



Diocesan Bulletin

Nov. 23, 2025 - Solemnity of Christ the King

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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

World Youth Day - Bishop Mark Hagemoen will celebrate Mass for "World Youth Day" 6:30 pm **Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 23** at Cathedral of the Holy Family, Saskatoon (live-streamed at <https://saskatoonmass.com>). Each year on Christ the King Sunday, dioceses around the world unite in prayer and celebration — connected spiritually to millions of youth and young adults journeying in faith across the globe. (*Youth and young adult ministry is supported by Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

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. **Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16.** See: <https://pcecumenism.ca/news-events/> or register at: <https://bit.ly/PCEAdventPrayer>.

Hope in Health Care - Support for Health Care Professionals: The Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS), in partnership with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, invites healthcare professionals to explore the challenges and opportunities in living their vocations in a healthcare environment that includes practices such as medically-provided euthanasia (MAiD). Join "Hope in Health Care" at the next gathering 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Nov. 25** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd Floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, SK. 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 the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Abortion Recovery Care Talking Circle 7 p.m. **Nov. 26:** Abortion is a complicated topic physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Silence for many is the only option. If abortion is part of your story either directly or as a partner or support person, this is a safe place for an evening of talking or just listening. (Information available about healing programs offered one-to-one or group formats.) Contact Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Support Centre for more info about the Nov. 26 Abortion Recovery Care Talking Circle: (306) 665-7550 or contact@saskatoonpregnancyoptions.com.

"Rejoice!" Advent Retreat

A diocesan adult faith Encounter event

Saturday, Dec. 6

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.

Theology on Tap for young adults 19+ will feature Bishop Michael Smolinski of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon, 5 p.m. **Friday, Nov 28** at Louis' on Campus speaking about his Jubilee experiences this past year.

Pray with the Word of God – The Verbum Dei Sisters invite young-adults for a time of prayer with the Word of God and faith-sharing, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Nov. 29 and Dec. 13** at 1132 Temperance St., Saskatoon. Contact: Sr. Sol Abala at mabala@rcdos.ca or Sr. Marta Piano at mpiano@rcdos.ca. (*Youth Ministry and Adult Faith are supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.*)

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle includes adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and prayers, 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, Dec. 4** at St. Michael Catholic Church, #18-33rd St. E., Saskatoon. Info: Edna at (306) 382-1680.

Choir for Kindness – Christmas Concerts in support of St. Mary Parish Mission and Outreach will be held 7 p.m. **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.

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St. Philip Neri Parish Fair Trade sale in support of refugee sponsorships: To order certified fair trade products, including coffee, tea, chocolate, dried fruit, cocoa, cane sugar, and more, please contact sheila.flory@usask.ca for more information, or phone (306) 931-8053. Items must be pre-ordered by 4 p.m., **Nov. 27**. Pick up date for orders is Saturday, Dec. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m., at St. Philip Neri Church, 1902 Munroe Ave S, Saskatoon, or after Mass Dec. 13-14.

A Contemplative Mass led by Fr. Kevin McGee, will be held 5 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 5** at St. Mary Parish, 211 Ave. O S., 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. We encourage you to relax and rest in the abiding presence of God.

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

Christmas at the Prison - The diocesan office of Restorative Ministry is seeking monetary donations to purchase identical small gifts to distribute at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre as a way of sharing the joy of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ with those in prison, letting them know that they are not forgotten. Please drop labelled monetary donations into the parish collection or send to the attention of the Restorative Ministry Office at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1, or donate online through the "designated ministry" form on the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation website at: <https://dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support/>.

Donations for Christmas Sale: The CWL Clothing Depot in Saskatoon is seeking donations of new items for its annual Christmas sale, including toys, socks, underwear, gloves, sheets, comforters, pillows, blankets, facecloths, towels, dishcloths, health and beauty products, jewelry, small household items and/or individually-wrapped candy. These donations help those who are struggling to make ends meet, giving a joyous opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for loved ones, to choose gifts and toys at affordable prices, and to enjoy the freedom of making their own purchases. As well, children with only a few coins can share in the joy of giving, purchasing gifts for those they love. The sale runs from Nov. 12 to Dec. 23, so donations are needed right away. Donation drop off times are Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the back alley door of 619-20th Street West, Saskatoon – please ring the Clothing Depot doorbell when delivering your items.

Synod on Synodality Implementing a SYNODAL WAY of Proclaiming Christ and God's Kingdom Today

Synod Implementation in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon was recently launched by Bishop Mark Hagemoen. "Synodality is NOT a program or method, but rather a way of being Church 'modus vivendi et operandi' (*Final Document #30*) and part of "...her proper identity" (*Final Document #31*), and therefore it calls us all to conversion because it entails a change of mindset and a way of being Church together (*Final Document #33*)."

- Excerpt from the *Diocesan Summary: Pathways for the Implementation of the Synod.*

Find the bishop's letter, the Final Document from the Synod of Bishops, and guidelines for the Synod Implementation, along with a video at:

<https://rcdos.ca/synod>

Employment Opportunity: Church Custodian for Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon. Find more details at <https://rcdos.ca/employment>. To apply, submit resumé and cover letter to: info@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca with the subject line "Custodian Position."

Keep Christ in Christmas - Wooden Nativity Scenes are available by order from the Knights of Columbus Denis Mahoney Council; 4 by 4-feet, half-inch fir plywood ready to paint or stain and add your own lighting; easily assembled or stored; \$85 each; call or text Garry Maier at (306) 221-5893 or e-mail garrymaier@outlook.com. Supplies are limited, order early to ensure Christmas delivery.

Diocesan Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, companion of youth and young adults, bless their paths of discovery and discernment, through times of joy and experiences of hardship, with the constant love and support of your Church. Lord, we pray that you will open our hearts to encounter and to accompany all young people in their journey of faith. (*World Youth Day on Feast of Christ the King*)

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