

Jan 2013 - 2023

Father Paul Nwaeze	Spiritual Advisor
Jane Munro	President
Elizabeth Gravel	Secretary
Denise Parenteau	Treasurer

74 Members 1 Honorary Life Member – Joan Chesser
1 Life Member – Jane Munro

- Began each meeting with League Prayer and Spiritual Readings
- Attended:
 - Catch the Fire Diocesan Workshop
 - Ottawa 90th Anniversary CWL Mass
 - League Development Day
 - Holy Hour at St Basil's Church
 - Advent Retreat at Holy Spirit Parish
- Participated in:
 - Parish Ministry Fair
 - Stations of the Cross – led on May 8
 - Parish Pot Luck
 - Collection of Baby Items
 - Parish Spring Cleanup
 - Parish Picnic
 - Bazaar and Bake Sale – November
 - Vars Shopping Trip and Gifts
- Presented:
 - Crucifixes to First Communion and Confirmation Candidates
 - Leadership awards to students of local Catholic Schools
 - Bursary to graduating student - Emma Chesser
- Donations to:
 - Sock it to Missions Campaign
 - St Mary's Home – baby items – Photo in CWL Newsletter
 - Wine and Cheese Basket to Knights of Columbus
 - Penny Jar contents to Roger's House
 - Miriam Centre
 - Women's Institute for upkeep of village flowers
 - Organized two Lion's Dinners – Bep Versteeg co-ordinator
- Organized a School of Evangelization Retreat held in April at the parish.
- Continue to operate a religious article cabinet for parish.

- Initiated a campaign re WRAP against pornography including wearing of white ribbons during the month of October and cards and letters to members of Parliament.
- Discussed and reviewed CWL membership insurance coverage.
- Pat Redsell completed our photo album and the history of our council. She thanked Patti Larmour and Jane Munro for their help.
- Organized and volunteered a Christmas bus trip for residents of Lanthier Home in Vars including a small gift to each resident.
- Father Paul was given a Cuisinart Knife Block for Christmas.
- Post Christmas dinner was held at the D&S Restaurant in Carlsbad Springs. Twenty members and spouses attended.
- Funeral reception co-ordinator is required.
- Heather Sisk completed her term as diocesan president.
- Donation for a chalice and paten that Father Paul will bring to his father's funeral in Nigeria.

Members contributed to many aspects of parish life - lectors, eucharistic ministers, sacristans, choir members.

Members served on committees – baptismal team, pastoral care, marriage preparation, sacramental preparation, adoration team, decorating committee, cemetery committee, Spiritual Library committee.

Jan 2014 - Dec 2014

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Denise Parenteau	Treasurer

71 Members 1 Honorary Life Member – Joan Chesser
 1 Life Member – Jane Munro

Deceased Members – Rita Hendriks – (Jan 23, 2014)
 - Barbara (Bobby) Nielsen – (June 8, 2014)
 - Martina Heymans – (Jul 9, 2014)

- Began each meeting with League Prayer and Spiritual Readings
- Attended:
 - Diocesan Convention in Richmond
 - Catch the Fire Workshop
 - Diocesan Advent Retreat

- League Development Day
- Movie “Mary, the Mother of Christ” at Landmark Theatres

- Participated in:
 - Confirmation Reception
 - Stations of the Cross
 - World Day of Prayer
 - Parish Clean Up
 - Parish Picnic
 - Parish Ministry Fair
 - Providing desserts for Padre Patricia’s visit – a priest from Honduras
 - Placing a wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day
 - Bake Sale and Bazaar in November
 - An organized Vars Home Shopping Trip and provided gifts for the residents

- Presented:
 - Crucifixes to First Communion Candidates
 - Leadership awards to students of local Catholic Schools
 - Bursary to graduating student - Theresa James

- Donations to:
 - Hike for Life – Father Paul represented parish
 - Miriam Centre – used stamps and Canadian Tire money
 - St Joe’s Women’s Shelter – baby and laundry items
 - Pro-Life
 - Development and Peace
 - Coady Institute
 - Catholic Missions
 - Velma’s Dream
 - Gable Fund
 - Parish Emergency Fund
 - Parish Youth Programs

- Presentation of CWL pins
 - 10 year pin to Gwenn Berard-Beaupré
 - 50 year pin Marcella Woods.

- Promoted ordering of postcards for ‘Pornography Hurts’ to be made available to parishioners to sign and send to government officials.
- Initiated a program involving making of rosaries by Grade 3 students
- Paid to have church kitchen floor professionally cleaned
- Hosted the Diocesan Executive meeting and Pot Luck

- Penny Jar will now be called Charity or Donation Jar (no more pennies in circulation)
- Hosted two funeral receptions of members – Bobbie Nielsen and Martina Heymans.

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Jan 2015 - Dec 2015

Father Paul Nwaeze	Spiritual Advisor
Jane Munro	President
Elizabeth Gravel	Secretary
Heather Sisk	Treasurer

72 Members 1 Honorary Life Member – Joan Chesser
 2 Life Members – Jane Munro; Heather Sisk

Deceased Members - Mary Groot-Lipman – (Jan 16, 2015)
 - Annette Dawson – (April 30, 2015)
 - Cornelia (Corry) Vandenhanenberg – (June 4, 2015)
 - Evelyn Bedard – (Aug 3, 2015)

- Began each meeting with League Prayer and Spiritual Reading
- Attended:
 - Pro Life Masses
 - National March for Life in Ottawa
 - Diocesan League Development Day at St John the Apostle Parish
 - Pre and Post Diocesan Executive Meetings at Divine Infant Parish
 - Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel at Annunciation Parish
 - Diocesan Convention at St Ignatius the Martyr Parish
 - Diocesan Advent Retreat at Holy Spirit Parish
- Participated in
 - Stations of the Cross
 - Hosted World Day of Prayer Service and Reception
 - Parish Spring Clean Up
 - Parish Picnic – desserts
 - Catered three Lions' Club Dinner Meetings

- Provided fruit tray and cake for Confirmation Students at Mother Teresa School
 - Placed a wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day
 - Bake Sale and Bazaar in November
 - An organized Vars Home Shopping Trip and provided gifts for the residents
- Presented
 - Crucifixes to First Communion candidates
 - Leadership awards to students of local Catholic Schools
 - Bursary – no applicants this year
- Donations to:
 - Hike for Life – Father Paul represented parish
 - Sponsored young man from our parish for NET ministry
 - National CWL Voluntary Funds
 - Ontario Provincial CWL Council's Bishop Pappin Memorial Bursary for seminarians
 - Prayer Shawl Ministry in our parish
 - Hospice Care Ottawa
 - Gable Fund for Special Needs at Mother Teresa School
 - Russell Women's Institute for Flowers in the Village
 - Parish Emergency Fund
 - Mikinakoos Children's Fund – proceeds of Charity Jar
 - 'Sock It to Me' Project – collection of warm socks for Shepherds of Good Hope
 - Miriam Centre – collected used stamps, Canadian Tire money, buttons
- Heather sent cards to members re sympathy, thinking of you, get well, Christmas
- Provided Honour Guard for members' funerals - Mary Groot Lipman, , Annette Dawson, Evelyn Bedard, Corry Vandenhanenburg
- Provided funeral receptions for families of CWL members
- Presentation of CWL pins
 - 45 years – Jane Munro
 - 35 years – Evelyn Bedard, Joan Chesser, Riek Melenhorst, Cherry Bekkers, Diny Achtereekte, Wilhemina Langens, Coby Bols
 - 30 years – Bep Versteeg, Annie Bouwhuis, Diane Ceponkus, Elizabeth Gravel, Irene Verdurmen, Anne Nyentap, Lorriane Harper
 - 25 years – June Paré
 - 20 years – Bibiana Dodd, Winnie Kerfoot
 - 10 years – Lisa Serjak, Nancy Masters, Sue Watson, Donna McKlusky

Served and supported our parish in many and varied capacities: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Sacristans, Pastoral Care Team, Parish Pastoral Council, Money Counters, Marriage Preparation, Spiritual Library, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Tending Flower Beds, R.C.I.A., Cemetery Committee, Decorating Committee, Sacramental Preparation, Development and Peace, Choir/Music Ministry, Prayer Chain, Religious Articles Gift Cupboard, Women's Prayer Group, Gifts and Services Campaign Coordinator, Ministry Scheduling, Laundering Altar Linens.

Jan 2016 - Dec 2016

Father Paul Nwaeze	Spiritual Advisor
Pat Redsell	President
Mary Ellen James	Secretary
Heather Sisk	Treasurer

73 Members 1 Honorary Life Member – Joan Chesser
 2 Life Members – Jane Munro; Heather Sisk

Deceased Member - Bibiana Dodd – (Oct 11, 2016)

- Began each meeting with League Prayer and Spiritual Reading
- Attended:
 - Pro Life Masses
 - National March for Life in Ottawa
 - Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel at Our Lady of Fatima Parish
 - Diocesan Convention at Good Shepherd Parish
 - Workshop on new on-line annual reports
 - Diocesan Advent Retreat at St Maurice Parish
- Participated in
 - Stations of the Cross
 - World Day of Prayer Service and Reception
 - Diocesan League Development Day – Joan Chesser and Heather Sisk facilitated a workshop on Effective Meetings
 - National Palliative Care Day of Prayer
 - Life Chain
 - 40 Days for Life Vigil at the abortion clinic in Ottawa
 - OLMM Spiritual Library
 - Parish Spring Clean Up
 - Parish Picnic – desserts

- Catered two Lions' Club Dinner Meetings
 - DVD presentation on 'Mary and the Bible' facilitated by one member and attended by other members
 - Placed a wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day
 - Bake Sale and Bazaar in November
 - An organized Vars Home Shopping Trip and provided gifts for the residents
- Presented
 - Crucifixes to First Communion Candidates
 - Leadership awards to students of local Catholic Schools
 - Bursary to graduating student - Luke James
- Donations to:
 - Hike for Life – Father Paul represented parish
 - Sponsored Theresa James for her mission trip to Ireland with CCO
 - National CWL Voluntary Funds
 - Canadian Red Cross Fort McMurray Relief Fund
 - Hospice Care Ottawa
 - Ontario Provincial CWL Council's Bishop Pappin Memorial Bursary for seminarians
 - Gable Fund for Special Needs at Mother Teresa School
 - Parish Emergency Assistance Fund
 - Russell Women's Institute for Flowers in the Village
 - National CWL Voluntary Fund
 - Backpacks of Mercy Campaign for Mother Teresa and Ecole St Joseph schools
 - Proceeds of Charity Jar to Mamidosewin Centre at Algonquin College
- Masses said for mothers on Mother's Day and fathers on Father's Day
 - Hosted reception for 24 Confirmation candidates and their families
 - Hosted reception/lunch following Diocesan Pro-Life Mass
 - Mass for Colby Bols and Annie Bouwhuis on their 90th birthdays
 - Mass for Msgr Joe Muldoon (Diocesan CWL Spiritual Advisor) on the 40th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood
 - Hosted funeral receptions
 - Helped and donated food for the lunch for shut-ins that was hosted by the PPC to end the Year of Mercy
- Presentation of CWL pins
 - 30 years – Margaret Helliker, Ann Jackson
 - 25 Years – Maria Chesser, Ann Lapierre
 - 20 years – Gwenn Berard Beaupré, Carolyn Cogan

- 10 years – Laurie Doyle, Nadine Lacroix, Denise Parenteau, Rachel Piovesan, Karen Urlocker

Members volunteer to serve and support our parish in many and varied capacities.

Jan 2017 - Dec 2017

Father Paul Nwaeze	Spiritual Advisor (Jan – July)
Father Robert Masternak	Spiritual Advisor (Aug – Dec)
Pat Redsell	President
Mary Ellen James	Secretary
Heather Sisk	Treasurer

75 Members 1 Honorary Life Member – Joan Chesser
 2 Life Members – Jane Munro; Heather Sisk

- Began each meeting with League Prayer and Spiritual Reading
- New Theme for 2017- 2019
 - ***Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call***
- Attended:
 - Pro Life Masses
 - National March for Life in Ottawa
 - Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel at St Martin de Porres Parish
 - Five members attended the Diocesan League Development Day at Resurrection of Our Lord Parish.
 - Eight members attended the Diocesan Convention at St John the Apostle Parish
 - Pot Luck Luncheon in September with guest speaker from PACT – Persons Against Crimes of Trafficking Humans – very **in**formative.
 - Diocesan Advent Retreat at Notre Dame de la Providence Retreat Centre in Orleans
- Participated in:
 - Stations of the Cross
 - World Day of Prayer Service and Reception at the Anglican Church
 - National 12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Care starting with mass
 - 40 Days for Life Vigil at the abortion clinic in Ottawa
 - Parish Spring Clean Up
 - Parish 70th Anniversary BBQ – desserts

- Catered three Lions' Club Dinner Meetings
- Placed a wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day
- Bake Sale and Bazaar in November
- An organized Vars Home Shopping Trip and provided gifts for the residents

- Presented:
 - Crucifixes to First Communion Candidates
 - Leadership awards to students of local Catholic Schools
 - No applicants for Bursary

- Donations to:
 - Donation to the parish towards an AED defibrillator
 - Hike for Life – Father Paul represented parish
 - National CWL Voluntary Funds
 - Ontario Provincial CWL Council's Bishop Pappin Memorial Bursary for seminarians
 - Gable Fund for Special Needs at Mother Teresa School
 - Parish Emergency Assistance Fund
 - Russell Women's Institute for Flowers in the Village
 - National CWL Voluntary Fund
 - Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation
 - Hospice Care Ottawa
 - Proceeds of Charity Jar to Saint Elizabeth Foundation End-of-Life Care program
 - Waupoos Farm Christmas Hampers

- Book of Life continues to be a tribute to members who have gone to be with God.
- Held a round table discussion on Palliative Care with parishioner Dr Agnes Tanquay as guest speaker.
- Purchased a package of brochures from National CWL containing information on marriage, family life, etc.
- Had masses said for mothers on Mother's Day and for fathers on Father's Day
- Hosted two funeral receptions.
- Continued to keep Religious Articles Cabinet open to parishioners.
- Members to assist in making rosaries for Grade 3 students at Mother Teresa School.
- Amended our Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Celebrated 40th Anniversary of our council with mass offered for all CWL members living and deceased followed by a luncheon.
- Roses presented to charter members - Diny Achtereekte, Cherry Bekkers and Coby Bols.

- Certificates of Council congratulations presented to President Pat Redsell from National and Provincial Councils.
- Commemorative prayer cards of Canadian Saints distributed to members at the 40th anniversary luncheon.
- Presented a new set of altar linens to the parish in celebration of our 40th anniversary and the parish's 70th anniversary. The linens were made by Pat Redsell.
- Presented CWL pins:
 - 50 years – Ann Van Dam
 - 40 years – Cherry Bekkers, Diny Achtereekte, Joan Chesser, Riek Melenhorst, Coby Bols, Wilhemina Langens
 - 35 years – Bel Versteeg, Irene Verdurmen
 - 10 years – Denise Cousineau, Harriet Clarke, Connie Gallant-St. Clair, Jessica St Clair
- Provided coffee breaks snacks to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training course participants held at the parish.
- Co-hosted with the Knights of Columbus a farewell reception for Father Paul and presented him with a monetary gift in appreciation of his being our CWL Spiritual Advisor for the past six years.
- Provided and served supper for Alpha Course participants twice. Assisted Knights of Columbus twice in this venture. Pat Redsell instrumental in food selection and preparation.
- Provided baking for a bake sale held by Mother Teresa School Council to provide hampers to needy families at Christmas.
- Catered dinner for a Christmas social in the church hall
- Presented a gift to Pat Redsell in appreciation of her hard work and dedication during her term as President.
- Completed on-line Annual Reports – in file.

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Jan 2018 - Dec 2018

Father Robert Masternak	Spiritual Advisor
Mary Ellen James	President
Diane Garvin Dolan	President-Elect
Janyce Elser-Ethier	Secretary
Heather Sisk	Treasurer

75 Members

1 Honorary Life Member – Joan Chesser

2 Life Members – Jane Munro; Heather Sisk

Deceased Members - Noreen Plant – (Jan 25, 2018) Was a member at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Council)

- Mary Payment – (Oct 29, 2018)

- Began each meeting with League Prayer and Spiritual Reading
- Attended:
 - Pro Life Masses
 - Diocesan Lenten Spiritual Reflection at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
 - National March for Life in Ottawa
 - Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel at Divine Infant Parish
 - Six members attended the Diocesan Convention at Our Lady of Fatima Parish
 - Presentation on Strategic Planning at St Bernard's Parish presented by Provincial President Elect Colleen Perry
 - Diocesan Advent Retreat at St Isidore's Parish – Retreat facilitator - Fr Mark Slatter who spoke on his time working with the homeless as Chaplain for The Mission
 - Food Handling Course offered at the Legion – council paid for the two members' registration fees
- Participated in
 - Stations of the Cross after 9:00 am mass
 - Hosted World Day of Prayer Service and Reception
 - National 12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Care starting with mass followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, Physicians Way of the Cross, Beatitudes for Caregivers and Prayer Service for Prayer Givers
 - Life Chain at corner of Concession and Castor Streets in Russell
 - Hosted reception for Confirmation candidates and their families
 - Led "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" video and study for six weeks.
 - Parish Spring Clean Up
 - Provided desserts for Parish Picnic
 - Catered three Lions' Club Dinner Meetings
 - Placed a wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day
 - Led an Advent Service of Scripture, Reflection and Song for the parish with a reception afterwards
 - Bake Sale and Bazaar in November

- An organized Vars Home Shopping Trip and provided gifts for the residents
- Presented:
 - Crucifixes to First Communion Candidates in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus
 - Leadership awards to students of local Catholic Schools
 - Bursary presented to a graduating student - Ryan Mulligan
- Donations to:
 - National CWL Voluntary Funds
 - Ontario Provincial CWL Council's Bishop Pappin Memorial Bursary for seminarians
 - Gable Fund for Special Needs at Mother Teresa School
 - Parish Emergency Assistance Fund
 - Russell Women's Institute for Flowers in the Village
 - Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation
 - Hospice Care Ottawa
 - Canadian Red Cross Tornado Relief Program
 - Students at St Thomas Aquinas for the Guatemala/Sandy Lake Mission trip
 - Proceeds of Charity Jar to The Shepherds of Good Hope Women's Emergency Shelter
 - Waupoos Farm Christmas Hampers
- Honour Guard at funeral of CWL member Noreen Plant which took place at Good Shepherd parish.
- Mass offered for the intentions of CWL charter member Diny Achtereekte on the occasion of her 90th birthday
- Had masses said for mothers on Mother's Day and for fathers on Father's Day
- CWL Member Karen Urlocker received a bursary from National to assist in her religious study course.
- Held Bake Sale after all masses in May
- Mass offered for Fr Robert Masternak on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of his ordination
- Collected items and gift cards for Cornerstone Housing for Women
- Presented CWL pins:
 - 70 years – Kathleen McCarthy - National and Provincial Certificates forthcoming
 - 35 years – Annie Bouwhuis, Diane Ceponkus, Anne Nyentap
 - 20 years – Pat Redsell, Lisa Serjak, Sue Watson
 - 10 years – Mary Payment

- Attended:
 - Pro Life Masses
 - Diocesan Lenten Morning of Reflection at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish
 - “Find Your Voice” workshop at Annunciation of the Lord Parish
 - National March for Life in Ottawa
 - Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel at St Patrick’s Parish, Fallowfield
 - The Diocesan Convention at Holy Spirit Parish
 - Margaret Ann Jacobs presented a workshop on Strategic Planning and Diocesan Elections
 - Mass for Life hosted by the parish on August 24th.
 - Diocesan Executive Meeting and Pot Luck in September at Our Lady of Fatima Parish
 - Diocesan Advent Retreat at Divine Infant Parish – Facilitator – Carol Kuzmochka – *‘Christ, the Light in Our Darkness’*

- Participated in
 - Stations of the Cross one Friday
 - World Day of Prayer Service at the United Church
 - National 12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Care - half day Prayer Vigil starting with mass and prayers.
 - Decorated the parish hall for the March 17th, St Patrick’s Day social event.
 - Parish Spring Clean Up
 - Catered three Lions’ Club Dinner Meetings
 - Hosted reception for Confirmation candidates and their families
 - Round Table Presentation on ‘Care For Our Common Home’ – guest speaker – Dr John Dorner - *Building Hope for the Future*’; Ann Jackson, OLMM CWL Member – *“The Power of One and Reducing Plastic*; Theresa James, OLMM CWL Member – *‘Some Truths Behind the Fashion Industry’*.
 - Placed a wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day
 - Bake Sale and Bazaar in November
 - An organized Vars Home Shopping Trip and provided gifts for the residents
 - Provided help, desserts and buns for parish fund-raiser spaghetti supper.

- Presented:
 - Crucifixes to First Communion Candidates in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus

- Leadership awards to students of St Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School, Mother Teresa Catholic School and Ecole St Joseph
 - Bursary presented to a graduating student - Emma Patterson
- Donations to:
 - Donation to 'Water First' as an honorarium for the speaker at Care for Our Common Home presentation.
 - National CWL Voluntary Funds
 - Ontario Provincial CWL Council's Bishop Pappin Memorial Bursary for seminarians
 - Gable Fund for Special Needs at Mother Teresa School
 - Parish Emergency Assistance Fund
 - Russell Women's Institute for Flowers in the Village
 - Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation
 - Students at St Thomas Aquinas – Guatemala Mission Team
 - Donation of \$100. for refreshments for an evening musical event showcasing local and parish talent to be held at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School - rescheduled to the weekend before Easter.
 - Proceeds of Charity Jar to be announced later.
 - Donation towards the cost to rent the bus to take residents of Champagne Residence in Vars Christmas shopping
 - Donation of \$1000. towards the Parish Addition & Renovation Fund
 - Waupoos Farm Christmas Hampers
- Mass offered for the intentions of CWL member Anne Nyentap on the occasion of her 90th birthday.
- Mass offered for the intentions of CWL member Marcella Woods on the occasion of her 90th birthday.
- Had masses said for mothers on Mother's Day and for fathers on Father's Day
- Mass offered for the intentions of Bishop Brendan O'Brien (Provincial Spiritual Advisor) to mark the end of his term as Provincial Spiritual Advisor and on his retirement
- Presented CWL pins
 - 55 Years – Marcell Woods
 - 50 Years – Jane Munro
 - 20 Years – Anne Lommen, Heather Sisk
 - 10 Years – Renee Langman, Lisa Roy:
- Five new members joined the OLMM CWL.
- Hosted funeral reception of OLMM parishioner Don LeClair
- Catered funeral reception of former OLMM CWL member Elizabeth (Liz) Brewer
- Catered reception for the funeral of Wesley Moss

- Discontinued purchasing the Living the Faith booklets due to increased costs.
- Provided coffee breaks and snacks to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training course participants held at the parish.
- Religious Cabinet has been restocked and reorganized.
- Help, Understanding & Giving (HUGS) National CWL project – goal was to fill 2019 packages with necessary daily products for women’s shelters. Total donated 7000 packages.
- Provided desserts for Parish Polish Oktoberfest
- Warmth and Comfort collection drive for people on the streets continued through January. Grade 12 religion class at St Thomas Catholic High School led the initiative. 1,194 pairs of socks were collected.
- Masses offered for – Repose of the soul of Barbara Fleet (Mother of Mary Ellen James); Repose of the soul of CWL Member Wilhemina Langens; Repose of the soul of CWL Member Beverly Plunkett; Repose of the soul of CWL Member Linda O’Donnell; Repose of the soul of Bill Van Dam (husband of CWL Member Ann Van Dam)
- Mass offered for the intentions of Ken Sisk in appreciation for his help at the Bazaar.

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Mary Ellen James	President
Diane Garvin Dolan	President-Elect
Janyce Elser-Ethier	Secretary
Heather Sisk	Treasurer

78 Members 1 Honorary Life Member – Joan Chesser
 2 Life Members – Jane Munro; Heather Sisk

Deceased Members - Kathleen McCarthy (Jan 3, 2020)
 - Anne Nyentap (Apr 9, 2020)
 - Lorraine Small (May 1, 2020)

- Began each meeting with League Prayer and Spiritual Reflection.
- Attended
 - Masses for Kathleen McCarthy and Ann Van Dam

- League Development Day at St Bernard's Parish on Feb 22
- Participated in
 - World Day of Prayer Service at the Anglican Church
 - Catered two Lions' Club Dinner Meetings
 - Members participated in National 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care at home due to COVID 19 pandemic restrictions.
- Donations to:
 - National CWL Voluntary Funds
 - Ontario Provincial CWL Council's Bishop Pappin Memorial Bursary for seminarians
 - To Pieta Bhaven House of Mercy (India) Project with a need for a drinking water well.
 - Russell Women's Institute for Flowers for the Village
 - Waupoos Farm Christmas Hampers
 - Parish Emergency Assistance Fund
 - Donation of another \$1000. towards the Parish Addition & Renovation Fund
- Members completed and submitted a survey on the existing Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID) Act.
- Sponsored Christian Leadership Award at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School.
- Mother Teresa & Ecole St. Joseph school year was suspended mid March. End of year awards did not happen so Christian Leadership Awards were not awarded.
- OLMM CWL 2020 Student Bursary: Recipient Rachel Wood from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School. Cheque was mailed to her due to COVID 19 pandemic restrictions on gatherings.
- Church reopened for Masses June 12th, with restricted numbers. Still no meetings or events allowed.

In this year of covid 19 pandemic restrictions many of our regular volunteer activities were restricted. We continued to raise our members and parish up in prayer when we were unable to physically be present.

Jan 2021 - Dec 2021

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Heather Sisk	Treasurer

59 Members 1 Honorary Life Member – Joan Chesser
 2 Life Members – Jane Munro; Heather Sisk

Deceased Members - Simone Sullivan (Apr 24, 2021)
 - Annie Bouwhuis (Nov 7, 2021)

- Attended
 - Some members attended a zoom meeting which began with League Prayer followed by the rosary.
 - President Mary Ellen James attended a meeting of the CWL Ottawa and Cornwall Diocesan amalgamation virtually in March and September.
 - Jane Munro attended Martin Chesser Sr's (husband of Honorary Life Member Joan Chesser) funeral in September as the CWL's representative since participation was restricted due to covid pandemic.
 - Jane Munro attended the two-day National CWL Convention virtually.

- Donations
 - National CWL Voluntary Funds
 - Ontario Provincial CWL Council's Bishop Pappin Memorial Bursary for seminarians
 - Some members donated baked goods, chocolates, biscuits, chips & hot chocolate to residents of Vars Home. They were delivered on Christmas Eve.

- Mary Ellen sent seasonal messages by email and regular post to members.
- OLMM 2021 Student Bursary: Recipient Francis Plant from BLYTH-CIHA (Canadian International Hockey Academy) in Rockland. Cheque was mailed to him due to COVID 19 pandemic restrictions on gatherings.
- Due to Covid restrictions and limited student attendance at Catholic schools, Christian Leadership Awards were deferred.

No meetings or events were held in 2021 due to COVID 19 restrictions.

Jan 2022 - Dec 2022

Father Robert Masternak	Spiritual Advisor (Jan. – July)
Father Anthony Nwaohiri	Spiritual Advisor (Aug. – Dec.)
Mary Ellen James	President
Janyce Elser-Ethier	Secretary

Heather Sisk

Treasurer

51 Members

1 Honorary Life Member – Joan Chesser
2 Life Members – Jane Munro; Heather Sisk

Deceased Member - Jacoba (Coby) Bols (Dec 19,2022)

- Began February meeting with League Prayer and Spiritual Reflection – first general meeting since March 11, 2020.

- Attended
 - League Development Day at St Bernard’s Parish on Feb 22
 - Advent Retreat at Holy Name of Mary Parish in Almonte

- Participated
 - Stations of the Cross led by CWL members on Friday April 8, 2022
 - Voting on amendments to the National Catholic Women’s League of Canada Constitution and By-laws.
 - Members participated in National Hospice and Palliative Care week
 - Diocesan Annual Meeting of Members (previously known as Convention) – report on file.

- Presented
 - Crucifixes to First Communion Candidates in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus
 - Leadership awards to students of local Catholic Schools
 - Student Bursary presented to graduating student - Lauren Patterson

- Donations
 - Proceeds from the Charity Jar – 2019 & 2020 to an organization providing Relief for a Ukrainian family (CNEWA)
 - National CWL Voluntary Funds
 - Ontario Provincial CWL Council’s Bishop Pappin Memorial Bursary for seminarians
 - Parish Emergency Fund
 - Russell Women’s Institute for Flowers for the Village

- A parting gift was presented to Father Robert.
- All amendments to the National CWL Constitution and By-laws were passed.
- Our Lady of Good Counsel remains the Patroness of the CWL.

- Restructuring of the CWL will include three pillars – faith, service, social justice replacing the previous seven convenorships.
- Membership fees increased to \$40.00 per year.
- Members urged to be aware of CWL Resolution *To Reduce Food Loss and Waste* and Resolution re *Clean Drinking Water for First Nations*.
- Maureen Marsolais placed the CWL wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day.
- Held a Bazaar, Bake Sale, and Silent Auction in November.
- Wreaths were made by members and sold at the craft table.
- 795 pairs of socks were collected for the homeless.
- Christmas treats were provided for the Vars Home.

Members continue to volunteer to serve and support our parish in many and varied capacities.

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Father Anthony Nwaohiri Spiritual Advisor
 Mary Ellen James/Jane Munro/Lorraine Barker President
 Lorraine Barker - Secretary
 Heather Sisk Treasurer

Members 1 Honorary Life Member – Joan Chesser
 2 Life Members – Jane Munro; Heather Sisk

Deceased Members - Diny Achtereekte - (Mar 30, 2023)
 - Elizabeth Gravel (July 29, 2023)
 - Beverley Coté (Nov 27, 2023)

- Began each meeting with League Prayer and recitation of the Rosary with reflections on various mysteries.
- Attended:
 - Potluck/workshop at Our Lady of Fatima Parish
 - Diocesan executive meeting at Our Lady of Fatima Parish
 - League Development Day at Divine Infant Parish
 - World Day of Prayer at the Russell United Church
 - Lenten morning of Reflection at St John the Apostle Parish
 - Diocesan Mass for Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel at St Leonard's Parish in Manotick
 - Canada Needs Our Lady Rosary Rally at St Monica's church in Nepean

- Zoom meeting for amalgamation plans for Alexandria-Cornwall and Ottawa diocesan Councils.
 - Ottawa Diocesan 100th Convention at St Patrick's Parish in May
 - Alexandria-Cornwall Diocesan Convention in May
 - Provincial Convention in Cornwall in July
 - Diocesan Day of Service/General Meeting in Oct at Waupoos Family Farm
- Participated in
 - Leading Stations of the Cross (Mary's Way of the Cross) Friday March 3rd
 - Hosted a time for the intention of Hospice and Palliative Care beginning with mass and a time of prayer and reflection followed by fellowship in the hall.
 - Hosting the initial meeting of the newly amalgamated Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Councils
 - Advent Retreat at St Andrew's Parish (St. Andrews West)
 - Waupoos Family Farm Cleanup Day
 - Laying of the wreath at the Cenotaph by Maureen Marsolais
 - Collection of recycled items such as milk bags, used stamps, etc. will be on going through the year.
- Presented
 - Crucifixes to First Communion Candidates in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus
 - Leadership awards to students of St Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School, Mother Teresa Catholic School and Ecole St Joseph
 - Bursary presented to graduating student - Lorenz Dupuis
- Donations:
 - OLMM Spiritual Library
 - National CWL Voluntary Funds
 - Ontario Provincial CWL Council's Bishop Pappin Memorial Bursary for seminarians
 - Gable Fund for Special Needs at St Mother Teresa School
 - Parish Emergency Assistance Fund
 - Russell Women's Institute for Flowers in the Village
 - CNEWA from the funds in the Charity Jar
 - Waupoos Farm – Christmas hampers
 - Vars Group Home – gifts, baking, chocolates

- “Go Make a Difference” project highlighted our annual Christmas participation with members to the Vars Group Home and the collaboration with St Mother Teresa School to collect socks.
- Sponsored Stephanie Montogo for Action Life Hike
- Requested a Mass of Thanksgiving and in memory of Annie Nyentap for the generous monetary gift to our CWL Council from the Estate of Annie Nyentap.
- Purchased a new Sacramentary for the parish
- Mother Teresa School renamed to St Mother Teresa School
- Diocesan Council Representative – Joanna Sisk – presented the National Unity Outreach Program and the Diocesan Questionnaire for dialogue among members.
- New signatories for the bank account are Mary Ellen James, Lorraine Barker and Heather Sisk.
- Two members of our council Mary Ellen James and Heather Sisk are now members of the new Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan Council – as President Elect and Secretary.
- Election of a new OLMM CWL executive will take place at the October meeting.
- Guest speaker at October meeting was CWL member Lorriane Harper who spoke on Celiac Disease and Gluten Intolerance.
- No Bake Sale or Bazaar due to renovation in the Church Hall
- Monetary gift to Father Anthony on his 30th Anniversary to the priesthood followed by a reception held by the CWL.
- After election – all positions were filled –
 - President – Lorraine Barker
 - Vice President – June Paré
 - Treasurer – Jay Dupuis
 - Secretary – Diane Cefonkus
 - Faith Standing Committee Chair – Karen Urlocker
 - Service Standing Committee Chair – Jane Munro
 - Social Justice Standing Committee Chair – Ann Jackson
 - Past President – Mary Ellen James
- New signatories for the bank account are Lorraine Barker, Jay Dupuis and Diane Cefonkus
- Ann Jackson initiated a project to create mittens for homeless people from left over fabric. She has the pattern and some members will get together to have a sewing workshop.
- Conducted a Reverse Advent Calendar project collecting food bank items each day during Advent for distribution.

Members continue to volunteer to serve and support our parish in many and varied capacities.

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