

## **St. Leonard's CWL Council 2022 Fall Activities**

- Church barbecue/picnic, September 11 - CWL members on organizing committee and volunteered at event
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Sept 30: a CWL member attended the tour at Beechwood Cemetery honouring victims and survivors of residential schools
- CWL organized "The Rosary Project" which took place on October 21, at St. Leonard's School, for 105 Grade 3 students. CWL members taught the children the history and meaning of the rosary and each child made a rosary for Father Gerard to bless. CWL members donated "rosary kits" for each student
- Ongoing edits were completed by the working committee on the Resolution for clean drinking water for First Nations and submitted to the Diocesan President and Life Member at the beginning of Nov.
- CWL held a bake sale on Thanksgiving weekend, where we made \$1046.70
- CWL also held their annual "Pie Sale" this fall, which is our major fundraiser for charities. Members made and sold approx 130 pies @ \$18.00 each
- 40 Days for Life campaign: Our parish day of coverage was Thursday, October 20 – the 12 hours were completely covered and included Pro Life Prayers, Rosaries, Mass, Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Stations of the Cross at St. Leonard's Church and a prayerful vigil downtown near the abortuary.
- Life Chain, October 2: CWL promoted and participated in this event. Our parish was represented by half a dozen parishioners who stood, witnessed and prayed at Hunt Club at Bank St. and in Kanata at March Rd. & Halton Terrace
- CWL organized a Rosary Rally in Manotick: There were 16 participants, including Father Gerard, in Bracken Field on Saturday, October 15 at noon. Through our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, we prayed that Almighty God heal our nation. Ours was one of over 770 rallies held across Canada. "God keep our land glorious and free"
- CWL members volunteered for a "Fall Clean up" at Waupoos Farm, cleaning cottages used for free vacations by underserved families in our community

Sample of ongoing activities which CWL members are involved in this fall:

- CWL member acts as lead for the weekly Lectio Divina series
- CWL member acts as lead as the Music Coordinator
- CWL member acts as lead for Coffee Sundays
- CWL member acts as lead for Matt Weaving project
- CWL members are volunteers for the Food Bank at St. Leonard's Church

Upcoming plans:

- ProLife Fundraising Roast Beef Dinner: Saturday, November 5 at 6 pm. Proceeds to: Campaign Life Coalition, Miriam Centre – Pregnancy Care, Action Life, Sisters of Life and St. Leonard's Mass intentions for Pro Life. CWL members volunteering for the event.
- Christmas Cakes: Christmas cakes and more delicious treats from the Cistercian Monks, Val Notre-/dame Abbey will be on sale at St. Leonard's Church on December 3 and 4 after each Mass. CWL members will sell the products.
- Development and Peace: Jean Lashley, CWL member will give a presentation after each Mass on November 20 and 21
- CWL will sell Advent candles this fall: Following a discussion we agreed to buy 36 sets of advent candles for \$7.88 to sell for \$12.00.
- Youth group at St. Leonard's will hold a Christmas Bake Sale in December. CWL member is the lead of our Youth Ministry.
- At Christmas, CWL sponsors a family at Waupoos Farm with a \$200.00 donation. We will vote at our Nov meeting where we will direct the remaining fundraising dollars raised this year.

Poem by Mother Teresa, entitled "Life Is" presented by our Spiritual Chair at our Oct meeting:

*Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it.  
Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it.  
Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it.  
Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sorrow, overcome it.  
Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it.  
Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an adventure, dare it.  
Life is luck, make it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it.  
Life is life, fight for it.*