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Sept. 1, 2024 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of Prayer for Creation

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 *In all things we are rooted in Christ,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.*

Upcoming Events

Emmaus Support Saskatoon - Caring for a loved one with a mental health challenge can be tough, but you do not have to do it alone. Emmaus Family Support offers peer support, guidance, and a compassionate community. The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. **Thursday, Sept. 5** at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon. To learn more, contact lynn.eregoni@gmail.com.

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle includes adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various prayers, 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, Sept 5** at St. Michael Catholic Church, #18-33rd St. E., Saskatoon. A Diocesan Cenacle of Prayer will also be held at 3 pm. **Wednesday, Sept. 11** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres. E. Saskatoon. For more information, contact Edna at (306) 382-1680.

A Contemplative Mass led by Fr. Kevin McGee will be held at 5 p.m. **Friday, Sept. 6** (First Friday) at St. Mary Parish, 211 Ave. O South, Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle, steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion to allow space for reflection and recognition of the intimate presence of Christ who comes to us through scripture and the Eucharist.

Sanctuary Course for Catholics: Discover more about mental health and mental illness, including: combating stigma, recovery, companionship, self-care, and building community in this Sanctuary series offered from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. **Friday, Sept. 6, 13, 20, and 27** at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon. To register or for more information call Holy Spirit parish office at (306) 374-1425.

Rebuilding Catholic Culture Conference: "Poetry and the Catholic Soul" will be held **Sept. 6-8** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1235 12th St. E., Saskatoon. The opening keynote at 7 p.m. **Friday, Sept. 6** is a free dessert night (please RSVP). **Saturday, Sept. 7** features an opening Mass, four talks, lunch, and an evening wine and cheese with poetry and song. Cost of the full-day event Saturday, is \$60/person, \$100/couple, or \$30/student. Pre-registration required; contact Celene Sidloski at (306) 715-1541 or e-mail: csidloski@stmcollege.ca.

"Hope and Act With Creation"

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Sept. 1

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has suggested that special liturgies, prayer services, and educational initiatives be held to mark the day, which begins a "Season of Creation" that runs until Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.

Read more and find links to resources at www.cccb.ca.

On this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, let us come together in solidarity with all people of goodwill to pray, reflect, and act for the protection of our planet.

A Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held **Sept. 6 - 8** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres. E, Saskatoon: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Friday, Sept. 6** / 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Saturday, Sept. 7** / 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Sunday, Sept. 8**. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/242001621505237>.

Pilgrimage to the Millennium Pro-Life Cross (located 10.8 km northeast of Aberdeen on Highway 41) begins at 3 p.m. **Sunday, Sept. 8**. A living rosary will be celebrated, along with other prayers. Keynote speaker is Bishop Michael Smolinski, CSsR, of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon. Fellowship and food to follow. Bring your own rosary and lawn chair or umbrella. Find more information, including possible changes because of inclement weather: www.saintmarysyorkton.com/ProlifeMillenniumCross.

Celebration of Mary's Birthday at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine at St. Laurent SK (east of Duck Lake) will be held **Sunday, Sept. 8** with confessions at 6 p.m., rosary and bouquet offering for Mary at 6:15 pm, celebration of Mass at 7 p.m., followed by birthday cake and coffee. Find more details at www.padiocese.ca/st-laurent-shrine.

Columbus Bosco Homes Annual Corn Roast Fundraiser will be held 5:30 p.m. **Thursday, Sept. 12** at the Farm School, 10 minutes northeast of Saskatoon, to support at-risk youth in an educational/farm setting. Meal tickets are \$25 each and are available from Lorne Keller at (306) 227-7576 or Tracey Harper at (306) 659-2025 (e-transfer to cboscoston@gmail.com).

Message Board

Micah Mission welcomes all to their Annual General Meeting to be held at 7 p.m. **Monday, Sept. 9**, at Wildwood Mennonite Church, 1502 Acadia Drive, Saskatoon. Please RSVP to info@themicahmission.org. Guided by the principles of Restorative Justice, Micah Mission strives to create a world where individuals and communities are restored to caring and respectful relationships in the wake of harm from crime. The Micah Mission seeks to transform the lives of incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals, and their families, by being “tough on crime one friendship at a time.” Learn more at <https://themicahmission.org/>.

Grief Ministry for Bereaved Spouses - “From Mourning to Dawn” is an eight-week diocesan grief support program offering support and encouragement for widows and widowers, led by those who have also experienced this loss. It is open to participants who have been widows or widowers from between two months to two years. Two sessions will be offered in Saskatoon: one on Tuesdays at the Catholic Pastoral Centre starting **Sept. 10** and another on Thursdays, starting **Sept. 12** at Saint Anne Parish. Cost is \$35. For more information and registration, please contact Dianna at dknaus@sasktel.net or (306) 382-0535.

“Finding the Passion of Christ in Our Story” is a **10-session weekly Grief Group Study** providing faith-based grief support serving individuals and couples who have experienced the death of a child at any age, from pregnancy through adulthood. This diocesan Red Bird Ministries program will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday evenings from **Sept. 26 to Nov. 28** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre library, 2nd floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon (elevator available). Please register at: <https://form.jotform.com/241705076122246>. Cost is \$40; space is limited. For more information about the program, contact Marilyn: mjackson@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5836 or Monique: westcoastleblancs@gmail.com (306) 850-1596.

Hope in Health Care: support for Catholic health care professionals - The Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS), in partnership with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, invites Catholic healthcare professionals to “Hope in Health Care” in order 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 gathering will be held 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Tuesday Sept 24** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre library, 2nd floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road (corner of Attridge Dr. and Forestry Farm Park Drive), Saskatoon. For more information, contact Hospital Chaplaincy at (306) 659-5839.



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Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader Ministry Education

“Introduction to Inuit Studies”

Online Sept. 24 to Nov. 29

4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays

The online diocesan Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader Ministry Education program (IPL) is led by teams of Indigenous and non-Indigenous instructors, modelling respectful and reconciling relationships.

Registration is now open; cost: \$200 per course.

No pre-requisite necessary. Register at:

rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education

Saskatoon Pregnancy Options and Support Centre 25th Anniversary Gala and Silent Auction will be held **Friday, Sept. 27** at Prairieland, 503 Ruth Street, Saskatoon; doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner is at 6:15 p.m. Keynote speaker is Dr. Laura Lewis, executive director of Pregnancy Canada. Come and support women and families, helping them to better cope with issues related to pregnancy, parenting, and pregnancy loss. Reserve free tickets online at: <https://shop.authentigate.ca/store/prairieland/1139>. For information e-mail: contact@saskatoonpregnancy.com or call (306) 665-7550.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries of Saskatchewan will host a weekend retreat **Oct. 4-6** in Saskatoon. Rachel's Vineyard is a safe, supportive, confidential place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Many preconceived fears of condemnation are transformed into blessings – and memories of abandonment, pain and confusion are replaced by peace and reconciliation. For confidential information and registration, please contact Elaine at 1-306-480-8911 or r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net.

Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family for all those in our communities who educate and care for our children, as they begin the annual return to classrooms, schools, campuses, and catechism programs. May we always follow Jesus the teacher in loving service, grounded in truth and love of God.

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