

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

Cudworth

St. Benedict

Middle Lake

Roman Catholic Parishes

November 30th (First Sunday of Advent) – December 7th (Second Sunday of Advent)

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Office Hours: Tue/Fri: 9 –12noon (closed during Mass times); Thursday: 9^{AM}–4^{PM} **Administration:** Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo, Teresa Richardson (IN ON THURSDAYS 9^{AM} – NOON), and Chara Sargeant (Bulletin)

Sunday Mass times November:

Saturday 5^{PM} St. Benedict
Sunday 9^{AM} Canadian Martyrs
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 Nov. 29th – Dec. 7th

Nov. 29th - Saturday 5^{PM}

St. Benedict: Linus Hackl+/
Reg & Barb Wedewer

Nov. 30th - Sunday 9^{AM}

Canadian Martyrs: Edwin &
Lucille Reding+/
Reding family

Nov. 30th – Sunday 11^{AM}

St. Michael's: Muriel Kolla+/
Don & Kathleen Kolla

Dec. 2nd –Tues. 6:30^{PM}

St. Michael's Haven: Donna
Jungwirth+/
Doreen Regnier

Dec. 3rd -Wed. 10:30^{AM}

Cudworth Nursing Home:
Jeff Trischuk & Family/
St. Michael's Parish

Dec. 3rd –Wed. 1:30^{PM}

Bethany: Henry Kohle+/
Erwin Saxinger

Dec. 5th -Friday 9^{AM}

St. Michael's: Alphonse
Schlosser+/
Danny Kirzinger

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

St. Nicholas Day Raffle



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas Raffle Basket! Tickets are still available in the east entrance of the parish, at Bigway, the Credit Union, Yuzdepski's Pharmacy, & Long Lake Insurance. **Draw date is December 6th. Please return all sold & unsold tickets to Teresa Richardson at the Parish Office by Thursday December 4th.**

All proceeds go towards operations of the church.

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.



ST. MICHAEL'S -503 Main Street,
Cudworth, SK. S0K 1B0
Mass Time – November: 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}

We welcome into our Parish



Odin Robert Kolla



Who was Baptized in Christ in 2025

Bridal Shower

In Honor of Meaghan Dierker
December 7th @ 2^{PM} at St. Michael's
Roman Catholic Church assembly room
RSVP to Tammy by **December 3rd**
(306) 233-7196



Christmas Flowers



Donations for Christmas Flowers are being accepted until December 14. 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.

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, November 30th

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

Screens: Grace **Servers:** Cael, Gage

Readers: 1st – Jax, 2nd – Chelsea

Prayers Of the Faithful – Abbie

Offerings: Shay & Clark

Eucharistic Minister: Roger & Heide

Counters: Dennis, Sylvia

11^{AM} – Sunday, December 7th

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

Screens: Ann **Servers:** Chelsea

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, Brady

Readers: 1st – Heide, 2nd – Barbara

Prayers Of the Faithful – Roger

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

Welcomers: Jim & Liz

Rosary: Phil **Ushers:** James & Clarence

Screens: Jill **Servers:** TBD

Readers: 1st – Tammy, 2nd – Lee

Prayers Of the Faithful – Bernadette

Offerings: Roger, Bernadette, Tammy

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara & Roger



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.



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

Christmas Tea and Bake Sale at St. Mary Parish, Ave. O and 20th Street, Saskatoon will be held from 1 p.m. to 3p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 with baking, door prizes, raffles, snack lunch. Everyone is welcome. Admission is \$3.



Choir for Kindness

Christmas Concerts in support of St. Mary Parish Mission and Outreach will be held 7^{PM} Thursday, Dec. 4 at Holy Cross High School, 2115 McEown Ave. Saskatoon, and Friday, Dec. 5 at St. Theresa Parish, 208 Little Flower Ave., Rosetown SK, for an evening of music (including diocesan Vicar General Fr. Kevin McGee, Pastor of St. Mary Parish), community and Christmas spirit. Tickets are \$10 at the door, with all proceeds going to help St. Mary Mission and Outreach Ministry bring warmth and dignity to those in need this winter.

Keep Christ in Christmas

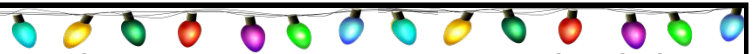
Wooden Nativity Scenes available for order

- Fir plywood ½ inch thick
- Paint or stain ready, add your own lighting
- Measure approximately 4 feet by 4 feet
- Easily assembled and easily stored

To order yours today call or text Garry @ (306)221-5893 or email garrymaier@outlook.com supplies are limited, order early to ensure Christmas delivery

**\$85
Each**

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.



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}

2026 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 2026 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

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. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16. More info at: <https://pccumenism.ca/news-events/> or register online at: <https://bit.ly/PCEAdventPrayer>.



“Rejoice!” Advent Retreat

A diocesan adult faith Encounter event

Saturday, Dec. 6th ~ 9 am to 2:30 pm

Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon

Led by the Verbum Dei Sisters

Cost is \$30 (includes lunch); Register online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/SaskatoonDiocese/adventretreat>

or contact Astrid Alas, Adult Faith

Coordinator, at amalas@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5858.

Inspired by Philippians 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always,” this retreat includes reflective prayer sessions, inspiring talks by the Verbum Dei Sisters, and moments of silent contemplation.

Adult Faith is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.





ST. BENEDICT

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



Mass Times:

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

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

Join in Prayer for Catholic Health Care: There will be an hour of adoration (with confession available) at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 at St Paul's Hospital Chapel (third floor of the B Wing) in Saskatoon to praise God for the gift of Catholic health care, to ask for God's mercies to be poured upon the staff, the patients and their families, and to ask for the protection of Catholic health care for years to come.

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.



Prayer~ Lord Jesus, so that the world may know of your presence among us, we pray ... Be born in us, be born in our world. *The Redemptorists*



Sunday/Saturday Mass Ministries

5^{PM} – Saturday November 29th

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

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



CANADIAN MARTYR'S

1st Street North
Middle Lake, SK S0K 2X0



Mass Times:

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

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

READERS / COLLECTION:

Sun. Nov 30th @ 9^{AM} Tim & Janine
Sat. Dec 6th @ 5^{PM} Andrea & Gloria
Sat. Dec 13th @ 5^{PM} Marj & Janice
Sat. Dec 20th @ 5^{PM} Tim & Janine

CHURCH MAINTENANCE:

Sun Nov. 30th Chris & Debbie
Sun Dec. 7th Kenny & Hap
Sun Dec. 14th Tim & Allen
Sun Dec. 21st Matthew & Ken P.
Sun Dec 28th Dorian & R. Baker

CHURCH CLEANERS:

November: Gloria Schlitz
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!



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.

1st Sunday of Advent: Waiting for the Light

The term Advent comes from two Latin words, “**Adventus**” – (to arrive) or “**Advenire**” – (to come). For us Christians, it means a time of expectation and preparation for the coming of the Light – Jesus Christ. Even the three wisemen from the East (Magi) attested to it, “We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him” (Matthew 2:2). Jesus himself declared, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12).

When I drive around the town in the evening, I see some houses with Christmas Lights (decors). And that’s the spirit of Christmas, to light up our homes. Have we ever asked ourselves why everywhere is lit, during Christmas. From the point of view of the Church, those lights point to Jesus Christ. Although, some people set up their Christmas decoration because their neighbour has done his/hers.

According to the Catholic Church, the most appropriate time to put up Christmas decorations is on **Christmas Eve** or **3rd Sunday of Advent**, when the Church begins praying the “*Rejoice Antiphons*” marking a shift towards Christmas. You can start decorating the church or your home at this time. The Christmas season officially begins on the Christmas Eve and lasts until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord or Epiphany of the Lord. (*However, it is not a **sin** or against any law to put up your decoration earlier.*)

Prophet Isaiah said, ‘Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord’ (Isaiah 2:5). Advent is a wonderful opportunity to respond to these words of the prophet. We are a people on whom the light of Christ has shone and still shines. We must, therefore, strive to walk in the light - the light of truth and life, the light of holiness and grace, the light of justice, love and peace.

The happenstances around us (world) point to the fact that darkness still has some power over us. This darkness can take many forms - like hatred, enmity, lack of forgiveness, lack of reconciliation, injustice done to another, other immoral behaviours, etc.

The first step we have to take is recognise the darkness in our lives. That takes courage. But it takes even more courage to take responsibility for that darkness, and to decide to do something about it. And with the help of God’s grace, we can free ourselves.

It would be wonderful if at the end of this Adventone could truthfully say that, with God's help, he/she had left some form of darkness behind. That is, allowing the light to shine into every area of one's life. Then the person would be more ready to meet the Lord of light, the Lord in whose presence no form of darkness can exist.

Advent also reminds us of the redemption which the birth of Jesus Christ brought to humanity. The sacred scripture captured this hope:

- “Don’t cry. Look! The Lion from Judah’s tribe, the great descendant of David, has won the victory, and he can break the seven seals and open the scroll.” (Revelation 5:5).
- “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah” (Jeremiah 33:14).

Today’s gospel tells us, one other important thing we must do is to keep ourselves positively busy, awake, and watchful. This is a call for us to intensify and strengthen our prayer life. Prayer purifies the soul; it casts away all fears and prepares and strengthens us. Prayer provides us the spiritual energy, courage, and confidence to stand firm while waiting for our Lord’s coming.

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus

Thank you, Lord

Fr. Benjamin Ezekwudo