# 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.

**Battlefords District Food and Resource Centre** Thank you for your donations to the Food Bank. It is that time of year again when we are collecting for the Easter hampers. You may place nonperishable items and personal hygiene products in the barrel in the entrance of the church. If you would like to donate perishable items, please bring them to the rectory during office hours. Examples: eggs, milk, bread, vegetables, fruit, meat, and frozen food. You may also donate by etransfer; the email

address is info@BDFRC.ca. To donate online, go to CanadaHelps.org. Phone # 306-937-5505

Lenten Lunches 12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm at Third Avenue United Church in Wesley Hall. April 2 – Speaker Rev. Jo-Ann Hills April 9 – Speaker Pastor Sheldon Gattinger Lunch is soup, buns, cookies and refreshments Free Will offering going to the Foodbank

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 pm Fridays in Lent  $\overline{\mathbf{April} \, \mathbf{4} - \mathbf{K} \text{ of } \mathbf{C}} \quad \mathbf{April} \, \mathbf{11} - \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{P}$ Apr. 18 Good Friday - 2:00 pm

# **AMSP/MSP LENTEN RETREAT**

St. Joseph Calasanctius Parish Saturday, April 12, 2025 10:00 am to 3:30 pm Please register by Thursday, April 10. Fr. Paase, MSP 1-306-441-9985 or Germaine Vany, Chair AMSP Canada 1-306-398-7601

The Catholic Women's League of Canada Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi November 19-27, 2025 cdoucett@thetravelagentnextdoor.com for more info call Helen or Rose

**Development and Peace – Caritas Canada** Week 4: Demanding Fairer Policies in Tunisia Resource mismanagement and unfair international conditions trap Tunisia in debt. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, the Tunisian Economic Observatory (OTE), analyzes the country's debt policies, and informs Tunisians about economic issues, enabling them to demand fairer and more equitable policies to promote sustainable development that benefits everyone. This Lent, discover the work of OTE by reading our Mini-magazine at devp.org/lent/resources. Next week is Solidarity Sunday. Envelopes are available in the entrance of the church, for donations to Development and Peace. If you wish to send your donation directly, choose the envelope with the address on it; if you wish to make a donation via the church, use the envelope

with a picture of children on it. You may also give online or sign up for Share Year-Round.

**Upcoming Meetings** 

Tri- Parish Youth Night: Fri. Mar. 28, 7-9 N.D. **RCIA:** Apr. 1 & 11 St. B. Hall **Baptism Formation:** Thurs. Apr. 3, 6:30 pm **CWL:** Wed. Apr. 9, 7:00 pm St. B. Hall

The Décor Committee is gladly accepting donations of flowers, or money to buy flowers. Thank you for helping to make the church beautiful for Easter!

**CWL Corner – Love** 

(May 2) to attend a

for a great cause!

Our guitar group is

great concert

presenting

"A Tribute to

Don Williams".

to see you there!

Love is more than a feeling; it's a decision. It requires practice, patience and faith. Come join the Catholic Women's League and share the love.

Mark your calendars ISTER RITA & CIRCLE OF FRIENDS INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A TRIBUTE TO DON WILLIAMS Please see the poster invite for more details Bring a friend. Hope



Sat. Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Notre Dame For the intentions of the people, and for # John Douville by Lorraine.

Sun, Mar. 30th 9:30 am St. André For the intentions of the people.

11:00 am Notre Dame For # the souls in purgatory by Eduardo Ledon and family.

5:00 pm Notre Dame *For the intentions of the people.* 

Mon. Mar. 31st No mass

Tues. Apr. 1st 9:30 am Notre Dame For # Annie Bertsch by the family.

Wed. Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> no morning Mass Adoration from 10:00 am to 11:00 am 6:30 pm Notre Dame For # Denis Daniel and # Armelle Gerling by Hélène & Albert Blais. Followed by Reconciliation service and confessions

Thurs. Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 am Harwood *For HMarcella Schwenk by Marguerite Wintonvk.* 

Fri. Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am St. André For # S. Schmidt by Mary Mazurek. **Notre Dame School Mass** 10:45 am N. D. Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

### Sat. Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm Notre Dame For the intentions of the people, and for  $\frac{1}{4}$  Godofredo Legaspi by the Reyes family.

No morning Mass

Sun. Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> 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 the intentions of Quinn and Kathaleen Andrews.

# **DIOCESAN EVENTS**

### **Bishop's Annual Appeal:**

Our parish goal was \$19,501 and we surpassed it! We had 65 donors who pledged a total of \$20,155! Bishop Stephen, the Diocese, and Notre Dame Parish thank all who donated!

**Deanery 4,5,6 Extended Deanery Meeting Hope For Caregivers** Everyone is welcome to attend. Edam Hall, April 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Registration 10:00 am Event begins Topics: Caregiving to a Family Member with Dementia or Alzheimers; Diocesan updates; Horizons of Hope update; Diocesan Mental Health; Jubilee 2025 update.

#### Holy Year Pilgrimage: Jubilee 2025 with Bishop Stephen Hero & Father Maurice Fiolleau

Pilgrimage to Rome, Vatican City and Assisi from December 10 - 18, 2025. Visit the 7 Jubilee churches, the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican Museum and the Catacombs. Free time to see the sights of Rome. Travel to Assisi, the home of St. Francis where Mass will be celebrated. Come and learn more about this exciting Pilgrimage. Join us for a detailed presentation at: St. Joseph Calasanctius Parish 1942 – 98<sup>th</sup> Street, North Battleford. Wednesday, April 9th, at 7:00 p.m.

Marriage Formation Weekend April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Vital Church. If you would like a full itinerary, have any questions, or would like to register, please email Father Greg at gregelder@padiocese.ca

**Fundraising Announcement** Purdy's Chocolate Fundraising Campaign The campaign closes after 5 pm Mass on Mar 30. Cheque payment is preferred if not making your order online. Please make cheques payable to Notre Dame Church. https://fundraising.purdys.com/1779981-128130

MINISTRY MASS SCHEDULE						
Date	Sat. Mar. 29 7:00 pm	Sun. Mar. 30 11:00 am	Sun. Mar. 30 5:00 pm	Apr. 5 7:00 pm	Apr. 6 11:00 am	Apr. 6 5:00 pm
Captains	M. Rousseau 445-4367	M. Urben 445-0011	R. Balfour 446-3063	P. Pielak 445-2716	H. Kayfish 639-218-4031	R. Balfour 446-3063
Greeters	C. McGrath J. Higgs	Marya D. I. Babao	B. Semeniuk	J. Dela Cruz C. Gonzales	Stepehen A. Keziah B.	R. Balfour
Gift Bearers	C. McGrath J. Higgs	Marya D. I. Babao	Michael H. Luke H.	J. Dela Cruz C. Gonzales	Charlotte P. Julienne E.	Luke H. E. Ledon
Commentary Announcements	M. Rousseau	M. Parker	V. Yockey	J. A. Higgs	Phil Babao	Glen G.
1 <sup>st</sup> R. & Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> R. & prayers	H. Plaza	H. Blais J. Fernandes	R. Balfour	M. Rousseau	Aaron X. Avary S.	J. Jangula
Body of Christ Blood of Christ Blood of Christ	P. Pielak D. Alcantara I. Alcantara	D. Dudek C. Pollard M. Urben	V. Yockey G. Gantefoer B. Semeniuk	A. LaCoursiere I. Alcantara P. Pielak	M. Urben H. Blais B. Nachtegaele	Val Y. Bill S. Rose B.
Altar Servers	volunteers	Kathrina B. Elisha M. Yssa A.	Anneia S. Dannuel S. Tu P.	volunteers	Gabriel M. Kristoff M. Matthew L.	Maggie H. Joseph H. Gieron R.
Ushers	volunteers	Marie & volunteers	volunteers	volunteers	Marie & volunteers	volunteers
Collectors	volunteers	Marie & volunteers	Kayden K. Aiden K.	volunteers	Von, Vince Xavier, Stephen	Kayden K Aiden K.

If you are unable to attend when scheduled, please find a replacement, or contact the captain.

### **<u>Coffee and Donuts</u>** Sun. March 30, 2025, at Noon St. Bernadette Hall - Everyone

<u>Chrism Mass</u> Tues. April 15, at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Prince Albert. Deadline to register is April 8. All are welcome!

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

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Loose - \$567.55 Envelopes - \$1,415.00 Pre-authorized up to Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> - \$1,640.00 <u>Enumerator for Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025</u> Jacquie Pawlus Notre Dame Parish thanks you for all your donations!

#### **Vocation Corner** Fourth Sunday of Lent – C

<u>A Vocation View:</u> Jesus came to forgive. Since people continue to sin, we need people who will continue to forgive in Jesus' way. How about you? <u>Praver:</u> For the faithful response of all persons now being called to seek out those who are lost and bring them back to life in Christ by serving Him and His Church as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord. <u>Action:</u> A person receives "a call" not just or his own benefit, but also for the benefit of others, for the welfare and comfort of many.

#### Employment Opportunity: Finance Officer for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince Albert

The Position of Finance Officer is responsible for the financial administration and management of the diocese. This position is responsible to prepare an annual budget, have a working knowledge of the Sage Accounting Program, responsible for payroll and deductions, reconcile financial statements, responsible for accounts payable, liaise with the insurance company, complete grant applications, prepare charities return, T4s, GST, work collaboratively with staff members. Formal training in accounting/finance is an asset OR practical experience with accounting programs and knowledge of business practices would be considered. A letter of recommendation from the pastor is required. For further information, please contact Fr. Michael Fahlman at (306) 922-4747 ext. 226 or to submit a resume, please send it to <u>chancellor@padiocese.ca</u>. Please submit applications by April 11, 2025.

# Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish

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### March 29 & 30, 2025

Pastor: Fr. Millan Sajonas For emergencies call: 306-260-7786 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 Loeppky, Mike Waschuk, Len Pawlus, Jeena Mathew, Rose McDonald Book keeper: Jaki Esquirol Fundraising Chair: Debbie MacGregor

#### March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent

For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not "*measuring up*" in our spiritual lives, but this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. The Gospel Reading, the parable of the Prodigal Son, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us.

We are all familiar with this amazing story — the bratty younger son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it., but isn't that exactly what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us.

In desperation from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally "*comes to his senses*" — awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father — and decides to return home. His contrition is faltering and imperfect and seems motivated in large part by his growling stomach. But it is enough for the loving father.

In fact, as soon as the father catches sight of his son he *is "filled with compassion for him"* and immediately sets about preparing a feast and fine clothes for this son. What an extravagance of love! What a beautiful picture Jesus gives us of our Father's love and mercy. Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father!

And how it should inspire us — with just the tiniest bit of spiritual *"spring cleaning"* we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father's loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.

#### Easter Schedule

Reconciliation Service: <u>Wed. Apr. 2</u>, Mass at 6:30 pm followed by confessions Holy Thursday: 5:00 pm St. A.; 7:00 pm N. D. Good Friday: ND Stations of the Cross 2:00 pm Veneration of the Cross 3:00 pm; St. André 3:00 pm led by the Sisters of the Presentation Easter Vigil: Mass at 7:00 pm Notre Dame Easter Sunday: Mass at 9:30 St. André 11:00 am at Notre Dame No Mass at 5:00 pm