

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

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

Roman Catholic Parishes

December 7th (Second Sunday of Advent) – December 15th (Third Sunday of Advent)

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Sunday Mass times December:

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 3^{PM} Bethany

Friday 9^{AM} St. Michael's

Low-gluten communion hosts are available.

Please see Fr. before 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}

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 Dec 7th – 15th

Dec. 7th – 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

Dec. 7th - Saturday 5^{PM}

Canadian Martyrs: Audrey Reaser+/- Gloria Schlosser

Dec. 8th - Sunday 9^{AM}

St. Benedict: Roydon Gruending+/-Audrey & Ray Blais

Dec. 8th -Sunday 11^{AM}

St. Michael's: Nettie Kaminecki+/-John & Glenda

Dec. 10th – Tues. 6:30^{PM}

St. Michael's Haven: Steven Whitfield+/-John and Audrey van der Gracht

Dec. 11th – Wed. 10:30^{AM}

Cudworth Nursing Home:

Audrey Reaser+/- Doreen Regnier

Dec. 11th – Wed. 3^{PM}

Middle Lake Bethany: Joe MacLeod+/- Vince Dierker

Dec. 13th – Friday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Walter Saxinger+/- Catherine, Thomas, Heide, Elizabeth, & Families

Dec. 14th - Saturday 5^{PM}

Canadian Martyrs: Fay Laskowski +/- Steve Laskowski and family

Dec. 15th - Sunday 9^{AM}

St. Benedict: Michael Martinka+/-Irene & Anthony Richardson

Dec. 15th -Sunday 11^{AM}

St. Michael's: Muriel Kolla+/- Don & Kathleen Kolla

December is the Month of the Immaculate Conception

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Chosen before time to be the Mother of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, God created Mary perfect and full of grace, preserving her from the stain of Original Sin.

Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son, thereby making her the perfect model of holiness for all Christians.





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 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
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 – (Date Changed)



Next meeting: **Wednesday, Dec. 11th** @ 7:30 PM
Rosary: 7 PM

CWL –



Next meeting: Tuesday December 17th, @ 7:15 PM

Parish Council - (Date Changed)

Next meeting: **Thursday December 12th** @ 7:00 PM

Coffee Sunday – Dec. 29th after 11_{AM} Mass

**Knights of Columbus Christmas
Turkey & Ham Bingo**

December 8th at the Cudworth Sr. Citizen's Rec Center. Doors open at 6:30 PM, Bingo starts at 7:00 PM.



Fundraiser Bake Sale

December 13th from 12-2 PM at St. Michael's Haven

Donations to be dropped off before noon on Dec 13th at St. Michael's Haven. Donations to be wrapped and ready to go & labeled with suggested sell price. 100% of the proceeds go to the residents at the Haven. Please contact Krystal 306-290-4941 for more information!



Christmas Flowers

Donations for Christmas Flowers are being accepted until December 15. If you would like to help beautify our church for Christmas in memory of loved ones, please direct your donations to Heide Kolla 306-233-7215, or put an envelope in the collection marked "Christmas Flowers" Be sure to include your name, and the people you are making the donation in memory of. Thank you for your consideration.

Sunday Mass Ministries

11_{AM} – Sunday, December 8th

Welcomers: John & Audrey
Rosary: Glen
Ushers: Danny & Darrel
Screens: Grace L.
Servers: Cael, Gage, Brooke
Readers: 1st – Heide, 2nd – John v.,
Prayers of the Faithful – Teresa
Offerings: John & Audrey
Counters: Dennis & Sylvia

11_{AM} – Sunday, December 15th

Rosary: Vince
Ushers: Edward & Leonard
Screens: Ann
Servers: Eric & Leo
Readers: 1st – Bernadette, 2nd – Garry,
Prayers of the Faithful – Kim
Offerings: James & Kim
Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

Advent Penitential/Confessions

December 20th @ 7 PM

11_{AM} – Sunday, December 22nd

Rosary: Phil
Ushers: Garry, Clarence
Screens: Grace J.
Servers: Chelsea, Jax, Kennedy
Readers: 1st – Lee, 2nd - Doreen,
Prayers of the Faithful – Catherine
Offerings: Bernadette, Vince, & Tammy
Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide

7:30 PM – Tuesday, December 24th

Rosary: Glen
Ushers: Danny, Darrel
Screens: Grace J.
Servers: All
Readers: 1st – Morris, 2nd - Barbara,
Prayers of the Faithful – John K.
Offerings: Edward & Leonard



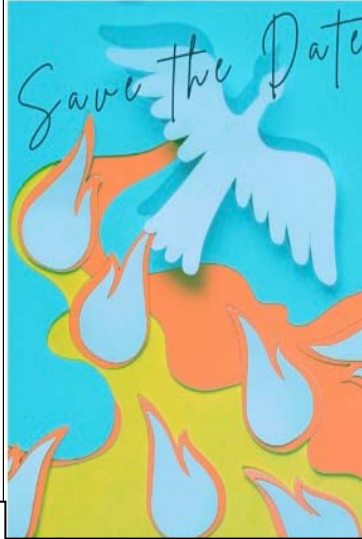
Thanks be to God

Advent - Children's Liturgy

St. Michael's Parish invites all children to participate with Children's Liturgy for Advent.

It is a great way for our children to learn more on the meaning of the advent wreath, candles, and to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Each week they will work on their advent wreaths & candles. We are looking for volunteers to help the leader each week. Please contact Catherine Mazurkewich at 306-233-7125 for more information.

Confirmation Retreats



St. Peter, Unity

March 1st, 2025 9^{AM} - 3^{PM}

St. Patrick, Saskatoon

March 2nd, 2025 12^{PM} - 6^{PM}

Little Flower, Leader

March 22nd, 2025 9^{AM} - 3^{PM}

St. Augustine, Humboldt

March 23rd, 2025 12^{PM} - 6^{PM}

Holy Spirit, Saskatoon

April 5th, 2025 9^{AM} - 3^{PM}

St. Anne, Saskatoon

April 6th, 2025 12^{PM} - 6^{PM}

Registrations will be open on December 15th, 2024

TOY & TURKEY BINGO ~ Friday December 13th at 7^{PM}; Doors open at 6:15^{PM} St. Patrick Parish
Advanced tickets only during the office regular hours (306)-384-1100

20 regular games ~ 3 up -\$10; 6up -\$15; 9up -\$20
Prizes are toys and turkeys all valued at \$50 or more. Winners of turkeys will receive a \$50 gift card.)

Special blackout bingo (\$2 per card size of that evening). Concession available that evening.

Let us remember that Pro-Life decisions are showing the triumph of God's LOVE. View this very inspiring video of a couple renewing their vows, even in facing death.

<https://rumble.com/v5tokmk-a-powerful-no-to-canadas-killing-fields.html>

Prayer Shawl Ministry.

The Crochet and Knitting Group has resumed! Tuesday's at the Haven, from 1 - 2^{PM}.

We still hold many beautiful blessed shawls that are waiting for anyone in need of some welcomed comfort. Please don't shy back on inquiring

Prayer Shawls:

Sylvia Meszaros - (306) 256-7198

Yarn/wool donations:

Gen Trischuk - (306) 256-3904

Any yarn and or monetary donations are always greatly appreciated.



November Finances 2024

Sunday Collections	\$3,824.00
Preauthorized Giving	\$1,007.00
Parish Recovery	\$1,355.24
Other income (mailed in donations, Booklet recovery, Conexus interest)	\$6,207.67
Total Income	\$12,393.91
Total Expenses	\$ 8,783.13
Profit for October	\$ 3,610.78
Not included in above	
Diocesan Mission Works	\$ 295.00

FOR SALE

<u>QTY.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
3	13ft. solid oak church benches	\$500.00
1	15ft. solid oak church bench	\$500.00
5	8ft. wooden tables (need some TLC)	\$20.00
84	wooden chairs (some need TLC)	\$5.00

Proceeds to go towards the purchase of new tables and chairs for the Assembly Room at St. Michael's Parish.

Contact: Catherine Mazurkewich, Finance Council Chairman, at 306-233-7125

2025 CWL Membership renewals are now being accepted. For the next several Sundays, memberships will be accepted before and after mass in the east entrance. The fee for 2025 is \$50. You may also put an envelope in the collection basket, addressed to "CWL Membership". Please be sure to include your name. Envelopes are available in both entrances of Church. Contact Heide Kolla 306-233-7215 for more information



ST. BENEDICT

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

Mass Times:
December: Sunday 9^{AM}
January: Saturday 5^{PM}



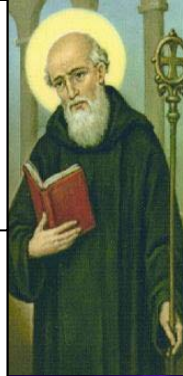
Rosary Prayer Group(MMP)

www.mmppcanada.ca

Thurs, Dec. 12th 3^{PM} – St. Benedict

Thurs, Dec. 19th 3^{PM} – St. Michael's

Note: our time to gather has changed to **3^{PM}**



Saturday/Sunday Mass Ministries

9^{AM} – Sunday December 8th

Ushers: Reg

Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings and Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

9^{AM} – Sunday December 15th

Ushers: Laverne

Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen

Servers: Draude's

Readings and Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

9^{AM} – Sunday December 22nd

Ushers: Reg

Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings and Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn



Christmas Concert

“Heart and Voice” - Melodia Singers Christmas Concert with Children's Chorus will be held **7^{PM}**

Saturday, Dec. 7 at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, Saskatoon. Directed by Albert Couture, with children's direction by Michael Friesen; accompanist Katie Ormerod.

Tickets will be available at the door. Suggested price: \$15/adult, \$5/child, \$40/family, or by donation.

Cash or E-transfer to melodiasaskatoon@gmail.com

<https://www.melodiasingers.com/>



CANADIAN MARTYR'S

1st Street North
Middle Lake, SK S0K 2X0

Mass Times:
December: Saturday 5^{PM}
January: Sunday 11^{AM}

READERS / COLLECTION:

Sat. Dec 7th @ 5^{PM} Andrea and Gloria
Sat. Dec 14th @ 5^{PM} Marj and Janice
Sat. Dec 21st @ 5^{PM} Tim and Janine
Tue. Dec 24th @ 5^{PM} Andrea and Gloria

CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Sun. Dec 8th Dorian & Bakers
Sun. Dec 15th Don & Kenny
Sun. Dec 22nd Tim & Allen
Sun. Dec 29th Matthew & Ken P.

CHURCH CLEANERS:

December: Colleen
Baumann



Christmas & New Year Schedule

Advent Penitential/Confessions –
December 20th @ 7^{PM}
Christmas Eve ~ Canadian Martyrs @ 5^{PM}
~ St. Michael's @ 7:30^{PM}
Christmas Day ~ St. Benedict @ 9^{AM}
~ St. Michael's @ 11^{AM}
January 1st (The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) ~ St. Michael's @ 9^{AM}



Prayer



Lord Jesus, so that this season may inspire respectful dialogue among those who disagree, we pray: Be born in us, be born in our world.

The Redemptorists

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2024

Pilgrimage of Hope: There is still time to make your gift and receive a charitable donation tax receipt for this year. Give online at: <https://dscf.ca/baa/> or for more information contact the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation at admin@dscf.ca or call (306) 659-5851.

“We are called to support our communities and have a special awareness and sensitivity to those who are feeling lost and even forsaken by the world around them.” – Bishop Mark Hagemoen. The BAA total presently stands at \$860,000 (61 percent of the \$1.4-million goal). **THANK YOU** for your generosity!

2nd Advent: The Anointed One

“A voice of one that cries in the desert: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight! Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be levelled, winding ways be straightened and rough roads made smooth, and all humanity will see the salvation of God.” (Luke 3:4-6)

John the Baptist was the voice in the desert. As it was recorded in the Bible, John the Baptist was the cousin of Jesus (Luke 1:36). When John the Baptist reached the age of maturity, he left home and joined one of the desert communities of men and women living on the edges of River Jordan. They were fervent Jews, who dedicated themselves to prayer and fasting, while awaiting with great longing the coming of the Lord, the Anointed One.

John the Baptist was chosen by God to become the forerunner of Jesus Christ. In preparation for this mission for which he was destined – ‘to prepare the way of the Lord.’ John left the communities of devout men and women, and moved deeper into the desert where he entered into a more solitary and ascetic life.

Desert was a place where the prophets of God searched for solitude, a place where they could perfect their lives, discipline their bodies and cultivate their minds, a place without distractions where God Himself is the only voice to be clearly heard.

It was not long before the people discovered him and his austere living. A man in the desert who dressed in the garment of Elijah, wearing a rough coat made of camel’s hair, and ate only locusts and honey for food (Matthew 3:4). To cap it all, John was having a strong and simple message to the people: “Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight!” (Luke 3:6)

John the Baptist preached a gospel of repentance. The Greek word for ‘repentance’ is *metanoia* – which means ‘a change of heart’. It also mean admitting ones guilt, and being sorry for our sins. It means something more radical and basic; it means a turning of one’s life around. John the Baptist was telling the people to turn their lives around and return to God, who loves them; and who is standing ready to welcome them back to the sheepfold.

When John the Baptist spoke of smoothing out the road, straightening the path, and let every lofty mountain be made low, and every pothole filled and made level; he

was talking about reforming our lives and repairing the cracks in our failures to love.

John tells us not let misunderstandings and grudges run on from month to month. We should not keep quarrels alive instead of making up our minds to sacrifice our pride and end them.

We are meant to be our brother's keeper and not let our neighbour starve. We should not let our friend's heart ache for a word of appreciation.

In all, if there is some crooked attitude, or some crooked way of behaving, or some crooked relationship that needs to be straighten out, let us straighten it out. Then we will truly be preparing a way for the Lord.

God doesn't abandon us when we stray from the straight path. He keeps calling us back from our crooked ways to the straight path. Advent is an excellent time to aim ourselves in the right direction, and to commit ourselves to the right path.

Prayer:

Priest: *Thank you, Jesus*

All: *Thank you, Lord.*

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo

Prayer of Praise:

"We praise You, Lord, for Your infinite goodness. In the upcoming Jubilee, open our eyes to the beauty of Your creation so that our hearts may rejoice in the wonder and greatness of Your works