



St. Peter's CWL January 2026 Newsletter

Message from Our President

Dear Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of Vice President Megan Warawa and myself, Happy New Year! May 2026 be a blessed and prayerful year for you and your family!

January's Pope Leo XIV's intention 'Praying with the Word of God' (Sacred Scripture) encourages us to incorporate scripture into our prayer life. We have been moving in that direction this past year, introducing Lectio Divina at our General Meetings with Deacon Stephen.

Growing up Catholic we studied and memorized the Baltimore Catechism at school, but the Second Vatican Council fostered a renewed emphasis on the fundamental role of the Bible in Catholic life and a renewed interest in scripture developed over the years. There are now many choices – in one way refreshing but another, difficult to choose or have time for.

Do you have a 'Prayer Goal' for 2026? I'm thinking on it – perhaps a Silent Retreat at Mt. St. Francis, or a study through Formed or Ascension. The word 'silence' beckons me; on a long walk by the river or even around the neighbourhood – perhaps we'll run into one another!!!

Blessings,
Joan
President, St. Peter's CWL



Thank you: to our outgoing Executive: Megan Warawa, Vice President; Rose Kastelic, Secretary; Karin Ryan, Treasurer; Annie Chirka, Organization and Membership; Camille Hastings, Justice Chair; Sue Robichaud, Communications & Webmaster for sharing their time and talent to St. Peter's CWL. I have enjoyed working with all of you so very much over the past two years and appreciate all you have done.

Welcome: to our new Executive: Megan Warawa, President; Treasurer, _____; Rose Kastelic, Secretary; Joan Shillington - Past President; Annie Chirka, Communications & Webmaster; Catherine Jeffrey, Faith Chair; Organization & Membership, Marguerite Poulin; Social Justice Chairs, Denise Coutts & Sheila Kingdon.



You are invited to consider joining our new Executive as Treasurer! I can assure you, working on St. Peter's Executive is a team effort. We support one another! If you cannot make a meeting or two - no problem, just send in the report. Often, decisions are made through emails. WE NEED YOU!!!

Membership Drive



The annual CWL Membership Drive will be held in the Narthex after all Masses the weekend of January 17th & 18th. Memberships will be available to purchase using cash, cheque, credit card, or debit card.

Alternatively, memberships can be purchased:

- By E-transfer to: treasurer.cwl.stpeters@gmail.com PLEASE INCLUDE WHAT & WHOM THE PAYMENT IS FOR.
- By cheque left in the CWL drawer in the church narthex, or mailed to: St Peter's CWL, St Peter's RC Church, 541 Silvergrove Dr NW, Calgary, T3B 4R9
- Online by credit card at stpeterscwl.ca

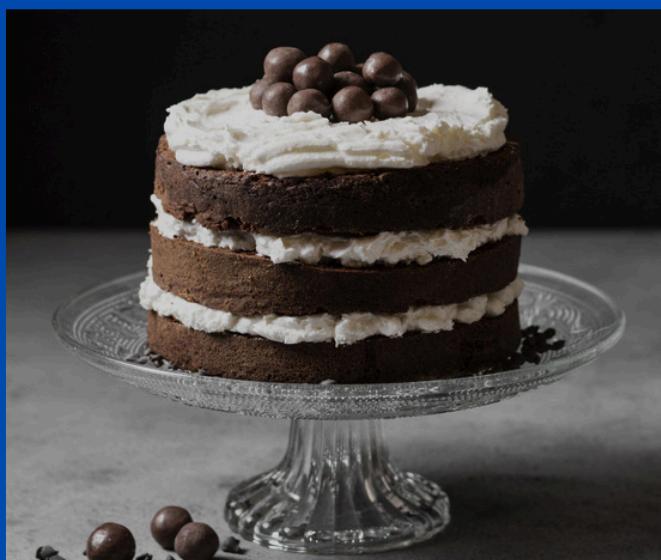
Please let us know if there are any changes to your contact information, for example, a discontinued phone landline.

We're also looking for a little help in the narthex, an excellent opportunity to socialize with old friends and meet new members this weekend. Sign up here: volunteersignup.org/JELAW.

Our Year in Pictures



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[Cake Raffle](#)

January 10 & 11



OUR NEXT GENERAL
MEETING
WEDNESDAY, **JANUARY 21**
7PM • ROOM C

*“You are never too old to set another goal or
to dream a new dream.”* C.S. Lewis



Join our CWL ladies at the Diocesan Spiritual Retreat at Holy Name Parish on Jan 31. The theme is Responding to the Universal Call to Holiness and features Fr Peter An as the guest speaker. Please see the information below. Registrations are open now.

1st ANNUAL WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Sponsored by the Calgary Diocesan CWL Council



Responding to the
Universal Call to Holiness

Featuring Guest Speaker
Fr. Peter An



Saturday, January 31, 2026
9:30AM – 3PM

Holy Name Catholic Church, 2223 – 34 St. SW
\$25 includes lunch

Registration is open to all CWL members & all women interested in growing in their faith

Register by phone, email or via website by January 24, 2026
<https://calgarycwl.ca/conventions/meetings/1483-womens-spiritual-retreat-26>

Any questions or to register, contact Margaret at
calgarycwlfaith@gmail.com or 403-863-2130

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or by cash or cheque (payable to Calgary Diocesan Council) mailed to
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