



# Diocesan Bulletin

Dec. 24, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec. 24-25, 2023 - Nativity of the Lord

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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

**New Beginnings** - The African Catholic community presents "Cross Over Night" starting 10:30 p.m. on **New Year's Eve Sunday, Dec 31** at Holy Spirit Church, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon; no cost, everyone is welcome!

**A Contemplative Mass led by Fr. Kevin McGee** will be held at 5 p.m. **Friday, Jan. 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. Relax and rest in the abiding presence of God.

**Knights of Columbus Brothers' Keeper Breakfast** will be held 7 a.m. **Tuesday, Jan. 9** at Queen's House, 601 Taylor Street West, Saskatoon. Suggested donation: \$10. Call Brendan Bitz at Queen's House: (306) 242-1916.

**Awaken adult faith program: "Praying as Catholics"**  
Registration is underway for this in-person series which will include experiences of different kinds of prayer, to be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on **four Tuesday evenings in January** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. Includes: **Jan. 9:** Centering Prayer with Fr. Kevin McGee; **Jan. 16:** Eucharistic Adoration with Fr. Gerard Cooper; **Jan. 23:** Praying With the Sacred Scripture with Verbum Dei sisters; **Jan. 30:** Marian Prayer with Fr. Daniel Yasinski. Cost: \$40 for the series. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/231799051119257> or call Astrid Alas for more information: (306) 659-5858.

**Palliative Care and End-of-life Issues** - St. Philip Neri Parish in Saskatoon will host a two-part **Horizons of Hope** workshop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Saturday, Jan. 13** and **Saturday, Jan 20.** at St. Philip Neri Church, 1902 Munroe Ave. S. Saskatoon. To register please call the parish at (306) 343-0325 (lunch will be provided). When confronted with a life-limiting diagnosis, we can find ourselves in an unfamiliar and even frightening situation. As Catholics, our faith in Jesus Christ has much to teach us about living and dying well. Horizons of Hope is a resource created by the Canadian Catholic bishops as a toolkit for Catholic parishes about palliative care. The goal is for the workshop to be taught in every parish community across the diocese. To book a workshop in your parish, contact Jackie Saretsky at [jsaretsky@rcdos.ca](mailto:jsaretsky@rcdos.ca) or (306) 659-5839.



*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen His glory, the glory of a Father's  
only begotten Son, full of grace and truth. - JOHN 1:14*

**May the light of Christ's coming into  
the world bring peace and joy to all!**

**Merry Christmas from Bishop Mark Hagemoen  
and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon**  
Please visit the diocesan website for a Christmas  
message and video from Bishop Mark Hagemoen:  
[rcdos.ca](http://rcdos.ca)

**Find Christmas and New Year's Mass times at:**  
[rcdos.ca/christmas](http://rcdos.ca/christmas)

Find live-stream video of Mass from several parishes:  
[saskatoonmass.com](http://saskatoonmass.com)

*The Catholic Pastoral Centre in Saskatoon will be  
closed Dec. 25 and 26, 2023 as well as Jan. 1, 2024.*

**"On Living Tradition: Catholic Culture and the Spiritual Discipline of Fine Art"** - This is the topic of Rebuilding Catholic Culture's 7th Annual **Dessert Night and Talk** at 7 p.m. **Saturday, Jan. 13** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1235-12th Street East, Saskatoon (doors open at 6:30 pm). Dr. Peter Kwasniewski, a speaker, composer, and scholar who has written more than 20 books on beauty, music, and liturgy, will give an exciting lecture on the tradition of the fine arts in Catholic culture (free will donation). Space is limited: please RSVP your attendance by contacting Celene Sidloski at (306) 715-1541 or at [csidloski@stmcollege.ca](mailto:csidloski@stmcollege.ca).

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**2024 Carol Festival on Video** - With support from the Saskatoon Knights of Columbus, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools presents the annual Knights of Columbus Carol Festival on video, featuring choirs from 13 schools, available on the GSCS website at [www.gscs.ca/\\_ci/p/18228](http://www.gscs.ca/_ci/p/18228) or at [www.youtube.com/@greaterSaskatoonCatholicSC2032](https://www.youtube.com/@greaterSaskatoonCatholicSC2032).

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan. 18-25, 2024** - Mark your calendars and watch for details in the New Year about prayer services and breakfasts. Events include an ecumenical prayer service **Thursday, Jan. 18** at Queen's House in Saskatoon, followed by lunch, as well as the De Margerie Series for Christian Reconciliation and Unity, which this year includes public lectures at 7 p.m. **Jan. 24** at Campion College in Regina, and **Jan. 25** at St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon, as well as a public workshop.

**Search Retreat 2024** - Registration is now open for students in Grades 10-12 to attend the next Search live-in weekend retreat presented by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, to be held **Feb. 23-25, 2024** at E.D. Feehan Catholic School in Saskatoon. Small groups, music, activities, prayer time, and talks given by other young people are just a few of the things that make the retreat great. Attending Search is a powerful way to deepen a close, personal relationship with God, make friends and forge lasting memories. Cost for the entire weekend is \$100. Find online registration and more information about this powerful retreat experience for youth at [saskatoonsearch.ca](http://saskatoonsearch.ca)

**Bishop's Annual Appeal** - Thanks to all who have made a gift or pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal! Learn more or give online at [www.dscf.ca/baa](http://www.dscf.ca/baa) — or your gift can be sent to the Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation, BAA, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, SK S7S 1H1, or dropped at your parish. (Note: Donations must be received by Dec. 31 for a 2023 charitable receipt.) Every gift is needed and appreciated - and will make a difference.

**Employment opportunities in the diocese** can be found at [rcdos.ca/employment](http://rcdos.ca/employment), including postings for a Parish Life Director at Our Lady of Guadalupe Indigenous Parish, Saskatoon, and a Coordinator of Evangelization and Youth Ministry at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Martensville.

**Breathe Catholic marriage conference in Saskatoon:** Is it time to "Breathe" fresh air into your marriage? Make room on your calendar and recharge your relationship at the Breathe Catholic Marriage Conference, **March 8-9, 2024** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon. Find information and registration at: [www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com](http://www.catholicmarriageandfamily.com). Early-bird registration for those registering before Dec. 31 is \$275 per couple (regular price \$375).



*Icon of the Sacred Heart 2017  
written by Andre J. Prevost in  
collaboration with Romeo  
Crow Chief of Siksika Nation.*

## Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader Ministry Education

Presented by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, the **Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader Ministry Education** program is led by teams of Indigenous and non-Indigenous instructors, modelling respectful and reconciling relationships.

### Introduction to Colonization: Social Justice Jan. 9 to March 5, 2024

**4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoons**  
**Offered online**

Cost: \$200 per course (some funding assistance available)  
No pre-requisite is necessary.

**Information and Registration:**

[rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education](http://rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education)

**Confirmation Retreats 2024** - The diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is partnering with Face2Face Ministries to present confirmation retreats for parishes preparing young people for the sacrament of confirmation. Cost is \$20, which includes lunch. Parents from across the diocese are encouraged to select one of these retreats for children preparing to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation in 2024: choose from various retreat locations in Saskatoon, Kindersley, or Humboldt. Find more information and registration links at: [rcdos.ca/confirmation-retreats](http://rcdos.ca/confirmation-retreats).

**Diocesan Prayer** - We pray as a diocesan family for everyone who finds this Christmas season difficult or painful. Loving God, we ask you to be with those who are grieving, those suffering hardships, illness or depression, those who are in prison, and anyone who is isolated or alone. Help us all to reach out in love so that all may experience the blessed assurance of God's love and presence, even in dark times.

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