



Diocesan Bulletin

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Feb. 4, 2018 - Fifth 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

A Diocesan Treaty Elder Series will be hosted by St. Joseph Parish in Saskatoon **Sunday, Feb. 4** and **Sunday, Feb. 11** following the 11 a.m. Mass. Coming out of the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, this event offers an opportunity to simply listen and experience the richness of Indigenous spirituality and culture. Community elders will share their own experience and perspective along with Lyndon Linklater offering an introduction into Treaty history. The Treaty Elder presentations are arranged through the Office of the Treaty Commissioner. Myron Rogal will represent the Diocesan Council for Truth and Reconciliation. This event will include a modest lunch (soup and bannock) hosted at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Broadway Ave. and 8th Street E. in Saskatoon. If you wish to attend the lunch, RSVP to Darlene at (306) 244-1556 or email st.josephparish@sasktel.net or (306) 244-1556 or for more information about the St. Joseph events, please contact Mike Broda at mmbroda@sasktel.net or (306) 291-5710.

Knights of Columbus Twilight Retreat begins with Mass at 7 p.m. **Thursday, Feb. 8** in the chapel at Queen's House, 601 Taylor St. W. Saskatoon. Register by calling (306) 242-1916 or email receptionist@queenshouse.org

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) - A CGS workshop for those working with preschoolers will be held 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Saturday, Feb. 10** at St Francis Xavier parish in Saskatoon (corner of Hilliard Cr. and Melrose Ave.) The CGS workshop is for anyone who cares for or loves young children (including parents, preschool and primary teachers, daycare providers, stay-at-home moms, homeschooling parents, and grandparents, etc.). The CGS workshop will provide insight into the needs of the 3-to-6-year-old child, some practical ideas to deepen their relationship with God, as well as hands-on experience. Contact Lisette Fontaine for more information: (306) 258-2212 or e-mail: lissettemarc@hotmail.com

The diocesan Rite of Election will be held at 3 p.m. **Sunday, Feb. 18** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon: all are welcome to this diocesan celebration, with Bishop Mark Hagemoen presiding at the Rite of Election, which this year includes celebration of the Sunday Eucharist. The Rite of Election is a step in the RCIA process – the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – involving those in our diocese who are journeying toward baptism at the Easter Vigil. Bishop Mark Hagemoen will bless the catechumens as they enroll their names in the Book of the Elect and begin a Lenten journey of purification and enlightenment. Everyone is welcome to this diocesan celebration on the First Sunday of Lent.

Foundations: Exploring Our Faith Together

A diocesan faith enrichment program in local parishes

"Christianity and Islam" will conclude 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Tuesday, Feb. 6** at St. Michael's Parish, 18 - 33rd St. East, Saskatoon, with Michael Pomedli exploring similarities and differences between Muslims and Christians, and how to work toward greater understanding, respect and harmony.

Lenten Series: "Preparing the way for Holy Week" includes scriptural reflection, prayer, and meditation led by Gisele Bauche, with three Tuesday sessions held 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Feb. 27, March 6, and March 13** in the Queen of Peace Chapel, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. Free will offering.

"Bless me, Father, for I have Sinned" will be held 7 p.m. **Monday, Feb. 12** at St. Alphonse Parish, Viscount, SK, with facilitator Sr. Teresita Kambeitz, OSU. Do adults celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (go to confession) in the same way they learned as children? Sr. Teresita offers an option to "the list" method of confession, exploring a style more suited to adult moral development. Free will offering.

"Marriage and Scripture" will be offered 7 p.m. **Wednesday, March 21** at Christ the King Parish, Foam Lake, SK led by Blake Sittler. Free will offering.

Find more information about these and other programs or pre-register for Foundations sessions online at:

www.saskatoonfoundations.com/upcoming-events

(Drop-ins also welcome. Free will offering at each session.)

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle consists of adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various prayers, 8 p.m. **Thursday, Feb. 8** at St. Michael's Catholic Church, #18-33rd St. E., Saskatoon. A Diocesan Cenacle of Prayer will also be held at 3 pm. **Wednesday, Feb. 14**, at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon. Info: Edna (306) 382-1680.

Finding My Purpose Through Inner Reflection: A Retreat for Women with Lynn Gow will be held 6:30-9 p.m. **Friday, Feb. 16 and Saturday, Feb. 17**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Queen's House, 601 Taylor St. W., Saskatoon. Cost: \$160. Register at: (306) 242-1916 or receptionist@queenshouse.org

Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family for an end to the evil of human trafficking and slavery in our world: Lord God, help us to work to restore freedom and dignity to all who are exploited. *(International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking, Feb. 8, 2018).*

Message Board



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Young Adult Retreat - The Sisters of the Presentation of Mary are offering a **Personal History Weekend Retreat Feb. 23-25** for young Catholic men and women 19 years and older at Discernment House in Saskatoon. Through reflection, writing and prayerful discernment, participants explore their gifts, dreams and relationships, and God's invitation to move forward in discipleship and holiness. Register now for this live-in weekend: cost (includes meals) is \$60; retreat runs from 7 p.m. Friday, Feb 23 to 12:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb 25 at 851 University Drive, Saskatoon. Contact: Sr. Lucie at (306) 244-0726 or cell (306) 260-0450 or Sr April at (306) 529-6279 or e-mail: sk.dhouse@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed - The Catholic Pastoral Centre is seeking volunteers to help prepare food on the afternoon of **Sunday, March 25** for a reception that will follow the annual diocesan Chrism Mass and/or to help with the Chrism Mass reception itself on Monday evening, **March 26** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. Contact Rita Taylor at (306) 659-5831 or logistics@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

Good Friday outdoor Way of the Cross - The diocesan Office of Justice and Peace is once again seeking short-term volunteer assistance in the planning and hospitality for the annual outdoor Way of the Cross to be held on Good Friday morning, **March 30** in downtown Saskatoon. Contact Myron Rogal at (306) 659-5841 for more information or e-mail him at: justpeace@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

Childcare volunteers needed - Time Out For Moms is seeking volunteers to provide childcare while moms meet. (Transportation available if needed). Held Wednesday mornings from 9:15 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. (2.5 hours) at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, upcoming dates include February 7, 14, 28; March 7, 14, 21, and April 11. For information call Danette (306) 281-9002.

St. Ann's Home Spirit of Renewal Campaign

The vision behind St. Ann's Home in Saskatoon is for a "circle of care" that includes:

- providing quality housing and health care for our sick and elderly;
- recognizing the spiritual and physical integrity and dignity of each person;
- providing care in a compassionate and loving manner;
- affirming the spiritual and corporeal needs of residents, enabling them to live in dignity with the respect and companionship of their peers.

After 40 years, St. Ann's Home is in great need of repair. In order to ensure greater safety, privacy and comfort for residents, new windows, flooring, accessible bathroom renovations, and ceiling lifts are required for all 80 rooms. To find out more about the **Spirit of Renewal Campaign** and how to contribute, contact Executive Director Rae Sveinbjornson at (306) 374-8900 ext. 223 or by e-mail at: rae.sveinbjornson@saskatoonhealthauthority.ca or Campaign Chair Peter Martens at (306) 229-5212. www.stannsvillage.ca/index.php/spirit-of-renewal

"Don't forsake me now when my strength is falling." - Ps. 71-9

Support for Catholic education

"Schools You Can Believe In" is a fundraising campaign to cover the cost of appealing the Theodore court decision to maintain funding for all who choose Catholic faith-based education.

In a recent video posted on the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools YouTube channel, GSCS Board Chair Diane Boyko says: "Our schools always have been and should remain open and inclusive. To paraphrase Pope Francis speaking about Catholic education:

we must take care to not just look in at ourselves; the work of Catholic education must include others and improve the world in which we live. Catholic schools are also an important part of the evangelizing mission of the Church: welcoming all who seek Jesus and walking with others along their faith journey."

Find out more or donate online at

<https://foundation.gscs.ca> or make your cheque payable to Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation (write "Theodore" in the memo) and drop it off at your local Catholic school or deliver/mail your donation to 420-22nd St. E., Saskatoon SK S7K 1X3.

Are you hurting because of an abortion? Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. The next Rachel's Vineyard retreat in Saskatchewan will be held **April 6-8**. To register, please contact Elaine at 1-306-480-8911 or e-mail: r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net

Marriage Preparation will be offered at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Martensville** 7 p.m. Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) Register at (306) 931-3111 or for info call Marilyn and Ken at (306) 249-3635. Marriage Preparation will also be offered at **St. Philip Neri parish in Saskatoon March 10-11**. Contact Shirley (306) 343-0325. Marriage Preparation weekend at **Holy Family Cathedral in Saskatoon March 2-3**. Contact David Polzen at (306) 659-5805. An Engaged Encounter marriage preparation weekend will be offered at **St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster April 6-8**; see www.ceewest.com or call (306) 682-3326. More info online: <http://saskatoonrcdiocese.com/marriage-and-family-life>

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