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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023 World Day of Migrants & Refugees

WINTER WHEAT - Getting Ready for the (next) Harvest

Swathing and combining are well underway. In some places a bumper crop, in others the sad effects of drought. Such is the way of we who live humbly with the reality of nature and its cycles.

How great it is that we have collaborated with the Creator in stewarding the earth to bring forth food. How much we have to learn still about distributing food as did our Lord with the multitude so that no one is left hungry. But we try – indeed, I witness your generosity.

I am a spiritual director for a young man who is set on studying for the ordained priesthood – pray for him please – meanwhile, he is well on the way to becoming an expert in the study of soils as an agronomist. Pretty appropriate foundation for becoming a Spiritual Father I think. I have only become a “prairie boy” since my ordination – my experience was that of city life during the school year and the forests of north-central Saskatchewan during the summer (it was glorious!). My first assignment in Viscount and Meacham came with a crash course in prairie farming. I particularly liked farm lunches in harvest time (obviously).

One mystery that struck me was that of “winter wheat”. Imagine, planting wheat that needs cold to produce heads! That is a bit of a risk (I think) but the wheat it produces is of the higher gluten protein necessary for ... PASTA! Truly, this is holy ground around us.

Harvesting and planting – happening together. So for our prairie land and so for our parish.

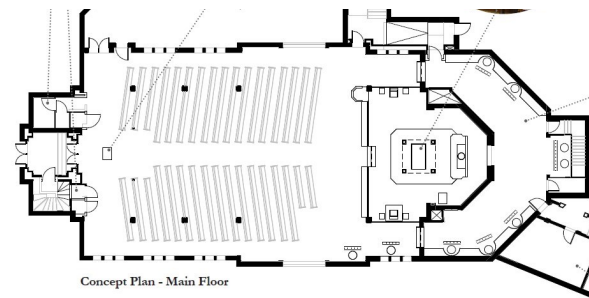
We are growing all the time. Not only families having children, visitors dropping in, but also new families are arriving – from India, Pakistan, Philippines, Peru, Lebanon ... praise God. Gathering in such a great harvest we also looking to plant winter wheat.

The **Bishop's Annual Appeal** gets underway next Sunday – a time to rejoice that we can seed with our resources for a new harvest, seed by supporting the work of the sowers of the Word in our Diocese.

Having just received the approval for our **Renovation Project** to proceed to the next stage, St. Paul's Parish continues its 118-year-old mission of being a Holy Temple of God from which the Living Temple of the Church sends forth missionary disciples.

We are labourers who have been given pay beyond all our desserts: Holy Communion. We do not grumble along with the tired workers of the Parable in today's Gospel – we turn around and pour some of our pay back into the ground of the Lord's fields. We are Saskatchewan folk who live in hope for next year.

Hope that is every seed of Winter wheat – ready to be harvested for the Bread of Life.



Stewards of God's Mysteries
St Paul's Co-Cathedral - Renewing Our Sacred Mission

Main Floor Concept Plan

Message Board

A note from the renovation committee:

Thanks be to God! We are pleased to announce that Bishop Mark has granted *Approval in Principle* to move ahead with next steps in our renovation project. The process of having applications approved, through the sleepy summer months no less, can certainly be a lesson in patience. But patience is a virtue, and good things come to those who wait. We are very excited to see many good things come to fruition in the months ahead.

The committee will be hosting an **information session to provide more updates, on November 19th**, as part of the Annual General Meeting. So please mark your calendars for November 19th and plan to attend. More details to come.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have already contributed to the renovation fund, and to those who continue to give monthly. Between January 1st 2023 and August 31st, the fund has received over \$69,000 in donations! Thank you!

If you would like to make a donation, or to set up a monthly donation, please visit our website <https://www.stpaulscc.com/donations/> or contact the office at 306-652-0033.

African-Canadian Catholic Community

monthly Mass is held at St. Michael Parish, 18-33rd St. E. Saskatoon, with the next celebration at **2 p.m. Sunday, October 1**. (Mass is in English, featuring liturgical music in many African languages with traditional drums).

Life Chain will be held in Saskatoon from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Sunday, Oct. 1** at the corner of Idylwyld and 22nd Street. Please plan to attend and show your support for life from conception to its natural end.

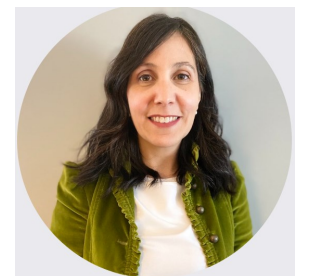
Signs will be provided. For more information, e-mail campaign-lifesk@gmail.com

Alma Counselling Place

Offering in-person counselling at St. Paul's in the parish office. Check out their website at almacounsellingplace.ca for more information and to book an appointment.



Fred Farthing



Ana Martinez-Risco

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 3 - 5 pm

Monday to Saturday 11 am - 12 pm

OFFERING for September 17, 2023

Month of **August** net donations: **\$-11,390.90**

	Weekly Collection	Monthly Total
Cash Donations	\$1,010.00	\$2,509.20
Envelopes Donations	\$1,751.25	\$5,832.25
Pre-Authorized Donations	\$4,282.75	\$9,027.50
E-transfers & other donations	\$1,282.75	\$3,017.80
		\$20,386.75
Less: Average monthly goal to operate our parish		\$40,000.00
	Net:	-\$19,613.25
Renovations	850.00	\$3,275.00

**Goal is to cover monthly expenses based off of 2022 financials. These include: wages & benefits for priests and staff, utilities, insurance, basic building maintenance & supplies.*

Renovations expenses and collections for other charities are not included in

MONDAY, September 25, 2023

St. Cosmas & St. Damian (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Florence LaRose*)
6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, September 26, 2023

St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues and Companions (F)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Gabriele Nucara*)

WEDNESDAY, September 27, 2023

St. Vincent de Paul (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Dwight Warren Abernathy*)
3:00 pm - Eucharistic **Adoration** until 5:00pm
7:00 pm - Baptismal Prep

THURSDAY, September 28, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Lennart Soderberg*)
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, September 29, 2023

St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael (F)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** (*St Tyler Bennett & Holly McCrady*)
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

SATURDAY, September 30, 2023

St. Jerome (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Kent Jude*)
2:00 pm - Baptism

SUNDAY, October 1, 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - **Mass**
10:00 am - **Mass**
4:00 pm - Eritrean **Mass**
7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**
8:00 pm - **Mass**

“What We Believe - The Beauty of the Catholic

Faith” Maybe you’ve been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you’re just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you are in your journey, come and discover the beauty and richness of the Catholic Church. Join us **Wednesday evenings at 7pm from October 4th - December 6th**. For more information, contact Kelly Donald at (306) 716-4134 or visit ascensionpress.com for more details.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Mass & Procession

Saturday, October 7 at St. Paul’s Co-Cathedral

Holy Mass with Bishop Mark at 4:30pm

Candlelight procession with the Blessed Sacrament
Benediction

Fellowship in Bishop Mahoney Hall

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Pray for world peace, pray for health, **PRAY THE ROSARY!**

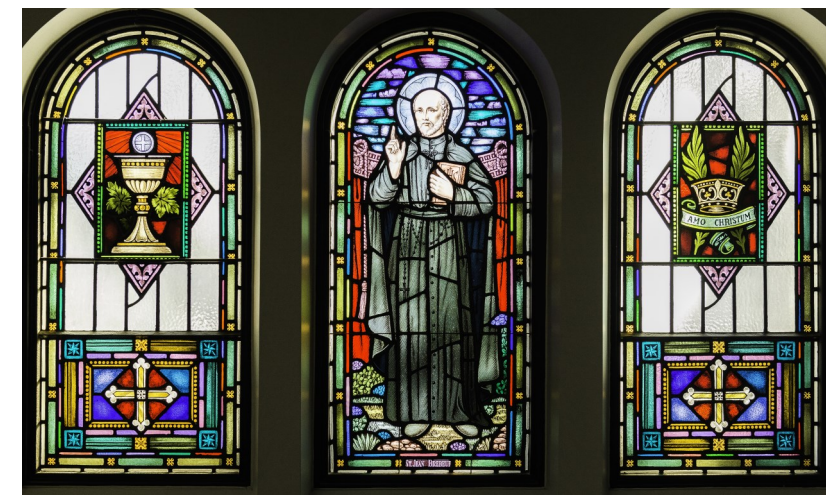


Registration is now open for sacramental preparation! Preparation classes start **Wednesday evenings beginning Oct 4th**. First Reconciliation date will be December 9th. For more info and to register, please contact **Shelley** through the Parish Office or by e-mail at good-shepherd.catechist@gmail.com

“A big thank you to everyone at St. Paul’s for your kindness and love” from Justin and his Mother, Sharon. Congratulations to our newest brother Justin, baptized into life last Sunday!

LITTLE SISTER PARISH

For the month of **September** we are asking for **CANNED MEAT & BEANS**. Guadalupe Parish always needs Ziplock storage bags and **Powdered Milk**. Drop-off bin in the welcome area. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.



St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues and Companions

Feast Day - September 26th

“In truth, I vow to you, Jesus my Saviour, that as far as I have the strength, I will never fail to accept the grace of martyrdom, if someday you in your infinite mercy should offer it to me, your unworthy servant” [From the spiritual diaries by St. John de Brébeuf]

St. John de Brébeuf, a Jesuit priest from France, came to Canada in 1625 to bring the Word of God to the peoples of New France. He labored among the Huron people, living with them, and compiled the first dictionary and catechism in their language.

Gradually others joined the mission, including St. Isaac Jogues. At that time, the Iroquois were at war with the Hurons, and saw the French missionaries as allies of their enemies. The Jesuits were taken captive and tortured. St. Isaac Jogues was kept as a slave for over a year, but was eventually ransomed and sent back to France with mutilated hands. This did not keep him from the mission, and he returned to Canada attempting to negotiate a peace treaty. In the village of Ossernenon, he and layman Jean de la Lande were captured and killed.

Fr. Antoine Daniel, a companion who had a gift for teaching and for music, was next. Warriors attacked the village and set fire to the church. It is said that he was thrown inside to burn with his flock.

The next year, Fr. John de Brébeuf was kidnapped, and the martyrdom that he had vowed to accept from the time of his youth came to be. In the utmost cruelty, he was martyred along with companion Fr. Gabriel Lalemant. Frs. Charles Garnier and Noël Chabanel were killed within the same year.

Later, the man who killed St. Isaac Jogues was baptized and took the name “Isaac”. And, 10 years later, in the very same village where Isaac Jogues and his companions were martyred, a baby girl was born who would become the first Indigenous Saint: Kateri Tekakwitha.

Let us thank God for these 8 courageous and faithful men, for *“the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church”*

St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues and Companions, *pray for us*

St. Paul’s Celebrates the Month of the Holy Rosary

The grace of the daily Rosary is one of our joys in our parish. Here are some special October celebrations:

- ⇒ **Holy Mass and Procession** through Saskatoon downtown with Bishop Hagemoen. Hosted by the Filipino community of St. Paul’s. **Saturday October 7** starting at 4:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Eritrean Community celebrates **Mother Maryam on Sunday October 8**, 3 p.m. With the Liturgy of St. Mark led by Fr. Kaleab Eman.
- ⇒ The **Feast of the DIVINE MATERNITY OF MARY** with special prayers for expecting mothers, families who are praying to conceive, and for all mothers. **Holy Mass Wednesday, October 11 6:30** with Fr. Penna.
- ⇒ **Weekly Adoration** following Noon Mass on Wednesdays with Benediction – led by Deacon Davatz.