

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

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

## Roman Catholic Parishes

January 4<sup>th</sup> (Epiphany of the Lord) – January 11<sup>th</sup> (The Baptism of the Lord)

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### Sunday Mass times January:

Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup> St. Benedict  
Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup> St. Michael's  
Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup> Canadian Martyrs

### Weekday Mass times (year round):

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

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

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

**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. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> – First Saturday**

##### **9<sup>AM</sup> - Rosary**

##### **9:30<sup>AM</sup> - Mass**

St. Michael's: In reparation for the offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

#### **Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>**

St. Benedict: Donna

Jungwirth+/ Sherry & Russel Hauber

#### **Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>**

St. Michael's: Louis

Medernach+/ Leona & Falmily

#### **Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>**

Canadian Martyrs: Henry

Kohle+/ Donavin Reding

#### **Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> –Tues. 6:30<sup>PM</sup>**

St. Michael's Haven: Joy

Diederichs+/ Doreen Regnier

#### **Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> -Wed. 10:30<sup>AM</sup>**

Cudworth Nursing Home:

Linus Hackl+/ Armella Frie

#### **Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> -Wed. 1:30<sup>PM</sup>**

Bethany: Darla Zimmer+/

Carol & Floyd Lingel

#### **Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>AM</sup>**

St. Michael's: Gary

Schmidt+/ Lyle Kleiter

#### **Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>**

St. Benedict: Henry Kohle+/

Phil & Terry Medernach

#### **Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>**

St. Michael's: Gage Kolla/

CWL

#### **Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>**

Canadian Martyrs: Edwin &

Lucille Reding+/ The Family



### January is the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves." According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS," (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.



**ST. MICHAEL'S** -503 Main Street,  
Cudworth, SK. S0K 1B0  
Mass Time – January: Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>

*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, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

**Rosary:** 7<sup>PM</sup> **Meeting:** 7:30<sup>PM</sup>



**CWL** – Next meeting:

Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:15



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

## 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

*“On this World Day, let us all pray  
together for peace: first, among  
nations bloodied by conflict and  
suffering, but also within our homes,  
in families wounded by violence or  
pain. Certain that Christ, our hope, is  
the sun of justice that never sets, let us  
confidently implore the intercession of  
Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the  
Church.”*

*-Pope Leo XIV*

*We welcome into our Parish*



*Brandt John van der Gracht*



*Who was Baptized in Christ in 2025*

## Congratulations!

Elizabeth Godart , Braxton  
Stewart, Benjamin Kolla,  
Nash Slobodian, Presley Hauber,  
Natalia Kolla, Neil Yuzak

These students received the Sacrament of First  
Reconciliation with Fr. Benjamin on  
December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to keep them  
and their families in your prayers as they  
continue their sacramental journey.

## Sunday Mass Ministries

**9<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary:** Phil **Ushers:** Darrell, Garry

**Screens:** Grace **Servers:** Brianna

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

**Offerings:** Bernadette, Tammy, Roger

**Eucharistic Minister:** Roger, Kathleen

**Counters:** Garry, Catherine, Heide

**9<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Welcomers:** Jim & Liz

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

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

**Readers:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Kim, 2<sup>nd</sup> – James **POF** – Lee

**Offerings:** Edward, Leonard

**Eucharistic Minister:** Heide, Danny

**Counters:** Dennis, Sylvia

**9<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Welcomers:** John & Audrey

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

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

**Readers:** 1<sup>st</sup> – Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> – John K. **POF** – Tammy

**Offerings:** John & Audrey

**Eucharistic Minister:** Morris, Roger

**Counters:** Danny, Ann, Elaine

**9<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Welcomers:** Garry & Catherine

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

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

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

**Prayers of the Faithful** – Doreen

**Offerings:** James & Kim

**Eucharistic Minister:** Barbara, Heide

**Counters:** Garry, Catherine, Heide

**9<sup>AM</sup> – Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

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

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

**Prayers of the Faithful** – Catherine

**Offerings:** Bernadette, Tammy, Roger

**Eucharistic Minister:** Danny, Morris

**Counters:** Dennis, Sylvia

**Thanks be to God**



## 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
- Louis Medernach
- Natalie & Ed Zakreski, Regina & Denis Bantle, Rose & Ed Kasun
- Emily & Richard Schmidt

### 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  
 Leona Medernach & Family  
 Gwen & Gord Zakreski



## 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](mailto:amalas@rcdos.ca) or (306) 659-5858. (Adult faith formation programs are supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal)

## Life in the Spirit January 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

Hosted at Saint Annes  
 \$50/Adult and  
 \$30/youth (grades 9-12)  
 Friday 7 PM - 9:30 PM  
 Saturday 9:30 AM - 9 PM  
 Saturday lunch & supper provided  
 Keynote speaker:  
 Chris Keyes

## 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!

**Total gathered so far: St. Michael's ~ \$4,729; St. Benedict ~ \$1,950; Canadian Martyrs ~ \$1,300**







## ST. BENEDICT

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

### Mass Times:

January: **Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>**

February: **Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>**

### Synod on Synodality

Implementing a SYNODAL WAY of Proclaiming  
Christ and God's Kingdom

Synod Implementation in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon was recently launched by Bishop Hagemoen. "The Church's vocation and prophetic service (Lumen Gentium Dogmatic Constitution on the Church LG 12) consists in witnessing to God's plan to unite all humanity to Himself in freedom and communion. The Church is 'the Kingdom of Christ already present in mystery' (LG 3) and 'the seed and the beginning of the Kingdom on earth' (LG 5). It, therefore, walks together with all humanity, strongly committed to justice and peace, human dignity, and the common good. All this, while it 'aspires after the completion of the kingdom' (LG 5) when God will be 'all in all.' (1 Cor. 15: 28)." - For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission Final Document #20 Find information resources, and a diocesan video at: [Synod for a Synodal Church 2021-23 – Diocese of Saskatoon](#)

### Sunday/Saturday Mass Ministries

**5<sup>PM</sup> – Saturday January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Ushers: Laverne Sacristan: Laverne  
Cross Bearer: Colleen Servers: Draude's  
Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: Tim

**5<sup>PM</sup> – Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup>**

Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg  
Cross Bearer: Reg  
Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

**5<sup>PM</sup> – Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup>**

Ushers: Laverne Sacristan: Laverne  
Cross Bearer: Colleen Servers: Draude's  
Readings & Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

**5<sup>PM</sup> – Saturday January 24<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:

January: **Sunday 11<sup>AM</sup>**

February: **Saturday 5<sup>PM</sup>**

### READERS / COLLECTION:

Sun. Jan 4<sup>th</sup> @ 11<sup>AM</sup> Tim & Janine  
Sun. Jan 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11<sup>AM</sup> Andrea & Gloria  
Sun. Jan 18<sup>th</sup> @ 11<sup>AM</sup> Marj & Janice  
Sun. Jan 25<sup>th</sup> @ 11<sup>AM</sup> Tim & Janine

### CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Sun January 4<sup>th</sup> Chris & Debbie  
Sun January 11<sup>th</sup> Kenny & Hap  
Sun January 18<sup>th</sup> Tim & Allen  
Sun January 25<sup>th</sup> Matthew & Ken P.  
Sun February 1<sup>st</sup> Dorian & R. Baker

### 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!

### Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Please visit the diocesan website for a Christmas message and video from Bishop Mark Hagemoen: [Diocese of Saskatoon – Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon](#)

**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 [gkleiboer@rcdos.ca](mailto:gkleiboer@rcdos.ca). (Rural Catechetics is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal).

### Diocesan Prayer

We pray as a diocesan family for a spirit of humble worship: may all of us bring everything that we are to adore Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, sharing in the devotion of the Magi who came to adore Him, bringing their gifts.



## **Epiphany: Shepherd – Magi visit**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem village, a band of scholars (Kings) arrived in Jerusalem from the East. They asked around, “Where can we find and pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews? We observed a star in the eastern sky that signaled his birth.” The Magi actually were on pilgrimage to worship Jesus.

The news of the birth of Jesus Christ cut across social classes, touched the poorest (*shepherds*), drew the wealthiest (*Magi*), and involved beings of another realm (*angels*). What this revealed is how universal and all-inclusive the gospel is.

**The Poorest:** Shepherds sat on the lowest rung of the social ladder. They were considered uncouth, uneducated, uncultured, and they were poorly paid. Few considered shepherds more important than the sheep they tended. Socially despised, and outside the world of religious respectability, they were simple people with simple tasks. But it was to them that the message of Jesus’ birth was first given.

With the birth of Jesus, the outcasts had become insiders. The ignored had become the first to hear of Jesus’ birth. Word went not to the powerful, the influential, or the rich. It went to shepherds. On receiving the good news, they wasted no time walking to Bethlehem and searching for the baby. Once there, they told Mary and Joseph of the angelic message, something the Bible says Mary treasured and pondered in her heart (*cf.* Luke 2:19).

The angel’s message - “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you, he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger” (Luke 2:12).

**Angels** remain a mystery to us. Although there are approximately three hundred references to these beings in the bible, we know very little about them. But what we do know is that they are servants of God who act as messengers. In fact, the word angel means ‘messenger’, *ἄγγελος* in Greek.

**The Wealthiest:** the Magi from the East came to welcome the new King. The wise men were the intellectuals of the day, and in their land they were considered kingmakers. When they found Jesus, Mary and Joseph; these wealthy, powerful, intellectuals bowed down and worshipped Jesus.

They brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Gold was a gift for a king.
- Frankincense was used in religious worship and therefore was a gift for a priest.
- Myrrh was used to embalm the dead and foreshadowed the death of Jesus.

God used angels to deliver the first complete gospel message. He used shepherds to prove that the message was for everyone of every class. He used the wise men to show that Jesus' ministry was global, reaching beyond the borders of his land and into Gentile territory. The message of Jesus is meant for every heart – for you and me.

If Christmas is all about God coming to us to seek us out, then Epiphany is all about our seeking out God who has come among us. The Wise Men offer us great wisdom. They give us a gift that is priceless. They followed the star (light) and found Jesus. We should be prepared to follow the light this year.

Like the wise men, each of us has a journey to make to Jesus because none of us is perfect and each of us has corners in our hearts and lives in need of Jesus' healing and redemption.

**Prayer:**

**Thank you, Jesus**

**Thank you, Lord**

(culled from the book: Indispensable Guides to Jesus by Alton Gansky)