

# ST-PETER'S CWL NEWSLETTER

**CATHOLIC**  
and **LIVING IT!**

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## WELCOME!

We are so excited to introduce our newsletter to you! Each month, you will receive a copy with information about our upcoming activities and important items. We will also be celebrating our sisters and their milestones and lifting those up in need in our prayers. This is YOUR CWL and we want you to feel joyful about our ministry.



## APRIL SHOWERS

After masses on Saturday April 22 and Sunday April 23, your CWL will be collecting baby supplies for our mothers in need through our St. Vincent de Paul pantry. Items requested are:

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Baby Formula
- Baby Food
- Cash or Cheque Donations will go to Elizabeth House



For more information, please contact Sue Robichaud at [webmaster.cwl.stpeters@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.cwl.stpeters@gmail.com)

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy Easter, He is Risen!

I find the Easter season such a blessing and a time of renewal. We are shaking off the winter doldrums and looking forward to the reawakening of our lands.

Our Easter season at the parish was filled with our participation from the Lenten Soup and Mary's Way of the Cross, hosting the RCIA Easter Vigil reception as well as supporting our parish with the Divine Mercy Sunday Reception. Our devotion to our faith and commitment to serve our parish is appreciated by St Peter's community:

*"Please extend to the CWL of St Peter's my deep appreciation for all you did to make the Easter Vigil Reception and the Divine Mercy Diocesan Reception such welcoming and celebratory gatherings. Your gifts and talents for hospitality are integral to St Peter's extending the love of Jesus in such a tangible way."*  
Father Johnathan

I am deeply humbled as your president by the grace and charity you, my fellow sisters, show to each other, to our parish, Diocese and beyond daily.

I look forward to seeing you in church, at our meetings and of course in any of our services. Many hands make light work!

Blessings, *Janet*

## IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

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**April 1:** Growing Smiles Spring Fundraiser Open

**April 19:** CWL Installation of Officers, Welcome to New Members, General Meeting

**April 22 & 23:** April Showers

**April 29:** CWL Afternoon Tea

**May 2:** Growing Smiles - final day to order

**May 5:** Red Dress Day in support of MMIWG – please join to pray the Rosary in the Grotto

**May 5 & 6:** CWL Diocesan Convention, High River

**May 19:** Growing Smiles Delivery

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## WE ARE A SISTERHOOD

We are a sisterhood. A community of faith filled women. As proverb says: **Charity begins at home but should not end there.** We are here to help one another in our time of need. Do you know of someone who is struggling? Could use a prayer shawl? Needs a drive to church or meetings? Would appreciate Intercessory prayer or perhaps help with a few meals following a hospital discharge, or a loss of a loved one? Maybe its you who needs the comforting arms of a sister? Please reach out to anyone on YOUR CWL Council and we will do our best to live our faith in our service.



## FAITH

May is the Month of our Blessed Mother Mary. Our CWL will be tentatively teaching the Rosary to students in the seven schools in our parish. This was a beloved Faith project we undertook yearly prior to the pandemic. We are still working out the logistics and rather than scramble to get volunteers at the last minute, we are asking those interested to please sign up and we will be in touch with more details as we work with the schools on this. Rosaries will be provided free from the Diocese. To place your name on a list of interested volunteers in May, please sign up here: [volunteersignup.org/QADKP](https://volunteersignup.org/QADKP)

## STRATEGIC PLAN

The CWL three pillars are:

### FAITH

### SERVICE

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

We are reorganizing our many events, acts of faith, charitable causes and fundraisers under our new pillars. How does this impact our local council? Being one of the largest in the province, we are able to accomplish a lot as there are many hands to serve. We are in need of you to step up and give of your talents be it part of a committee, or leading a committee. In particular, we do need CWL members who are very comfortable on various platforms such as setting up a volunteer sign up to help us continue to move forward in technology. Would you like to see us more active on social media? We would love to have you take this on. Many of our fundraisers are run online and we would like to see some of you (hiding in the back) gift your time in a behind the scenes manner. Please reach out to anyone on the executive to discuss.

## QUICK LINKS

<https://www.st-peterscwl.ca/>

### DIOCESAN:

<https://www.calgarycwl.ca/>

### PROVINCIAL:

<https://www.cwlabmk.ca/>

### NATIONAL:

<https://cwl.ca/>



## 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

As a CWL Council, we are called to service. There are many opportunities to gift your time and talent and enjoy the camaraderie that comes with our sisterhood. Volunteers are needed for the following events:

### APRIL SHOWERS – April 22 & 23

On the weekend of April 22 & 23, we will be collecting baby necessities to fill our St Vincent de Paul pantry as well as Elizabeth House. Donations of diapers, wipes, baby formula, baby food and cash are gratefully accepted. Volunteer after mass [here](#):

### STORAGE CLEANUP

It seems our parish has some unwanted guests visiting our storage room. Can you spare a couple of hours during a weekday to come in and help tidy and purge? The date hasn't been finalized but it would be appreciated if it could be the week of April 24-28. Please sign up here if you can lend a helping hand: [volunteersignup.org/WR3TF](https://volunteersignup.org/WR3TF)

### GROWING SMILES

On Friday, May 19, we will be receiving our Growing Smiles Spring orders. It's always a fun day sorting the orders and helping one another. We will even have extra for sale! We will be requesting a morning delivery window up to noon. We will ask for pick up after 3pm. Please sign up here to assist: [volunteersignup.org/YTX38](https://volunteersignup.org/YTX38)

## CWL 2023 BURSARY

Any female from St Peter's Parish who graduated in 2022 or will graduate in 2023 is invited to apply for the CWL Bursary. Registration in a post secondary institution for the upcoming year. Full details available [here](#). **Deadline to apply is April 15.**

## OFFICER INSTALLATION & NEW MEMBER WELCOME

On **April 19** following the evening mass, we will have the installation of officers and welcome to new members presided over by Deacon Stephen. In addition, we will recognize members with special milestones. Our regular general meeting will follow in the parish hall with refreshments.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Our council, led by Joan Shillington – Legislation & Resolutions Chair and Dr. Peggy Gibson, has been instrumental in furthering the conversation on MAiD – Medically Assistance in Dying. There is a window of opportunity to change public opinion. To read an interview with Dr. Gibson please visit: <https://www.catholicregister.org/item/35219-new-hope-for-maid-opponents>

The video presentation at St Peter's on February 24 was attended and viewed by hundreds of Catholic faithful. To view the video, please click here: <https://st-peters.ca/vimeo-video/traid-for-maid-mp4/>



# Daffodils & Crocuses



Join us for Fancy and Fabulous Fun



## LADIES AFTERNOON TEA APRIL 29, 2023

Tickets may be purchased after masses on April 22 & 23. Cash or cheque only. \$10 for adults 16 years and older, \$5 for children aged 5-15 years of age.

## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please submit newsletter contributions to [Megan](#) or [Janet](#) by the 30th of the month and we will do our best to incorporate your contribution.



## OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL FEAST DAY IS APRIL 26

Join in praying an international rosary following the evening mass on April 26.

## GROWING SMILES SPRING FUNDRAISER

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Growing Smiles Spring Fundraiser will run from April 1 to May 2, 2023. This fundraiser helps support many of our works and charities and is a beautiful way to enhance your garden!

If you've got a spacious yard or a cute condo deck, there's beautiful flowers, gorgeous planters and hanging baskets, hardy vegetables and tender herbs to replenish your space.

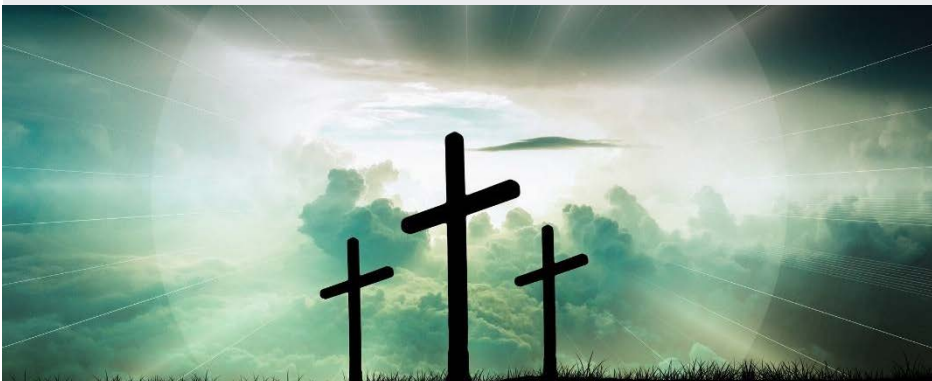
Our prices are competitive with the local box stores and other fundraisers with up to 30% of the proceeds going to our charitable works!

Start dreaming of your gardens and place your order today:

<https://stpeterschurch.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

### PLANTING A MARY GARDEN IS ONE WAY TO FOLLOW POPE FRANCIS' CALL TO CARE FOR CREATION

The tradition of planting flowers, shrubs, and herbs in honor of the Virgin Mary dates to medieval times. These plots were called "Mary Gardens, and the faithful thought that flowers were perhaps the best proof on earth of the beauty, glory, and goodness of God. The Blessed Virgin was also considered an image of our Lord's beauty, glory, and goodness, and thus the connection between the Mother of God and flowers.



## TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are grateful to God, the Creator, for the gracious gift of these lands for all peoples. In a spirit of gratitude, we acknowledge that this Treaty 7 Territory, where as a community we worship, live, work and play, is the traditional home of the Siksika, Piikani Kainai, Bearspaw, Chiniki and Goodstoney First Nations and the Tsuut'ina Nation. This area is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3. As members of St Peter's Parish, we will in humility strive to learn, reflect, and act in ways that will promote our shared journey of truth, reconciliation, healing and hope.