



Notre Dame de Lorette Catholic Women's League

 June 2021







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June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2  Catherine Larson	3  Joanne & Raymond Touchette	4	5  Jennifer & Benjamin Poitra
6	7	8	9 	10	11	12  Immaculte Heart of Mary; mass to our intentions; 5:00 pm
13	14	15	16 	17	18	19 Highway Cleanup (pg 9)
20	21	22	23 	24  Carol Mravinec	25	26
27	28  Monica Chernichan	29  Jacqueline Bouchard	30 	Happy Canada Day! 		

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2  Jolene Capina	3
4	5	6	7  Suzanne Desmarais	8	9	10
11  Kathleen & Dan Messner	12	13	14  Suzanne & Leo Desmarais	15	16	17
18	19	20	21  Susan & Leo Bernier	22  Lynne Bernier	23	24  Suzanne & Cameron Moore
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Marilyn Toutant	2	3	4	5  Mae Ross	6  Marie McCall	7
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15 Assumption of Mary; mass to our intents	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26  Jacqueline & Gilbert Bouchard	27 Lucille & Ron Chay  Joanne Touchette 	28
29	30	31  Heather & Derek Kolowca				

*Hello ladies & Father J.
Mario,*

As we are winding up for our meetings and possibly the newsletter for the summer season, I would like to thank everyone once again for all the support and patience through these trying times. COVID has put a lot of strain and hardship on many people and have left many more feeling isolated and lonely. I'm so grateful to all of you for being there for each other in times of need. On that note, for those of you who may have missed the sad news, our dear sister, Micki Maxwell passed away last month. This year would have marked her 64th year in the league. You can currently find her funeral on You Tube if you wish. Mae continues to collect food donations for Jeanette and her son if you wish to donate.

As you may have gathered at this point, it is looking like we will not be able to gather for our Annual Windup once again. However, this year we will plan on doing something special virtually, unless restrictions change within the next few weeks. The

executive is working on something with a plan B as backup.

Along with the restrictions complicating matters, we have been forced to change the date for our Highway Cleanup. It is now scheduled for June 19 with the following Saturday as a rain date. If restrictions continue we will have to change the dates again. I hope to see of you at that time.

Here's to hoping that when we return in September, we will be able to see each other again in person! We will keep everyone updated as the date approaches. I wish you all a wonderful summer and we will continue to reach out throughout the summer months.

P.S. Please let us know if you would like a summer newsletter as well as any ideas you may have that you would like to see in the newsletter.

Lacey's Address



Fr. Charles proudly sporting the Winnipeg Jets jersey parting gift from our CWL during this NHL season!

Lacey Bernardin

2021 Pope's Intentions

JUNE: The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

JULY: Social Friendship

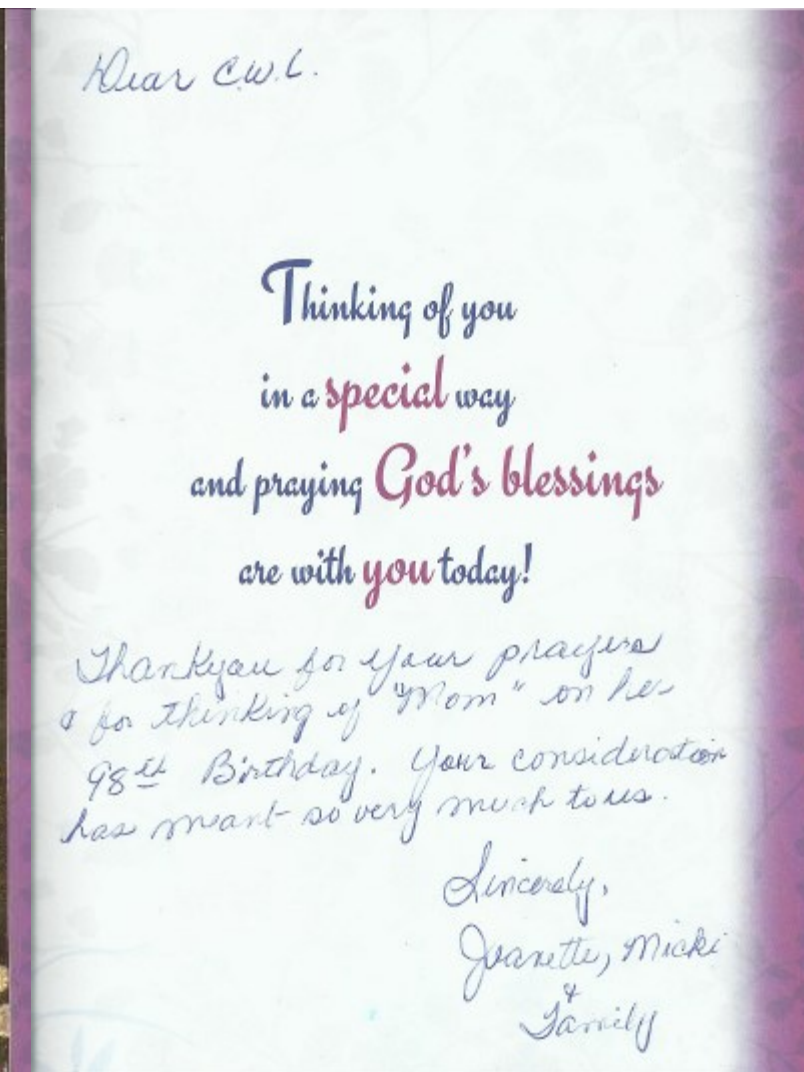
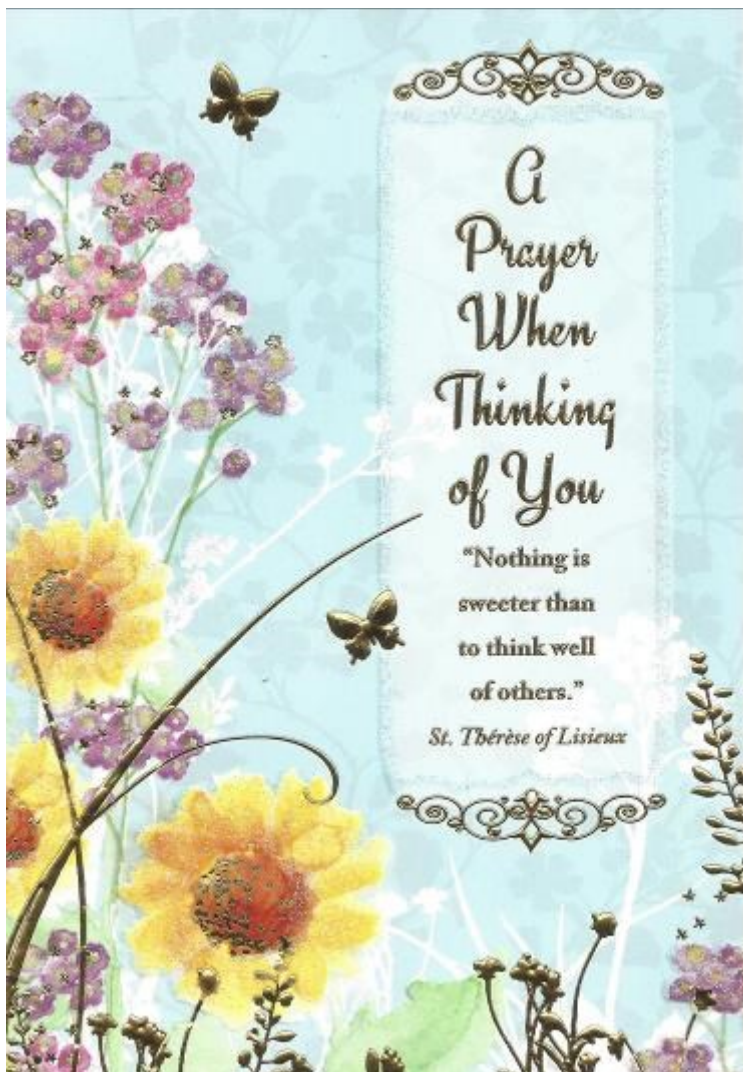
We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

AUGUST: The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Happy 98th Birthday, dear Micki

May 5, 2021



Thank you to Mae Ross for delivering roses and a homemade strawberry rhubarb pie on our behalf to Micki on her birthday .

Helen (Micki) Maxwell

May 5, 1923 – May 14, 2021



Micki was our friend and our sister in the League. She strived to say "Yes" to the Lord, and to imitate our Patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. Through her service to "God and Canada" in the Catholic Women's League of Canada, she sought to further God's reign here on earth. We are saddened that she is no longer with us and we will miss her, but we entrust her to God with confidence. May she now live in peace, joy and happiness.

As is our tradition, we will now enter Micki's name in the Catholic Women's League of Canada's Book of Life. The presentation of a single red rose will be made by Lacey Bernardin, our president. However, because this is the year of COVID restrictions, the rest of the ladies of the CWL are not able to gather to bid farewell to our dear, beloved Micki. As we enter her name in the Book of Life, we acknowledge her participation within the League, her commitment to its ideals, and her desire to deepen her faith through life's journey.

The members of the Catholic Women's League will be asked to recite the League Farewell Prayer:

League Farewell Prayer

O Virgin Mother, Lady of Good Counsel
Your faithful member bids her last adieu
Throughout her life, she went to you for guidance
Mother of God, we now leave Micki with you

O Virgin Mother, Lady of Good Counsel
We remember her example true
With faith and trust, she worked for God and country
Mother of God, we now leave Micki with you

O Virgin Mother, Lady of Good Counsel
For us who stay, we beg this from you:
Increase our faith in all our works of mercy!
Mother of God, we now leave Micki with you.
AMEN.



Dear Lord, we pray for the soul of our dear sister, Micki, and humbly beseech you to accept her into your heavenly home. Amen.

HELEN HOGG (ELLA) MAXWELL (NAIRN)

BORN: MAY 05, 1923

DATE OF PASSING: MAY 14, 2021



HELEN HOGG (ELLA) MAXWELL (nee NAIRN)

May 5, 1923 - May 14, 2021

It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of our dear loved one Ella Maxwell in her home at the age of 98 years old.

Ella will be missed and lovingly remembered by her family and friends.

"In your divine mercy welcome Ella
into your Heavenly garden."

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, a private Resurrection Mass will be held. A funeral service video will be available on You Tube at 3:30 p.m., Friday, May 21, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Bethania Personal Care Home, 1045 Concordia Ave., Winnipeg, MB R2K 3S7.

GREEN ACRES

Funeral Home and Cemetery

(204) 222-3241

Condolences may be sent to

www.greenacresfuneralhome.com



Remembering MICKI

Jolene Capina says,

"I don't have any specific memories per se about her, but I would say more of an overall impression: Every time I saw Micki at church growing up or at CWL meetings and events (when I was older), she was always so stylish and so put together-right down to the pearls! She carried herself with this certain elegance. I loved her witty comments that she would often make at CWL meetings and always seemed to know how to lighten the mood or get a good chuckle out of the members. She recognized and appreciated that sisterhood connection, always seemed so happy to be present at CWL events and was always just such a sweetheart!"

Mae Ross says,

"Micki always seemed to have a mischievous look about her. I remember thinking, "Did she just say that?!" Oh yes, she did!!! She was always "dressed to a t", not a hair out of place; always pleasant to be around. I always felt comfortable in her presence. May her soul rest in peace and rise in glory."

Madelyn McConnell says,

At one point when I wasn't teaching catechism but my children were still involved in it, I decided to try and visit Micki those Mondays. I truly cherish my visits with her. She was such a lovely lady. She shared with me that her husband was wonderful, that he never raised a finger or his voice to her. "He treated me like a queen." Coming from an abusive relationship, her comments were like a gentle, "You deserve the same kind of man; end this unhealthy relationship." Her words replay in my mind often, when seeing or hearing about other unhealthy relationships and sharing advice. They (the hurtful partners) are not what God intended for us. Amen to that! I will miss her beauty (inside and out), her sweet voice...such a model of devotion to her family and other loved ones, religion and faith. RIP dear friend!

Marcia Poirier says:

Micki was a very dear CWL sister/friend of mine. Micki was a very proud woman who always dressed to the nines. She loved to visit over a cup of tea and a piece of lemon meringue pie. Oh, Micki had a good memory too! She loved sharing stories about her husband and family.. What I loved most about Micki was her warm and sincere smile that would welcome you at her door. Over the years Micki wasn't able to attend our meetings so I would deliver our council's newsletter to her. We'd also pick her and her daughter up to come join our council's Anniversary celebration. She was so grateful to our council for keeping her in the loop as she would tell me. May you rest in peace, Micki

Constance Haas says,

I am very sad to hear that Micki has left us. It was her time and I am sure she went the way she intended. I remember meeting Micki and Bill so many years ago at a coffee house. They were pretty well on in years then but were always so lively and involved. After Bill passed away Micki didn't slow down, she was always interested in what was going on around her. I don't remember the reason I was visiting her at her home one day, but I do remember that she introduced me to the world of Royal Ruby glass. I got the bug and could not stop resulting in me having quite a collection. I think of her fondly whenever I look at red glass. She's with Jesus now, where she belongs.

Iris Swiderski says,

"Years ago, Micki and I shared the volunteer position of co-ordinator at Deja-Vu. I cherish those fun times we shared together. She was sincere, hardworking and a faith-filled true friend. Her humor, kindness and positive attitude will always be remembered and dearly missed. May the Eternal Light shine upon her."

Suzanne Moore says,

My first memories of Micki and Bill were at church back in the mid-80's. They made a handsome couple and I was pleased to see how much they loved our little ones. Encouraged by Evelyn Wyrzykowski and Rolande Chernichan, Micki became our charter secretary when our CWL established in 1989. She loved being with us girls and was greatly touched when we helped with the reception at Bill's funeral. I got to know Micki more by visiting her in her home and bringing her produce from my garden every summer. She loved being able to prep and freeze extra produce for her winter preserves. We would have coffee to go with her latest baking and we would brag about each other's families. She gave me some of her favourite recipes, though to this day I have never mastered her never-fail pastry dough! Micki did not seek attention nor did she like the limelight, but as she was our elder CWL'er, we enjoyed celebrating her milestone birthdays with cake and singing. Thank you so much to Mae who connected with Jeanette to celebrate Micki's 98th birthday with a strawberry-rhubarb pie and roses, a mere nine (9) days before her passing. May the songs of the angels welcome you and guide you along the way, dear Micki!

Nettie Lambert says,

Here are some memories of Micki I will always treasure. She always had a mischievous look about her, she always brought a sense of humour to a room. Her favourite expression when I was around was "life's too short to be serious". I will miss her crazy sense of humour, her ready smile and her joy for life.

A Social-Distancing Activity that helps our community!

Saturday, June 19, 2021

Raindate: June 26, 2021

**COME ON
DOWN AND
LEND A HAND!**

Refreshments served
at Lorette Parish Hall
Parking Lot
following Clean-up.

In keeping with Public Health orders, a maximum of 2 people will travel in a car to the start-up locations. Pilot drivers will ferry people back to their vehicles as needed. Face masks are recommended when travelling with someone else (exception is made for members of the same household).

Hwy 207 from McDougall Rd to Junction of Hwy 206

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

Meet 9:00 a.m. at Lorette Parish Hall Parking Lot



Sponsored by the Notre Dame de Lorette Catholic Women's League



100th Anniversary Commemorative Coffee Table Book

The centenary committee is compiling the book as a memento to celebrate the past 100 years of The Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Have you captured a memorable or interesting photograph of an event that took place in your parish diocesan or provincial council?

Send your photograph or a high resolution copy to national office.
You may find yourself captured on the pages of the League's history!

To pre-order your copy, send your
information by e-mail
(info@cwlc.ca) to national office

The cost of \$50.00 is not
required at this time.



Memories of the past and present to preserve for the future!

Pope Francis asks society which it values more: Children or money

Pope Francis urged Europeans on Friday to reflect on what they treasure, and whether they consider children to be the valuable gift they are.

Speaking at “The General State of the Birth Rate” event in Rome May 14, he **said**, “there is a phrase from the Gospel that can help anyone, even those who do not believe, to guide their choices.”

“Jesus says: ‘Where your treasure is, there will your heart also be.’”

“Where is our treasure, the treasure of our society?” he asked. “In children or finances? What draws us, the family or revenue?”

The **live-streamed** event, held in the Conciliazione Auditorium, close to the Vatican, included presentations from company executives, journalists, actors, athletes, and Italian political leaders, including Prime Minister Mario Draghi, reflecting on the problem of Italy’s birth rate, which is one of the lowest in Europe at 1.24.

The country faces a demographic crisis, as experts predict that the already low European fertility rate will be further affected by the coronavirus pandemic, which has already hit the Italian economy especially hard.

In his address, Pope Francis said that “if families are not at the center of the present, there will be no future; but if families restart, everything restarts.”

He emphasized that the first gift every person has received is the gift of life.

“It is a ‘first’ that in the course of life we forget, always intent on looking at the future, at what

we can do and have,” he said.

“A child is the greatest gift for everyone, and

find ourselves in a period of “restarting” after the coronavirus pandemic.

“We cannot follow short-sighted models of growth, as if only some hasty adjustments were needed to prepare for tomorrow,” he argued. “No, the tragic number of births and the appalling numbers of the pandemic call for change and responsibility.”

He encouraged people to instill in the young a desire to pursue their dreams, to sacrifice themselves for others, and to do good in the world.

Sometimes, he said, the message that is

transmitted is that “fulfillment means making money and success, while children seem almost a diversion, which must not hinder their personal aspirations.”

“This mentality is gangrene for society and makes the future unsustainable,” he underlined.

Pope Francis also urged companies not to exploit their employees with unsustainable work conditions and hours, and to ensure they receive a fair amount of the revenue, as a contribution “to a priceless development, that of families.”

“It is a challenge not only for Italy, but for many countries, often rich in resources, but poor in hope,” he commented.

https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/247658/pope-francis-asks-society-which-it-values-more-children-or-money?utm_campaign=CNA%20Daily&utm_medium=email&hsmi=127342245&hsenc=p2ANqtz-83IJBUL7n5G5IJ2pVmCP4Xqt754IGm80RPDK55vLkojOB39rn1TaQQMhFCDq-rP7QADqL-rcqRRU3tpdo1R5wTAMbmCQ&utm_content=127342245&utm_source=hs_email



comes before all else,” the pope reflected.

“This word is linked to children, to every child: first. As a child is expected and loved before it is born, so we must put children first if we want to see the light again after the long winter.”

Societies, especially the more affluent and consumeristic have forgotten the primacy of this gift, Francis said: “In fact, we see that where there are more things, there is often more indifference and less solidarity, more closure, less generosity.”

“Let us help each other, dear friends, to regain the courage to give, the courage to choose life,” he urged.

The pope spoke about the importance of children for both sustainability and solidarity.

“We will not be able to feed production and protect the environment if we are not attentive to families and children,” he said.

Noting the “explosion of births” during the reconstruction periods following World War I and World War II, he said that today too we

We miss out on the Miraculous because we are not willing to risk asking God for the extraordinary. Yet taking a risk to trust Him and act on His word is part of prayer, part of faith. Joshua risks looking foolish by telling his whole army to shout instead of fight at Jericho. The Lord rewards his act of obedient faith and tears down the walls of Jericho -- [From the commentary in Bible in a Year](#)

A cartoon illustration of an elderly woman with a shocked expression. She has a large, bushy white wig, thick-rimmed glasses, and a wide-open mouth showing a black tongue. She is wearing a pink dress with a white scalloped collar. Her arms are outstretched in a gesture of surprise or alarm. A speech bubble to her right contains the text "WHAT?!".

PUNCTUATION SAVES LIVES.



"So! You admit that this is, indeed, your banjo the police found at the scene, but you expect this jury to believe you were never in the kitchen with Dinah?"



"My husband will be home at any moment—quick, take the accordion!"



HAY, CHEWED

**TEACH A MAN TO FISH
AND HE HAS TO BUY
GRAPHITE RODS, REELS
SPINNERBAITS, JIGS, CRANKBAITS
JERKBAITS, PLASTICS, FLIES, WADERS
A BOAT AND A TRUCK**

KNOCK
KNOCK...

- Start The Fire
- Shoot The Deputy

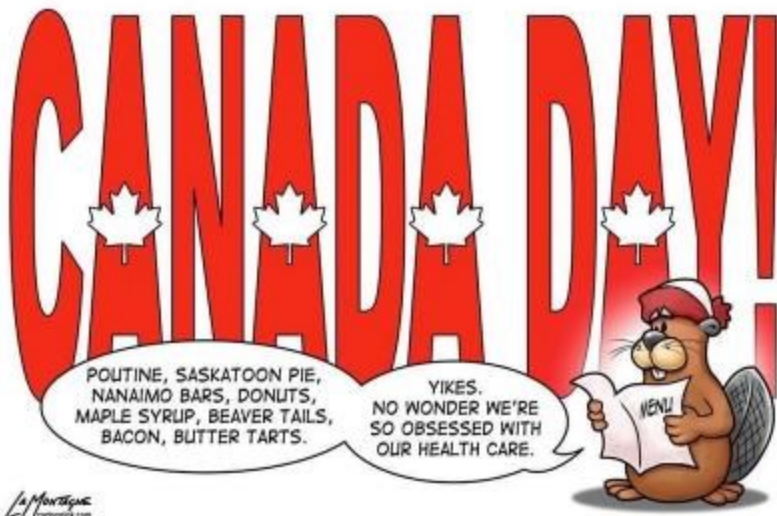
- Built This City
- Shot The Sheriff

- Break Free
- Hold Your Hand

- Rock You
- Survive
- Anything For Love

THINGS WE WON'T DO:





Canadian bucket list Bingo

SLEPT IN A TENT	EATEN POUTINE	VISITED 3+ CAPITALS	SEEN A BEAR	BEEN NORTH OF 60
SEEN THE ATLANTIC	BEEN UP THE CN TOWER	PLAYED ICE HOCKEY	FELT -35C TEMPS	VISITED A NATIONAL PARK
SEEN A GREY JAY	EATEN A BEAVERTAIL		BEEN TO THE CALGARY STAMPEDE	GONE SNOW-SHOEING
BEEN HISSSED AT BY A CANADA GOOSE	SEEN A WHALE	TASTED REAL MAPLE SYRUP	SEEN THE PACIFIC	HAD A DOUBLE DOUBLE
PADDLED A CANOE/ KAYAK	SEEN THE ROCKIES	SUNG THE ANTHEM IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH	BEEN ON A MOUNTAIN AND A BEACH THE SAME DAY	SAID "SORRY" FOR NO REASON



Wishing you a very
Happy Canada Day