

CONFIRMATION AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH On Sunday March 8th, Bishop Mark Hagemoen will confer the **Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:00am Mass**. Please keep the following young candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament.

Armand Guillemin, Kaitlyn Maestro, Carl Ohams, Irist Sepina, Iana Sepina, Ardian Vocalan, Viviene Vocalan

LENTEN FISH FRY AT CATHEDRAL: The Knights of Columbus Denis Mahoney Council presents a Lenten Fish Fry Friday, March 27 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, with two seatings: 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Menu includes fresh steelhead trout, baked potatoes, French fried, coleslaw, and dessert. Tickets are \$35/adult and \$25/children 12 years and under. Beer and wine will also be available for purchase. Proceeds will go towards the Bishop's Annual Appeal and Mission and Outreach Ministry at St. Mary Catholic Church, Saskatoon. For tickets, contact Grand Knight Wayne Koshman at (306) 381-3330 koshmanw@gmail.com or Deputy Grand Knight Rob Magnell at (306) 381-6766 robert.magnell@sasktel.net.

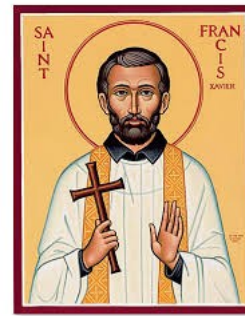
The 90th Saskatoon Diocesan CWL convention will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, May 4 at St. Theresa Parish, Rosetown. The program for the diocesan Catholic Women's League convention, includes a business meeting, reports, speakers, Mass, and a special luncheon celebrating St. Theresa CWL council's 100th anniversary. Registration deadline is April 15. Please contact Dorothy Rollheiser at dlmrolleiser@gmail.com to register; cost is \$20, plus \$25 for lunch. Bus Transportation will be provided from Saskatoon for \$35 per person. Contact Cathy Lafleche at rceva314@gmail.com or call 306-717-5383 to reserve your spot.

SCAM ALERT – Fraudulent messages continue to circulate via e-mail, as well as via text and message apps, allegedly coming from our priests, bishop, or others in the Catholic community, asking for money, gift cards, or other gifts. **DISREGARD** all such messages! Do NOT reply or engage with the individuals sending these messages. Do NOT send gift cards, money, or cash transfers if requested to do so over e-mail or via text message.

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

We feel a deep and burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy. Knowing this, let us not deceive our hearts by trying to satisfy them with cheap imitations!... Let us turn this thirst into a step stool, like children who stand on tiptoe, in order to peer through the window of encounter with God.

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MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

"A welcoming community, empowered by baptism, committed to the Gospel"

Sacrament of Penance:	30 minutes before Mass or by appointment
Weekday Liturgies:	Wednesdays at 9:00am (except 3rd Wednesday of the month: Adoration and Confession at 5:30pm and Mass at 6:30pm)
Eucharistic Liturgies:	Sundays at 9:00am

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

Ministries for March 15, 2026

Sacristans	Arlene Hodges & Roslyn Kohle
Proclaimers of the Word	Jo-Anne Lund & Nicky Curtis
Prayers of the Faithful	Karen Omelan-Davis
Altar Servers	Arlene Hodges & Roslyn Kohle
Cross Bearer	Lane Foster
Gift Bearers	Karen Omelan-Davis & Ross Davis
Welcomers	Ron & Brenda Ritz
Coffee Set Up and clean up	No coffee due to pancake breakfast

READINGS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

God does not see as a mortal, who sees the appearance. The LORD looks into the heart.

Ephesians 5:8-14

Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them.

John 9:1-41

Jesus said, "I come into the world for judgement, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see become blind.

A FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



The lovelorn column in the local newspaper shared a letter from someone who felt adrift. She had everything she needed or wanted—a marriage, a job, a home. Yet, she felt there had to be more to life, but she didn't know what it was or where to go. She wondered, Could anyone help me?

Like the woman from Samaria who happened upon Jesus when she came looking for water at the local well, she and the letter writer were both eager for “living water.” The woman at the well would no longer need to come each day for her household needs, and the letter writer would have her deeper thirsts quenched. Both wanted something more out of life, not unlike most people at one time or another.

Long before Jesus encountered the woman at the well, the people who were led by Moses through the desert grumbled to him about their thirst, which triggered Moses to grumble to God about the people. The result was finding water in the desert, the most unlikely of places. As a result, they realized that God was taking care of them and that God was ultimately their source of life.

We may decide what will bring new life—a new relationship, a new job, a new home. Yet, just as often, the answer comes from totally unexpected sources: the deserts of our lives. Also just as often, we somehow miss the answer. When we do recognize it, however, we say, “Thanks be to God.”

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER encourages a scent free atmosphere for the comfort of those with sensitivities and allergies to perfumes. We ask that parishioners refrain from wearing products with fragrances to mass.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Ryan will be in the parish office Thursdays from 8:00am until 3:00pm.

E-TRANSFERS: Should you wish to donate to St. Francis Xavier Parish by using E-transfers, please use the following instructions:

1. Send an e-transfer using the following e-mail: sfxsaskatoon@rcdos.ca
2. Use the following question: What is the name of our favorite shrub? The answer is willow.
3. If you wish to use your own questions, please send an email to rnbaker@rcdos.ca with the answer. Thank you for your continued support of St. Francis Xavier Parish.

During the Lenten season, we will pray the Stations of the Cross before the **Wednesday morning masses, beginning at 8:30 am.** All are welcomed to join.

FOOD PANTRY APPEAL -- The emergency food pantry at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish is appealing for donations to assist some of the most vulnerable in our community. Donations of food staples are greatly needed, including powdered milk, peanut butter (small sizes), coffee, tea, canned beans, meat and fish, canned soups and vegetables, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, and ramen noodles. Monetary donations permit the parish to purchase exactly what is needed. Contact Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish at (306) 653-4945; the parish office is located at 426 Avenue J South, Saskatoon.

The monthly mass at **SUNNYSIDE CARE CENTRE** will take place **Thursday, March 12 at 2:00 pm.** All are very welcomed to attend. For more information, please contact Jo-Anne Lund.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH HALL – The San Lorenzo Ruiz Knights of Columbus Council #11429 pancake breakfast is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on **Sunday, March 15** at St. Joseph Parish Hall on the corner of Broadway Avenue and 8th Street East in Saskatoon. Adults: \$10; Children 5-15 years: \$5, Family \$35.

The **LENTE PENITENTIAL SERVICE** will be **Wednesday, March 18th** at 5:30 pm and will include confession and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament but no mass. There will be a 9:00 am morning mass that day.

Mark your calendars, there will be a **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Friday, **March 20th at 5:30** followed by soup and a bun supper. A silver collection will be taken for Development and Peace, all are welcome!

RETURN OLDER PALMS: There is a basket in the welcoming area where you can return older palms.

EASTER LILLIES: We are collecting donations of \$25.00 for Easter lilies in memory of loved ones. The lilies will be used to decorate the church during the Easter season. Donations can be made by cash or cheques made out to St. Francis Xavier and placed in the collection.

The sign-up sheet for the ministries for the Triduum and Easter weekend is now available in the welcoming area. Please consider signing up as we need many volunteers for those services.

