lent mean? Lent is observed by Christians the world over in various ways. Fasting, prayer and Almsgiving. Some sacrifice an indulgence such as chocolate, alcohol, or some other item and some certain activities. Many use Lent to engage in a Bible study or additional prayer. Members of St. Andrew Parish Council will focus on the Treasures in Heaven and 40 Acts Challenge, as a way of doing Lent differently using daily reflections and acts of kindness and generosity as a way of putting others first during Lenten preparations for Easter, modelling Our Lord and Our Lady in our encounters with others. If you haven't received your program and want to participate please contact Shelley at 905 714-7677.