



ST PIUS X CWL WINTER 2024 NEWSLETTER



Message from Your President

I joined CWL not long after moving to Calgary when I retired from Regina Public Library in 2016. St. Pius X Parish seemed like home to me, and I was drawn to our CWL League commitment to faith, service and social justice. It will be my honour and privilege to serve as your President for the next two years. I am grateful to our Executive team for their enthusiasm, knowledge, and dedication, and to Father Sajo, our Spiritual Advisor, for his encouragement.

Thanks to your support of our fundraisers over the past year, we have been able to contribute funds to our Parish, St. Vincent de Paul, Chalice for our foster child, Sasha and several other charities.

I ask for your prayers and support as we move forward in this new year. May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us and may God bless each of us in 2024. Blessings, Navee Blair

President: Navee Blair

Spiritual Chair: Lionnette Williams

Past-President: Stefania Collins

Membership: Hanna Broniewska

Secretary: to be determined

Social Justice Chair: Danuta Allart

Treasurer: Jane Wu

Communications: Linda Mulrain

January is CWL Membership Month for 2024

Pay your dues no later than January 31, 2024, and your name will be entered into a draw for a variety of exciting prizes. Drop form and membership fee of \$45 at the Parish office, in the Sunday collection or mail it to: St. Pius X CWL, 2424-24 Ave. NW, T2M 2A2. ***Deadline is January 31, 2024. Email address is: cwl@stpiusx.ca for etransfers to our CWL account.*** See p. 5 of this newsletter for a form.

2024 Membership Drive a Success!

Our annual Membership Drive was on January 6-7, 2024, after the Masses. A presentation was made at each Mass, and it was well received. Thank-you very much to our members, Jane Wu, Doreen Paslawski, and Navee Blair for making these presentations. Food and drinks were enjoyed in the Hall after the 9 and 11 AM Masses. 19 memberships were sold; 4 of them to brand new members. First time members who join no later than January 31, 2024, will be entered in a special draw.

Thanks so much to everyone who helped with this event.

CWL Mass, Chili Supper & General Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Mass and Installation at **4:00 PM**

Meeting in the Hall after Mass.

Chili Supper to follow the meeting including vegetarian and GF options, salad and dessert. For a ride to and/or from this event, please contact Lionnette Williams at: 403-282-7153.



All women of the Parish are welcome to attend.

CWL Fill the Freezer Fundraiser

St. Pius X CWL presents our Lenten “Fill the Freezer Fundraiser” from **Sunday, January 28 - Sunday, February 4, 2024**. We offer restaurant quality fish, meat and many vegetarian foods at wholesale prices. Take this opportunity to fill your freezer with your favourites. Your generous support helps contribute to the many charities supported by the St. Pius X CWL.

Orders must be placed by Sunday, February 4, 2024. Use the link: [ST PIUS X CWL Lent 2024 – Fund Forward](#) Choose St. Pius X Parish Pick-up at St. Pius X Church parking lot on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 3-4 PM.



Our Donations to the Parish

We have donated a new altar cloth and the red chasuble pictured here to St. Pius X Parish. Our fundraisers in 2023 were strong enough to allow us to make these donations. Thank-you to everyone, especially our Social Justice Chair, Danuta Allart, for keeping these projects going.

At our February 27 General Meeting we will be deciding which charitable organizations receive the rest of the monies raised in 2023. Come with your ideas.

The Future of the Sasha Basket

There will be at least 2 Sasha Baskets upcoming in 2024, but the Executive has been wondering if it is time for a change in beneficiary. We will have a presentation from Fr. Sajo about a charity which he began some years ago called **Relighting Lives Foundation**. This will be part of our January 23 General Meeting agenda.

Relighting Lives Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting immigrant youth and children, building their strength, resiliency, and hope for meaningful and peaceful lives. The mission of the organization is to empower all youth and children to reach their fullest potential and achieve their life dreams. It is a strength-based organization which supports, trusts, and empowers everyone to further the shared mission for youth and children. It is committed to developing confidence in every individual's talents and capabilities.

Here I am, Lord, send me.

This is our CWL theme for the next two years, chosen by our new National President, Shari Guinta. With a new calendar year, we have an opportunity to make a fresh start with purpose and hope.

Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 the Year of Prayer in preparation for Jubilee 2025 under the theme, Pilgrims of Hope. The Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica will be opened at the start of Advent 2024. To prepare, the Pope has invited us to study and reflect on the four constitutions of Vatican II and their meaning for the life of the church today. Visit the Vatican website for details: <https://www.vatican.va>

Pilgrims of Hope 2025 Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
In Your son, Christ Jesus, our brother,
And the flame of charity enkindled
In our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
Reawaken in us the blessed hope
For the coming of Your Kingdom.



May your grace transform us
Into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the
whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new
earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a
yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of Our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To You, our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen



Our Adopted Seminarian,

Our council has been given the opportunity to support Seminarian Solomon Ip as he attends St. Joseph's Seminary and discerns his vocation. We support him with our prayers and small gifts to uplift him during his schooling. Solomon is a born and raised Calgarian. He studied music history in Lethbridge and is in his pre-theology studies at St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton. He attends Canadian Martyrs Parish in Calgary and St. Mary's Parish in Banff. He works as a heritage interpreter with Parks Canada.

CWL Membership Form for 2024

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Birthday: mo. ____ day _____ Wedding Anniversary: _____

Ongoing Opportunities for Generosity and Learnings

CWL Scholarship Fund: Second Sunday Bottle Drives continue with February 10-11, March 9-10 and April 13-14. Leave your recyclables in bag at the Parish Hall. Or drop off your recyclables at Vecova. No need to wait in line. Funds are credited to the CWL Scholarship Fund as long as the bags are labeled. Labeled bags are in the church foyer.

Used Stamps and Cards: Drop off your used cards of all kinds as well as used stamps in the box in the Church foyer. Leave the verses in the cards to help in the making. These will be taken to Diocesan Mission Council to fund mission projects locally and throughout the world. To help make cards, contact Jane Wu: janewu2011@gmail.com or 587-352-3536

CWL Websites to Frequent: The Catholic Women's League has the following websites for all the levels in the League. They are great sources for information and inspiration.

www.cwl.ca National

www.cwlabmk.ca Provincial

www.calgarycwl.ca Diocesan