



Diocesan Bulletin

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May 17, 2026 - Ascension of Our Lord

Catholic Education Week

National Family and Life Week

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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

-Diocese of Saskatoon Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) Partnership Event - Learn about the impact of the IRF at 3 p.m. **Friday, May 22** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, second floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. Everyone is welcome; refreshments will be served. Please register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/260254536281253> before May 20. For more information, contact Myron Rogal at (306) 659-5841 or mrogal@rcdos.ca. (*The diocesan Office of Justice and Peace is supported by the BAA.*)


“This is the house that Jack built”: A Nursery Rhyme Metaphysic – All are welcome to Rebuilding Catholic Culture’s 9th Annual Dessert Night and Talk 7 p.m. **Saturday, May 23** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1224 12th Street E., Saskatoon (doors open 6:30 p.m.). Dr. Celene Sidloski will reflect on how a simple nursery rhyme can orient both child and adult toward a Christian vision. Followed by dessert, cheesecake and Catholic Culture’s famous brownie bar. RSVP to Celene Sidloski at (306) 715-1541 or csidloski@stmcollege.ca.

A Multicultural Gospel Music Concert will be held at 7 p.m. **Friday, May 22** at Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon; \$10/adult; \$5/youth 6-17 years; free/5 years and under. For more information, please e-mail Lynn Eremondi at leremondi@rcdos.ca.

“Breakthrough Healing” Workshop will be presented by Patrick and Joy Campbell, founders of the Cross of St Benedict Society and Joyful Hope Ministries **May 28 to May 30** at St. Francis Xavier Parish, 222 Willow St., Saskatoon. The Campbells will examine realities in the world that are negatively attacking and affecting families, and engage in a process of healing and reconciliation. Cost: \$50/adult (18+) or \$100/family with children 17 and under. To register or for info, contact Debbie or Kevin Kowalski at (306) 978-3013.

GSCS Retirement Reception - All former and present staff members of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools are invited to attend the Annual Retirement Reception to honour this year’s retirees, 6 p.m. **Tuesday, June 2**, at TCU Place, Saskatoon.

National
Family & Life
Week
May 10-17, 2026



Semaine nationale pour
la famille
et la vie
10-17 mai 2026

Each year, the Catholic Church in Canada dedicates a week to celebrating the gift of the family and to renewing the commitment to promote life.

**National Family and Life Week (NFLW)
is celebrated from May 10-17, 2026.**

Theme: “I am with you always” (*Matthew 28:20*)

NFLW 2026 Prayer - Good and gracious God, guide our families during all stages of life to seek Your strength and comfort. As we navigate the daily tasks of family life, may we call on Your Spirit to lead and inspire us. Knowing the constant love You have for us, may we offer praise and thanks to You. Amen

Blumenfeld and District Pilgrimage will be held **Sunday, June 14** at the historic shrine site 16 km south of Leader, SK, and 6.5 km east on Blumenfeld Road. Pilgrimage begins 2 p.m. with healing service and adoration in the church, confessions outdoors, followed by Rosary and Mass at 3 p.m. in the Our Lady of Sorrows Grotto outdoors (weather permitting). A supper will conclude the day.

A Parish Mission with Fr. Douglas Jeffrey, OMI, will be held June 14-16 at Sacred Heart Parish, 415 Lincoln Street, Davidson, SK. and repeated June 18-20 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 529 Pangman Street, Outlook, SK. **Mission Schedule at Davidson:** 7 p.m. Sunday, June 14 “Being a Catholic Today – Am I really made in the Image and Likeness of God?” / 9:30 a.m. Mass Monday, June 15 / 7 p.m. Monday, June 15 “What Does God do for me?” / 9:30 a.m. Mass Tuesday, June 16 / 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 16 “What does God want from me?” **Mission Schedule at Outlook:** 7 p.m. Thursday, June 18 “Being a Catholic Today – Am I really made in the Image and Likeness of God?” / 9:30 a.m. Mass Friday, June 19 / 7 p.m. Friday, June 19 “What Does God do for me?” / 7:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, June 20 with homily topic “What does God want from me?”

Message Board



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Jubilee Tree of Hope – A Blessing and Remembrance:

This special tree planted on the grounds of Holy Spirit Parish, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon, is dedicated as a place of blessing and remembrance for those who have experienced the death of a child. There will be a memorial prayer service held at the Jubilee Tree of Hope at 2 p.m. **Sunday, May 31.** The tree reminds us of the unique suffering parents experience when losing a child – at any stage from the mother’s womb to adult life. Whether the loss was recent or a while ago, or long ago, the Jubilee Tree of Hope honours all child loss. As people of hope, we invite you to join in prayer, remembrance and fellowship. Refreshments provided. To assist with planning RSVP if you are able to rekindleministries@gmail.com. (The Jubilee Tree of Hope near the pro-life monument on the grounds of Holy Spirit Parish can be visited at any time.)

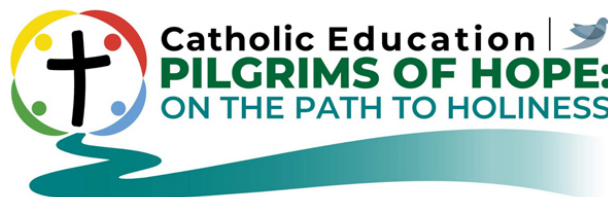
Faith-Based Advance Care Directive for end-of-life and treatment options:

One way to counter the narrative of those who encourage medically-provided death – euthanasia / assisted suicide, often euphemistically referred to as “MAiD” – is by completing a Faith-Based Advance Care Directive. Directives are available as a free download from the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) website at <https://chassk.ca/faithbasedcare>, or you may purchase a printed booklet at Universal Church Supplies in Saskatoon. Additionally, there is a video guide to help in completing the directive, with a link on the same CHAS webpage (above). For further info, please contact CHAS Executive Director Peter Oliver at peter@chassk.ca or CHAS ethicist, Mary Heilman, at mary@chassk.ca.

“Millions of Monicas” prayer groups are for women praying for their children’s return to the Church. In Saskatoon prayer is held 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at Saint Anne, 217 Lenore Drive; 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at St. Philip Neri, 1902 Munroe Avenue S.; and 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Holy Spirit, 114 Kingsmere Place.

Employment Opportunities

The Ukrainian Catholic Foundation is seeking a dynamic, mission-driven Executive Director to provide leadership and operational oversight in support of the Eparchy of Saskatoon’s mission. For information, call Bob Friesen, Chair, Board of Directors at (639) 318-8250 or Executive Director Morris Smysnuik at (306) 280-8514. See: <https://ucfsask.org/employment-opportunities/>. **The Ukrainian Catholic Foundation is also seeking a part-time (24 hrs/week) Office Administrator.** For info, call Morris Smysnuik, Executive Director at (306) 280-8514, or submit your resume to admin@ucfsask.org.



Find information about **Catholic Education Week** and a message from the Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan on the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools website at <https://www.gscs.ca/catholic-education-week>
“As God who called you is holy, be holy yourselves.”
(1 Peter 1:15-16)

Schools Win Twice – Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation supports the mission of Catholic schools in Biggar, Martensville, Warman, Humboldt and Saskatoon. The GSCS Foundation is again raising funds in a Schools Win Twice online 50-50 draw: <https://schoolswintwice.ca>.

Grow Hope Saskatchewan: Generous Saskatchewan farmers donate land and labour to grow crops, with input costs covered by donors from all walks of life – crops are then sold to raise funds to feed the hungry and build food security around the globe through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, with funds matched by the federal government. Learn more about the impact of Grow Hope Saskatchewan at an online event on Zoom at 7:30 pm **Tuesday, May 19** or visit the website at: <https://www.growhopesk.ca>. For more information e-mail Michael LeBlanc mleblanc@devp.org or Myron Rogal mrogal@rcdos.ca

Diocesan Prayer - We pray for the students, staff and families of Catholic schools in our diocese. Through a focus on the celebrations and activities of Catholic Education Week May 10-17, we pray that all have experienced deeper joy and greater understanding in living out the call of our Lord Jesus Christ to continually grow in faith and live as “Pilgrims of Hope on the Path to Holiness.” (*Catholic Education Week*)

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