



Diocesan Bulletin

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Feb. 18, 2018 - First Sunday of Lent

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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

The Rite of Election is a diocesan celebration with Bishop Mark Hagemoen presiding, 3 p.m. **Sunday, Feb. 18** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Saskatoon (includes Mass). The Rite of Election is a step in the RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) for those journeying toward baptism at the Easter Vigil. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate with the "Elect" from across our diocese.

Alpha Course at St. Philip Neri Parish - Is there more to life than this? Why and how do I pray? Does God heal today? Come find out: Alpha sessions run **every Thursday during Lent**, from 12 noon to 1:30 pm. (lunch provided) at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Ave. (at Taylor St.), Saskatoon. For more information, contact Deb or Desiree at (306) 343-0325.

PPK Catholic Men's Night will be held **Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018** at Holy Family Cathedral, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. The topic is the "The Power of Silence against the Dictatorship of Noise." Adoration and Reconciliation will be held at 7 p.m., followed by a talk at 8 p.m. (food/drinks available). See priestprophetking.org for more on PPK men's group.

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. Through reflection, writing and prayerful discernment, participants explore their gifts, dreams and relationships, and God's invitation to move forward in discipleship and holiness. Cost (includes meals) is \$60. The retreat runs from 7 p.m. Friday, Feb 23 to 12:00 noon Sunday, Feb 25 at 851 University Drive, Saskatoon. Contact: Sr. Lucie at (306) 244-0726 or Sr April at (306) 529-6279 or e-mail: sk.dhouse@gmail.com

"The Fullness of Purpose" parish mission will be held at St. Augustine Parish in Humboldt, SK **Feb. 25-27**, starting at 7 p.m. each evening, with dynamic speaker and author Ken Yasinski addressing "The Fullness of Purpose" and life's most meaningful questions: Why have I been created? Where is joy found? Does my Catholic faith matter? Childcare will be available, with hospitality to follow in the parish hall. St. Augustine's Lenten penitential service will take place immediately following the last mission talk on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Face2Face Confirmation Retreat will be held at St. Mary's Parish, Lanigan, **Sunday March 4** beginning with Mass at 9 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. This retreat is open to anyone interested! Cost: \$20 per child/youth which includes lunch; (parents who stay for the retreat are asked for a free-will offering). **Registration deadline is Sunday, Feb. 18.** E-mail bkgerman@sasktel.net or for more info call (306) 203-1910.

Foundations: Exploring Our Faith Together
A diocesan faith enrichment program in local parishes

"Preparing the way for Holy Week" is a Foundations Lenten Series that includes scriptural reflection, prayer, and meditation led by Gisele Bauche over 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 Rd., Saskatoon. Free will offering.

"Being a Good Neighbour" will be offered 7 p.m. **Thursday, March 1** at St. Peter's Parish, Unity, SK led by Myron Rogal. For info call Kathy at (306) 228-8285

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.)

Contemplative Mass led by Fr. Kevin McGee will be held at 7 p.m. **Friday, March 2** at St. Augustine Church, 602 Boychuk Drive, Saskatoon, with 20 minutes of silence after communion.

CWL Workshop "Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call" will be offered at several parishes, including:

- **Little Flower Parish in Leader, SK, Feb. 24**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; call Edie at (306) 628-4322 or Mary Ann at (306) 628-3350.
- **Holy Family Cathedral in Saskatoon, March 10** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; call Alice at (306) 934-7184 or Avis at (306) 249-0338.

Together Through Lent, An Ecumenical Journey will be held on four Saturday mornings in Lent, from 9:30 a.m. until noon at Queen's House, 601 Taylor St. W. Saskatoon. Attend one or all sessions. Cost: \$20/ session (optional \$13 for lunch). **Feb. 24** - *Songs of the Cross* with Rev. Ann Salmon, a graduate of Yale Divinity School and Institute of Sacred Music, and a Lutheran pastor who teaches at Lutheran Theological Seminary. **March 4** - *In-Breaking of the Kingdom of God* with Peter Oliver **March 10** - *Fasting and Feasting* with Rev. Marie-Louise Ternier **March 24** - *Meditation: Light in a Time of Darkness* with Sister Rita Stang, SMS (this is a retreat day that can be a half-day or full-day program; afternoon session costs an additional \$20). Register at (306) 242-1500 or: reception@queenshouse.org

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion, offering a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortion emotions and begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. To register for the **April 6-8** retreat in Saskatchewan, contact Elaine at: r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net or 1-306-480-8911.

Message Board

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 provided at **St. Philip Neri parish in Saskatoon March 10-11**; contact Shirley at (306) 343-0325. Marriage Preparation will be held at **Holy Family Cathedral in Saskatoon March 2-3**; contact David Polzen at (306) 659-5805. A live-in **Engaged Encounter** marriage prep weekend will be offered at **St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster April 6-8**; see www.ceewest.com or call (306) 682-3326.

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, to be held Monday evening, **March 26** at Holy Family Cathedral, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon. Contact Colette Chantler (306) 659-5824 or bishopoffice@saskatoonrcdiocese.com

24-hours of Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 12 noon, **Monday, Feb. 26** to 12 noon on **Tuesday, Feb. 27**, at the Eucharistic chapel at Queen's House of Retreat and Renewal, 601 Taylor St. W., Saskatoon. Come and spend time in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. For more information contact Sally Danchak (306) 373-2621.

Support and counselling for adult survivors of childhood sexual trauma and abuse is offered by Legacy Ridge Foundation. A Mary's Hope Spiritual Healing program is offered in partnership with the Cathedral of the Holy Family, focusing on identifying the spiritual wounds experienced by many survivors. All services are provided at no cost to survivors. Contact Lorie at info@legacyridgefoundation.com to access support. A second annual fundraising dinner and dance "Faces of Courage" will be held **Friday, March 9** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road Saskatoon, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Live music provided by Studio 54. Tickets: \$50 each (tables of eight available); must be 19 or older. Tickets are available at the Cathedral of the Holy Family. Join us in celebrating the courage of survivors!

From Mourning to Dawn diocesan grief support group for widows and widowers begins **Tuesday, March 27**, designed for those who have been bereaved between 2 months and 2 years. Facilitators, who have themselves also experienced the death of a marriage partner, engage with participants on an eight-week journey of transformation and healing, offering support and encouragement. Held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor of Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon (elevator available) from 7-9 p.m. on eight Tuesdays. Cost is \$35. To register or for more info: contact Dianna Knaus at (306) 382-0535 or dknaus@sasktel.net

Diocesan Prayer - We pray as a diocesan family for all those journeying to baptism at this year's Easter Vigil. May the Holy Spirit inspire, strengthen and bless the Elect in their journey through this Lenten season of purification and enlightenment. (*Rite of Election to be held Feb. 18, 2018*).



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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.

Find out more or donate online at

<https://foundation.gscs.ca>

or make your cheque payable to GSCS Foundation (write "Theodore" in the memo) and drop off at your local Catholic school or deliver/mail to GSCS Foundation, 420-22nd St. E., Saskatoon SK S7K 1X3.

Day of Prayer - Pope Francis has called for a special Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace Friday, Feb. 23 for war-torn nations, in particular for the Democratic Republic of Congo and for South Sudan, which are suffering protracted conflict. Please join people around the world in praying with the Holy Father for peace in our world.

Curling Funspiel - Share St. Patrick's Day fun and fellowship **Saturday, March 17**, from noon to 5 p.m., with supper at 5:30 p.m. in support of the Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre. Held at the CN Curling Club, 1602 Chappell Drive, Saskatoon, this Curling Funspiel includes four-end curling games, with cards, games, and kids activities also held in the lounge during the afternoon. Cost: \$100/team, open to all (minimum age 10 years), includes curling and supper afterwards. Are you a non-curler? Come to socialize in the lounge and pre-register for the meal-only, to be held at 5:30 p.m.: \$12/adult, \$6/child. Supper doesn't include dessert, because there is a live pie auction. Register by e-mail to: SPOC@sasktel.net or call for more info: 306-715-5362.

Retrouvaille is a lifeline for marriages - Every marriage can be improved! If you feel you need a little bit of assistance getting your relationship on a better track, Retrouvaille can help. For more info about the **April 27-29** Retrouvaille weekend in Saskatoon, contact: (306) 652-7155 or retrouvaille@sasktel.net or see the website: www.restoremarriage.ca

Job Opportunity - Executive Director - The Bishop Budka Eparchial Stewardship Society Inc. (BBESS) is seeking a highly motivated and ethical professional who will lead the organization in generating funds to achieve stewardship and fundraising goals of the Eparchy of Saskatoon. Visit the website at www.bbessi.org for more information.

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