

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

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

Roman Catholic Parishes

December 7th (Second Sunday of Advent) – December 14th (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 1:30^{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 December 6th -14th

Dec. 6th - 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. 6th - Saturday 5^{PM}

Canadian Martyrs: Rita Wright+/ Yvonne Taylor

Dec. 7th - Sunday 9^{AM}

St. Benedict: Linus Hackl+/ Leon Brockman

Dec. 7th – Sunday 11^{AM}

St. Michael's: Gary Schmidt+/ Anthony & Irene Richardson

Dec. 9th –Tues. 6:30^{PM}

St. Michael's Haven: John Lange+/ John & Glenda Kohle



Dec. 10th -Wed. 10:30^{AM}

Cudworth Nursing Home: Clarence Palchinski+/ Ed & Leonard Wolffe

Dec. 10th –Wed. 1:30^{PM}

Bethany: Gerald Saxinger+/ Darrell & Heide Kolla

Dec. 12th -Friday 9^{AM}

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

Dec. 13th - Saturday 5^{PM}

Canadian Martyrs: Rita Wright+/ Yvonne Taylor

Dec. 14th - Sunday 9^{AM}

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

Dec. 14th – Sunday 11^{AM}

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

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 – Thursday, Dec. 11th

Rosary: 7^{PM} **Meeting:** 7:30^{PM}



CWL – Next meeting:

Tuesday, December 16th @ 7:15



Parish Council – Wed. Dec. 10th @ 7^{PM}



Fundraiser Bake Sale

December 16th from 1^{PM} – 5^{PM}
@ St. Michael's Haven



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



Only 2 Eucharistic ministers will be required per week to distribute the Blood of Christ. Father Benjamin will distribute the Body of Christ as we are short on Eucharist ministers. Thank you to all who continue to volunteer.



Christmas Flowers



Last weekend to make a donation for Christmas Flowers! 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. Any donations over the amount needed for Christmas will be used for Easter. Thank you for your consideration.



Cudworth School will be

celebrating their Christmas

Concert on December 17th at 7^{PM}



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 7th

Rosary: Glen **Ushers:** James, Clarence

Screens: Ann **Servers:** Cael, Gage, Brooke

Readers: 1st –Doreen, 2nd – Don

Prayers Of the Faithful – John K.

Offerings: Edward & Leonard

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara, & Clarence

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

11^{AM} – Sunday, December 14th

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

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

Readers: 1st –Heide, 2nd – Barbara

Prayers Of the Faithful – Catherine

Offerings: John & Audrey

Eucharistic Minister: Morris & Roger

Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide

Advent Penitential/Confessions ~

December 18th @ 7^{PM}

11^{AM} – Sunday, December 21st

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

Screens: Grace **Servers:** Brianna, Nora

Readers: 1st –Garry, 2nd –James

Prayers Of the Faithful – Kim

Offerings: James & Kim

Eucharistic Minister: Clarence & Danny

Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

7:30^{PM} – CHRISTMAS EVE

Youth Mass

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

Ushers: James & Clarence **Screens:** Jill

Servers: TBD **Readers:** 1st –TBD, 2nd – TBD

Prayers Of the Faithful – TBD

Offerings: TBD

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara & Roger

11^{AM} – CHRISTMAS DAY

Welcomers: John & Audrey

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

Screens: Ann **Servers:** TBD

Readers: 1st – Tammy, 2nd – Lee

Prayers Of the Faithful – Bernadette

Offerings: Roger, Bernadette, Tammy

Eucharistic Minister: Heide & Kathleen

Come let us
Adore
Him



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Crochet and Knitting Group has resumed their weekly gathering, at St. Michaels' Haven on Tuesdays from 1 – 2PM. This is a 'Come and Go Group' and we certainly appreciate extra hands.

We still hold many beautiful blessed shawls, that are waiting for anyone in need of some welcomed comfort.



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.



Ecumenical Advent weekly service online: Join the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism to prepare hearts for Christmas through weekly prayer and reflection with worship leaders from different Christian denominations, held online via Zoom at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 and Dec. 16. More info at: <https://pcecumenism.ca/news-events/> or register online at: <https://bit.ly/PCEAdventPrayer>.



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

Greetings to Pastors and Clergy; Parish Members of our Diocese:

Re: BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2025

As we continue our pilgrimage of faith under this year's theme "Pilgrims of Hope: Rooted in Prayer and Mission" — I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who have already supported the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Through your faith and generosity, we have raised over \$750,000 to date. This is a great witness to the commitment and faith that animates our diocesan family. Your contributions make a profound difference. Because of your generosity, we are able to sustain essential ministries that:

- Support families and children through parish outreach and catechesis;
- Form and accompany young people and those discerning vocations;
- Offer care and comfort to the sick and those in need through hospital and prison chaplaincies;
- Strengthen our diocesan communications and evangelization efforts;
- Build up our faith communities in countless ways, guided by prayer and the Holy Spirit who directs us deep to the mission of Jesus Christ.

Yet, as we celebrate the progress we have made, we also acknowledge that we still have much to raise to realize our diocesan goal. Our gap is about \$600,000. I ask you to prayerfully consider how you might participate if you have not yet done so. Every gift, regardless of size, is a meaningful act of faith and hope. Together, our shared stewardship allows the mission of Christ to flourish in every corner of our diocese. Our aim is less about people giving more, but rather more people giving. 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.

With gratitude and prayer, in Christ,
Mark A. Hagemoen Bishop of RC Diocese of Saskatoon

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"

Find this year's video, information, and online giving at: www.dscf.ca/baa

Hospital Chaplaincy is one of the many ministries supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, providing sacramental, spiritual and emotional support to patients in hospital. To request the Sacrament of the Sick or the Holy Eucharist in hospital, contact Hospital Chaplaincy Coordinator Jacqueline Saretsky at (306) 292-5531 or e-mail:

jsaretsky@rcdos.ca

Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, SK S7S 1H1

E-mail: admin@dscf.ca Phone: (306) 659-5851





ST. BENEDICT

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



Mass Times:

December: **Sunday 9^{AM}**

January: **Saturday 5^{PM}**

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 Chipecur at (306) 289-0008



Christmas & New Year Schedule

Advent Penitential/Confessions –

December 18th @ 7^{PM}

Christmas Eve ~ St. Benedict @ 5^{PM}

~ St. Michael's @ 7:30^{PM}

Christmas Day ~ Canadian Martyrs @ 9^{AM}

~ St. Michael's @ 11^{AM}

January 1st (The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) ~ St. Michael's @ 9^{AM}

Sunday/Saturday Mass Ministries

9^{AM} – Sunday December 7th

Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

9^{AM} – Sunday December 14th

Ushers: Laverne Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen Servers: Draude's

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

9^{AM} – Sunday December 21st

Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

5^{PM} – Christmas Eve

Ushers: Laverne Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen Servers: Draude's

Readings & 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. Dec 6th @ 5^{PM} Andrea & Gloria

Sat. Dec 13th @ 5^{PM} Marj & Janice

Sat. Dec 20th @ 5^{PM} Tim & Janine

Christmas Day @ 9^{AM} Andrea & Gloria

CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Sun Dec. 7th Kenny & Hap

Sun Dec. 14th Tim & Allen

Sun Dec. 21st Matthew & Ken P.

Sun Dec 28th 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 4th 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.

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 by December 1st, 2025. The hampers are available to all those who are in need within the community.

2nd Sunday of Advent: Great promises

“Every year we celebrate the holy season of Advent, O God. Every year we pray those beautiful prayers of longing and waiting, and sing those lovely songs of hope and promise.” Karl Rahner

The Bible shows us that God's people are led forward by promises. Promises play a big part in our lives. When you want a child to behave or to do something, you promise the child something. The child is motivated to work or to behave. In adult life promises are still very important. A person buys a 50/50 ticket because he/she believed (promised oneself) in the proximity of being the winner. Married people promise lasting fidelity to one another. Joint Venture Companies thrive on the promise of transparency and collaboration towards a single objective. We build our lives on promise, both on promises made to God, others and ourselves.

The Catechism explains that ‘promises made to others in God's name engage the divine honor, fidelity, truthfulness, and authority. They must be respected in justice. To be unfaithful to them is to misuse God's name....’ (CCC:2147)

In many circumstances, the Christian is called to make promises to God. Baptism and Confirmation, Matrimony and Holy Orders always entail promises. Out of personal devotion, the Christian may also promise to God this action, that prayer, this almsgiving, that pilgrimage, and so forth. Fidelity to promises made to God is a sign of the respect owed to the divine majesty and of love for a faithful God. (CCC:2101)

The Advent messages are hinged on bright promises - promises of the wonderful things that would accompany the coming of the Messiah. As we heard from Prophet Isaiah - mountains would be levelled out, valleys filled in, winding roads made straight, the desert would bloom, the poor would see justice done, the weak would no longer be exploited, war would be banished from the face of the earth. (cf. Isaiah 40:4-5)

A promise gives people hope. It gives them a goal to aim at. It motivates and energises them. It makes them struggle for something. It is the hope of reaching the Promise Land that kept the Israelites focused as they trudge through the desert. And they held on to this promise, until it became a reality. This is a good thing. People who have no goal are aimless.

Advent awakens us to the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ as promised. It reveals his true identity and the nature of his mission, which is to establish the Kingdom of God on earth – and this is the heart (centre) of the promises. We, therefore, have a vital part to play in making this Kingdom a reality.

It is not enough to wait for the promises to be fulfilled, we are called to be part of the process. In this way, Advent provides us with a great opportunity to commit ourselves anew to Jesus and his Kingdom.

As long as we have God with us, in our heart and mind, standing by us, we are urged to rekindle our faith and trust in him. He will put away whatever is weighing on our minds and give us the courage to wait on his great promises.

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus

Thank you, Lord

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo