

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.

Advent Food Drive

Please give generously to the Battlefords District Food and Resource Centre. You may bring nonperishable food items to church and place them in the barrel, or take items to 1171 101st St.

Week One – Dec. 1-7, 2024

Baby products, pasta products, breakfast items, peanut butter & jam, pancake syrup, cookies, cake mixes, and school lunch snacks.

Week Two – Dec. 8-14, 2024

Canned fruit and vegetables, canned meats, condiments and soup varieties, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and juice, Jello and puddings.

Phone # 306-937-5505

Baptism Formation

The next session to prepare for Baptism is **Thurs., Dec. 5, at 6:30 pm in St. Bernadette Hall.** Please register in advance with the parish office.



On behalf of the Fundraising Committee, thank you to everyone who supported our "Visions of Sugarplums" Supper Auction on November 16th, at the Tropical Inn. With the help of our parish and business community, we raised \$ 24,944.00. Isn't that amazing? We appreciate all your help!

Upcoming meetings

Parent Meeting: Grade 2, Tues. Dec. 3, 6:30 pm

Our Faith Explained: Thurs. Dec. 5, at 7:00 pm St. B. Hall

RCIA: Tues. Dec. 10, 7:00 pm St. B. Hall

Advent & Christmas Schedule

Wed. Dec. 11: Reconciliation Notre Dame Parish Mass 6:30 pm followed by confession at 7:00 pm

Tues. Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Mass

5:00 pm St. André

7:00 pm Notre Dame

9:00 pm Notre Dame

Wed. Dec. 25: Christmas Day Mass

11:00 am Notre Dame

Tues. Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Mass

7:00 pm Notre Dame

Wed. Jan. 1 New Year's Day Mass

9:30 am St. André

11:00 am Notre Dame

Simbang Gabi 2024

Filipino Novena Masses

December 15-23, 7:30 pm each night, except Saturday, Dec. 21, - 8:30 pm

St. Joseph Calasanz Parish

1st Dinner and Concert Friday, Dec. 6, 2024

5:00-9:00 pm

Cocktails 5:00 - 6:00 pm; **Banquet** 6 -7:15 pm

Tickets for supper - \$40.00 each

A table of 8 - available for \$320.00

Concert – Free-will offering 7:30-9:00 pm St.

Joseph Choir, Jaki Esquirol, Cammie Vany

Instrumentalists: Gary Gansauge, Anna Jung,

Emily Chung, Fr. Tai Le

CWL Corner

Friendship

Catholic Women's League members build enduring friendships. We celebrate new members, anniversaries and special events along the way. Meetings, socials, projects and conventions create bonds of friendship. Meet new friends from your parish and beyond. Your place is among friends.



Sat. Nov. 30th 7:00 pm Notre Dame

For the intentions of the people, and for † the most abandoned souls in purgatory by *Hélène Blais.*

Sun. Dec. 1st 9:30 am St. André

For the intentions of the people.

11:00 am Notre Dame

For the intentions of the people,

5:00 pm Notre Dame

For † *René Cramatte* by *Marion.*

Mon. Dec. 2nd No Mass

Tues. Dec. 3rd 9:30 am Notre Dame

For the intentions of *Karen Nachtgaele* by *Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy.*

Wed. Dec. 4th 9:30 am Notre Dame

For the health of *Luz Quintero* by *Maria Castano.*
Adoration from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Thurs. Dec. 5th 10:00 am Harwood

For the intentions of *Debbie Kovalsky* by *Bud Pierce.*

Fri. Dec. 6th 9:30 am Villa Pascal

For † *Louise Chilibeck* by *Therese Bossaer.*

Sat. Dec. 7th 9:30 am Notre Dame

7:00 pm Notre Dame

For the intentions of the people and for the healing of *Andrée Blais* by *Albert & Hélène Blais.*

Sun. Dec. 8th 9:30 am St. André

For the intentions of the people.

11:00 am Notre Dame

For † *Loretta Fenrich* by *George Fenrich.*

5:00 pm Notre Dame

For the intentions of the people.

Coffee and Donuts

Sunday, Dec. 1st, at Noon

St. Bernadette Hall - Everyone welcome!

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Bishop's Annual Appeal:

"Bring Your Gifts to the Altar"

October 27, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Every gift is greatly appreciated.

The new faith formation program "Finding God" is being taught in more than 30 of our Diocesan parishes. The implementation of this new program has been sponsored by the Bishop's Annual Appeal and has helped to offset, the cost of purchasing student books for parishes. This program offers faith formation not only for our children, but also for our parents and families through an intergenerational events kit, an online newsletter and other online support material for parents. Support is given to catechists in their role as teachers of the faith and encourages catechists to continue to grow in their own faith journey.

Our parish is asked to raise \$19,501.00 this year for the appeal. **As of Nov. 25, 2024, the Bishop's Appeal has received 20 pledges from our parish in the amount of \$5,195.00.**

AMSP/MSP Advent Retreat

Sainte Rose de Lima RC Church, Cochin, SK

Sat. Dec. 7, 2024, from 9:30 – 3:30

Register with any MSP member or Germaine Vany at 306-398-7601 or germvany@sasktel.net

Advent Retreat

With Bishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie in **Meota at Our Lady of Fatima Church. Dec. 15, 16 & 17 at 2 pm each day**, with a silver collection available. Bishop Sylvain will have some of his books for sale, as well.

Chalice Catalogues

Are you interested in a different approach to Christmas giving this year? Why not try something different? Instead of giving to someone who has everything, try giving to someone who has nothing. The Chalice Catalogue has over 50 items that can help a person or community overcome poverty and become self-sufficient. **Matthew 25:31-46 "Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers or sisters you did it to me."**

Chalice: 1-800-776-6855 or chalice .ca

MINISTRY MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Nov. 30 7:00 pm	Dec. 1 11:00 am	Dec. 1 5:00 pm	Dec. 7 7:00 pm	Dec. 8 11:00 am	Dec. 8 5:00 pm
Captains	Peter Pielak 445-2716	Helen Kayfish 639-218-4031	Rose Balfour 481-4643	Murielle Rousseau 445-4367	Helen Kayfish 639-218-4031	R. Balfour 446-3063
Greeters	Chris & Lorne Pollard	Keziah B. Phill B.	Val Yockey	C. McGrath L. Douville	John & Shirley Vany	R. Balfour
Gift Bearers	C. & L. Pollard	Thea N. Mikaela R.	Val Y. Bill S.	C. McGrath L. Douville	John & Shirley Vany	Luke H. Michael H
Commentary Announcements	Janice Dela Cruz	Erin X.	John Jangula	J. Dela Cruz	Matthew Parker	Val Yockey
Lectors:	Hazel Plaza	Avary S. Lillian B.	Rose Balfour	Cherry Gonzales	J. Mathew M. Waschuk	Annette Jangula
Communion Body of Christ Blood of Christ	B. Santillan M. Rousseau P. Pielak	C. Pollard H. Menssa B. Nachtgeaele	Glen G. Rose B. Bill S.	B. Santillan M. Rousseau P. Pielak	D. Dudek G. Rentz H. Blais	Rose B. Glen G. Bill S.
Altar Servers	volunteers	Kristoff M. Gabriel M. Matthew L.	Kayden K Aiden K. Joseph H.	volunteers	Joelene S.V. Mikaella L. Christina T.	Maggie H. Gieron R. Cecilia V.
Ushers	volunteers	Marie & volunteers	volunteers	volunteers	Marie & volunteers	volunteers
Collectors	volunteers	Vince, Julienne Jake, Jace	Luke H. Michael H.	volunteers	Marie & volunteers	Kayden K Aiden K.

If you are unable to attend when scheduled, please find a replacement, or contact the captain for that Mass. If you need other phone numbers call the parish office during office hours.

Knights of Columbus Cash Calendars

are still available from Tom Schwab for \$40.
Many prizes to be won!
Call Tom at 306- 937-3794.

For prayer requests call the Prayer Line: 441-4123 or 441-5675

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Nov. 23 & 24, 2024

Loose – \$169.15 Envelopes – \$740.00

Pre-authorized up to Dec. 3- \$1,628.00

Enumerator for Dec. 3, 2024

Debbie MacGregor

Notre Dame Parish thanks you for all your donations!

Vocation Corner

First Sunday of Advent – C

A Vocation View: Make your decision to follow Jesus during this Advent Season. Delaying until "one" of these days is "none" of these days. Follow now.

Prayer: That all those now discerning their vocations will be alert and responsive to the invitation of Christ, we pray to the Lord. **Action:** What opportunity is life offering me, right now, for doing what makes me come joyfully alive?

Christmas Décor

As it is sometimes difficult for parishioners to get flowers to us before we need them, we ask that if you wish to contribute to the décor for Christmas, please place your money in an envelope marked "Décor for Christmas", and the committee will purchase the flowers. Thank you.

Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish

1201 – 105th Street, North Battleford, SK S9A 1S8

Office Phone: 306-445-3836 St. Bernadette Hall: 306-445-6836

New Email: nddelourdes_nb@padiocese.ca Web page: www.notredameparish.ca

Facebook page: Notre Dame de Lourdes Battlefords



Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, 2024

Pastor: Fr. Millan Sajonas

For emergencies call: 306-260-7786

Fr.'s webpage: bmjsajonas.com

Confessions: before Mass or by appointment

Parish Secretary: Rose Balfour
Caretakers: Tanya & Clint Polnicky

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 4:00

Parish Council Members:

Matthew Parker, John Vany, Michelle Prince,
Varun Chako, Marie Urben, Janice Dela Cruz
Appointed members: Helen Kayfish,

Rose Balfour **Parish Finance Members:**
Chairperson – John Jangula; Cherry Gonzales,
Shaun Loepky, Mike Waschuk, Len Pawlus,
Jeena Mathew, Rose McDonald

Book keeper: Jaki Esquirol

Fundraising Chair: Debbie MacGregor

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward's season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, **“Wake up! Get ready!”** and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, **“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life.”** How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my “stuff” or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?

Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.



SERENA

Are you interested in Natural Family Planning?
If so, please visit the website at www.saskserena.ca.

For prayer requests call the Prayer Line:

441-4123 or 441-5675

New Parishioners &/or Address Change

(Please complete this form and place in the collection basket. If you are new to the parish, please come in to the office and register.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

I/We wish to have Offertory envelopes:

Yes _____ No _____

Auto Debit: Yes _____ No _____

Email Address: _____

Date: _____

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND

April 19-20, 2024 at St. Vital Parish in Battleford. To register or if you need more information, please contact Fr. Greg at gregelder@padiocese.ca

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

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.

Knights of Columbus Cash Calendars & Charity Appeal Tickets

- please see John Vany or Tom Schwab.
Calendars are \$40 each.
Charity Appeal Tickets are \$10/book or \$1/ticket.

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.

Donations Needed

Thank you to all who have been donating to the Food Bank. Here is a list of the most wanted nonperishable items: Pasta/tomato sauce, pasta, canned soup, peanut butter & jam, baby formula, diapers, canned vegetables and fruit, cereal and oatmeal, pancake mix, canned beans, personal hygiene products. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, please either call 306-937-5505, or make an etransfer to info@BDFRC.ca.

Our Faith Explained

7:00 pm, Thursday, Notre Dame Church

All are welcome to join this Bible Study once a month.

October 17, 2024 - John 1.1-18

November 21, 2024 - Luke 2.16-21

December 5, 2024 - Matthew 2.1-12

January 16, 2025 - Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

February 20, 2025 - John 2.1-11

March 20, 2025 - Luke 4.1-13

April - No Faith Formation Evening

May 15 - 2025, John 20.1-9

June 19 - 2025, Luke 24.46-53

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.

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The Villa Pascal is a 38 bed Catholic care home in North Battleford. The mission of Catholic health is also our mission. We strive to provide the Catholic principles and values of care as members of the Catholic Health Association of Canada and the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan. Currently we are seeking Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses who are interested in the vocation of Catholic Health care. If you or someone you know is interested in working as a nurse at the Villa Pascal, please contact **Administration at 306 445 8465.**



How Can I Help People in Need?

Give to the Food Bank: donations of food or cash, either at church or at the Food Bank. 306-937-5505
Share the Warmth: gently used outdoor winter clothing & boots, drop off at 1171-101st St.
Soup Kitchen: in need of money and volunteers at Living Faith Chapel, 1371 103rd St.
Development + Peace Lebanon emergency: your help is needed now. Every dollar you give ensures that more lives will be saved, and more comfort will be brought to the Lebanese people. Remember, too, that until November 3, the Government of Canada will double your donation. <https://devp.org/en/> or call 1-888-234-8533

CWL



If you have yet to pay your fees, please put \$40 in an envelope marked CWL Membership. New members are still welcome. There is a new provincial contest this year to see which council can build their membership by the highest percentage. New members' names go in a draw for a prize, and the winning council receives paid registration to the Provincial Convention in Weyburn!