

St. Joseph's CWL: Annual Report for 2018

The last Annual General Meeting of St. Joseph's CWL was held on April 16, 2018. No changes were made to the Executive Committee. Jean Collins and Laureen Murphy began their sixth year as President and Vice-President, respectively.

Other officers: Donna Kennedy, past president; Theresa MacMullin, treasurer; Kaye Marie Chisholm, recording secretary; and Katherine Ann Chisholm, corresponding secretary. Standing Committee Chairs: Annette Stewart, organizational/membership chair; Janet Gallant, spiritual development chair.

We had 49 paid memberships for Saint Joseph's CWL in 2018. Two of our members died during the year (Anna Murphy and Margie MacDonald), and we added one new member (Robyn MacInnis).

Activities for the year 2018:

Members of the CWL were involved in the following activities throughout the year:

1. Seven regular meetings of the CWL were held in 2018. Each meeting began with the CWL prayer, followed by a decade of the rosary for the sick of the parish.
2. The CWL mass in honour of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel, was held on April 29, 2018. We welcomed one new member, and ten members were presented with long service pins.
3. Saint Joseph's Annual Cemetery Mass was held on Saturday July 14th. The CWL organized the reception following the mass, at the St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre. This included a goodbye party for Fr. Alphonsus, a presentation from the parish, and musical guests. The CWL served strawberry shortcake, sandwiches, sweets and refreshments to over 100 people.
4. The CWL organized seven funeral receptions at St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre during 2018: March 2nd for Edith Whidden; March 14th, for Anna Murphy, April 28th for Buddy MacKinnon, September 3rd for Mary Grant, September 20th for Margie MacDonald, October 1st for Ernie Dewar, and October 25th for Debbie Grant.
5. Members of the CWL continue to pray the rosary at the wake/visitation of any parishioner from St. Joseph's, if requested by the family.
6. We also pray the rosary together after the 5 pm mass on the first Saturday of each month, organized by Janet Gallant. This is for the sick of the parish, plus any special intentions people may have. We have been very pleased with the rosary attendance, which usually averages around 20 to 30 people each time.
7. Meagan Kennedy organized and conducted the religious education program for Saint Joseph's during 2018, including First Holy Communion/Reconciliation classes.
8. Members of the Haverkort family continue to provide beautiful decorations for the church for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.
9. Laureen Murphy hosted a movie and pizza night at her home, for the CWL committee, in celebration of our 85th anniversary, on Wednesday, November 7th.
10. Members of the CWL sent or delivered cards and gifts and visited with people who were homebound, sick or in need, both at Christmas and throughout the year.

11. Katherine Anne Chisholm sent thank you cards, get well cards, sympathy cards, mass cards, Christmas cards, and gifts, to 38 members of the parish.
12. Each year, Janet Gallant organizes a used stamp collection. These stamps are sent to Development and Peace, and proceeds from their sale to stamp collectors are used to help with their missionary activities in developing countries.
13. In addition to acting as sacristan and altar server for the Saturday masses, Cathy Chisholm, along with the other sacristans, helps our parish priest organize many of the special Christmas and Easter celebrations, plus baptisms and funeral masses.
14. Representatives from the CWL served on Saint Joseph's Pastoral Parish Council (Donna Kennedy, Florence MacLean, Cathy Chisholm), and the Saint Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre Board of Directors (Kaye Marie Chisholm).
15. The CWL continues to organize monthly cleaning for the church, following a Saturday mass. An item is placed in the bulletin each month asking for volunteers to help out, and the response has been excellent.
16. Mary Janet Grant has been taking excellent care of the altar linens, albs, and table cloths, making sure they are clean and pressed as necessary.
17. Jean Collins produces and prints the church bulletin each week, with help from Cathy Chisholm. She also designed a web site for the church, and updates it weekly.
18. Mary Kay Barter organizes the schedule for extraordinary members of the eucharist for each mass throughout the year, and Jean Collins organizes the lector schedule.
19. Many members of the CWL also serve as lectors and extraordinary ministers of the eucharist during masses throughout the year.
20. Members of the CWL helped with a variety of fund raising events throughout the year, both for the Parish and for the Community Centre.
21. Through the generosity of St. Joseph's Pastoral Parish Council, we received a substantial donation from the Mary C. McEvitt Trust this year. After much research and debate we decided to use part of the money to purchase new figurines and a stable for the indoor nativity set for St. Joseph's Christmas celebrations.

This was my sixth year as President of the CWL. I appreciate the faith and confidence people have expressed in me, but I could not do the job I do without the excellent help I receive from other members. I want to thank everyone for that and to express my appreciation for the very generous amounts of time and energy our members continue to donate towards so many CWL projects and activities.

Special thanks to those CWL members who faithfully attend our monthly meetings, and do so much of the work of organizing and working at parish events: Laureen Murphy (Vice President), Donna Kennedy (Past President), Kaye Marie Chisholm (Recording Secretary), Katherine Anne Chisholm (Corresponding Secretary), Theresa MacMullin (Treasurer), Annette Stewart (Membership/Organization), Janet Gallant (Spiritual Development), Genevieve Haverkort, Florence MacLean, and Cathy Chisholm.

Respectfully submitted
Jean Collins
President