

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

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

Roman Catholic Parishes

March 30th (Fourth Sunday of Lent) – April 6th (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

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Sunday Mass times April:

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 March 30th – April 6th

Mar.29th-Saturday 5^{PM}

St. Benedict: Audrey Reaser+/
Theresa & Brian Locke

March 30th - Sunday 9^{AM}

Canadian Martyrs: Joe
MacLeod+/- Darrell & Heide
Kolla

March 30th -Sunday 11^{AM}

St. Michael's: Albert & Annie
Hauber family/ Henry &
Eyvette Hauber

April 1st –Tues. 6:30^{PM}

St. Michael's Haven: Joe
MacLeod+/- Jill Loeffelholz

April 2nd -Wed. 10:30^{AM}

Cudworth Nursing Home:
Clarence Palchinski+/- Eleanor
Palchinski

April 2nd –Wed. 1:30^{PM}

Bethany: Joe MacLeod+/-
James & Kim Hauber



EASTER CONFESSIONS

– April 3rd @ 7^{PM}

April 4th -Friday 9^{AM}

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

April 5th – 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

April 5th-Saturday 5^{PM}

Canadian Martyrs: John
Lange+/- Ray & Donna
Jungwirth

April 6th - Sunday 9^{AM}

St. Benedict: Joycelyn
Diederichs+/- Jeff Diederichs

April 6th -Sunday 11^{AM}

St. Michael's: Isabelle
Osolinsky+/- Mel Osolinsky

April is the Month of the Holy Eucharist

The month of April is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ ~ His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity ~ received into our souls with ever reception of Holy Communion. Our Eucharistic Lord is the source and summit of our Christian life, the ultimate proof of His infinite love for us.





ST. MICHAEL'S -503 Main Street,
Cudworth, SK. S0K 1B0
Mass Time – April: 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 April 10th

Rosary: 7^{PM}

Installment of Officers - 7:30^{PM}



CWL – Next meeting: Tuesday, April 22nd



**Annual Membership Tea at
St. Michael's Haven**

Rosary @ 6^{PM}; Mass @ 6:30^{PM} followed
by Membership Tea and pin presentation

Parish Council -

Next meeting: Wednesday April 9th @ 7:00^{PM}

We are looking for another person to do
screens. Please consider joining this
ministry. Training provided and to start as
soon as possible. Contact the office if
interested or text Jill @ 306-233-7788



**Knights of Columbus
Easter Turkey/Ham Bingo**

Sunday, April 6th at the Cudworth
Sr. Citizen's Rec Association Center
– 216 Main Street.

Doors open @ **6:30^{PM}**; Bingo @ **7^{PM}**.
Please call Don Kolla 306-233-7502
for van service



St. Michael's Haven (619, 5th Ave)
Weekly Garage Sale Friday's 1^{PM} - 4^{PM}.
Enter through the lower east side door.

**Spring Breakfast
& Silent Auction!**

Sunday, March 30th ~ 9:30^{AM} to 1:00^{PM}

Children's Liturgy Sundays @ St. Michaels

Sunday Mass Ministries

11^{AM} – Sunday, March 30th

Welcomers: John & Audrey

Rosary: Phil Ushers: James, Clarence

Screens: Jill Servers: Camryn, Brady

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

Prayers of the Faithful – Catherine

Offerings: John & Audrey

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

Offerings: Bernadette, Vince, Tammy

Eucharistic Minister: Clarence

Counters: Danny, Ann, Elaine

EASTER CONFESSIONS – April 3rd @ 7^{PM}

11^{AM} – Sunday, April 6th

Rosary: Glen Ushers: Danny, Darrel

Screens: Grace J. Servers: Brianna, Jax, Kennedy

Readers: 1st – James, 2nd – Lee,

Prayers of the Faithful – Kim

Offerings: James & Kim

Eucharistic Minister: Heide

Counters: Garry, Catherine, Heide

11^{AM} – Palm Sunday, April 13th

Welcomers: Jim & Liz

Rosary: Vince Ushers: Garry, Edward, Leonard

Screens: Jill Servers: Eric, Leo, Alynn

Readers: **Narrator** – Don, 2nd – Garry,

Prayers of the Faithful – Doreen

Offerings: Bernadette, Vince, Tammy

Eucharistic Minister: Vince

Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

7:30^{PM} – Holy Thursday, April 17th

Rosary: Phil Ushers: James, Clarence

Screens: Grace L. Servers: TBA

Readers: 1st – Barbara, 2nd – Morris,

Prayers of the Faithful – Teresa

Offerings: Edward & Leonard

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara

Thanks be to God



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Every Friday at 5 PM in St. Michael's

EASTER CONFESSIONS

— April 3rd @ 7PM

Good Friday Outdoor Way Of The Cross (April 18th)

10^{AM} ~ Stations begin at St. Michael's Parish, and will end there around noon.

If you are unable to join in the walking, you may pray at the church at this time.

If anyone is interested in following behind the walkers by riding in the van, please call the office.

Please pray for our upcoming Confirmation Candidates.

~ Abby Broad ~ Kalli Jungwirth
~ Brody Broad ~ Gage Kolla
~ Peyton Chelack ~ Waylon Leuschen
~ Hailey Hadland ~ Wyatt Leuschen
~ Emma Hauber ~ Jax Slobodian
~ Rhett Hauber ~ Camryn Stewart
~ Leo Hoffman



Confirmation with Bishop Mark Hagemoen
is set for Friday May 16th @ 7PM



Ste. Jeanne D'Arc Parish in Domremy is having a pancake breakfast on April 6th 10^{AM} -1PM



Various Raffle Prizes available including a \$200 gift card to Manitou Springs Resort & Spa

Adults: \$15

10 & under: \$12

5 & under: Free

**Progressive 50/50 Draw
Win up to \$2500!**

**Call or text Karleen at
(306) 713-8106**

Only 250 tickets available

Sunday April 6th is *Solidarity*

Sunday. The theme for this Lenten season is "Turn Debt into HOPE". Pope Francis wants us to be "Pilgrims of Hope" with our sisters and brothers.

There will be a petition to sign in each entrance of St. Michael's Parish.

Prayer - Lord Jesus, so that we may love those who love us and those we find difficult to love, we pray —Lord, let us be like you. Amen. - The Redemptorists

Act now to stop assisted suicide

Currently, MPs are discussing and debating a matter of life and death.

A private members' bill to legalise assisted suicide is currently going through parliament. If passed, this would mark a very significant change in our culture and its attitude towards suicide.

This bill is now at committee stage, where MPs will consider possible changes to the bill before the crucial vote at its third reading, which we expect to be in April.

Similar bills have been rejected in recent years but the challenge now is greater than ever.

Act now to stand for life by opposing suicide.

Join us in praying against assisted suicide

We need to pray that God works in the heart of our nation and that our MPs would vote against the bill at third reading.

This Lent, could you **take one minute every day to pray that assisted suicide would not be legalised in this nation?**

Throughout Lent, we are sharing short daily prayer points on social media and through our emails so that you can pray for one minute, once every day, against assisted suicide.

We are also hosting prayer livestreams every Wednesday from 12:30-1pm on our YouTube channel, where together we will pray that the assisted suicide bill will be defeated.

More information about our prayer campaign visit:

<https://christianconcern.com/action/act-now-to-stop-assisted-suicide/>



ST. BENEDICT

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

Mass Times:

April: Sunday 9^{AM}

May: Saturday 5^{PM}

St. Benedict Parish will be accepting donations for Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones. Anyone who would like to make a donation please contact Theresa Chipecur at (306) 289-0008 or Barb Wedewer at (306) 256-3522

Spring Courses at **St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission** at **Bruno, SK** offer an opportunity to deepen faith and understanding, while participating in a common schedule of prayer, study, meals and recreation. Courses include: April 6-11 Ignatian Discernment; April 6-11 Holistic Sexuality (TeenSTAR program); April 21-25 Building an Excellent Youth Ministry (hosted by FaceToFace Ministries). See: <https://sttherese.ca/events> or call (306) 369-2555.

Saturday/Sunday Mass Ministries

5^{PM} – Saturday March 29th

Ushers: Laverne

Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen

Servers: Draude's

Readings and Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn

9^{AM} – Sunday April 6th

Ushers: Laverne

Sacristan: Laverne

Cross Bearer: Colleen

Servers: Draude's

Readings and Prayers of the Faithful: Lee Ann

9^{AM} – Palm Sunday April 13th

Ushers: Reg Sacristan: Reg

Cross Bearer: Reg

Readings: LeeAnn

Prayers of the Faithful: LeeAnn & Tristina



CANADIAN MARTYR'S

1st Street North
Middle Lake, SK S0K 2X0

Mass Times:

April: Saturday 5^{PM}

May: Sunday 11^{AM}

READERS / COLLECTION:

Sun. March 30th @ 9^{AM} Tim & Janine

Sat. April 5th @ 5^{PM} Andrea & Gloria

Sat. April 12th @ 5^{PM} Marj & Janice

Thurs. April 17th @ 5^{PM} Tim & Janine

CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Sun. March 30th Matthew & Ken P

Sun. April 6th Dorian & Bakers

Sun. April 13th Kenny

Sun. April 20th Tim & Allen

Sun. April 27th Matthew & Ken P

CHURCH CLEANERS:

April: Lisa Parsons &

Lisa Demers

May: Nora Gies &

Anne Loeffelholz

Canadian Martyr's Parish

is actively looking for new council members, if anyone is interested in joining please contact Andrea Baker at 306-231-7751

We are also looking for volunteers to add to our parish maintenance list for snow removal/lawn cutting of the church and cemetery. If you would be willing to take a turn and be added to our monthly schedule, please contact Tim Schmidt or Andrea Baker.

What prayer feels like....



What prayer really is!!!



Looking for volunteers to sit at the donation tables for funerals.

Contact the office:
306-256-3218

Easter Schedule 2025

PALM SUNDAY (April 13th)

Canadian Martyrs ~ 5^{PM} (Sat. Apr. 12th)

St. Benedict ~ 9^{AM}

St. Michael's ~ 11^{AM}



HOLY THURSDAY (April 17th)

Canadian Martyrs ~ 5^{PM}

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

GOOD FRIDAY (April 18th)

Outdoor Way Of The Cross ~ 10^{AM}

(Inside town of Cudworth)

St. Michael's ~ 3^{PM}

St. Benedict ~ 5:30^{PM}



EASTER VIGIL (Holy Saturday)

St. Michael's ~ 8:30^{PM}

EASTER SUNDAY (April 20th)

St. Benedict ~ 8:30^{AM}

Canadian Martyrs ~ 10^{AM}

St. Michael's ~ 12^{PM} (Noon)

4th Sunday of Lent: Repentant Heart

“Repentance means you change your mind so deeply that it changes you.”

Bruce Wilkinson

It is a taboo in the Jewish culture for a son to ask or demand for his inheritance while his father is still alive. This is story we read in the gospel today – the Prodigal Son. A story we are too familiar with.

One may ask the question – what made or pushed the younger son to act in the way he did – to demand for his inheritance. It may have started with a thought. The fancy of indulging a different life style. So, this bad or evil thought popped up in his mind. As these thoughts came up in his mind, he chose not to deny them or shut them out. And it materialized and came into effect.

Our minds stand guard over the door of our hearts. And each of us get to decide what comes through. A sinful thought cropping up into your mind is only a temptation. However, you can choose to say a firm ‘no’ to it in your mind, so that it does not make that movement from your mind into your heart, and then overwhelm you into indulging in it and completely actualizing the sinful thought in reality. The struggle lies in firmly saying ‘no’ to the thought and denying it access into our hearts - this is where the Prodigal Son failed and we too do fall at times.

With eyes set on his goal, the younger son was determined to have his fling. He collected the money from his father and set out for a city where appetites of every kind could be satisfied. But when his money ran out, the bright lights faded, and all doors were closed against him. He felt sorry for himself. His own pain made him realize the pain he had caused his father. So, he said to himself: 'I will go back to my father and tell him I'm sorry.' It was a brave decision, and it took a lot of courage to carry it out.

The journey back was a sad, lonely, fearful one. It is easy to come back home when you are a hero laden with trophies and glory. But the prodigal son had no trophies to show his father, no achievements with which to earn his praise, his welcome, and his love. He was coming home empty-handed. Worse, he was coming home laden with shame and disgrace. Yet, he had only one thing – a repentant heart.

A repentant heart brings with it a spiritual sober moment; he had learned his lessons. He had learned some very painful truths about himself, about others, and about life. He had eaten forbidden fruit, and far from being satisfied, he was left with a bitter taste in his mouth.

Monica Johnson said, “Regret is not a proactive feeling. It is situated in disappointment, sorrow, even remorse. It merely wishes things were different without an act to cause a difference. However, repentance is different. Repentance is an admission of, hatred of, and turning away from sin before God.”

On reaching home, the father saw his lost son coming towards the house, he looked into his face and saw repentance, a changed son; and his heart went out to him. And next minute they were in each other's arms. The father didn't just accept him back. He welcomed him back. All was forgiven and he threw a party; a fatten cow was slaughtered and it was all merriment.

The biggest discovery the younger son made was that it pays to have a repentant heart; it pays to turn away from an old life, it is a good thing to turn a new leaf. With a repentant heart, he was loved in his sins. The father never stopped loving him.

It is an extraordinary experience to be loved in one's sinfulness. Such love is like a breeze to a dying fire, or rain falling on parched ground. This is what grace is about. God's forgiveness is not a cold, half-hearted forgiveness, but a warm and generous one. God doesn't just forgive us, he loves us, and will always welcome us into his arms.

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus

Thank you, Lord

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo