



Diocesan Bulletin

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Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017 - First Sunday of Advent

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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. Mary's Christmas Shopping Event noon to 6 p.m., **Sunday, Dec. 3** at St. Mary's Parish hall, Ave. O and 20th St. West, Saskatoon, featuring many products from local vendors. Free Admission: those who bring a donation of non-perishable food (which will be used for Christmas Hampers) will be entered in a draw for great prizes. Raffle tickets will also be available.

St. Anne's Music Ministry and Friends will present "Dominica Hurricane Maria Benefit Concert" **Sunday, Dec. 3** at 3 p.m. at St. Anne's Church, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon. Tickets are \$15/adult, or \$35/family. Donations made to the Red Cross for hurricane relief will gratefully be accepted.

Intercultural Christmas Concert - An Advent Festival of Carols and Scriptures will be held 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Sunday, Dec. 3** hosted by the African-Canadian Catholic Community of Saskatoon at St. Michael's Catholic Church, #18-33rd Street East (east of Idylwyld Drive) in Saskatoon. Everyone is welcome to this potluck celebration (please bring a dish of food to share). Freewill offering. For more information, please contact Joseph Atake at (306) 270-6317 or Anthony Olusola at (306) 203-0330.

CWL Clothing Depot

**619-20th Street W., Saskatoon
Donations for Christmas Sale**

The non-profit **CWL Clothing Depot** is **seeking donations of new items** for its annual Christmas sale. Needed items include toys, socks, underwear, gloves, toques, sheets, comforters, towels, jewelry, health and beauty products, or individually wrapped candy.

Donations help those who are struggling to make ends meet in our city, giving them a joyous chance to shop for Christmas gifts for their loved ones.

Parents can choose a toy at an affordable price, enjoying the freedom and dignity of making their own purchase, while children with only a few coins can buy a gift for mom or dad. The sale runs until Dec. 23.

Items can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday, or arrange for pickup by calling (306) 242-5042.

The CWL Clothing Depot also accepts used clothing and household gifts for their store located on the lower level of Saskatoon Friendship Inn at 619-20th Street West.

Volunteers are also needed – inquire at (306) 242-5042.

60th Annual Knights of Columbus Carol Festival

7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4 & 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5

TCU Place, 35-22nd St. E, Saskatoon

Prelude by Alexa Saleski and Katelyn Sirman at 6:30 p.m.

Rush Seating Only

Tickets are available at participating Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools and at TCU Place (www.tcutickets.ca) Adults \$12 / Children 5-14 years \$3 / Under 5 years Free.

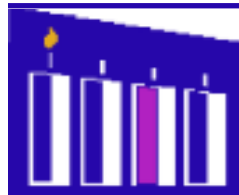
Journey with Scripture - with Fr. Paul Fchet, OMI, 10 a.m. to noon, **Wednesday, Dec. 6**; \$25 (includes lunch) at Queen's House of Retreat and Renewal, 601 Taylor Street West, Saskatoon; please register at: (306) 242-1916.

Advent Ecumenical Prayer Service: Christians Together in Prayer - Join Christians of all denominations to pray together 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, Dec. 7** at Calvin-Goforth Presbyterian Church, 1602 Sommerfeld Avenue, Saskatoon, led by Dr. Darren Dahl, Executive Director, Prairie Centre for Ecumenism.

Together Through Advent, An Ecumenical Journey will be held at Queen's House in Saskatoon from 9:30 am until noon **Saturday, Dec. 9** "Every Creature Singing" with Rev. Claire Ewert Fisher (Mennonite tradition). Explore through biblical reflection and prayer God's creative intent for all of God's created order. Cost is \$20 (lunch is an additional \$13). Pre-register at (306) 242-1916 or receptionist@queenshouse.org

Advent Parish Mission will be held at St. Peter the Apostle Church, 1121 Northumberland Ave., Saskatoon, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., from **Sunday, Dec. 10 to Tuesday, Dec. 12** with Mark Mallett (Catholic speaker, author, and musician). The theme is "Surviving Our Times." A free will offering will be taken up in support of Mark Mallett's ministry. Attend any or all three evenings! **Advent Penitential Service** 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 11 at St. Peter the Apostle Church (before Monday's presentation).

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle consists of adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various other prayers at 3 pm. **Wednesday, Dec. 13** at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon.



Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family for all participants and leaders of the Lay Formation program as they gather this weekend. May Emmanuel – "God with us" – bless this time of prayer, learning and community.

Message Board



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Advent Penitential Services in Saskatoon include: 7 p.m. Tuesday, **Dec. 5** at St. Philip Neri, 1902 Munroe Ave./ 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, **Dec. 6** at St. Thomas More, 1437 College Drive / 7 p.m. Friday, **Dec. 15** at Our Lady of Lourdes, 1235-12th St. E. / 7 p.m. Tuesday, **Dec. 19** at St. Augustine, 602 Boychuk Dr. / 7 p.m. Wednesday, **Dec. 20** at Holy Spirit, 114 Kingsmere Pl./ Confessions: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Dec. 23** at St. Joseph, 535-8th Street East (at Broadway Avenue).

Mass in Croatian will be held 5:30 p.m. **Sunday, Dec. 10** at St. Philip Neri Parish, corner of Taylor St. & Munroe Ave. in Saskatoon. There will be confessions before mass. Father Domin Vladic from Calgary will be the celebrant. There will be munchies and fellowship after Mass. For more information contact Lydia Simicic at (306) 242-9214.

Marriage Movie Night at STM - 'Extraordinary' is a movie based on a true marriage journey, which will be shown at St. Thomas More College Auditorium, 1437 College Dr., Saskatoon at 7 p.m., **Monday, Dec. 11**. Tickets are on sale now: \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door; available at St. Thomas More College Auditorium, by phone 1-800-965-9324 or online at www.itickets.com/extraordinary or for info call (306) 966-8931

Stations of the Nativity - An evening of prayer and reflection accompanied by devotional music 7 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 15** at St. Augustine Parish, 602 Boychuk Drive, Saskatoon. Bring the whole family to savor a moment of calm in the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. There is no cost for this event!

Prison Outreach at Christmas - The diocesan Office of Restorative Ministry is once again seeking monetary donations to purchase small gifts for some 500 men at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre, as part of Catholic outreach at Christmas. Please send donations to the Office of Restorative Ministry (Attention: Dianne - Christmas), Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, SK, S7S 1H1. Thank you for helping to ensure the joy of our Saviour's birth touches those in prison.

La P'tite Pasto (Little Hearts Play Group) is a French parent-child program for families with preschoolers. Through games, songs, art and crafts, little ones discover the beauty of family, nature, friendship, and are gently introduced to the loving presence of God and to Christian values. Children must be accompanied by a French-speaking adult. This monthly program is held at 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month at the parish of Sts. Martyr-Canadiens in Saskatoon. There is an annual fee of \$20/child or \$30/family. For more info, go to www.littleheartisplaygroup.com or to register, call Diane Murza at (306) 664-4779 or Marie-Jeanne Will at (306) 290-9990.

Samaritan Place Christmas Wish - Share some Christmas warmth with a resident living at Samaritan Place care home who needs some extra encouragement and love at this time of year. Pick up a gift tag with a list of suggested items to purchase for a resident and return with the gifts in time for Christmas. Alternately, receive a virtual gift tag by email or make a monetary donation for this initiative. Samaritan Place is located at 375 Cornish Road, Saskatoon. For more info call Amy Bunce, Director of Spiritual Care and Mission at (306) 986 1460, Ext 1410, or e-mail her at: abunce@samaritanplace.ca

The Church in the North

Archbishop Murray Chatlain of Keewatin Le-Pas will share experiences of life and ministry in the North

7:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11

**Father Donlevy Hall, St. Anne's Parish
217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon**

Presentations, refreshments and conversation

Employment Opportunity - Coordinator of Evangelization and Catechetics (37.5 hours per week). The Evangelization and Catechetics office in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon is a consultative resource to pastors and catechists in their ministry of sacramental preparation, RCIA, and other faith-nurturing offerings with a particular focus on rural parishes and parishes depending solely on volunteers, providing support to parish leadership in the delivery of catechetical and initiation processes that are deeply informed by the New Evangelization. Find more details, including requirements and how to apply, at: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/employment or for more info contact Patrick Clarke, Human Resources Manager at hr@saskatoonrcdiocese.com or (306) 659-5835. **Deadline to apply is midnight, Dec. 11.** Start date is Jan. 2, 2018.

St. Angela Merici Residence senior's care home on Cree Crescent in Saskatoon is seeking a part-time **Activities Coordinator** and a part-time **Administrative Assistant**. For more details about these employment opportunities see: www.saskatoonrcdiocese.com/employment

Catholic Hospital Chaplaincy continues - For spiritual care at Saskatoon City or Royal University Hospitals contact Jackie Saretsky at (306) 659-5839 or (306) 292-5531 or e-mail: hospitalchaplaincy@saskatoonrcdiocese.com **For spiritual or pastoral care at St. Paul's Hospital** ask at the nursing desk, or call (306) 655-5000 to page Spiritual Care.

Volunteers are needed to visit those in hospital at RUH and Saskatoon City Hospital. If you feel a call to serve Jesus in the sick and the suffering, please consider applying as a volunteer. Training and support are provided through the diocesan office of Hospital Chaplaincy. To apply as a volunteer, contact Jackie Saretsky at (306) 659-5839 or (306) 292-5531 or e-mail: hospitalchaplaincy@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

Men's Breakfast at Queen's House - The Knights of Columbus Brothers Keeper Men's Breakfast will be held 7 a.m. **Tuesday, Dec. 12** with prayer and reflection followed by breakfast, \$10, 601 Taylor St. W., Saskatoon; (306) 242-1916.

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