

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

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

Roman Catholic Parishes

January 11th (The Baptism of the Lord) – January 18th (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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Sunday Mass times January:

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

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_{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 Jan. 10th – 18th

Jan. 10th - Saturday 5PM

St. Benedict: Henry Kohle+/
Phil & Terry Medernach

Jan. 11th - Sunday 9AM

St. Michael's: Gage Kolla/
CWL

Jan. 11th – Sunday 11AM

Canadian Martyrs: Edwin & Lucille Reding+/ The Family

Jan. 13th – Tues. 6:30PM

St. Michael's Haven: Loreen Waldbillig+/ MaryAnn Schwark

Jan. 14th - Wed. 10:30AM

Cudworth Nursing Home:
Rita Wright+/ Doreen Regnier

Jan. 14th - Wed. 1:30PM

Bethany: Edwin & Lucille Reding+/ The Family

Jan. 16th - Friday 9AM

St. Michael's: Dona Lee Schmidt+/ Danny Kirzinger

Jan. 17th - Saturday 5PM

St. Benedict: Hilda Lieffers+/ Ray Jungwirth

Jan. 18th - Sunday 9AM

St. Michael's: Linus Hackl+/ Anthony & Irene Richardson

Jan. 18th – Sunday 11AM

Canadian Martyrs: Donna Jungwirth+/ Bonnie & Walter Hauber



January is the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

"In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "savior." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

The name of Jesus is the sweetest of all names, and He who bears it is most worthy of all love. He who calls Jesus his friend can be assured that this friend is the most devoted and unselfish of all friends. Jesus is our all. In His name we may pray to the Father with assurance of being heard. In His name the Church administers all her sacraments. In His name she offers all her prayers and blesses homes, the fields, and the sick. In the name of Jesus she casts out evil spirits, and at the hour of our death bids us, "Go forth, Christian soul." She assures us that whoever shall call upon this name will be saved. When our soul has departed this life to seek its eternal home, the Church asks in the name of Jesus, "Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord." - Benedict Baur, O.S.B.



ST. MICHAEL'S -503 Main Street,
Cudworth, SK. S0K 1B0
Mass Time – January: Sunday 9_{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, Feb. 12th

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



CWL – Next meeting:



Tuesday, January 20th @ 7:15

Parish Council – Wed. Jan. 14th @ 7 PM

Donation receipts are ready for pick up at the East Entrance of the Parish. BAA & Priest Pension Fund receipts will be sent to you directly

Youth Mass Choir practice

Wednesday January 14th & 21st at 3:30

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Crochet and Knitting Group has resumed their weekly gathering, at St. Michaels' Haven on Tuesdays from 1 – 2 PM. 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.

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

December Finances 2025

Sunday Collections	\$ 5,646.00
Preauthorized Giving	\$ 1,277.50
Christmas Mass	\$ 4,603.00
Parish Recovery	\$ 1,744.92
Other income (mailed in donations, funeral, baptism, Conexus interest)	\$ 2,563.95
Total Income	\$ 15,835.37
Total Expenses	\$ 21,540.38
(Included in Expenses: Insurance \$10,817.00)	
Loss for December	\$ 5,705.01

Sunday Mass Ministries

9 AM – Sunday, January 11th

Welcomers: Jim & Liz

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

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

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

Offerings: Edward, Leonard

Eucharistic Minister: Heide, Danny

Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

9 AM – Sunday, January 18th

Welcomers: John & Audrey

Rosary: Phil **Ushers:** James, Darrell

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

Readers: 1st – Morris, 2nd – John K. **POF** – Tammy

Offerings: John & Audrey

Eucharistic Minister: Morris, Roger

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

9 AM – Sunday, January 25th

Youth Mass

Welcomers: Garry & Catherine

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

Screens: Grace **Servers:** Camryn, Brady

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

Offerings: James & Kim

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara, Heide

Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide

9 AM – Sunday, February 1st

Rosary: Phil **Ushers:** James, Darrell

Screens: Jill **Servers:** Chelsea, Nora

Readers: 1st – Bernadette, 2nd – John v.

Prayers of the Faithful – Catherine

Offerings: Bernadette, Tammy, Roger

Eucharistic Minister: Danny, Morris

Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

9 AM – Sunday, February 8th

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

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

Readers: 1st – Heide, 2nd – Teresa

Prayers of the Faithful – Morris

Offerings: Edward, Leonard

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara, Roger

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

Thanks be to God

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.” (Ephesians 4:4)

Ecumenical Morning Prayer Services Jan. 19th – 23rd

Begins at 8 AM with worship, light breakfast to follow:

- Monday, Jan. 19 - location to be announced
- Tuesday, Jan. 20 - Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCIC), 419 Avenue E North, Saskatoon.
- Wednesday, Jan. 21 - St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon.
- Thursday, Jan. 22 - Grosvenor Park United Church, 407 Cumberland Avenue South, Saskatoon.
- Friday, Jan. 23 - Wildwood Mennonite Church, 1502 Acadia Drive, Saskatoon.

Ecumenical Prayer Service 11 AM **Monday, Jan. 19** followed by lunch (cash only) at Luther Heights, 11802 Alexandra Ave., Saskatoon. For information about cost and to RSVP, please e-mail: admin@pcecumism.ca .

Singing Into Unity 7:30 PM **Tuesday, Jan. 20** at Christ Church Anglican, 515-28th St. West, Saskatoon.

De Margerie Series for Christian Reconciliation and Unity: “Christian Martyrdom and the Unity of the Church” lectures and workshops in Saskatoon and Regina **Jan. 21 to 24** including 7 PM **Jan. 21** at Campion College, Regina and 7 PM **Jan. 22** at St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon (lectures will also be live-streamed). Morning De Margerie workshops are Jan. 23 in Saskatoon and Jan. 24 in Regina. Series lecturer is Dr. Jeremy Bergen, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Theological Studies at Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo.

Campus Service 12 PM **Thursday, Jan. 22** at St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon, a partnership between the Saskatoon Theological Union and St. Thomas More College, featuring guest preacher: Dr. Jeremy Bergen.

Ecumenical Worship Service 3 PM **Sunday, Jan. 25** at St. Andrew Presbyterian, 436 Spadina Cres., Saskatoon with Saskatoon Anglican Bishop Chad McCharles.

Find resources at www.weekofprayer.ca or for more info contact the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism: (306) 653-1633. (Ecumenism is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)

Catechist Connection is a one-hour digital gathering designed to build community and foster connections among catechists throughout the diocese, discussion, and the sharing of best practices. There are two times to choose from for this online networking event: from noon to 1 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wed. Jan. 14 (as well as Feb. 12, March 18, April 23, May 13, and June 11). Contact diocesan Rural Catechetics Coordinator Quin Kleiboer at (306) 659-5857 or qkleiboer@rcdos.ca . (Rural Catechetics is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal).

Hope in Health Care is a group inviting health care professionals to explore the challenges and opportunities in living their vocations in a healthcare environment that includes practices such as medically-provided euthanasia (MAiD). The next event will be held 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Jan. 27** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd Floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. For more information contact Jackie Saretsky, diocesan Coordinator of Hospital Chaplaincy at (306) 659- 5839 or e-mail: hope@chassk.ca. (Hospital Chaplaincy is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)

Awaken 2026 - "The Art of Listening"

Join the diocesan Adult Faith Formation program as we delve into the profound impact that deep and intentional listening can have on our lives and relationships. Over the course of four enlightening sessions, we will explore the foundational elements of listening, progressing through different levels, and finally, understanding listening in the context of our relationship with the Lord. Sessions will be held at 7 p.m. on four Tuesdays at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon:

- **Jan. 27** - “Introduction to the Art of Listening” with Marilyn Jackson;
- **Feb. 3** - “The Four Levels of Listening” with Sr. Marta Piano;
- **Feb. 10** - “Listening to God in Scripture and Adoration” with Fr. Daniel Yasinski
- **Feb. 17** - “Pathway to becoming a Missionary Synodal Church” with Fr. Joseph Salihu. Register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/awakenwinter2026> or for more information contact diocesan Adult Faith coordinator Astrid Alas at amalas@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5858.

(Adult faith formation programs are supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal)



ST. BENEDICT

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

Mass Times:

January: **Saturday 5PM**

February: **Sunday 11AM**

Hospital Volunteer Opportunity: St. Paul's

Hospital in Saskatoon is seeking volunteers to help nurture a welcoming experience by assisting patients, families, and visitors in navigating the hospital and understanding parking procedures. Responsibilities include initiating contact with members of the public, including at-risk individuals, helping to navigate the building and pointing out resources. In-depth orientation and on-going support provided. Contact volunteers@saskhealthauthority.ca for more information.

***Diocesan Prayer** - We pray as a diocesan family for all those dealing with mental health challenges. May we reach out in love and support to all those who are suffering*

Sunday/Saturday Mass Ministries

5PM – Saturday January 10th

Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

5PM – Saturday January 17th

Ushers: Laverne Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen Servers: Draude's

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

5PM – Saturday January 24th

Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

11AM – Sunday February 1st

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:

January: **Sunday 11AM**

February: **Saturday 5PM**

READERS / COLLECTION:

Sun. Jan 11th @ 11AM Andrea & Gloria

Sun. Jan 18th @ 11AM Marj & Janice

Sun. Jan 25th @ 11AM Tim & Janine

Sat. Jan 31st @ 5PM Andrea & Gloria

CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Mon January 12th

Kenny & Hap

Mon January 19th

Tim & Allen

Mon January 26th

Matthew & Ken P.

Mon February 2nd

Dorian & R. Baker

Mon February 9th

Chris & Debbie

CHURCH CLEANERS:

January: Lisa Bernard,

Tamara Carroll

February: Angela Reiter,

Rosanne Griffin

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!

Life in the Spirit Seminar: Start the New Year with renewal and transformation at a Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon weekend event **Jan. 16-17, 2026**, featuring inspiring talks, praise and worship, fellowship, renewal, and prayer to open hearts to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Keynote speaker is Chris Keyes of Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), who has more than 30 years of experience in evangelization and ministry, combining deep faith, leadership expertise, and engaging storytelling to inspire others to live fully in the power of the Holy Spirit. Life in the Spirit will be held from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, and from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Saint Anne Catholic Church, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon, open to anyone high school age and up; cost is \$50 per adult and \$30 per youth (under 18 years), includes lunch and supper on Saturday. Please register at:

www.jotform.com/form/253455421996264 before the **Jan. 12 deadline**, or for more information contact John Hickey at (306) 659-5847.

(Evangelization and Catechesis is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)



The Baptism of Jesus -Any relevance?

The feast of the Baptism of our Lord serves to remind us of our own Baptisms. In baptism we have a rebirth, initiation, and empowerment; our commitment and dedication to a cause, to spread the kingdom of God.

If Jesus was no sinner, then he has no need of repentance. What relevance could John's baptism have for him, and why did he submit himself to it? Even John himself testified that Jesus is greater - "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire (Luke 3:16, Matthew 3:11). Getting baptized was very important for Jesus Messianic mission.

From theologians, Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan was a symbolic act. Jesus himself said it, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." (Matthew 3:15).

It was also a moment of conviction about Jesus' identity and mission: that he is the Son of God and his mission was to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation and to atone for our sins by becoming the "suffering servant."

Furthermore, Jesus wanted to show solidarity with the people he had come to help. For this reason, it was important that he was baptized, and baptized publicly. In this way he was identifying with sinners. When he stepped into the waters of the Jordan, he was in effect saying to them, 'I am on your side.'

Moreso, Jesus would not keep himself apart from sinners. He would not wait for them to come to him. He would seek them out and go among them (Luke 19:10). He would befriend them. He would welcome them. During his time on earth, Jesus placed himself among sinners and joined them where they were. So much so that he was accused of being a sinner (John 9:24). In fact, he was treated as a criminal, and suffered the fate of the condemned criminal.

What transpired in the river Jordan proved to be a moment of equipment. The Holy Spirit, descending and resting upon Jesus in the form of a dove, bestowed on Jesus the power to preach and heal.

In addition, Jesus received the approval of God, his Heavenly Father, as his Beloved Son, which presented Jesus with a moment of decision to begin his public ministry.

St. Paul in his letters made a connection between the baptism of Jesus to his death. He wrote, “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into his death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:3-4).

Hence, Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan and his dying on the cross go together; he did both for our sins. He took our sins on his shoulders as he went down into the Jordan and as he died on the cross. Therefore, there is a close link between Jesus’ baptism and his cross. In the same way, there is a close link between our baptism and Jesus’ death.

Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan expressed the intention of his whole life right up to dying on the cross for us, taking our sins on himself to save us. Our baptism also expresses the intention of our whole life up to our death, leaving our sin behind and living the life of Jesus.

Jesus’ baptism reminds us of our mission - to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God’s children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honoring them, loving them and serving them in all humility.

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus

Thank you, Lord

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo