

# Catholic Women's League News

Here I am Lord, send me Isaiah 6:8 Go Make a Difference!  
Sharing His Promise, Love and Hope!



## Why be a Catholic Women's League member?

The Catholic Women's League is the largest women's organization in Canada. It is the only women's group that has representation at both the provincial and national levels of government. The CWL has presented resolutions that make a difference such as product lists on the food that we buy. We initiated the move to rid land mines in war torn countries before Princess Diana made it her cause. At the local levels we are aware of and help the homeless, those in need, unwed mothers, and others in our communities. The influence of members is brought into our homes and families.

Your membership allows our organization to show that Catholic Women all across Canada are making a difference by working and praying together to make our country the best it can be.

### Membership

Thank you to all who paid their membership for 2024 in such a timely fashion. We now have 73 members.

There is interest and enthusiasm for the League in our parish and we hope that members will come forward and form an executive in the coming months.

We need 'new blood' and fresh ideas.

### Bursary

St. Teresa CWL offers a bursary annually to a student graduating from a regional Catholic High School in 2024. The student must be an active member of the parish. If interested contact [stteresacwl@gmail.com](mailto:stteresacwl@gmail.com) for criteria and an application form.

### Catholic Women's League Diocesan Convention

May 25 and 26 at Doubletree by Hilton, 30 Fairway Road, Kitchener. If you are interested in attending, contact information is at the bottom of this newsletter. Information will be posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance and will also be forwarded to members' email.

### Monthly Mass for Living and Deceased Members

We have changed the time for these Masses to the second Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. As many members as possible are encouraged to attend these Masses. We are praying for you and each other!

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## Visits to Shut ins

CWL ladies visit members in LTC, retirement homes and shut-ins in their homes. In the past year, at least 25 people have been visited and received cards for special occasions. Let us know if a loved one needs our help and please consider volunteering for this important ministry. There will be a Mass for the shut-ins and sick of our Parish on April 24th, at 8:30 a.m. Thank you, Jean Giles.

## Correspondence

We have received a number of thank you notes. We communicate with our family in India and have been informed by Save-A-Family that the family we were supporting is now self-sufficient. We have been assigned a new family. Both families are extremely appreciative. Birthday and Mass cards are sent to members who are 90 years and older if and when we know the birthday date. When a CWL member or an immediate member of their family passes away a Mass is said for the deceased. Thank you, Ann Onn.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to members Lee Binkle who celebrated 100 years in February and to Dolores Sienna who turned 90 in March. May they (and we) continue to walk in God's peace and protection all the days of their (our) lives!

## Memorial Mass

We honoured 8 members, Florence Cybulski, Zofia Paszek, Lucy Baker, Regina Maloney, Mary Krukowski, Helen Deckert, Helen Bastian, and Carole Reitzel, who were deceased in 2023. Family members were invited to the Mass, a presentation and social time in the hall. It was wonderful to connect with these family members and they certainly appreciated the opportunity to come back and visit at St. Teresa's. Thanks to Pat Crawford and all who attended.

## Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>

Members are encouraged to attend the 8:30 Mass and gather in the hall for coffee and treats to celebrate the feast of our Patroness. If you and a friend would like to set this up contact the email below.

## Coming Events

We hope to have fundraising events later this year. If you would like to join a committee to work with and promote these events we would love your participation. New ideas are welcome! We hope to having a Heritage Table close to our Christmas Sale so if you have items you would like to donate, we would be thrilled to have them. Contact below.

## Message from St. Teresa of Avila Elmira CWL

Mass at the Carmelites and Dinner at Kennedy's -Tuesday, June 11 - Mass at 5:00 with Father Peter Meyer. Dinner at 6:00. Everyone, including the men, are most welcome. We'll follow up closer to the date for the number of people attending. you have prayer intentions call 519 578-2019 and leave a message.

## Pray for

Stella Dombroski who passed away on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 100 years and Mary St. Cyr on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the age of 106.

## Prayer Network

The Prayer Network started with Renew in 1983. Since then we have seen many answered prayers, perhaps even some miracles! It continues to this day. If you have prayer intentions call 519 578-2019 and leave a message.

## Adoration Chapel

You might find it very gratifying to spend an hour in our Divine Mercy Chapel. Try it! Spend an hour in prayer, peace and quiet with Jesus. You'll be happy that you did. If you would like to volunteer an hour a week call Sandra at 226 789-1259.

## Help Wanted

Cleaning the Sacristy and Sanctuary – Help is needed to vacuum and dust weekly. If you are interested contact the email below. It is a one-hour task for two people.

## Dates to Remember

April 24 – Mass for Shut-Ins

April 26 – Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel

May 26/27 – Diocesan Convention  
(information posted on the bulletin boards at the main entrance. More info at [cwlhamilton.ca](http://cwlhamilton.ca))

June 11 – Carmelite Mass and Dinner in St. Agatha

Visit our national website  
[cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca)



## Service Pins

We hope to have an event to present these pins in the near future.

### 2023 YEARS OF SERVICE

10 – Maggie Daly, Theresa Schaefer  
25 – Paula Roser  
40 – Leona Kavelman, Olga Pickett  
50 – Dorothy Lorentz, Isabel Stroeder,  
Sue Weber Bell  
60 – Rosa Artinger

### 2024 YEARS OF SERVICE –

10 – Irene Schmidt  
25 – Stella Lemieux  
40 – Jane Richard  
50 – Joan Airdrie, Kathy Wolff,  
Mary Alice Zister

## How you can participate in our parish and our CWL?

- Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel – coffee and treats after Mass
- Help purchase and distribute First Communion and Confirmation Gifts
- Visit Shut-Ins and those in Retirement and Long Term Care
- Pray the Rosary before members' Funeral Mass and be part of Honour Guard
- Set up, serve and cleanup for Funeral Lunches
- Participate in Coffee Sundays
- Write to our Family in India
- Volunteer for fundraising event(s)

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## If Jesus Came to Your House

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two,  
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.  
Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honoured Guest,  
And all the food you'd serve Him would be the very best.  
And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there,  
That serving Him in your home is JOY beyond compare!

But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door,  
With arms outstretched in welcome to your heavenly Visitor?  
Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in  
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?  
Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard –  
And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?  
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?  
And I wonder – if the Saviour spent a day or two with you –  
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?  
Would you keep right on saying the things you always say?  
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would your family conversation keep its usual pace?  
And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?  
Would you sing the songs you always sing and read the books you read  
And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?  
Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go,  
Or would you, maybe change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends,  
Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?  
Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on,  
Or would you sigh with great relief when he at last was gone?  
It might be interesting to know the things that you would do  
If Jesus came in person to holiday with you.

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