

Holy Cross Parish

5th Sunday of Orinary Time Bulletin #10 February 9, 2025

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We acknowledge that Holy Cross Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional homeland of the Nêhivawak (Cree), Nahkawé (Saulteaux) and Nakota and homeland of the Métis Nation. Dakota and Lakota.

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HC Office Hours:

Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Masses

Sat. 5:00 pm Sun. 9:00 am Tues. 7:00 pm Wed. 9:00 am Thur. 9:00 am Fri. 9:00 am

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5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 / 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 / Luke 5:1-11

MONDAY

February 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56

TUESDAY

February 11 Weekday Gn 1:20-2:4a Mk 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY

February 12 Weekday Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23

THURSDAY

February 13 Weekday Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30

FRIDAY

February 14 Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37

SATURDAY

February 15 Weekday Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10

SUNDAY

February 16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26



Unsolicited Calls

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

ometimes life calls us to a place that feels just right, as if it's where we're meant to be. I know a person who has always wanted to be a dad, and so he is—a stay-at-home dad of three, and he loves it. On the other hand, sometimes life's calls unfold in directions beyond our plans and seem to flow from a wisdom greater than our own. Author John Grisham studied to be a lawyer, something that unfolded into his becoming a writer of mysteries and thrillers instead. Calls seem to be written upon our spirits. How else would God call us?

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter found themselves called by God into lives they never wanted, baffled by God's whys and wherefores. Their calls pushed them into lives they initially resisted.

Such calls can happen to us as well. A man finds himself caring for his aged mother after his father's death. His siblings seem unwilling or unable to help, so there is no one else. Grandparents find themselves raising their grandchildren because their son's or daughter's life is frayed beyond repair, and there is no one else to nurture and love the children. The calls of God at times are calls into lives not of our own choosing. They arise from

greater needs when there seems to be no one else but us to say "yes." Our reluctance and anxiety may attest that these calls come from God. They then become paths to ever-deepening faith and trust in God.

Reflect-

Do you experience God calling you? What is your answer?

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER

Winner of the February 2, 2025 draw was Leanne Seitz.

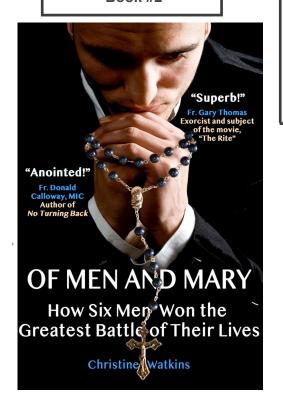
		MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 8—16, 2025
Sat.		For the repose of the soul of Richard Wasserle on the 1st anniversary of his passing, offered by Eva Wasserle.
Sun.	Feb. 9	For the repose of the souls of John, Oliver, Peter & Mary Meegan, offered by Aidan Meegan.
Tues.	Feb. 11	For the intention of Paul Goettler, offered by Paula LaFontaine.
Wed.	Feb. 12	For the repose of the soul of Rose Marie Fachet.
Thurs.	Feb. 13	
Fri.	Feb. 14	For Christians in the Middle East, offered by Cathleen Devraj.
Sat.	Feb. 15	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Feb. 16	For the repose of the souls of Alma & Ted Dizy, offered by the family.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

There are five new books in the Library, donated by Cathleen Devraj.

- Full of Grace—miraculous healings and conversions:
- Of Men and Mary—a murderer, a sweet lamb, and a man who died and lived again;
- In Love with True Love—Sister Nicolina;
- She Who Shows the Way—inner-locutions and messages for the end times; and
- Transfigured—drugs, homelessness, Planned Parenthood, redemption (Fr. Don Calloway says, "This is one of the greatest conversion stories ever written.")

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS Book #2



PARISHIONERS' CORNER

Birthdays this week— John Lebersback & Helen McIntee on Wednesday, Feb 12, and Katherine Tarita on Thursday, Feb. 13. Congratulations!

May the Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace.

Condolences to the family of Bill and Nell Shewchuk who passed away on Jan. 20 and 23. Bill and Nell had been long time parishioners of Holy Cross. A private family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Check out the Poor Man's Supper schedule and sign up to help out providing soup or sandwiches. This is

a great way to take part in Lenten services—excellent homemade soups and sandwiches and, of course, camaraderie, followed by Stations of the Cross and Mass every Friday during Lent. The sign-up sheet may be found on the table at the entrance to the Gerein Centre.

There is a celebration by the Jamaican Community to honor Huntley O'Connor. You are invited. See the notice in the Knights Korner.

Please let us know about any parishioner news so we can pass it on to others for prayers in need or in celebration. Contact Martin at 306-347-0929 or passistant@holycrossregina.ca OR Joyce Murphy at 306-789-1983 or byapple@sasktel.net.

Of Men and Mary: How Six Men Won the Greatest Battle of Their Lives by Christine Watkins (Author), Fr. Bob Garon (Foreword)

Powerful in the spirit, **Of Men and Mary** also delivers tasty doses of pure entertainment. You will find yourself inspired by a murderer, a sweet lamb who lost it all, and a man who literally died—and then came back to life. You will suddenly root for a football player tackled by the Blessed Mother, a man caught up in illicit sexual liaisons, and a man whose marriage was as good as dead.

While Of Men and Mary may be about six males, it is for everyone because it is also a book about a woman. In the heat of the fiercest of spiritual battles, when all seemed lost and these men were left with nothing to stand on but stormy seas, they were given a lifeboat. That lifeboat—that woman—is the Blessed Virgin Mary. Read the stories of these brave men, and you will inevitably come away with a desire to climb in the boat with them and sail safely home.



KNIGHTS KORNER

37 Years of Service to Holy Cross 1988-2025

CONGRATULATIONS to Msgr. Gerein Council member Bro. Joe Garchinski on winning the recent KofC Cash Calendar. Thanks also to Holy Cross parishioners who supported the 2025 KofC Cash Calendar fundraising program.

2025 MEMBER DUES

This is a reminder that membership dues have been sent to Council members for 2025. For those impacted, kindly remit your dues at your earliest convenience. Payment options are outlined in the due's notices. For those who have paid their member dues to date, thank you!

February Events

Sun, Feb. 16—Pancake Breakfast 10:00 am Tues. Feb. 18—Monthly Council meeting following 7:00 pm mass

Thurs. Feb. 20—4th Degree Social, 6:00 pm, St. Basil's

What does it take to become a Knight of Columbus?

Find out by filling out an information request ballot at the K of C information table located in the Gerein Centre of the Church. You will be contacted by a Knight from the Gerein Council.



A SPECIAL INVITATION!

Knights of Council 9859 and Brother Knights and their wives and parishioners are cordially invited by the Jamaican Community to attend a celebration in honor of our late Brother Huntley O'Connor. The event will be held Sunday, Feb. 16 at 7:00 pm at 1600 Broadway Ave. Please arrive by 6:30 pm for seating.

FORMAL ATTIRE—Sashes, please

Knights of Columbus PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, February 16



Adults: \$10, Student: \$5,

Children Under 6: Free

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Just a few statistics. It is estimated that there were approximately 16,000 Canadian euthanasia deaths in 2023

The Quebec Commission on End-of-Life Care in their last report 2022-23 had 5,211 reported euthanasia deaths almost 1,500 higher than the previous year. Quebec's euthanasia deaths rate of 6.8% of all deaths is the highest in the world. Shockingly, 15% of those who died by euthanasia in Quebec were not terminally ill.

Health Minister Mark Holland has introduced a bill that would delay consideration of mental illness alone for euthanasia until March 2027.

Source: Alex Schadenberg, The EPC Newsletter, Feb. 2024

2024 Tax receipts are now available to pick up in the Gerein Centre.

Are you registered at another parish? Please let us know so we can update our records. Send an email to Rita at bookkeeper.holycross@sasktel.net or call the office at 306-347-0929

The Peace Lamp





The Knights of Columbus have brought in a ceramic "Peace Lamp" from the small Christian town of Taybeh in the Holy Land. The lamps are meant to be lit and unite Christians around the world in prayer for peace in the Holy Land and the Middle East, while also providing work for the persecuted Christians in one of the few remaining towns where Christians are the majority.

Fr. Raed Abusahlia, founder of the Peace Lamps initiative said, "Our goal is to place a 'Peace Lamp' in every single church in the world and to unite as many Christians and people of faith as possible in a common prayer for peace in the Holy Land."

If you'd like to help our fellow Christians continue to survive in this ancient Holy Land, you may wish to have a Peace Lamp of your own. There are two sizes the smaller one 6" long, \$40 plus \$15 for shipping; and the larger one 8" long, \$50 plus \$20 for shipping. The larger one is in use during adoration as we pray for peace in the world.

See Wayne Rutten if you are interested. He may be reached at 306-789-8151 or at rutten.w@sasktel.net.



CWL NEWS





20 doz muffins were collected for Sacred Heart School this week. Thank you to all you bakers.

At our February meeting CWL Chair Loretta Jelinski read some thank you letters received for donations, including the Euthanasia Coalition which mentioned that there had been 75,000 deaths in Canada from euthanasia since the law's inception. And our Chalice sponsorship for a young girl named Chelsea who is going to go to college and hopes to become a lawyer eventually. And thanks from five women in Uganda who had received the soap-making kits we had purchased for them. And thanks from Sandy Selinger, daughter of Lila, for our donation to St. Maria Faustina School (formerly Jean Vanier). The school serves 58 students, ages 5-22 with various medical or other complexities.

We had done very well last year with our fundraising activities and selected another seven charities to support before our fiscal year end.

Other notes:

- There are now 105 CWL councils in Saskatchewan, 6 have disbanded, and 1 in Regina has reactivated—St. Mary's.
- March 22—Regina CWL Regional Meeting at St. Mary's with 3 councils hosting—Holy Cross, St. Mary's, Little Flower.
- March 29—Saturday Mass (for 5th Sunday)
- March 30—Holy Cross AGM
- April 4—CWL leads Stations of the Cross
- May 3 &4—CWL Diocesan Meeting in Moose Jaw
- May 9 & 10—Trade Show at St. Mary's
- June 1 & 2—CWL Provincial Meeting in Weyburn

Please consider joining our membership as we continue our charitable ministry and service to our community. We meet the first Tuesday of the months of October – December and February – June. Please join us.



MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Thinking of one day going to Medjugorje? Join us April 4-14 for a pilgrimage. Lower airfare presently there.

Daily Mass at St. James Church
(St. James, patron saint of pilgrims)
Rosary on Apparition Hill
Stations of the Cross on Cross Mountain
Visit Cenacola—rehab for young men
Professional guide

For more information call Cathleen Devraj at 306-789-0705 or email cdevraj48@gmail.com.

ADORATION

For peace in the world HOLY CROSS PARISH 315 Douglas Ave. East

Every Tuesday at 6 pm

Welcome to any new parishioners. Please register with the Parish Office. Fill in the blanks below and drop it into the collection basket or email the office (hc.office@holycrossregina.ca). Let's get started!						
Name:						
Email:						
Phone:						
Mass of Choice: Sat evening 5:00 pm Sun morning 9:00 am						

MONSIGNOR GEREIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POOR MAN'S SUPPER

In the Gerein Centre
Every Friday During Lent
From March 7th to April 11th
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm followed by
Stations of the Cross at 6:45 pm and Mass at 7:00 pm
Everyone Welcome







MONSIGNOR GEREIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

POOR MAN'S SUPPER

Fridays during Lent

Date	Soup	Egg Salad Salmon / Tuna		Peanut Butter & Jam	
	2 soups	(3 sandwich loaves)	(3 sandwich loaves)	(2 sandwich loaves)	
Mar. 7 Liturgy L&P	Lynn & Gerry Heymen	Dan & Shirley Devers		Joyce Murphy	
Mar. 14 PC	John & Marie Lebersback	Neil & Lori Garchinski	Len & Loretta Jelinski		
Mar. 21 KofC	Cathleen Devraj	Helen Herauf	Reg Hinz		
Mar. 28 Chall. Girls	Trudy & Wayne Rutten			Joyce Murphy	
Mar. 28 Extra needs	? 1 soup	Neil & Lori 2 loaves	? 2 loaves	? 3 loaves	
Apr. 4 CWL	Susan Leier				
Apr. 11 Altar Serv		Gerard & Erna Woynarski		Pam Richaud	

Supper 5:30 pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:45 pm and Mass at 7:00 pm.

Additional help would be appreciated for set up and take down, serve soup, make extra sandwiches, if needed. Inquiries: contact Bob Liska, 306-789-4442.

Challenge Glirls will do Stations of the Cross on March 28 (green) and we expect to **DOUBLE** attendance at least. Therefore, we have to increase soup & sandwiches—2024 attendance was increased by about 40 people. See extra row for March 28 for extra needs (green).

What's Happening in the Archdiocese

Stewardship Bulletin Bits

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."

TF #438: Living In The Psalms - Part 4

Join Deacon Eric Gurash for part four of Living in the Psalms. In this final episode of our four-part series on Living in the Psalms with Deacon Eric Gurash, we examine the place of the Psalms in our Church and our spiritual lives and discuss various tools for making their rich poetry and timeless wisdom our own and truly living in the Psalms. https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/living-in-thepsalms-part-4-0

Come and See Weekend

Has the thought of becoming a Sister ever crossed your mind? The Sisters of the Presentation of Mary are inviting young women (18+) to a Come and See weekend from Feb 14th at 7pm to Feb 17th at retreat will be held at Mary's House, 141 Dalhousie Crescent, here in Saskatoon. This is an opportunity to discern God's call in your life and to learn more about the spirituality and charism of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary.

For more information or to register, please contact Sr. April Mireau, pm at 306-531-9937 (cell) or aprilmireau@gmail.com. If you are interested, please register by Feb 8th. Come away for a weekend with Jesus. It starts on Valentine's Day!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention February For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life. https://thepopevideo.org/

Easter 2025: Celebrating together to strengthen

In 2025 Christians from all traditions will celebrate Easter on the same day, 20 April. But in many years major Christian traditions celebrate Easter on different dates, thus giving the impression of a divided witness to this fundamental aspect of the Christian faith.

Since the 16th century, Eastern and Western churches have used different calendars to calculate the date of Easter, and only rarely do they coincide. The search for a common date for Easter was also one of the central issues of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, whose 1700th anniversary is being celebrated in 2025.

This webinar will bring together people from different traditions - Coptic, Eastern Orthodox, Catholic, and Lutheran – to explore how a shared celebration of Easter can unite Christians worldwide in their common faith in the resurrected Christ.

February 13, 2025 at 9:00 am (Saskatchewan)

Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/ WN RuLP2e18RBWCvWyzgAPrVA#/registration

Panel:

- Fr Prof. Dr Arsenius Mikhail, St Athanasius and St Cyril Coptic Orthodox School, Newport Beach, California, USA.
- H.E. Metropolitan Prof. Dr Job (Getcha), Metropolitan of Pisidia.
- Dr Johannes Oeldemann, Johann-Adam-Möhler-Institut für Ökumenik, Paderborn, Germany
- Rev. Dr Tomi Karttunen, Executive Secretary for Ecumenical Relations and Theology, Lutheran Church of Finland.

Moderator:

Rev. Prof. em. Dr. Sandra Beardsall, Moderator of the WCC Nicaea Steering Group, Saskatchewan, Can-

Produced by Rev. Dr Martin Illert, Faith and Order Commission. World Council of Churches

God, your over abundance of mercy has led me through many obstacles that I have placed in the way of your love. St. Gertrude the Great



Life in Abundance as Proclaimed by a Universal Christ A 7-Episode video series with Father John Weckend

Father John shares some of his reflections on a cosmic and more universal approach to 'The Christ'. It brings a broader approach to the dogma of the Incarnation and how it affects our life and spirituality.

Episode 4 is now available.

The remaining episodes will be released weekly on Friday at 7:00 am. Use one of these ways to watch:

Father John Weckend YouTube Channel. On YouTube, search @FatherJohnWeckend.

What's Happening in the Archdiocese 2



St. Peter Parish

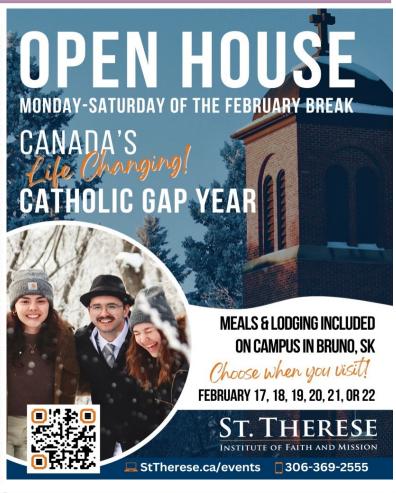
Building Fund Dinner

Sunday Feb. 23, 2025 4:00 P.M. - 8 P.M. Leicester's Family Restaurant & Lounge 474 McCarthy Blvd., Regina Sask.

\$30.00 PER PERSON (ADULTS OR CHILDREN) **DOOR PRIZES, 50/50 DRAWS** DINNER CHOICES: STEAK, BURGER, CHICKEN WRAP, LASAGNA

TICKETS SOLD AT ST. PETER CHURCH (100 ARGYLE ST.) BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES, AND AT THE PARISH OFFICE MON-THU 9:30-12:30 & 1:00-4:00

Contact Ken for more info kendumont@accesscomm.ca 306-519-0313



INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Little Flower Parish - 420 College Avenue Saturday, March 8 @ 6 p.m.

> Adults \$30 / Children (7-12) \$12 Children (6&under) Free

All proceeds to benefit parish projects

Dinner Menu

- * Spring Rolls
- * Bruschetta
- * Vegetable Pakora w/Chutney
- * Chicken Tikka Masala
 - * Pork Adobo
 - *Banh Tet
- * Fried Rice & White Rice
 - * Corn with Peppers
 - * Caesar Salad
 - * Bread Pudding
- * Gulab Jamun in Syrup * Ice Cream
- * Choice of Beverages

Jesse Stradeski as Elvis * 50/50 * Prize Alley

Wear your ethnic attire

Tickets Advance Purchase Only Parish Office 306-522-8583 / Gord 306-596-4767

February 2025

Feb 4 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	S M 5 6 12 13 19 20	Jan 2025 T W T F S 1 2 3 4	Mar 2025 S M T W T	F S 1 7 8 14 15 21 22	Triday	4:30 PM Confession 5:00 PM Mass Blessing of Throats at Mass Tammie Milo
8:30 AM Confessions 9:00 AM Mass Blessing of Throats at Mass Joyful Noise	3	6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction 7:00 PM Mass CWL Mtg. after Mass	9:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM Kof C Chapter Mtg. St. Basil	9:00 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM -9:00 PM Challenge Girls	4:30 PM Confession 5:00 PM Mass Anointing of Sick Joyful Noise
9:00 AM Mass Anointing of Sick Holy Cross Choir	10 8:00 AM -4:30 PM Rental - Ananias Traini ng Retreat Gerein Centre and Church	11 6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction 7:00 PM Mass Parish Pastoral Council Mtg. after Mass	12 9:00 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM K of C 4th Degree	9:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM -9:00 PM Challenge Girls	15 4:30 PM Confession 5:00 PM Mass Joyful Noise
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