

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



Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake



## Roman Catholic Parishes

December 14<sup>th</sup> (Third Sunday of Advent) – December 21<sup>st</sup> (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

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**Office Hours**: Tue/Fri: 9 –12noon (closed during Mass times); Thursday: 9<sub>AM</sub>–4<sub>PM</sub> **Administration**: Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo, Teresa Richardson (IN ON THURSDAYS 9<sub>AM</sub> – NOON), and Chara Sargeant (Bulletin)

### Sunday Mass times December:

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

### Weekday Mass times (year round):

Tuesday 6:30PM	Haven
Wednesday 10:30AM	Nursing Home
Wednesday 1:30PM	Bethany
Friday 9AM	St. Michael's

**Low-gluten communion hosts are available. Please see Fr. before Mass.**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat: 11<sub>AM</sub> – 12<sub>PM</sub> (noon) – St. Michael's  
Sat: 4:30<sub>PM</sub> – 4:55<sub>PM</sub> – 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<sub>AM</sub> to 9<sub>AM</sub> (Except for 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, when it is after Mass: 9:30<sub>AM</sub> to 12<sub>PM</sub>)

**St. Michael's Haven**: Every first Tuesday of the month, 5:30<sub>PM</sub> to 6:30<sub>PM</sub>

**Marriage Prep**: 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 Communion to the Sick, Baptism, or Funeral, 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 December 13<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>**

**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 5PM**

Canadian Martyrs: Rita Wright+/ Yvonne Taylor

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 9AM**

St. Benedict: Glen & Doreen Schreiner+/ Laverne & Colleen Martinka

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11AM**

St. Michael's: Gary & Dona Lee Schmidt+/ Jim & Liz Wilde

**Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Tues. 6:30PM**

St. Michael's Haven: Anna Gulka (birthday)

**Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> -Wed. 10:30AM**

Cudworth Nursing Home: Clarence Palchinski+/ Eleanor

**Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> –Wed. 1:30PM**

Bethany: John Lange+/ Phil Renneberg

**Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> -Friday 9AM**

St. Michael's: Alvin & Catherine Reding, Norbert Pawluk+/ Sandara

**Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 5PM**

Canadian Martyrs: Alphonse Schlosser+/ Arnold & Norma Fleischhacker

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 9AM**

St. Benedict: Allan & Caroline Altman+/ Janice Fletcher

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 11AM**

St. Michael's: Clarence Palchinski+/ Ryan & Sylvia



Cudworth School will be celebrating their Christmas Concert on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7PM



### **Advent Penitential/Confessions ~ December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM**

### **Christmas Eve Children's Pageant before 7:30PM Mass**

**Practice**: Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday December 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:30<sub>AM</sub> at St. Michael's Parish

All are welcome to join!





**ST. MICHAEL'S** -503 Main Street,  
Cudworth, SK. S0K 1B0  
Mass Time – December: Sunday 11 AM

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

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

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

**Cemetery Committee:** Don Kolla (Chair), Ida-Rose Wilde, James Hauber, Raymond Jungwirth – For all cemetery related information: Teresa Richardson **Parish Covenant of Care Coordinator:** Grace Jungwirth

**Knights of Columbus** – Thursday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>

**Rosary:** 7 PM **Meeting:** 7:30 PM



**CWL** – Next meeting:



Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:15

**Parish Council** – Wed. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM

## Fundraiser Bake Sale

December 16<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM – 5 PM

@ St. Michael's Haven

Donations to be dropped off before noon on Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. Donations to be wrapped and ready to go & labeled with suggested sell price. 100% of the proceeds go to the residents at the Haven.



**Formed.org:** A great online resource for inspiring movies and studies, audios, talks and e-books. Go to: <https://formed.org/signup>.

With Formed you will find video programs that explain the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, Bible studies and other variety of topics.

## Winter Clothes Collection

Parishioners are encouraged to bring winter clothes and drop them off in the east entrance of the parish. You may reach out to Kathleen Kolla for more details (306)233-7958



**Congratulations to Terry Medernach for winning the Christmas Raffle Basket!**

Thanks to those who donated and supported the Raffle!

## VAN SERVICE – Winter Months

**Anyone wanting to be picked up should contact the Parish Office (306) 256-3218 or Liz Wilde (306) 256-3673**

Pick-up starts 1 hour before Mass

## Sunday Mass Ministries

**11 AM – Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary:** Phil **Ushers:** Danny, Darrel

**Screens:** Jill **Servers:** Camryn, Nora

**Readers:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Heide, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Barbara **POF** – Catherine

**Offerings:** John & Audrey

**Eucharistic Minister:** Morris & Roger

**Counters:** Garry, Catherine, Heide

## Advent Penitential/Confessions ~

**December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM**

**11 AM – Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Rosary:** Glen **Ushers:** Garry, Edward, Leonard

**Screens:** Grace **Servers:** Brianna, Chelsea

**Readers:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Garry, 2<sup>nd</sup> – James

**Prayers Of the Faithful** – Kim

**Offerings:** James & Kim

**Eucharistic Minister:** Clarence & Danny

**Counters:** Dennis, Sylvia

## Youth Mass

**7:30 PM – CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Welcomers:** Garry & Catherine **Rosary:** Phil

**Ushers:** James & Clarence **Screens:** TBD

**Servers:** Chelsea, Brianna **Readers:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Gage,

2<sup>nd</sup> – Camryn **Prayers Of the Faithful** – Cael

**Offerings:** TBD

**Eucharistic Minister:** Barbara, Roger, & Heide

**11 AM – CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Welcomers:** John & Audrey

**Rosary:** Glen **Ushers:** Darrell & Garry

**Screens:** TBD **Servers:** Chelsea, Brianna

**Readers:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Tammy, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Lee

**Prayers Of the Faithful** – Bernadette

**Offerings:** Roger, Bernadette, Tammy

**Eucharistic Minister:** Heide & Kathleen

Come let us  
Adore  
Him



**11 AM – Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary:** Phil **Ushers:** Edward, Leonard

**Screens:** Ann **Servers:** Eric, Leo, Alynn

**Readers:** 1<sup>st</sup> – John v., 2<sup>nd</sup> – Verik

**Prayers Of the Faithful** – Teresa

**Offerings:** John & Audrey

**Eucharistic Minister:** Danny & Morris

**Counters:** Danny, Ann, Elaine



## St. Michael's Christmas Flower Memorial Donations

Thank you to all that donated in memory of loved ones for flowers for Christmas. The flowers will beautify St. Michael's Church, as well as St. Michael's Haven Chapel. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

### In Memory Of

- Joe, Dina, & Muriel Kolla & Mary Kjorlien
- Dave Hauber
- Deceased members of the Kohle & Lange Families
- Deceased members of Weisensel & Hrbacheck Families
- Herman Nienaber
- Ella & Mike Mechor, John & Alvina Medernach, Harry & Tekyla Dubyk
- Deceased members of the Kolla, Saxinger, Reaser, & Lobl Families
- Richard & Yolande Dierker
- Clarence Palchinski & Isabelle Osolinsky
- Deceased members of Billesberger & Andre Families
- Leon, Marie, & Raymond Beauregard
- Victor, Catherine, & Denis Jungwirth and Josef, Maria, Dieter Poschmann
- Mary, Virgil, Norman, Gerald, & Raymond Billesberger & John, Margaret, Tom & Anne van der Gracht
- Alvin & Catherine Reding, & Norbert Pawluk

### Donated By:

- Don & Kathleen Kolla
- Delores Hauber & Family
- Bernadette Lange
- Mary Weisensel
- Barbara Nienaber & Family
- Terry & Phil Medernach
- Darrell & Heide Kolla & Family
- Vince & Tammy Dierker
- Elenore Palchinski
- Leo & Darlene Billesberger
- Roger Beauregard
- Clarence & Margaret Jungwirth
- John & Audrey van der Gracht
- Sandra Pawluk



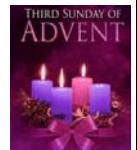
## The Third Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us.

The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated *Veni* ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The term *Gaudete* refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

### The Advent Wreath



A third candle (pink) is lit on the Advent Wreath for the third Sunday of Advent. This candle, often called the Shepherd's Candle or the Joy Candle, represents joy, such as the joy the shepherds experienced when the angel told them that Christ was to be born.

*"It is Christmas every time you speak out for life, and let God love others through you!"* – Mother Teresa

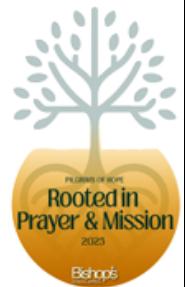
## Bishop's Annual Appeal

Goals for the year: St. Michael - \$13,310 St. Benedict - \$1,828 Canadian Martyrs - \$2,038

### "Pilgrims of Hope Rooted in Prayer and Mission"

There is still time to make your gift and receive a charitable donation tax receipt for this year. Give online and/or find more information at: <https://dscf.ca/baa/> or for more information contact the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation at [admin@dscf.ca](mailto:admin@dscf.ca) or call (306) 659-5851. "Let us continue to walk as pilgrims of hope, rooted in prayer and united in our mission to serve. May the Lord bless all who have given so generously and inspire others to join in this important work of faith." – Bishop Mark Hagemoen.

THANK YOU for your generosity!





## ST. BENEDICT

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



Mass Times:

December: **Sunday 9AM**

January: **Saturday 5PM**

**St. Benedict Parish** will be accepting donations for **Christmas Flowers** in memory of loved ones. Anyone who would like to make a donation please contact Theresa Chipeur at (306) 289-0008

### Christmas & New Year Schedule

Advent Penitential/Confessions –

December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM

Christmas Eve ~ St. Benedict @ 5PM

~ St. Michael's @ 7:30PM

Christmas Day ~ Canadian Martyrs @ 9AM

~ St. Michael's @ 11AM

January 1<sup>st</sup> (The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) ~ St. Michael's @ 9AM

### Sunday/Saturday Mass Ministries

9AM – Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>

Ushers: Laverne Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen Servers: Draude's

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

9AM – Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>

Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

5PM – Christmas Eve

Ushers: Laverne Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen Servers: Draude's

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

9AM – Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup>

Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn



## CANADIAN MARTYR'S

1<sup>st</sup> Street North  
Middle Lake, SK S0K 2X0



Mass Times:

December: **Saturday 5PM**

January: **Sunday 11AM**

### READERS / COLLECTION:

Sat. Dec 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM Marj & Janice

Sat. Dec 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM Tim & Janine

Christmas Day @ 9AM Andrea & Gloria

Sat. Dec 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM Marj & Janice

### CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Sun Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

Sun Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>

Sun Dec 28<sup>th</sup>

Tim & Allen

Matthew & Ken P.

Dorian & R. Baker

### CHURCH CLEANERS:

**December:**

Colleen Baumann

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!

**Christmas hamper donations** needed  
This holiday season the Middle Lake SCC is putting together Christmas Hampers for those in need in our community. We are looking for non-perishable or monetary donations  
There are donation drop off boxes set up at the DSR in Middle Lake, The Holy Trinity church in Pilger, Middle Lake Lutheran church, Three Lakes childcare centre, The Gospel Church as well Three Lakes School on December 4<sup>th</sup> for the Countdown to Christmas  
Thank you for your donations!

**A "Journey Through Advent"**  
Video Series  
featuring reflections  
on the readings for  
each Sunday in  
Advent, is again  
available from the  
Canadian Conference  
of Catholic Bishops  
(CCCB) in both  
English and French  
on their website:  
[www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca) .

**Christmas Hamper**  
**program for Middle Lake**  
**and surrounding**  
**communities**

If you or your family is in need this holiday season, please send your request for a Christmas hamper to 1-306-229-7279 or 1-306-202-8911. The hampers are available to all those who are in need within the community

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Courage! Courage!!

*“You will never do anything in this world without courage. It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor.” Aristotle*

The readings of today have comforting words. Prophet Isaiah tells us that God is the hope of his people who are crushed by misfortune. For this reason, we take ‘courage, and do not be afraid’ (Isaiah 35:4). St James in his letter urges us to be patient with one another - ‘Be patient! Do not lose heart’ (James 5:8). In the Gospel, though Jesus appreciated the work done by his cousin. He also knew, may be that his time is up, that he made no physical effort towards his rescue, rather Jesus sent him a lovely and encouraging words: ‘Happy the person who does not lose faith in me’ (Matthew 11:6).

John the Baptist was the last of the prophets (major and minor). He was the forerunner of Jesus; his cousin at that. But his style preaching got him into trouble with King Herod. Then, he got locked up in a dark dungeon with the threat of death hanging over him. There in the prison John’s faith was severely tested. He needed reassurance and comforting; so he sent his disciples to Jesus.....

The above comforting words are addressed to us now. And we need to drink them in, because at times we too can find ourselves in dark situations. We might be going along nicely but then a storm suddenly hits us: loss of one’s job, a serious illness, family torn apart, unexplained financial mismanagement... These kinds of things shatter our faith in the right order of things and even in God.

*At times like these may we hear the words of Isaiah: 'Courage! Do not be afraid.'*

John the Baptist was a holy, God-fearing man, yet he ended up in a dungeon under sentence of death. We can do our best, but things may still go wrong. We feel let down by God. We doubt his love for us and perhaps even his existence.

*At times like these may we hear the words of Jesus: 'Blessed is the person who does not lose faith in me.'*

Modern life is becomingly increasingly stressful. Christmas brings added work and more stress. Some people can feel overwhelmed, and wonder if they will be able to cope.

*In times like these may we hear the words of Isaiah: 'Courage! Do not be afraid.'*

Death constitutes the severest test of all for our faith. We live our lives in the shadow of death. That all of us, but especially those who have recently lost a loved one, and who are grieving deeply or even confused.

*May hear the words of Jesus: 'Blessed is the person who does not lose faith in me.'*

At times we are bewildered by some of the things that are happening in our world: tragedies, wars, famines, genocide (like the killing of Christians in Nigeria). We feel numbed and powerless, and we wonder where God is, and why he doesn't intervene.

*In the midst of our bewilderment may we hear the words of Jesus: 'Blessed is the person who does not lose faith in me.'*

Some parents have seen their children give up the practice of the faith, in spite of having given them encouragement and good example. For them it's a great pain, and a great sadness.

*May these parents hear the words of St James: 'Be patient! Do not lose heart.'*

At times our appetite get us into serious trouble - alcoholism is a terrible affliction. So too is drug addiction. They cause misery to the sufferer and to those who have to live with him or her. The alcoholic and the addict have to seek help. It takes courage to admit one's need and to ask for help.

*May such people hear the words of Isaiah: 'Courage! Do not be afraid.'*

Each of us knows the kind of situations that cause us to be fearful and doubtful. We can't stop ourselves from feeling afraid. But we must not allow our fears to cripple us. Courage is not never feeling afraid, it is feeling afraid and going on in spite of it.

Lastly, let us know that God is present in an especially intimate manner in the soul that is filled with the love of God. It was in this manner that God took up his abode with the prophets, apostles, martyrs and saints and all the holy souls who clung to him. When God is with us, we need fear no power on earth.

## **Prayer**

**Thank you, Jesus**

**Thank you, Lord**