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Diocesan Bulletin

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026 – Solemnity of Christ the King / World Youth Day

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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

Hope in Health Care: 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 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.)

Billings Ovulation Method Foundations Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Sunday, Nov. 28** at St. Joseph College in Edmonton, AB. Discover the foundations of the Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Family Planning, with an introduction to anatomy and physiology; learn to recognize the markers of fertility and infertility and guidelines to achieve or avoid pregnancy; practice in-depth charting exercises for practical use in real life; and learn how to chart through a variety of cycle types. Registration at: **https://billingslife.ca/foundations-workshop** or call (403) 894-1471.

Choir for Kindness: An evening of music, community and Christmas spirit in support of St. Mary Mission and Outreach will be held in Saskatoon 7 p.m. **Tuesday, Dec. 1** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon (doors open at 6 p.m.); a showcase of local musical talent, a Christmas bake sale, etc. Tickets are $10, available at: **www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/choir-for-kindness-concert--for-st-marys-mission-and-outreach** or contact Jennifer Nunes at jnunes@rcdos.ca (note corrected e-mail) or (306) 292-7592. The Choir for Kindness will also be held at St. Theresa Parish, 208 Little Flower Ave in **Rosetown at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4**. Learn more about St. Mary Mission and Outreach at **www.stmarysoutreach.com**.

Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus will be held at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1 at. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon,

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul information night

6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23

Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd Floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon

What might the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul look like in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, and who would it serve? Learn about successes elsewhere and imagine what might be possible in our parish settings!

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.

Blue Christmas Mass - The Advent and Christmas Season can be a struggle for many people who are alone or have suffered the loss of a loved one. In an effort to bring new meaning and hope to a challenging time, St. John Bosco Parish is hosting a Blue Christmas Mass at 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, Dec. 1** at the parish, 1202 Avenue O South, Saskatoon. All are welcome.

Are you a young working professional around the ages of 23-35? Come join the Verbum Dei Missionaries in new opportunities to grow in spirituality and community at nights of socialization, discussion, and learning, held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Tuesday, Dec. 1** at 1132 Temperance Street, Saskatoon. RSVP by contacting either Sr. Marta Piano at mpiano@rcdos.ca or Sr. Sol Abala at mabala@rcdos.ca.

Marian Movement Cenacle includes adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various prayers, will be held at 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, Dec. 3**, at St. Michael Catholic Church, #18-33rd St. E., Saskatoon. Everyone is welcome!

A Contemplative Mass led by Fr. Kevin McGee will be held at 5 p.m. on **First Friday, Dec. 4**, 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.

Message Board

Children's books, pyjamas and/or backpacks: The Restorative (Prison) Ministry Bedtime Story Project is designed to help men in prison stay connected to family. Men approved for the program are videotaped reading a bedtime story, which is then sent to his children in a donated backpack along with donated pyjamas, and a copy of the book. This gift helps to strengthen parenting skills and foster stronger family connections. The diocesan prison ministry office is again seeking donations of new children's pyjamas for ages newborn to six years, as well as crayons, colouring books, and/or gently-used children's books and small backpacks. Monetary donations for project supplies are also welcome. All donations can be dropped off or sent "Attention Dianne" to the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, S7S 1H1 (please make cheques out to "DSCF - Restorative Ministry"). Donations can also be made on the Catholic Foundation's Designated Ministry Support page at: **https://dscf.ca/designated-ministry-support** - use drop-down box to direct donations to "Restorative (Prison) Ministry."

Theology on Tap for young adults 19 to 35 will be held 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. **Monday, Nov. 23** at Louis' on Campus, with Roman Lalach and Sam Medernach talking about their experience at the National Canadian Catholic Students Association conference in Halifax earlier this month. Learn about the CCSA, and also the IMCS – International Movement of Catholic Students. All are welcome. See: **www.facebook.com/saskatoonTonT** or if you have questions, e-mail Michael MacLean from St. Thomas More (STM) Campus Minustry at mmaclean@stmcollege.ca.

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. Augustine Parish, Humboldt: **Nov. 25** at 6:30 p.m.
- St. Joseph Parish, Kindersley: **Nov. 28** from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

To register contact diocesan Rural Catechesis Coordinator Quin Kleiboer, (306) 659-5857 or qkleiboer@rcdos.ca. (Rural *Catechesis is supported the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

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Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader (IPL) Ministry Education

"Contemporary Effects of Colonization: Social Justice"

ONLINE COURSE

January 5 to March 2, 2027

Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30 pm (CST)

Course Fee: $200; Find information and registration at:

https://rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education

"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** or e-mail admin@pcecumenism.ca for more information.

Advent Retreat: "Word Made Flesh" – Adult Faith Formation in the diocese of Saskatoon presents an Encounter Advent Retreat with the Verbum Dei Missionaries 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Saturday, Dec. 5** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. Register online at: **https://form.jotform.com/261528430964259** or for more info contact Adult Faith Coordinator Astrid Alas at amalas@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5858. Cost is $30 (with lunch).

"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.

Diocesan Prayer - On this World Youth Day in dioceses around the world, we pray that young people everywhere will come to share deeply in the joy of communion and unity. Lord Jesus Christ, You overcome the world, both now and forever. May all people discover the hope that lies in Your call to take courage, realizing that the cross of love and forgiveness brings true victory. *(Excerpt from prayer for World Youth Day 2027 – "Take courage! I have overcome the world." - John 16:33)*