St. Michael's — St. Benedict — Canadian Martyrs

Cudworth St. Benedict Middle Lake

Roman Catholic Parishes (2 Week Bulletin)

August 3rd (18th Sunday in Ordinary time) – August 17th (20th Sunday in Ordinary time)

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Ezekwudo, Teresa Richardson, and Chara Sargeant (Bulletin)

Sunday Mass times August:

Saturday 5_{PM} Canadian Martyrs Sunday 9_{AM} St. Benedict Sunday 11_{AM} St. Michael's

Weekday Mass times (year round):

Tuesday 6:30_{PM} Haven

Wednesday $10:30_{AM}$ Nursing Home Wednesday $1:30_{PM}$ Bethany St. Michael's

Low-gluten communion hosts are available. Please see Fr. <u>before</u> Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat: 11_{AM} - 12_{PM} (noon) – St. Michael's Sat: $4:30_{PM}$ - $4:55_{PM}$ – St. Benedict (only when Mass falls on Saturday)

By appointment: Contact Fr. Benjamin directly on his mobile

Eucharistic Adoration:

St. Michael's: Every Friday from Mass: 8_{AM} to 9_{AM} (Except for 1st Friday of the month, when it is after Mass: $9:30_{AM}$ to 12_{PM})

St. Michael's Haven: Every first Tuesday of the month, 5:30 _{PM} to 6:30 _{PM}

<u>Marriage Prep</u>: Please contact Fr. Benjamin at least one year prior to the desired date of marriage.

Mass Intentions: Please contact Fr. Benjamin directly. Suggested donation: \$10.00 Fr. Benjamin is available on his mobile at any time outside Mass times for EMERGENCIES and to administer the sacrament of the

Anointing of the Sick.

To request <u>Communion to the Sick</u>, <u>Baptism</u>, or <u>Funeral</u>, please call Fr. Benjamin at the office, or directly on his mobile.

Reminder: You can request the sacraments when you are in ANY hospital.

St. Michael's Sunday Masses can be followed at 91.3FM

ALL MASS INTENTIONS August 2nd - 17th

Aug. 2nd – First Saturday 9_{AM} - Rosary 9:30_{AM} - Mass

St. Michael's: In reparation for the offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Aug. 2nd - Saturday 5_{PM}
Canadian Martyrs: Donna
Jungwirth+/ Bob Reaser
Aug. 3rd - Sunday 9_{AM}

St. Benedict: Dona Lee Schmidt+/ Lyle Kleiter

Aug. 3rd – Sunday 11_{AM}
St. Michael's: Lucille Reding+/
Harley & Lori Schlosser

Aug. 5th –Tues. 6:30_{PM} St. Michael's Haven: Allan Herman/ Doreen Regnier

Aug. 6th -Wed. 10:30_{AM}

<u>Cudworth Nursing Home:</u>

Kali Jungwirth/ Ivan & Teresa

Richardson **Aug. 6th –Wed. 1:30_{PM}**Bethany: Gary Schmidt+/

Dolores Hauber

Aug. 8th -Friday 9_{AM}
St. Michael's: Dawson
Moritz+/ Ivan & Teresa
Richardson

Aug. 9th - Saturday 5_{PM}
St. Benedict: Gerald
Saxinger+/ Vince & Tammy
Dierker

Aug. 10th - Sunday 9_{AM}
Canadian Martyrs: Alphonse
Schlosser+/ Kyle Schlosser
Aug. 10th - Sunday 11_{AM}
St. Michael's: Guenther
Saxinger+/ Catherine,
Thomas, Heide, Elizabeth &
Families

Aug. 12th –Tues. 6:30_{PM} St. Michael's Haven: Gina Cayen+/ Teresa & Ivan Richardson

Aug. 13th -Wed. 10:30_{AM}
Cudworth Nursing Home:
Rhett Hauber/ CWL

Aug. 13th –Wed. 1:30_{PM}

<u>Bethany:</u> Donna Jungwirth+/
Eugene & Grace Jungwirth

Aug. 15th -Friday 9_{AM}
St. Michael's: Hans
Saxinger+/ Catherine,
Thomas, Heide, Elizabeth &
Families

Aug. 16th - Saturday 5_{PM}
Canadian Martyrs: Lucille
Reding+/ Shawn & Juanita
Kolla

Aug. 17th - Sunday 9_{AM} St. Benedict: Clarence Palchinski+/ Clarence's children

Aug. 17th – Sunday 11_{AM} St. Michael's: Hilda Lieffers+/ Mary Weisensel

We are looking for a family from OUR PARISH to bring up the gifts at the Aug 17th Pilgrimage Mass at Mt. Carmel. (If no one calls Doreen (306) 291-2144 by Aug 6th she will do phoning to find a family). Thank you



ST. MICHAEL'S -503 Main Street.

Cudworth, SK. S0K 1B0

Mass Time – August: Sunday 11_{AM}

Together we listen, receive, believe, and serve from the heart of Jesus

<u>Parish Council:</u>Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo **2nd. Term:** Grace Jungwirth (Chair), Glen Lingel (Vice Chair), Teresa Richardson (Secretary), Vince Dierker (K of C Representative), Stuart Kolla (Maintenance), Kyle Slobodian **1st. Term:** Don Kolla, Catherine Mazurkewich, Audrey van der Gracht, Ida Rose Wilde

Finance Committee: Catherine Mazurkewich (Chair), Derreck Kolla, Michael Wilde, Lee Hauber

<u>Cemetery Committee:</u> Don Kolla (Chair), Ida-Rose Wilde, James Hauber, Raymond Jungwirth– For all cemetery related information. Torque Biohardean, Parish Covenant of Care Coordinators. Cross Jungwirth

information: Teresa Richardson Parish Covenant of Care Coordinator: Grace Jungwirth

Knights of Columbus & Parish Council

- Summer Break

CWL – Next meeting: Tuesday, September 16th @ 7:15



August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

It is a dogma of the Catholic faith that Mary is the Immaculate Conception; that is, in preparation for the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity in her womb, she was conceived without the corruption of sin through the foreseen and infinite merits of her Son. Jesus Christ. Over the centuries, as saints and theologians reflected on how Mary pondered and treasured the sacred events from the life of Christ in her holy heart, as attested in Scripture, her pure heart was recognized as something to be imitated. Devotion to Our Lady's purity of heart began to flower—so much so that in the 17th century, St. John Eudes promoted it alongside the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion rose to a new level after the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, when Mary revealed an image of her Immaculate Heart to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco.

Pursue The Power of Persistent Prayer with St. Monica

Wednesday, August 27th @ St. Anne's Parish Dessert, speakers, conversation, and prayer Every family is affected by loved ones who have fallen away, walked away, or ran away form the Church. Lets gather for fellowship and prayer to hold each other up in hope

 $6:00_{PM}-doors\ open$

6:30_{PM} – speakers and discussion

 $8:00_{PM}$ – Adoration

Free will offering

RSVP to Brenda <u>brendatryhuba@gmail.com</u> or 306-260-3612



Sunday Mass Ministries

11_{AM} – Sunday, August 3rd

Rosary: Glen Ushers: James, Clarence

Servers: Cael, Gage, Brooke

Readers: 1st -Teresa, 2nd - John K.,

Prayers of the Faithful— Catherine

Offerings: James & Kim

Eucharistic Minister: Clarence, Barbara, Danny

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

11_{AM} – Sunday, August 10th

Rosary: Phil Ushers: Danny, Darrel

Servers: Camryn, Brady

Readers: 1st –James, 2nd –Lee, POF– Kim

Offerings: Bernadette & Tammy

Eucharistic Minister: Heide, Morris, Roger

Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide

11_{AM} - Sunday, August 17th

Welcomers: John & Audrey

Rosary: Glen Ushers: Garry, Edward, Leonard

Servers: Brianna

Readers: 1st - Garry, 2nd - Don

<u>Prayers of the Faithful</u> – Kathleen

Offerings: Edward & Leonard

Eucharistic Minister: Clarence, Barbara, Danny

Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

11_{AM} - Sunday, August 24th

Welcomers: Jim & Liz

Rosary: Phil Ushers: James, Clarence

Servers: Cael, Gage, Brooke

Readers: 1st – Barbara, 2nd – Morris, POF – Teresa

Offerings: John & Audrey

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara, Morris, Roger

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

11_{AM} – Sunday, August 31st

Welcomers: Garry & Catherine

Rosary: Glen Ushers: Danny, Darrel

Servers: Camryn, Brady

Readers: 1^{st} – John v., 2^{nd} – Catherine,

Prayers of the Faithful – Bernadette

Offerings: James & Kim

Eucharistic Minister: Clarence, Heide, Danny

Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide

Prairie Pilgrimages and Shrine Sites

<u>Jesus Youth Saskatchewan Pilgrimage ~ Sunday, Aug. 3</u> at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine at St. Laurent (near Duck Lake). Gather at 2_{PM} Aug. 3; adoration and confessions 3_{PM} at Grotto; Mass at 4_{PM} , followed by a potluck meal. RSVP to: or online at: https://forms.gle/4aMRdmqc1Kqj5qWV6.

Saint Philomena Walking Pilgrimage to Rama — August 11th — 14th www.stphilomena.ca , or contact dave@stphilomena.ca or 306~728~5525.

Bus from Saskatoon/Humboldt to Rama Pilgrimage Aug. 14: cost is \$40 (payable in advance, non-refundable) for the bus which will depart Thursday, Aug. 14 from two locations in the city: St. Patrick Church, 3339 Centennial Cr. at 10am and Holy Family Cathedral, 123 Nelson Rd. at10:15am, with a stop in Humboldt to pick up passengers at St. Augustine Church, 809~10th St., at 11:15am.

Pilgrimage events start at Rama at 3pm Aug. 14, with praying of the Chaplet, Rosary, and Stations of the Cross; supper at 4:30pm (bring your own or to purchase supper tickets call pilgrimage organizers by Aug. 1 at 306~593~6120); hymns at 6pm, and Mass at 8pm with Archbishop Donald Bolen, followed by a candlelight procession and adoration.

The bus departs for home at 11pm Aug. 14. To book a seat, contact Astrid Alas at (306) 659~5858 or amalas@rcdos.ca or Ester Canda at (306) 881~1773

80th Annual Rama Pilgrimage – August 14th & 15th Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes is located at St. Anthony Church, 104~1st Street North, Rama, SK.

St. Laurent Pilgrimage –August 15th/September 8th located 12 km directly east of Duck Lake www.saintlaurentshrine.com

Pilgrimage to Millennium Pro-Life Cross – September 14th The Millennium Pro-Life Cross is located 10.8 km northeast of Aberdeen, SK. <u>Pro-Life Millennium Cross</u> | <u>Annual Pilgrimage</u>

Jubilee Year: Walking Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel August 17th 2025

Walking from St. Augustine Parish or St. Bruno Parish to Mount Carmel Shrine. Join us on a pilgrimage to one of the designated holy sites for this Jubilee Year. Let's take advantage of these Jubilee graces and the Jubilee indulgence!

Three Starting Points to choose from for the walk:

St. Augustine Parish, Humboldt: 9_{AM} departure time with rest stops (23kms)

St. Bruno Parish: 11:30_{AM} departure time with rest stops (12kms)

Gaudet Farm: $3:30_{PM}$ departure time (1km from Mt. Carmel ~ contact Kateri @ 306-281-2013 for details)

Please make arrangements with other participants for a ride to the walk start point. If you need a ride or need help making arrangements, please call St. Augustine parish at 306-682-2106

If you're unable to walk, you may drive to the site and take part in the events

Confessions: 4_{PM}

Mass: 5_{PM}

Sacrament of the Sick: Immediately following the Mass

Praise & Worship and testimonials: 7_{PM}

Event concludes at 8_{PM}

Bring your own picnic supper and a lawn chair or blanket

For more information, contact St. Augustine Parish at 306-682-2106 or <u>staugustine@sasktel.net</u>



ST. BENEDICT

10 1st Street South (Church Avenue) St. Benedict, SK S0K 3T0

Sunday/Saturday Mass Ministries

Mass Times:

August: Sunday 9_{AM}

September: Saturday 5_{PM}

9_{AM} – Sunday August 3rd

<u>Ushers:</u> Laverne <u>Sacristan:</u> Laverne <u>Cross Bearer</u>: Colleen <u>Servers:</u> Draude's Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: Tim

9_{AM} – Sunday August 10th

<u>Ushers:</u> Reg <u>Sacristan:</u> Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

9_{AM} – Sunday August 17th

<u>Ushers:</u> Laverne <u>Sacristan:</u> Laverne <u>Cross Bearer</u>: Colleen <u>Servers:</u> Draude's <u>Readings & Prayers of the Faithful</u>: Tim

9_{AM} - Sunday August 24th

<u>Ushers:</u> Reg <u>Sacristan:</u> Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: VeraLucia

Reconciling All Things In Christ

All are welcome to two evenings of worship, prayer and learning for the sake of unity and reconciliation on **Aug. 8-9**, 2025 in Saskatoon. The two evenings of prayer, reflection, and fellowship will be held at Knox United Church on Spadina Cres. E. in Saskatoon beginning at 7_{PM} Friday, Aug. 8, including keynote speaker Dr. Gordon T. Smith; and beginning at 6:30 PM Saturday, Aug. 9, including keynote speaker Vesper Stamper. There will be an opportunity to make a free will offering.

We are excited to gather and to see you! If you have any questions or feedback, contact: bpjakobpalm@gmail.com or 306-261-2808 or visit:

www.holvcovenantchurch.net.

CANADIAN MARTYR'S

1st Street North Middle Lake, SK S0K 2X0

READERS / COLLECTION:

Sat. Aug. 2^{nd} @ 5_{PM} Andrea & Gloria Sat. Aug. 9^{th} @ 5_{PM} Marj & Janice Sat. Aug. 16^{th} @ 5_{PM} Tim & Janine Sat. Aug. 23^{rd} @ 5_{PM} Andrea & Gloria

CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

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Sun August 3rd
Sun August 10th
Sun August 17th
Sun August 24th
Sun August 31st

Matthew & Ken P Dorian & R. Baker Chris & Debbie Kenny & Hap Tim & Allen

CHURCH CLEANERS:

September: Sunday 11_{AM}

August: Saturday 5_{PM}

Mass Times:

August: Adel Zimmer & Diane Jenkins

September: Janine Schmidt & Sheila Schreiner

Please maintain any flowers, solar lights, and anything else placed in the cemetery at a grave site. Please try to place objects in a way as not to impede the cemetery grass mowing and maintenance for the volunteers looking after the cemetery. It can add a lot of time and effort on the volunteer's part if items left at grave sites are left to deteriorate. Thank you, God Bless!



Saskatoon Pro-Life Action Week

Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform (CCBR) Calgary interns will team up with Saskatoon Against Abortion for local pro-life outreach from Aug. 4 to 9, with encouragement and support from Bishop Mark Hagemoen.

Monday, Aug. 4: St. Anne's Catholic Church 217 Lenore Drive 5:15pm Pizza & Presentation 7-9pm Door-Knocking w/ CCBR Interns & Debrief **Tuesday, Aug. 5:** Rock of Ages Church 130 Kingsmere Place 6:30pm Presentation 8pm Pro-Life Q&A

WRAP-UP EVENT FRIDAY, Aug. 8: St. Anne's Catholic Church 217 Lenore Drive 6:30pm Refreshments 7pm Presentation 7:45pm Mix and Mingle w/ CCBR and Saskatchewan Pro-Life

For more information contact Jeff Owen at jowen@endthekilling.ca



18th Sunday: The meaning of life

"Life is a song - sing it. Life is a game - play it. Life is a challenge - meet it. Life is a dream - realize it. Life is a sacrifice - offer it. Life is love - enjoy it." Sai Baba

Life is a gift from God. Human life is the most precious gift from God, the life you and I have. Without this gift of life, there will be no platform upon which existence would happen. Human life, the way it has been constituted, from the beginning, cannot be satisfied by material wealth. St. Augustineagreed to this when he said that human's heart has been made, ultimately for God and God alone. And that our hearts are restless until they rest in God.

We cannot deny the fact that we live in a very competitive world. A world that tells us that we are somebody only when we are popular; when we have latest cars, houses, clothes, or look more beautiful than others. A world that judges our value based on who we are connected with, what we have or how we appear. Everything is built on measures of value that have nothing to do with God. Because of this, everyone wants to come out on top. Everyone wants to be the most popular.

In the long run, the new world system has left most people greedy. And greed is exactly what Jesus warns us against in the gospel reading of today.St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that greed is "a sin against God, just as all mortal sins, inasmuch as man condemns things eternal for the sake of temporal things." In other words, the greedy person chooses material and temporal things over and above God.

St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians tried to strike a balance when he said, "Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth" (Colossians 3:2). Here Paul is not telling us to close our eyes to world realities and, hoping for the best. Rather he is urging us to check our understanding of life, our values. He told the Colossian community, and us too, that in Baptism we have become new persons as we have been raised with Christ. There we find the perfect image of God in Jesus who is the perfect model for us.

What God wants from us is a spiritually enriched person, body and soul, regardless of one's economic position or social status. The book Ecclesiastes reminded us today that the riches of this world are extrinsic, adding no value to our souls. Hence, we should be pursing what is intrinsic and will be part of us forever rather than the extrinsic which will disappear when we die. (Ecclesiastes 2: 21-23)

The parable of Jesus in the gospel reading of today does not deny the need to plan for the future, but it asks us to look at wealth from the ultimate perspective. The man in the parable is called a fool, not because he is stupid, but because he does not appreciate the true purpose of his wealth. In the midst of his good fortune, he lost the sense of what is really important. For him the acquisition of material goods has become an end in itself. Wealth is meant to be shared!

Erma Bombeck, "when I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, I used everything you gave me"

Prayers:

Thank you, Jesus

Thank you, Lord

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo

19th Sunday: We are Pilgrims

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." Martin Luther King, Jr.

Pilgrimage is an act of deepening one's relationship with God, marked by both joyful experiences and difficult trials. This journey can encompass various stages, from initial recognition of a spiritual need to actively living out one's faith through service and discipleship.

The faith journey encompasses distinct stages of spiritual development, such as recognizing God's presence, learning about faith, and actively living it out. The letter to the Hebrews said, "Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen." (Hebrews 11:1-2)

Henry Ward Beecher said, "Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith." And this takes us to two major groups ofpeople in this life – Pilgrims and Planners.

A pilgrim is someone who accepts life as a gift that unfolds as we live it, for however hard we may try, we can never have complete control over what happens. A pilgrim is not deterred by failures and disappointments but sees them as opportunities for spiritual growth.

Some people have also chosen to approach life as 'planners'. A planner likes to have total control over his life and to be able to plan each stage according to pre-set goals. Planners take their cue from what society considers success, and spend most of their time trying to match the lifestyle and values of others.

The pilgrim lives by faith, knowing that life is full of risk, yet affirming it. He/she senses the full insecurity of the human situation, yet rejoices. That is the essence of faith. As pilgrims we put ourselves in God's hands, and thus open ourselves to the full grace of God's protection. "To have faith is to trust yourself to the water. When you swim you don't grab hold of the water, because if you do you will sink and drown. Instead, you relax and float." Alan Watts

The second reading of today portrays Abraham as aquintessential pilgrim. At the word of God he uprooted himself, leaving his home and people, and set out for a land God promised to show him, where he would become the father of a great

nation (Genesis 12:1-3). It was a journey into the unknown. The only compass he had was faith in God (Galatians 3:6).

We are the spiritual descendants of Abraham. We prove ourselves true children of Abraham by imitating his faith.Like Abraham, in this JIBULEE year, we are journeying together (pilgrimage centers or shrines).

As Christians we spend our lives journeying towards the promised land of heaven. We literally don't know what lies around the next bend on the road of life. Yet, in spite of frustrations and problems, we journey on - pilgrims homesick for a place where our hopes will be realised, and where our true life will begin.

We are also reminded that we are not alone on the pilgrimage of life. We make the pilgrimage of life as members of a family, then a believing community. The faith of the community will support us when our own faith does not measure up.

In essence, a faith journey is a lifelong process of spiritual exploration, marked by both challenges and blessings, that ultimately leads to a deeper understanding of oneself and one's relationship with God.

Gregory Peck, "Faith gives you an inner strength and a sense of balance and perspective in life."

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus

Thank you, Lord

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo