



Holy Cross Parish

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Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

Tuesday 7:00pm

Wed. 9:00am

Thur. 9:00am

Friday 9:00am

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

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 25:6-10a / Philipians 4:12-14, 19-20 / Matthew 22:1-14

MONDAY

October 16
Weekday
Rom 1:1-7
Lk 11:29-32

TUESDAY

October 17
St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Rom 1:16-25
Lk 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY

October 18
St. Luke, Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10-17b
Lk 10:1-9

THURSDAY

October 19
Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
Rom 3:21-30
Lk 11:47-54

FRIDAY

October 20
Weekday
Rom 4:1-8
Lk 12:1-7

SATURDAY

October 21
Weekday
Rom 4:13, 16-18
Lk 12:8-12

SUNDAY

October 22
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 45:1, 4-6
1 Thes 1:1-5b
Mt 22:15-21

Yes or No?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Confronted by a social obligation I would prefer to avoid, I frequently find myself musing that the timing is right for me to break a leg or get the flu. Yet more often than not, once I go, I find myself enjoying the gathering. Not all invitations are exciting or even desirable, but many become the building blocks of our lives.

When the parable of Jesus tells of an invitation to come to a wedding feast, it's really a story of our invitation to the kingdom of heaven, where, if we accept, we will dwell in the divine presence and enjoy the peace, joy, and love of God. Heaven is not only *where* we are but also *how* we are. It's an invitation to deeper and richer life—a taste of heaven, even in this life.

So it's good to consider going where we'd rather not

go. It's not simply about social gatherings, though a social gathering may be the event where you meet the person you fall in love with. It also may mean going for counseling when that may be a bit scary, or confronting one's addiction, or moving to a new city, or accepting serious and lifelong illness, or saying yes to having a child with special needs, or not getting the job you hoped for. Saying yes to what life brings may be the wedding garment that enriches our lives. It may be saying yes to God. ●

Reflect

When has going where you'd rather not go enriched your life?

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son."

MATTHEW 22:2



What's Happening at Holy Cross

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER
Sunday, October 8, 2023 — Bob & Jane Beach

Welcome to any new parishioners. Please register with the Parish Office Mon.-Friday, 9am-12 noon
 Or call 306-757-1325

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF Oct. 14-22, 2023		
Sat. Oct. 14	5:00 pm	For the intentions of Gerry Heymen, offered by Lila Selinger and Family.
Sun. Oct. 15	9:00 am	For the repose of the soul of Katherine Liska, offered by Robert and Family.
Tues. Oct. 17	7:00 pm	For the repose of the soul of Alma Dizy, offered by Ted and Family.
Wed. Oct. 18	9:00 am	For the repose of the soul of Lorraine Gareau, offered by Leona Begrand & Family.
Thurs. Oct. 19	9:00 am	For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Germaine Sherwick, offered by Joyce Kent & Family.
Fri. Oct. 20	9:00 am	For the intentions of Gerry Heymen, offered by Andrew and Margaret.
Sat. Oct. 21	5:00 pm	PRO POPULO
Sun. Oct. 22	9:00am	For the intentions of Phyllis Kennedy (her birthday), offered by Bob & Helen Herauf.

Knights of Columbus



Pancake Breakfast



Date: Sunday, October 15
Time: After 9:00 am Mass
Location: Gerein Centre
Adults \$10, Students \$5, Children Under 6 Free

PARISHIONERS' CORNER

October sees four more parishioners celebrating their birthdays this week:

Phyllis Kennedy reaches a big one at 80 on Monday, the 16th; Megan Fenrick leaves her teenage years behind with her birthday on Friday, the 20th; and her mom Melanie celebrates hers the next day, Saturday, the 21st; Lorraine Ferrara also celebrates her birthday on Saturday. Congratulations to all of you, and may the year ahead be truly blessed.

Two nonagenarians—Gerry Heymen and Lila Selinger—were celebrated after the nine o'clock Mass Friday morning by parishioners and family with two birthday cakes and coffee and a special blessing from Fr. Carlos.

Have you stayed for coffee and donuts after Mass? Thursdays and Fridays we have our regular coffee klatch with goodies (please come for Mass and join us!). Stay for coffee after Sunday's Mass. If you are new to the parish or a visitor, please join us.

Three cheers for the Knights for starting up their famous pancake breakfast again!

Remember to let us know of any parishioner news. Call Martin at 306-347-0929 or Joyce at 306-789-1983.

HELP US HELP HOLY CROSS PARISH!

One of our Council's major fundraising activities is the sale of CHARITY APPEAL tickets. Your support is requested.

The sale of Charity Appeal tickets allows our Council to donate funds to Holy Cross Parish. Our Council commits the Charity Appeal rebate which the Council receives based on sales made. Therefore, the more tickets that are sold, the more our Council can contribute to the finances of Holy Cross Parish.

A limited number of **K of C 2023 CHARITY APPEAL TICKETS** remain and can be obtained directly from Dave Wollbaum (c. 306-551-1220). If any remain, we will make them available at the upcoming K of C Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 15th.

The cost of tickets is very reasonable at \$1.00 each.

Please help our Council by purchasing Charity Appeal tickets so we can help our Parish!

Thank you.

Gerard Woynarski
 On behalf of Knights of Columbus
 Gerein Council #9859



Canada's birth rate has been in steady decline for some time. Statistics show the 2022 overall birthrate at 1.33 children per female, a decline from 1.51 in 2018. Where are the children?

Source Statistics Canada/Crude Birth Rate/2023-09-27

*Every one of us has been called by the Lord.
 The important thing is to know
 how to answer his call.
 St. John XXIII*



Holy Cross Parish
- Turkey/Ham Supper

THE SIT-DOWN EDITION

* **Sunday, November 05, 2023***

(Pre-order by October 29)

Turkey and Ham with all the trimmings

Resurrection Parish Hall

Tickets: Adults—\$25 Youth (6– 12) - \$12
Children (5 and under) - FREE

One sitting at 5:00 pm

Please make payment via e-Transfer to

bookkeeper.holycross@sasktel.net

indicating number of each type of ticket

or with cheque (made out to Holy Cross Parish)

or exact cash at the Church.

To order: Wayne at (306) 789-8151

or John at (306) 533-8066

Pre-order (deadline) date for tickets is Sunday, October 29, 2023

Please note: For seat count, we need numbers from adult to children (free).



Cabbage Roll Making for the Harvest Supper

Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 9 AM we will be cutting cabbage and onions. Just a few volunteers needed.

Friday November 3, 2023 after the 9 AM mass, we will be making the cabbage rolls. We need lots of volunteers.

DON'T FORGET! To sign up to

- Donate food items for the supper,
- Peel potatoes and rutabagas the day before
- Work setting up and/or cleaning up
- Decorate the hall or cut pies
- Cook food, help in the kitchen
- Serve food or wine
- **BUY YOUR TICKETS**

This is community in action, and it's fun!

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you rejoice in the coming banquet that is heaven? Are you clothing your heart in a way that is pleasing to God?

God calls everyone, but only a few are chosen. We have a choice in the matter.

We can choose to reject Jesus.

Or we can leave everything to chance, hoping we are good enough to make it to heaven.

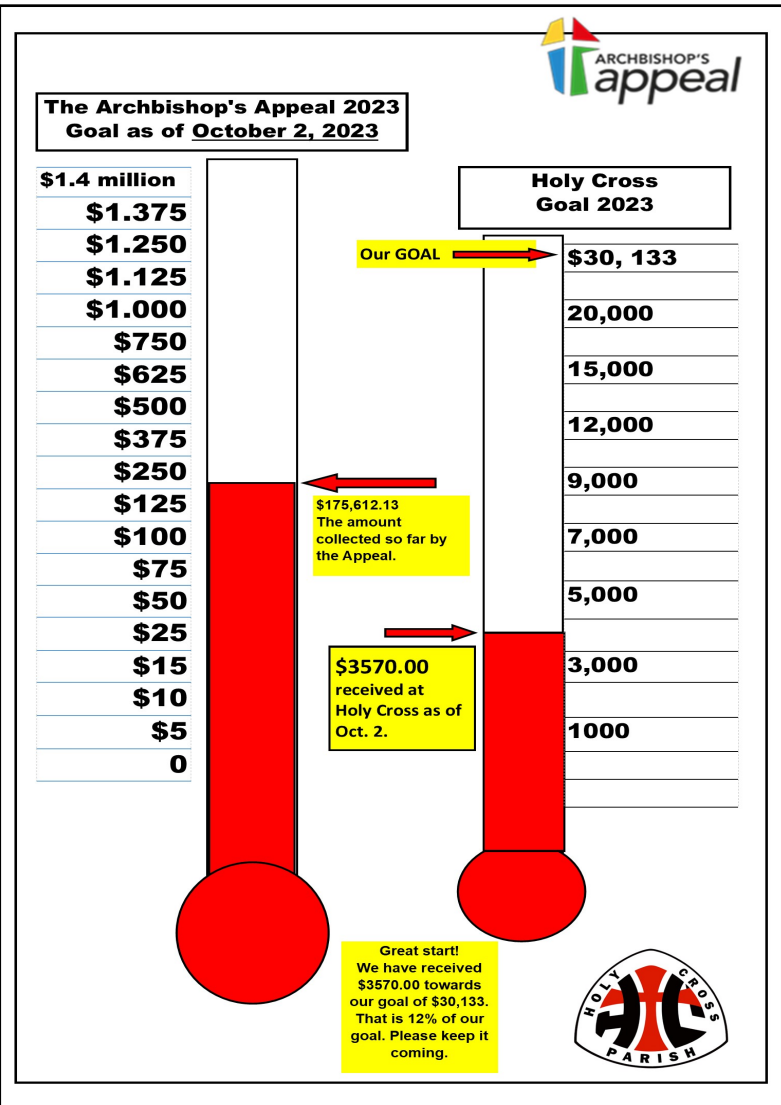
Or we can accept that God, who loves us more than anyone, asks us to trust in his providence and actively prepare ourselves.

Have you thought about it? Are you preparing for an afterlife of joy and celebration? Or hell ...

Adapted from Living with Christ, Oct. 2023, Carolyn Savoie, Ottawa, ON

Books of Memorial Are Now Out

Please sign up your beloved deceased in the Memorial Books at each entrance of the church nave (main body of the church) Put as many as you would like. Then come for the All Souls Day Mass on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00pm.



What's Happening in the Archdiocese

Stewardship Bulletin Bit

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..."

- **Philippians 4:19**

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people who don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just a coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

Go, Make Disciples!

Strengthen your faith and leadership skills through the Archdiocese of Regina's Lay Formation Program! Join us this fall for a 3-year program that will help you deepen your spiritual life and discern how best to offer your gifts in service to the people of God. We are currently accepting applications for our fall intake. For more information on how to register, contact Deacon Eric Gurash at 306-352-1651 ext 6724 or email him at egurash@archregina.sk.ca.

Retreat Leaders Needed

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is looking to build a team of adults to serve in leadership roles for retreats with young people. Full training and support would be provided. There would be several opportunities a month to serve, but each person on the team will determine how frequently they would like to serve. (Could be just once. Or every month, depending on your availability and the need for leaders) This is a very challenging and fulfilling way to share your gifts in the spirit of evangelization. If this is of interest to you, please email oyyam@archregina.sk.ca for an application form. (The "application" process exists so that we can ensure we have a team that has all the

Worship Leader's Conference

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry would like to invite a group to travel with them for a weekend workshop in Red Deer, Alberta on November 10-12. (We would leave at about 4:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon and return Sunday evening. Monday is a holiday) Those who are interested in learning more about effectively leading music in worship settings are invited to join us. Spaces will be limited. Please indicate your interest in receiving more details by emailing oyyam@archregina.sk.ca

Emmaus Family Support

One in four families experience mental health challenges. If you're looking for support, Emmaus Family Support is here to help. Join our community of caring individuals, meeting monthly at Holy Trinity parish in Regina (and accessible online via Zoom), who understand what you're going through. Visit emmaussupport.ca or contact Deacon Eric Gurash at emausmentalhealth@gmail.com or 306-721-6724 to learn more.

Embracing the Calls to Action

In honor of our 80th Convention, the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) would like to extend an invitation to the faithful of the Archdiocese of Regina to attend our TRC evening with Chief Wilton Littlechild and Fr. Ken Thorson OMI, moderated by Sandi Harper. This event is part of CHAS' annual convention taking place from Oct. 26 - 27th, 2023. To accommodate as wide an audience as possible, we are holding the presentation at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Ave S, Saskatoon. Date: Oct. 26th. Presentation 7 - 9 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm. A suggested donation of \$10 would be welcome. For more information about the presenters or the convention go to:

queenshouse.org.

Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan

(CHAS) 80th Convention Thursday, Oct. 26 to Friday, Oct. 27. Title: Holistic Care: Healing Through Stories, Spirit and Song. See chassk.ca/ for details, schedule and registration.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

This year's Appeal is a chance to step back and take on the mindset, or rather the "heart-set", and enter into what it means to be generous and love and care for others as Christ did. It will require prayer, intentional reflection, and quite likely some sacrifice. Remember, that through our generosity, we are drawing closer to Christ, saying "yes" to his Kingdom, and growing closer as a diocesan community.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support our Archdiocese through this year's Archbishop's Appeal. Holy Cross's goal for the Archbishop's Appeal is **\$30,133**. Together, we can reach our goal if we freely share the abundance that God has blessed us with. These funds will continue many programs that enrich the lives of those around us. Please prayerfully consider donating to this year's Archbishop's Appeal.

There is something special going on in the readings today. The parable of the wedding banquet is a striking commentary by Jesus towards the Jewish people. The invited guests initially represent those Israelites who lost focus on their relationship with God, either by being bewitched by riches or ignoring the prophets.

The people who are invited to the banquet in their place represent the Gentiles, meaning that Christ has come not only to the Jewish people but to the entire world. The guest caught without a wedding garment is understood to be someone who is not committed to a relationship with Christ.

It is critically important to engage and dialogue with those of other religions and creeds to work towards building the kingdom of God, enabling all to have a relationship with Christ. Your contributions to the Archbishop's Appeal support the work of interreligious and ecumenical dialogue, allowing the opportunity for all to come to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

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Concern over Ticket Sales

The Lay Formation Alumni Committee is concerned regarding the slow ticket sales for the Alumni Gathering on October 28; to date only 14 tickets have been purchased. After much consideration the Committee had determined that a minimum of 25 tickets must be sold by Monday, October 16 @ 9pm for the event to proceed. As such, if you are planning on attending the Gathering, please purchase your ticket as soon as possible! Tickets are purchased through Eventbrite: eventbrite.ca/e/lfp-al...

TF369: Conquest Boys Club Q&A - Part 4

Deacon Eric and Dr. Brett continue to delve into the pile of questions sent to them from the Conquest Boys Club at St. Anne's parish in Regina, Saskatchewan. This week includes The Second Vatican Council and moral decline, and Hitler.

Show Snippet: "So this is a great example because we often hear this story of decline; that everything was going great, Vatican II happens, and then things go into decline. Why does the Pope call a council? Because things aren't going great. The modern world is presenting real questions and problems and pretending that they don't need addressing and that if you just keep doing what you are doing, everything will have go well, is actually historically, demonstrably false."



FALL SUPPERS



Saturday, Oct. 14, 6:00 pm

Holy Family CWL

At Riffel High School Commons

Free will offering

SPAGHETTI

Friday, Oct. 20, 5:30 pm

Holy Trinity Parish

5020 Sherwood Dr., Regina

\$20 adults, \$10 ages 4-12

CHILI SUPPER

meat or vegetarian

Sunday, Oct. 29, 5:00 pm

St. Martin de Porres Parish Hall

4720 Castle Rd., Regina

Tickets \$32 adults, \$15 children 4-10

Children under 4 free

Call Parish Office for tickets

CHICKEN/BRISKET

Sunday, Nov. 5, 5:00 pm

Holy Cross Harvest Supper

at Resurrection Parish, 3155 Windsor Park Rd.

Tickets \$25 adults, \$12 youth 6-12

Children 5 and under free

Call Wayne 306-789-8151 or John 306-533-8066

TURKEY/ HAM

For more information see the posters on the bulletin board in the Gerein Centre.

What We Believe

THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

The Catholic Church is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation.

Wherever you may be in your faith journey, you will be profoundly moved by richness of the faith.



The Holy Family Parish Spiritual Enrichment team will be hosting a 10-session study Thursday evenings starting Oct 19/23 for five sessions, and resuming Jan 11/24 for the final five sessions.

In What We Believe you will discover:

- What Catholics believe
- Who Catholics are and how we are called to live
- The Blessings of creation, redemption, and newness of life in the Holy Spirit
- The profound gift of the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of our Faith
- How to imitate Christ through prayer, through personal conversion, and through love for others.

Each week will be a different topic. Come to one or come to all, whatever your schedules will allow. We would love to have you join us! Sessions will start at 7 pm in the upper meeting room, with an approximate cost of \$40 for optional materials. To register, please sign-up outside the hall. If you have any further questions, please contact Pauline at paulinemah@hotmail.com or see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9iWfmh2-0w>.

Deadline to order materials is Oct 8/23.

Engaged Encounter

Getting married? Want a weekend away to focus on your relationship? Catholic Engaged Encounter uses a method of marriage preparation that has been used in hundreds of dioceses throughout the world since 1976 and was Vatican-approved by Pope John Paul II. A weekend will be held at the Mother Teresa Centre at Kenossee Lake on November 10-12th, 2023. For more info or to register, visit ceewest.com. Contact Miri and James Schiller at eereginaacc@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Couples Connect

Faith based marriage preparation program for dating and newly married couples. It consists of 8 sessions beginning December 3, 2023 and ending March 24, 2024 held Sunday afternoons at Resurrection Parish. To register or for more information contact dlizee@sasktel.net.



JOIN THE CHRIST THE KING COMMUNITY FOR

A NIGHT OF PRAYER

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 5 PM - 10 PM on Oct 31st for Eucharistic Adoration.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO STOP IN FOR A MINUTE TO LIGHT A CANDLE OR STAY FOR A WHILE
3239 Garnet Street, Regina, SK

55+ Our Lady of Peace Seniors

BOOK SALE

And Puzzles & Plants too!

Our Lady of Peace Church - 425 Broad St. North

Friday October 20 – 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday October 21 – 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.

& after 5:00 p.m. Oct. 21nd mass

& after Sunday, Oct. 22th 9:00 & 11:00 masses

Donations of books, puzzles & plants accepted – call Betty at 545-3402

Holy Trinity, 5020 Sherwood Dr. **Chili Supper** **Fri. Oct. 20—5:30 pm**



Includes

- Salad
- Bun
- Beverage
- Dessert

Chilli options: meat or vegetarian

Adults \$20 **ages 4 to 12: \$10**

50/50 draw

Hosted by Holy Trinity CWL. Tickets available after weekend Masses* or from the office (306)543-3838.

Homemade APPLE PIES—frozen, u-bake \$13 while supplies last.

Available after weekend Masses or from the office (306)543-3838.

* Weekend Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 9 am and 11 am

An Evening of Prayer for Parents of Teenage and Adult Children

First Tuesday of the month at Christ the King Parish, Regina

6:00 PM Adoration, 7:00 PM Mass
November 7 and December 5

Christian Centering Prayer

Christian Centering Prayer is a silent prayer of simply resting in God.

A Centering Prayer Introductory Workshop will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Saturday, October 21st from 10am to 3pm. There is a suggested donation of \$20; lunch will be provided. For more information about Centering Prayer or to register for the workshop please contact Judy Corkery: judithcorkery@gmail.com or call 306-543-2914.

The Centering Prayer meets at Holy Rosary Cathedral from 2-3 pm; it includes 20 minutes of silent prayer followed by contemplative listening and sharing with a Gospel passage. We alternate between in-person and Zoom meetings.

Feel free to drop-in at the Cathedral every second Monday, whenever you can, using the East door. If you wish, your name can be put on an email list so you will receive an email each week telling you if the meeting will be in person or on zoom.