Diocesan Bulletin

Nov. 15, 2026 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of the Poor

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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

Anchor is a prayer group ministry for people living with chronic illness and their caregivers. Even if illness is stabilized, there are always daily challenges. Anchor meets on the third Monday of each month to support one another through prayer, faith, hope, and gratitude, with the goal to create and build supportive relationships. The next Anchor prayer group meeting is from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., **Monday, Nov. 16** at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Dr., Saskatoon. For registration or more information, please contact Dietta Todos by e-mailing: durr2todos@gmail.com.

The Apostolate of the Precious Blood prayer group will meet at 10:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, Nov. 17** at Saint Anne Church, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon, to pray the Rosary, as well as the Litany and Chaplet of The Precious Blood of Jesus. Everyone is welcome.

A World Youth Day celebration will be held on the Feast of Christ the King, **Nov. 22** as part of the 11 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, with Fr. Gerard Cooper presiding. Held each year on Christ the King Sunday, World Youth Day involves dioceses around the world uniting in prayer and connecting spiritually to millions of youth and young adults journeying in faith across the globe. This is a great moment to celebrate together the joy of our faith; fellowship will follow.

Hope in Health Care – Support for health care professionals: The Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan in partnership with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, invites healthcare professionals to "Hope in Health Care" to explore the challenges and opportunities in living their vocations in a health-care environment that includes practices such as medically-provided euthanasia (MAID). The next gathering is 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Nov. 24** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd Floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. For more information, contact Jackie Saretsky, diocesan Coordinator of Hospital Chaplaincy at (306) 659- 5839 or Dr. Mary Heilman, PhD, of CHAS at (306) 655-5197 or e-mail hope@chassk.ca. *(Hospital Chaplaincy is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

World Day of the Poor Nov. 15

"*The Lord is the refuge of the poor.*"

"Pope Leo XIV reminds us that poverty is not simply about material deprivation. Too often, those experiencing poverty are also deprived of a voice, a place in society and the dignity of being seen and heard. The Holy Father challenges us to do more than speak about poverty. He calls us to listen to people experiencing poverty, to stand alongside them and, ultimately, to become a refuge for the poor." - *Society of St. Vincent de Paul resource)*

Find Pope Leo's 2026 message for the World Day of the Poor on the Vatican website at: www.vatican.va /content/leo-xiv/en/messages/poor/documents/20260613-messaggio-giornata-poveri.html

Establishing the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in the Diocese of Saskatoon: What might the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) look like in the diocese and who will it serve? Learn about successes elsewhere and imagine what might be possible in our parish settings 6:30 p.m. **Monday, Nov 23** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre Library, 2nd floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon (elevator available). **Register online at https://form.jotform.com/263048335881260** or for more information, contact Justice and Peace Coordinator Myron Rogal at mrogal@rcdos.ca or call (306) 659-5841. *Background:* Founded in 1833, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is an international lay organization, united in the mission to serve persons in need. In Canada alone, the SSVP helps more than 350,000 people each year. Learn more about the society at **https://ssvp.ca**. (*Justice and Peace is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal).*

Diocesan Prayer – On this World Day of the Poor, we pray that our Loving Saviour would help us renew our commitment to those in need outside our doors, and to bless, heal and comfort them. Lord God, help us to build a world together where the poor are strangers to none, and the very chains of poverty are broken. *(Adapted from Catholic Relief Services and SSVP)*

Message Board

Christmas at the Prison - The diocesan Restorative Ministry Office 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 "Prison Ministry" at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1, or donate online through the "designated ministry" form (select from drop-down) at: **https://dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support.** *"I was in prison, and you came to see me…" Matthew 25:36. (Restorative / Prison Ministry is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

The Catechetical Forum is a day to renew, encourage, and equip those who teach the faith in parishes across the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, offering focused teaching, round-table discussion, prayer and reflection, and the sharing of practical ideas and best practices, held at:

- **St. Mary Parish, Macklin:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Nov. 21** *(Kerrobert deanery);*
- **St. Augustine Parish, Humboldt:** 6:30 p.m. **Nov. 25** *(Humboldt deanery);*
- **St. Joseph Parish, Kindersley:** 1 to 5 p.m. **Nov. 28** *(Eatonia deanery, new date/time).*

For information and/or links to register, please contact diocesan Rural Catechesis Coordinator Quin Kleiboer, at (306) 659-5857 or qkleiboer@rcdos.ca. *(Rural Catechesis is supported the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

Choir for Kindness: An evening of music, community and Christmas spirit in support of St. Mary Mission and Outreach will be held at 7 p.m. **Tuesday, Dec. 1** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon (doors open at 6 p.m.). Enjoy a showcase of local musical talent, along with a sale of delicious baking to take home for Christmas celebrations. Tickets are $10, available online at: **www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/choir-for-kindness-concert-for-st-marys-mission-and-outreach** or contact Jennifer Nunes at junes@rcdos.ca or (306) 292-7592. Learn more at **www.stmarysoutreach.com.**

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Red Wednesday Nov. 18

Prayer, awareness, and advocacy for persecuted Christians around the world:

An ecumenical prayer service will be held 7 p.m. Nov. 18 at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 301 Avenue Y South, Saskatoon.

All are welcome. *Note:* Volunteers are needed to assist with the event; if you can help, please contact Myron Rogal at mrogal@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5841.

(Justice and Peace is supported by gifts to the BAA)

"Red Wednesday" is an annual event organized by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) that aims to raise awareness about the persecution suffered by our brothers and sisters in the faith. Currently, 413 million Christians live in countries where religious freedom is severely violated. Suggested "Red Wednesday" activities include wearing red or lighting up buildings in red and/or organizing prayer services to pray for persecuted Christians.

See: **https://acn-canada.org/red-wednesday/**

"Voices in the Waiting" Ecumenical Advent prayer and reflection with the prophets: Prairie Centre for Ecumenism presents a free weekly online series from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings on Zoom, from **Nov. 24 to Dec. 15,** led by Christian leaders from a variety of traditions gathering in hope to prepare for the coming of Christ. See the PCE website at **https://pcecumenism.ca** for more info and/or the Zoom link; or e-mail admin@pcecumenism.ca. (*Ecumenism is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

CWL Clothing Depot seeks Christmas sale donations: The Clothing Depot wish list includes new toys, socks, gloves, linens, jewelry, health and beauty items, kitchen items, and individually-wrapped candy, to help those with limited funds purchase Christmas gifts and toys at affordable prices. **Donation drop-off hours** are weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the alley of 619-20th St. West, Saskatoon (ring the bell).

"Keep Christ in Christmas" - Outdoor Nativity Sets for Sale: Knights of Columbus of Saskatoon Council 8215 is selling weather-proof outdoor wooden Nativity silhouette sets, made of sturdy half-inch plywood, four feet by four feet, easily assembled and stored; ready for paint, stain, lighting, $90 each. Call or text (306) 514-3499 or (639) 597-4811.