

PARISH ACTIVITIES

WELCOME TO NOTRE DAME PARISH

To register, please call 306-445-3836. Make sure we get your email address!

Regular office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 9 am - noon and 1 - 4 pm. In case of emergencies when a priest is needed, please call Father Millan at 306-260-7786. For Christmas, the office will be closed from Dec. 23rd to Jan. 3rd, 2023, with the exception of Wed. Dec. 28th.

Mass Time for New Year's Eve –
Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022 Notre Dame – 7:00 pm
Mass Times for New Year's Day –
Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023 St. André – 9:30 am
Notre Dame – 11:00 am

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Thank you to all our volunteers in the parish, and thank you to all of you for your patience while we are readjusting. We appreciate the donations of poinsettias, and we thank the décor committee for spending time to make the church beautiful for this Christmas Season. Remember it doesn't end on Dec. 25! Let us keep the joy of Christ's birth at the forefront of our lives!

The next **Baptism Prep Class** will be on **Thursday, January 12, 2023**. Please register with the parish office in advance. Call 445-3836. Anyone who has children grades 3-7 who needs to be baptized before receiving the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation should attend. Taking registrations now, for **RCIC** and **RCIA**.

Fundraising Report

The Notre Dame Parish Fundraising Committee is happy to report that our Visions of Sugarplums Supper Auction netted a profit of \$23,977.27! Thanks to all our parishioners' support and the support of the business community, as well as the other parishes, and of course Gary Pfeifer and the staff of the Tropical Inn.

You are Invited to Jesus' Birthday party!

January 8th, 2023, from 2:00-4:00 pm at Notre Dame Church in St. Bernadette Hall.

January 8th is Epiphany Sunday, when we celebrate the three wise men's visit to the manger.

Our little wise girls and boys can dress up like the wise men, shepherds, kings, princesses or anything else to come visit the manger and celebrate Jesus' Birth.

Birthday Games and cake!!
Snacks and drinks will be provided.
Children and their families are welcome.
Please RSVP to
Michelle Prince 306-441-5007

CWL

The AGM will be held on Wed. Jan. 11, 2023 at 3:30 pm in St. Bernadette Hall. This will be followed by our regular meeting. All members are welcome. Let us begin a fruitful year. We are grateful for the new members who have joined.

St. Paul's Feast Day Mass & Fundraising Dinner

Missionary Society of St. Paul Canada Mission cordially invites you to join in the celebration

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023

St. Joseph's Calasancius

1942 98th St. North Battleford, SK

Tickets - \$25.00 – adult; \$10.00 – children 6-12

Contact: Fr. Peter Nnanga 306-344-7867

Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre

visit our webpage for a list of all upcoming programs and to register for all programs:

http://www.queenshouse.org/?page_id=4399

For more information contact Sarah Donnelly:

306-242-1916 x226

Please see the bulletin board for events.

COFFEE & DONUTS

ST. BERNADETTE HALL

12:00 NOON ON SUN. JAN. 8, 2023.



Sat. Dec. 24th 5:00 pm St. André
For † Antoinette Daniel by Albert and Hélène Blais.
For † Joseph Weber by Irene Murphy.
For † Agnes Winterhalt by Claire Bergen and family.
For † the holy souls in purgatory by Raymonde Doucette.
For † Walter Chilibeck by Louise and family.

7:00 pm Notre Dame
For † Al Cook by Betty & Martin Morgan and family.
For † Greg Baranieski by Bruno and Josephine.
For † Jerry & Kim McGrath by Clem.
For † Bea Geering by John and Shirley Vany.
For † Jerry Hornung by Dianne Michaud.

9:00 pm Notre Dame
For † Arnold, Monnie & Kathy Gantefer by Glen and family.
For † Carrie Day and her family by Jean Pawlus.
For the intentions of the Godbout grandchildren.
For the intentions of the Knight of Columbus Council 2094.
In thanksgiving by Eduardo Ledon and family.

Sun. Dec. 25th 11:00 am Notre Dame
For † Alan Nachtegaele by Albert and Yvonne Vany.
For † Helen Eischen by Bernie Eischen and Pat Beynon.
For † Sister Mary Wieggers by Leo Wieggers.
For † Al Cook by Marielle.
For † Albert & Shirley Borschneck by Sheila and Ray Lessard.

Mon. Dec. 26th No Mass
Tues. Dec. 27th 9:30 am Villa Pascal
For the intentions of Audry Blais by Hélène and Albert Blais.

Wed. Dec. 28th 9:30 am Notre Dame
For † Susan Hertes by Barb Paradis.
Adoration from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Thurs. Dec. 29th 9:30 am Notre Dame
For † deceased relatives of Irene Bohun.

Fri. Dec. 30th 9:30 am St. André
For the intentions of Father Nick by Hélène Blais

Sat. Dec. 31st 7:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people, and for † deceased family members of the Menssa and Waschuk families.

Sun. Jan. 1st 9:30 am St. André
For the intentions of the people.

11:00 am Notre Dame
For all our parishioners by Eduardo Ledon and family.

Mon. Jan. 2nd No Mass
Tues. Jan. 3rd No Mass
Wed. Jan. 4th 7:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of Debbie Kovalsky by Bud Pierce.

Thurs. Jan. 5th 10:00 am Harwood
For † Paul Bernard by the Parker family.

Fri. Jan. 6th St. André
For † the souls in purgatory by Hélène Blais.

Sat. Jan. 7th Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people, and for † Dexter by the family.

Sun. Jan. 8th 9:30 am St. André
For the intentions of the people.

11:00 am Notre Dame
For the intentions of the CWL.
5:00 pm Notre Dame
For the intentions of the people.

Bishop's Annual Appeal:

Our goal is: \$18,706.00! As of Dec. 19, 2022, we have received 43 pledges in the amount of \$10,345.00.

Every gift is greatly appreciated!

We are now in the last two weeks of the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of December 19, 2022, parishioners in the diocese have pledged \$365,780.35 towards the goal of \$450,000.

If you have already sent in your pledge for the Bishop's Annual Appeal, thank you for your generosity. If you haven't done so yet and are planning to, the Appeal Office would like to receive all pledges on or before December 31, 2022. If you have lost or misplaced your Appeal information, additional pledge cards are available from your Parish Office or contact the Appeal Office at 306-922-4747 ext. 234. Please continue to pray for the success of the 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

MINISTRY MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Dec. 24 7:00 pm	Dec. 24 9:00 pm	Dec. 25 11:00 am	Dec. 31 7:00 pm	Jan. 1 11:00 am
Captains	Helen Kayfish 480-4650	Rose Balfour 446-3063	Helen Kayfish 480-4650	Helen Kayfish 480-4650	Helen Kayfish 480-4650
Greeters & Gift Bearers	Ruth & Chris Mallari & family	Marie Urben	John Vany Erna Day	Rose Balfour	Doreen Dudek Rose McDonald
Commentary Announcements	Aaron Xavier	Pauline Bingham	Matthew Parker	Murielle Rousseau	Helen Kayfish
Proclaimers: 1 st reading, psalm, 2 nd reading and prayers	Erin Xavier Aaron Xavier Erin Xavier	Val Yockey Glen Gantfoer	Craig Treiber Jeena Mathew	Matthew Parker	Jean Pawlus Peter Pielak
Communion Body of Christ	Helen Kayfish	Rose Balfour	Marie Urben	Murielle Rousseau	Marie Urben
Altar Servers	Evan C. Maria H. Joshua H.	Volunteers, please present yourselves	Volunteers, please present yourselves	Erin Xavier Aaron Xavier	Anne P. Xavier P. Erin Xavier
Ushers	Marie & volunteers	Marie & volunteers	Marie & volunteers	volunteers	Marie & volunteers

Thank you to ALL our volunteers! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Thank you to all who donated to the Food Bank this year. You may continue to give throughout the year, as the need never really goes away! BDFRC – 306-937-5505. You may also donate by etransfer to info@BDFRC.ca. To donate online go to CandaHelps.org. Open 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Dec. 17th & 18th, 2022

Loose - \$274.30 Envelopes – \$2,230.00

Pre-authorized up to Dec. 27 - \$415.00

Enumerator for Tues. Dec. 28th,

Rose McDonald

**Notre Dame Parish thanks you for all
your donations!**

Simbang Gabi Collections **for Dec. 16, 17, 18, 19, 2022**

Fri. Dec. 16 – \$293.75
Sat. Dec. 17 – \$283.25
Sun. Dec. 18 – \$176.15
Mon. Dec. 19 - \$98.80

Thank you!

Vocation Corner

A Vocation View: Vocations are born in the family. The priests, sisters and brothers of tomorrow are being born in our local hospitals and playing in our own backyards.
Prayer: That as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully foster each of their children's vocations in Christ and especially welcome His call for priests, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord. **Action:** Family Life can build values integral to a strong vocation — whether to priesthood, religious life or marriage. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfilment.

Development and Peace

Did you know that you can become a lifetime member of **Development + Peace** for just \$10.00? If interested, please talk to Helen Kayfish. 306-480-4650 Please check out the website at www.devp.org.

For prayer requests call the Prayer Line:
441-4123 or 445-8338

Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish

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Phone: 306-445-3836 Fax: 306-445-6675

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Facebook page: Notre Dame de Lourdes Battlefords; send photos to: notredame.nb@gmail.com



December 25, 2022 – The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), Mass during the Day

It is Christmas! Our Gospel reading on this festive holy day is the opening words of the Gospel of John. St. John says, **“The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him.”** That is why we celebrate today. Pope Francis opened his sermon on Christmas day last year by saying this: **“In the darkness, a light shines. An angel appears, the glory of the Lord shines around the shepherds and finally the message awaited for centuries is heard.”**

At Mass on Christmas Eve we hear, **“I proclaim to you good news of great joy; today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.”** It is this joy we need to feel, this joy we need to carry to others. Many have expressed the joy of today. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said this about Christmas: **“Joy is the true gift of Christmas. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness, and the joy we give will certainly come back to us... Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives.”**

The angel Gabriel greeted our Blessed Mother Mary with the Greek word, **Kaire!** That means **“Be joyful.”** God is near us today; He is so near that He became a child. Let us take that joy and share it with others; let us take that joy and change our lives and the lives of others. When we say **“Merry Christmas”** let us mean it with every fabric of our being.

Dec. 25, 2022 & Jan. 2, 2023

Pastor: Fr. Millan Sajonas

For emergencies call: 306-260-7786

Fr.'s webpage: bmjsajonas.com

Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass

or by appointment

Parish Secretary: Rose Balfour

Caretaker: Craig Treiber

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 4:00

Parish Council Members:

Chairperson - Glen Gantfoer;

Secretary - Rose Balfour, Alan Corbeil,

Matthew Parker, Chris Pollard, John Vany

Parish Finance Members:

Chairperson – John Jangula

Jaki Esquirol, Peter Pielak,

Shaun Loepky, Mike Waschuk,

Rose McDonald, Len Pawlus

Fundraising Chair: Debbie MacGregor



“Prayer is the fastest thing on Earth... it reaches God before you even say it.”
Anonymous

DIOCESAN EVENTS

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or anyone you know is seriously thinking of becoming Catholic or wants to know more about the Catholic Faith, please call and register for RCIA classes which will begin in October. Call 445-3836.

SERENA

Are you interested in Natural Family Planning? If so, please visit the website at www.saskserena.ca, or see *The Coverline*, their news publication on the bulletin board at the back.

Lent 2019

Date	Group	Time
March 8 th	Parish Council	7:00pm
March 15 th	CWL	7:00pm
March 22nd	K of C	7:00pm

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For Our Lady of Lourdes home visits, please call 445-3836.
When you have finished with the statue, please call the next person on the list or the office.

AUTO-DEBIT

Have you ever considered making your weekly church donations using auto-debit?

By doing this, you can eliminate writing cheques or looking for some cash when you make your donation. The donation is automatically transferred from your bank account to the church after your authorization. This can be set up at the Parish Office. For more information, forms are available in a pocket in the entrance of the church, or you may contact the Parish Office at 306-445-3836.

New Parishioners &/or Address Change

(Please complete this form and place in the collection basket.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

I/We wish to have Offertory envelopes:

Yes _____ No _____

Auto Debit: Yes _____ No _____

Email Address: _____

Date: _____

RCIA and RCIC

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and they are wishing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, please have them call the parish office to register as soon as possible. RCIA classes for adults and older youth usually start in early fall, and RCIC for children begins in January.



CWL

