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DIOCESE OF SASKATOON

Diocesan Bulletin

Nov. 8, 2026 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

St. Therese Open House Week will be held **Nov. 9 - 15** at St. Therese Institute of Faith and Mission (STIFM) at Bruno, SK. Attend one, two, three, or more days, living like a student alongside current students attending classes, joining in community prayer, Mass, meals, sports, crafts/projects at rec time, and daily chores. This Open House is for new prospective Catholic Gap-Year attendees (age 17-27 years) who want to experience St. Therese life, STIFM Alumni who want to re-engage with St. Therese, parents of students, supporters of the St. Therese mission, and members of the wider Catholic community. Choose anything from a single day trip without overnight stay, to a full five-nights. Cost is $75/day (includes accommodations and three meals). Call (306) 369-2555 or visit the website: **https://sttherese.ca/event/open-house-fall-2026/**.

Provincial Pro-Life Summit dinner and guest speaker Kyle Coffey, presented by Pro-Life Saskatchewan and the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform, will be held **Monday, Nov. 9** at Saint Anne Catholic Church, 217 Lenore Dr., Saskatoon, with doors opening at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are $50/person; $25/ages 4 to 11 years; free for those under 3 years. Tickets available via e-transfer to info@saskprolife.com or by calling (306) 992-6941.

Hope at the End of Life is a free online webinar at 7 p.m. **Thursday, Nov. 12** with a palliative care physician and an ethicist discussing medically-provided death ("MAiD"), palliative care, and hope in hard moments. The Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada is offering the free public webinar featuring palliative care physician Dr. James MacMillan, and ethicist Dr. Mary Heilman discussing questions surrounding end-of-life and euthanasia, as well as the protection of conscience rights for healthcare professionals. Register at: **https://hopedoesnotexpire.ca.** CMDA is also seeking 300 signatures from Saskatchewan healthcare professionals and students in support of stronger MAiD safeguards. See the website for more information: **https://hopedoesnotexpire.ca.**

Apostolate of the Precious Blood will meet at 10:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, Nov. 10** and **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.

Search Youth Retreat

Nov. 13 - Nov. 15

A Search live-in faith enrichment weekend for Grades 9-12 will be offered in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, held at E.D. Feehan Catholic School; $100, includes food and accommodation *(funding assistance is available)*.

Pre-register online by Nov. 9 deadline at https://**saskatoonsearch.ca**
or for more information, contact Evangelization and Mission Leader John Hickey at jhickey@rcdos.ca

(Youth Ministry is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal)

Dabar is a monthly prayer gathering to dive deeper into the Word of God, attuning oneself to God's will and allowing God's Word to be effective in life. Dabar is held from 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of the month – including **Saturday, Nov. 14** – held at 1132 Temperance Street, Saskatoon. RSVP to the Verbum Dei Missionaries at verbumdeisk.ca@gmail.com.

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. 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 in the diocese of Saskatoon is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

Message Board

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. Joseph Parish, Kelvington:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 14** *(Wadena deanery)*;
- **St. Mary Parish, Macklin:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 21** *(Kerrobert deanery);*
- **St. Augustine Parish, Humboldt:** 6:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Nov. 25** *(Humboldt deanery);*
- **St. Joseph Parish, Kindersley:** 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. **Sunday, 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.)*

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.

"Walking in the Spirit of St. Angela Merici" as an Ursuline Associate: For over 100 years, Ursuline Sisters have ministered in many locations in Western Canada, as well as Brazil, Swaziland and Zimbabwe, in the Spirit of St. Angela. The Ursuline Associates are lay women and men who desire to deepen their connection to Ursuline spirituality and help carry the values and mission of St. Angela into their families, parishes, and communities. Associates gather four times each year to build relationships and create opportunities for awareness, faith, and service. To learn more or to become an Ursuline Associate, please contact Sr. Dianne Sehn, OSU, of the Ursulines of Prelate, at osu.secretary@ursulines.ca and help continue the Ursuline spirit of faith, courage, service, and hope.

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Red Wednesday Nov. 18

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

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/**

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

All are welcome.

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

"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 four feet by four feet. Made from sturdy half- inch plywood, and ready for personalized paint, they are easily assembled and easily; $90 each. Call or text (306) 514-3499 or (639) 597-4811.

Clothing Depot Christmas Sale Request – The CWL Clothing Depot in Saskatoon is seeking donations of new items for their annual Christmas sale. The wish list includes new toys, socks, underwear, gloves, sheets, comforters, pillows, towels, teal towels, dish cloths, jewelry, health and beauty items, toasters, cutlery, kettles, frying pans, pots and pans, individual-wrapped candy. These donations help those with limited funds who are struggling to make ends meet: it gives them the joyous opportunity to shop and choose Christmas gifts and toys at affordable prices on their own for family and friends. **Donation drop-off hours** are Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the back alley of 619-20th Street West, Saskatoon (please ring the bell).

Diocesan Prayer - As this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal continues in our diocese, we pray that our generosity is a joyful response to God's generosity and a visible sign that we are committed to living the Father's will.