

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

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

Roman Catholic Parishes

November 30th (First Sunday of Advent) – December 8th (Second 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 Nov. 30th – Dec 8th

Nov. 30th - Saturday 5^{PM}

Canadian Martyrs: John Hauser+/Steve Laskowski

Dec. 1st - Sunday 9^{AM}

St. Benedict: Lois Martinka+\ Laverne & Colleen Martinka

Dec. 1st –Sunday 11^{AM}

St. Michael's: Laurel Jungwirth (health and recovery)/ Clarence & Margaret Jungwirth

Dec. 3rd – Tues. 6:30^{PM}

St. Michael's Haven: Alma Weisensel+/ Mary Weisensel

Dec. 4th – Wed. 10:30^{AM}

Cudworth Nursing Home: Velmal Schreiner+/Lionel and Jackie Grimard

Dec. 4th – Wed. 3^{PM}

Middle Lake Bethany: Joe MacLeod+/ John & Audrey van der Gracht

Dec. 6th – Friday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Braten Kirkwood+/John & Audrey van der Gracht

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

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



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 –

Next meeting: Thursday, December 12th @ 7:30
Rosary: 7 PM



CWL –

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



Parish Council -

Next meeting: Wednesday December 11th @ 7:00 PM

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



Advent - Children's Liturgy

St. Michael's Parish invites all children to participate with Children's Liturgy for Advent, starting December 1st at the 11:00^{AM} Mass.

It is a great way for our children to learn more on the meaning of the advent wreath & candles & 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. If you have any empty toilet paper rolls, please bring them to the church basement prior to December 1st. Please contact Catherine Mazurkewich at 306-233-7125 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 1st

Rosary: Phil
Ushers: James & Clarence
Screens: Jill
Servers: Chelsea, Brianna
Readers: 1st – John K., 2nd - Don,
Prayers of the Faithful – Kathleen
Offerings: Edward & Leonard
Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide

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

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

Thanks be to God

St. Nicholas Day Raffle (Draw Dec.6th)

We are still looking for items to fill the Christmas raffle basket. Do you have any favorite Christmas baking you'd like to share, a favorite family game, family movie, a warm throw or decoration that could be added to this basket? Cash donations would go towards purchasing Big Way gift cards for a Christmas dinner. Please leave these items with Catherine Mazurkewich (306-233-7125) or drop off at the parish office during office hours. Tickets are available to purchase at Conexus Credit Union, Cudworth Community Big Way, Long Lake Insurance, and Yuzdepski's pharmacy. Tickets are also available for pick up after church. Thank you for your generosity. All proceeds will go towards the general upkeep of the church.



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}.

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.

FOR SALE

QTY.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
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



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!



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>

Remembrance Mass:

7^{PM} Friday December 6th at St. Patrick Parish, Saskatoon *Reception to follow*

This is a Remembrance Mass for parents, grandparents, family members and friends of those who have lost a child from pregnancy through adulthood.

Families are asked to bring a photo or other remembrance of their child with them.

Hosted by Red Bird Ministries

Chapter leaders are Monique and Ryan Leblanc: (306) 850-1596 or westcoastleblancs@gmail.com.

www.redbird.love

Diocesan Prayer – We pray as a diocesan family for all those suffering loss, experiencing struggles, grief, sickness, or poverty. Loving God, we pray that you would inspire and equip us to be a community of caring and support that provides help and healing to all.

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.mmpcanada.ca

Thurs, Dec. 12th 3^{PM} – St. Benedict (with Mass)

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

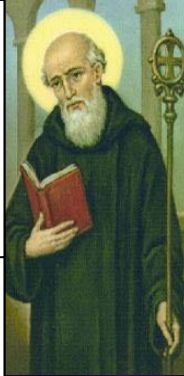
Fr. Benedict Arakkal will preside at Mass in St. Benedict

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

Enkindle Advent Retreat

Saturday, Dec. 7th from 9^{AM}- 2:30^{PM} at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon, with the Verbum Dei sisters. Cost for is \$30 (includes lunch). Register online through jotform:

<https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/adventretreat2024> or contact Astrid Alas at amalas@rcdos.ca or (306) 659- 5858. (Adult Faith is supported by gifts to the BAA)



Saturday/Sunday Mass Ministries

9^{AM} – Sunday December 1st

Ushers: Laverne

Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen

Servers: Draude's

Readings and Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

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



CANADIAN MARTYR'S

1st Street North
Middle Lake, SK S0K 2X0

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

READERS / COLLECTION:

Sat. Nov 30th @ 5^{PM} Tim and Janine
Sat. Dec 7th @ 5^{PM} Andrea and Gloria
Sat. Dec 14th @ 5^{PM} Marj and Janice
Sat. Dec 21st @ 5^{PM} Tim and Janine

CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Sun. Dec 1st Lisa & Michael
Sun. Dec 8th Dorian & Bakers
Sun. Dec 15th Don & Kenny
Sun. Dec 22nd Tim & Allen

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}

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/>

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.

1st Advent: CONFIRMATION (a sacrament)

Advent is a time of vigilance, alertness, expectation. We are eager for the arrival of Christ, so we pay close attention to our life of prayer, our moral life, the way we treat others, and the way we express our love for God.

Advent is celebrated for four weeks, to signify that this coming of the Lord is fourfold; namely,

- that he came to us in the flesh,
- that he came with mercy into our hearts,
- that he came to us in death, and
- that he will come to us again at the Last Judgment.

Though the coming is in reality fourfold, the Church is especially concerned with two of its forms, namely with the coming in the flesh and with the coming at the Last Judgment – i.e "already" and "not yet." We know him "already," but still "not yet." So let us keep watching, praying and waiting as we should, looking for signs and then rejoicing in the mystery of the incarnation.(cf. Scott Hahn: *Signs of Life*)

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Baptism, Holy Eucharist (communion) and Confirmation together constitute the “sacrament of Christian initiation”. It should be known that the reception of the sacrament of confirmation is necessary to completion of the baptismal grace. (CCC: 1285)

Confirmation is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds. (CCC: 1316)

Confirmation, like Baptism, imprints a spiritual mark or indelible character on the Christian's soul; for this reason one can receive this sacrament only once in one's life. (CCC: 1317)It confers a certain maturity upon us and empowers us to witness to the faith, defend the faith, and live responsibly within the Church.

The sacrament of Confirmation bestows on us the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord. We also receive the fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self- control, chastity etc.

When we are confirmed, the Holy Spirit dwells within us. We are his temples (1 Corinthians 6:19), which means that we don't have to go far to get to know God, if we are docile to the Holy Spirit.

The effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

-it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15)

-it unites us more firmly to Christ;

-it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;

-it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;

-it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross. (CCC: 1302,1303)

PRAYER

Priest: Thank you, Jesus.

All: Thank you, Lord. (3 times)

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo

JUBILEE PRAYER

Prayer of Intercession:

"O Father, in Your mercy, hear Your children's pleas. As we prepare for the Jubilee of 2025, renew our faith, increase the virtues of hope and charity in us, and help us be witnesses of Your love in the world."