

St. Joseph's CWL Annual Report

April 16, 2018

The last Annual General Meeting of St. Joseph's CWL was held on March 27, 2017. No changes were made to the Executive Committee. Jean Collins and Laureen Murphy began their fifth 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 48 paid members of the St. Joseph's CWL in 2017.

Activities for the year: March 28, 2017 - April 16, 2018

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

1. Six regular meetings of the CWL have been held since the last Annual General Meeting. We start each meeting with the CWL prayer, followed by a decade of the rosary for the sick of the parish and any special intentions people may have.
2. The CWL mass in honour of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel, was held on June 10, 2017. Five members were presented with long service pins.
3. A Casserole Supper was held at St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre on Saturday, May 27th. This event was organized jointly by board members of the SJLCC and our CWL representative on the board, Kaye Marie Chisholm. It was very well attended, the proceeds were divided equally, and we received \$1000.
4. Saint Joseph's Cemetery Mass was held on Saturday July 22, 2017. The CWL organized the reception which followed the mass, at the St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre, and provided strawberry shortcake and refreshments for approximately 85 people.
5. The CWL organized four funeral/memorial receptions at the St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre during the year: July 22, 2017 for Daniel Lawrence Campbell; November 11, 2017, for Dr. David Stinson; March 2, 2018, for Edith Whidden; and March 14, 2018, for Anna Murphy.
6. Members of the CWL continue to pray the rosary at the wake/visitation of any parishioner from St. Joseph's, if the family requests it.
7. 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.
8. Meagan Kennedy organized and conducted the religious education program for Saint Joseph's, including First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes.
9. Members of the Haverkort family continue to provide beautiful decorations for the church for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

10. Laureen Murphy organized our third annual Christmas Carol Sing, featuring the Voices of Praise plus local talent, which was held on Monday, December 18, 2017. Donations at the door raised \$457.15 for our Christmas commitments.
11. Members of the CWL sent or delivered a number of Christmas cards and gifts to people who were homebound, sick or in need.
12. Katherine Anne Chisholm sent thank you cards, get well cards, sympathy cards, mass cards, Christmas cards, and a gift, to 36 members of the parish.
13. Janet Gallant organized a used stamp collection, starting December 2017, which is still ongoing. Once all the stamps are collected, they will be donated to Development and Peace for their missions abroad.
14. In addition acting as sacristan and altar server for the Saturday masses, Cathy Chisholm helps Fr. Alphonsus set up and organize many of the special Christmas and Easter celebrations, plus baptisms and funeral masses throughout the year.
15. Representatives from the CWL served on Saint Joseph's Pastoral Parish Council (Donna Kennedy, Cathy Chisholm), and the Saint Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre Board of Directors (Kaye Marie Chisholm).
16. The CWL continued 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.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. Mary Kay Barter organized the schedule for extraordinary members of the eucharist for each mass throughout the year, and Jean Collins organized the lector schedule.
20. Many members of the CWL also serve as lectors and extraordinary ministers of the eucharist during masses throughout the year.

This was my fifth 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