



Holy Cross Parish

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

BULLETIN #40

October 25, 2026

Contact the office at
306-757-1325 for

Baptism 1st Eucharist
Confirmation Reconciliation
Marriage Funerals
Other concerns

We acknowledge that Holy Cross Parish is located on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional homeland of the Nehiyawak (Cree), Nahkawé (Salteaux) and Nakota and homeland of the Metis Nation, Dakota and Lakota.

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New Parish Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 8:00am-4:30pm
Office closed 12:00pm-1:00pm
Friday 8:00-Noon

Masses

Sat. 5:00pm
Sun. 9:00am
Tues. 7:00pm
Wed. 9:00am
Thur. 9:00am
Fri. 9:00am

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Exodus 22:21-27 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 / Matthew 22:34-40

"Rooted in Love of God, Growing in Love of Neighbor"

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives a simple yet profound answer to a difficult question: What is the greatest commandment? He tells us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus reminds us that our faith is not measured merely by how much we know, but by how well we love. Love of God and love of neighbor cannot be separated. Our worship, prayers, and devotion to God should naturally lead us to acts of kindness, compassion, forgiveness, and service toward others. In our busy lives, it is easy to focus on rules, responsibilities, and routines. Yet Jesus calls us back to what matters most. Every day offers opportunities to put this Gospel into practice: a word of encouragement, a helping hand, patience with a difficult person, or time spent in prayer. As we gather as parish community, let us ask the Lord to deepen our love for Him and strengthen our commitment to caring for one another. When love guides our thoughts, words, and actions, we become living witnesses of Christ's presence in the world. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart... and your neighbor as yourself."

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

Our love of God is
proven by our love of others
and our love of others is
nourished by our
Love of God.

(Mt 22:34-40)

Fr. Benny Karuvelil CMI



What's happening at Holy Cross 2

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNER(S)

October 18, 2026 – Cecelia Dupperault

Mass Intentions October 25 – November 1, 2026

Sun	Oct. 25	For the thanksgiving intentions of Susan Deis, offered by Dolores
Tues.	Oct. 27	For the end of abortion and Euthanasia, offered by Regina Pro-Life
Wed.	Oct. 28	For the eternal repose of Katherine Plohr, offered by Judy Miazga
Thurs.	Oct. 29	For the eternal repose of Katherine Plohr, offered by Judy Miazga.
Fri.	Oct. 30	
Sat.	Oct. 31	
Sun.	Nov. 1	PRO POPULO

JOIN US ON A CHRISTMAS BUS TOUR!



Sunday, November 29 @ 2:30 pm.

Briercrest College – Moose Jaw, SK

Tickets: \$95.00

**Sign up sheets at both entrances Turkey supper to follow
Engelheim Tours - Departure time TBD**



Holy Cross Parish is looking for a lawn care provider for next summer. Duties include mowing, fertilizing, power raking the lawn and sprinkler blowout. Training provided. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested, please contact the office at 306-757-1325.

What's happening at Holy Cross 3

KNIGHTS KORNER

**38 Years of Service to Holy Cross
1988 - 2026**

K of C Cash Calendar

We are sold out! Thank you to all the Brother Knights and parishioners who supported our Council's fundraising endeavor. It is truly appreciated!

Membership Drive

The Knights of Columbus exists to protect the Catholic family by strengthening the Catholic men. We *empower* men to become better husbands, better fathers and better disciples of Jesus Christ. All practicing Catholic men, eighteen and older, are invited to join our Council.

We will be holding a membership drive at the Sat. Oct 24th 5:00 PM Mass and the Sun. Oct 25th 9:00 AM mass at Holy Cross. Our members will be available to provide membership information and answer any questions. We invite all interested Catholic men to take this opportunity to become part of the Knights supporting our priests, parish and community.

If you are unable to participate on Oct 24th or Oct 25th, you can join online today by visiting kofc.org/join. When prompted for a "Preferred Council Number" please enter Council 9859. Use promo code "BLESSEDMCGIVNEY" to receive your first year of membership free. Please contact Gerard Woynarski, Financial Secretary at 306-536-9841 with any questions.

Our Council will be hosting an exemplification on Oct 27th at Holy Cross to allow any potential new Knights to complete their registration.

K of C Carol Festival

This is notice of the Knights of Columbus Carol Festival to be held on Nov 30 & Dec 1, 2026. This is also an invitation to all church and school choirs who would like to participate/perform at the Carol Festival. If your choir is interested, please contact Andrij Lazurko, K of C Carol Festival coordinator at AndrijL@semc.ca.

In addition, for the Carol Festival to be successful volunteers are needed. Brother Knights are encouraged to help, and parishioners are welcome to volunteer as well. Please contact Gerard Woynarski by email at geconsulting@sasktel.net or call 306-536-9841 if you can volunteer.



Saturday, Oct 24 & Sunday, Oct 25 – K of C Membership Drive

Sunday, Oct 25th – K of C Pancake Breakfast – 10:00 AM (after 9:00 AM Mass)

Tuesday, Oct 27th – K of C Exemplification – 7:00 PM (including Mass)

What does it take to become a Knight of Columbus?

Find out by filling out an information request ballot at the K of C information table located in the Gerein Centre of the Church. You will be contacted by a Knight from the Gerein Council.



A \$500 Holy Cross CWL scholarship is again being offered to 2026 High school graduate students who are continuing with higher education and who are members of Holy Cross Parish. Contact the Parish Office for applications; closing date is Nov. 15, 2026.

CWL membership fees of \$42 are being collected for 2027. Please place your cash or cheque (made out to Holy Cross CWL) in an envelope marked CWL fees. Include your name, any change of mailing address, email or phone number. Place the envelope in the designated basket marked CWL in the church or drop it off at the office.

Please consider joining our membership as we continue our charitable ministry and service to our community. We meet the first Tuesday of the months of October to December and February to June.

What's happening at Holy Cross 4



NEWS

Language matters!

On September 11, 2026 the UK House of Commons voted down the Terminally Ill Adults Bill which would have legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Dr. Kevin Yuill is an emeritus professor of history in the UK and chief executive of "Humanists Against Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia". He believes the issue of assisted suicide raises the question of the meaning of life and who has authority to take it. Dr Yuill contends that "assisted dying" is not an act of compassion towards those who suffer, but a disastrous effort to turn suicide into a medical option approved and facilitated by the state.

He challenges: "What does a society believe human life is for? And who has the authority to decide when a life has become too painful, too expensive, or too burdensome to be worth continuing?" The phrase "assisted dying" serves as a kind of moral laundering. While many believe MAiD is "compassionate", no one really wants to be confronted with the idea that they are facilitating suicide. Most, though not all, recognize the wrongness of suicide. Dr. Yuill claim, "That is why the language matters. Our success in the UK is down to refusing to bow down to the terminology invented by proponents, particularly the argument that ingesting deadly drugs with the intent to die is somehow not suicide.

Source: Angela Tan, "The Death Wish Beneath the Language: Expert uncovers truth behind assisted dying", Live Action News, Oct. 14, 2026

Should Catholics celebrate Halloween?

Kendra Tierney Norton of Catholic All Year says, "Catholics made up Halloween and, if it's appropriate for anyone, it's appropriate for us."

Halloween came from All Hallows Eve, the vigil of All Saints Day, which was instituted as a feast by Pope Gregory III in the 8th century. Going door-to-door collecting treats and carving veggies into lanterns were all into ancient Celtic traditions around the harvest. But the spookier side of Halloween was never a cult or even pagan. It was all Catholic.

All Saints and All Souls Days commemorate the dead in heaven and purgatory. When Catholics spoke of ghosts they didn't mean a monster; they were talking about the soul of a person who had died.

The word ghost comes from the old English "ghast", meaning soul, life, breath, good or bad spirit, angel or demon as in the Holy Ghost, the third person of the Trinity. Because of confusion with secular usage, ghost is now referred to as "spirit". Skulls and skeletons were a popular motif for medieval Catholics, called "*memento mori*", a year-round practice for medieval Catholics and meant to remind us of our mortality and inspire us to live our lives well.

Some of the ideas at the heart of the best-known Halloween monster stories are rooted in Catholic beliefs. Vampires drink human blood to live forever; we drink the Precious Blood to have eternal life. Zombies' human bodies rise from the dead; we hope to have that, too, in the second coming. It's right there in the Apostles Creed.

The addition of witches, Satanism and the occult to Halloween festivities were actually the result of an effort to erase the reminder of the Catholic faith from which it came. ((If you'd like to listen to the complete blog, it can be found at the following link:

https://youtu.be/Nlj8TbhxXK_g?is=IYaPAYGJ91tdFxSY

Source: Kendra Tierney Norton blog, "Should Catholics Participate in Halloween?: Anti-Catholic Propaganda", 2022

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SOCIAL ACTION CORNER

Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church

The Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church is a body of teaching that applies Gospel values to

social, economic, and political life, promoting human dignity, justice, solidarity, and the common good.

Subsidiarity: decisions should be made at the lowest competent level—families, local communities, or smaller institutions—while higher authorities' step in only when necessary to support, not replace, these groups. This principle is rooted in natural law and formally articulated in Pope Pius XI's *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931). It is a "grave evil and disturbance of right order" for higher bodies to take over functions that smaller bodies can perform.

Decisions in society are to be taken at the lowest competent level because problems are best solved at the level where they arise or, if this is not possible, at the lowest competent level. "Subsidiarity supports the common good and embraces pluralism -- a key element of democracy. It ensures the state does not impose. Rather it creates an environment where individuals can freely choose actions." (CAPP-USA) Excessive intervention by the state can threaten personal freedom and initiative. (CCC #1883). Pope Francis highlights subsidiarity as enabling each person to usual tasty contribute to society's healing and destiny. (USCCB) Government should act when local bodies cannot ensure justice, human dignity, or the common good. (USCCB)

Pope Francis reminds us that **"No actual or established power has the right to deprive peoples of the full exercise of their sovereignty."** (Pope Francis, 3.2)

Reflection: *Do I take advantage of my right to vote to elect a fully democratic government? Do I vote in local civic elections to ensure that the best people are making the best decisions for us? Is my family fully engaged in decisions that will affect them or do I play the role of decisionmaker?*

Acronyms cited

CAPP-USA – US affiliate of Fondazione Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice, a Vatican-based foundation established by Pope St. John Paul II in 1993

CCC – Catechism of the Catholic Church

USCCB – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

This ends my description of the four pillars of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church. I hope you found this series interesting and that, in some small way, I was able to expand your understanding of Catholic Social Teaching.

If you are interested in getting more information on this subject, I can suggest a YouTube video to start. It is by Fr. Cole Casey, OFM, an American Franciscan friar and Catholic priest. His YouTube channel is called Breaking in the Habit, and the title of the video is "The Rise of Socialism (A Catholic Response)". It is a discussion on different economic ideologies in which Fr. Casey covers Catholic Social Doctrine in detail. Enjoy!!

PARISHIONERS' CORNER

Only one birthday to mention this week: John Marchuk on Saturday, Oct. 31, born on All Hallow's Eve.

May the Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and grant you Peace.

The Harvest Supper was well attended and provided its usual enjoyable evening with a wonderful turkey dinner and lots of prizes to be won. See Wayne Rutten's report elsewhere in the bulletin. Congratulations to Wayne for his organization and hard work on this project.

The Queen of Heaven video series began last Friday morning after Mass and during our regular coffee time. Come, join us any time.

A nice way to start the Christmas season is the bus tour to Briercrest College in Moose Jaw to see their students perform in "Christmas at Maple Creek" including a full orchestra, and a stop at Charlotte's for their fabulous turkey dinner. Engleheim Tours will pick us up at the church. If you're interested, sign up in the Gerein Centre. It is through you that we are able to let our parishioners know about those who may be in need of prayers or help them celebrate a special occasion or accomplishment. Please let us know by contacting the parish office and Joyce – byapple@sasktel.net, 306-789-1983.

What's happening in the Archdiocese

Stewardship Bulletin Bits

***"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."* Matthew 22:37**

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

Archbishop's Appeal

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us that the greatest commandments are to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Those two commandments are deeply connected – our love for God is revealed through the way we care for and respond to the people around us.

The readings remind us that faith is not only something we believe; it is something we live. In Exodus God calls His people to show compassion and care for those who are vulnerable. In his letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul celebrates a community whose faith was visible through their actions and their example.

As we reflect on these readings, we are invited to consider how our own lives can become a reflection of God's love. Through simple acts of kindness, generosity, and compassion, we help make Christ's love present in the world.

GOOD OLE FASHIONED CABARET

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC BY
THE GOOD OLE BUDDIES BAND

SATURDAY NOV 21/26 | **RESURRECTION RC PARISH HALL** | **DOORS OPEN @ 7:30**
3155 WINDSOR PK | **DANCE STARTS @ 8:00**

CASH BAR | **MIDNIGHT LUNCH (AROUND 10:30)**

TICKETS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING: \$30

Joan Rink 306.533.1648
Karen Hammond 306.536.5704
Tracy Carroll 306.530.0934

All proceeds going to the
CUERNAVACA PROJECT

DO YOU HAVE A DEACONS HEART?

Signs that you Might be Called

- A persistent pull toward deeper service
- A strong prayer life and a love for scripture
- A desire to serve both Church and community, especially the poor, sick and marginalized
- Affirmation from others who recognize your servant heart

The archdiocese is discerning the possibility of journeying with a new group of men on the path to the permanent diaconate in 2028. This fall, they want to hear from you. If you are interested or want more information on the diaconate, please contact Deacon Lamont Dyck.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF REGINA 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Is available at

<https://archregina.sk.ca/archdiocesan-annual-reports/>

What's happening at the Archdiocese 2

Our Lady Peace Parish
425 Broad Street North

Join us for an afternoon of Cribbage!

Friday, Oct. 30

1:00 – 3:00 pm (Doors open at 12:15)

Please use north entrance

COST - \$8 per person

Refreshments & dainties included

7 games will be played

Payouts on 1st, 2nd & 3rd place

Change partner every round

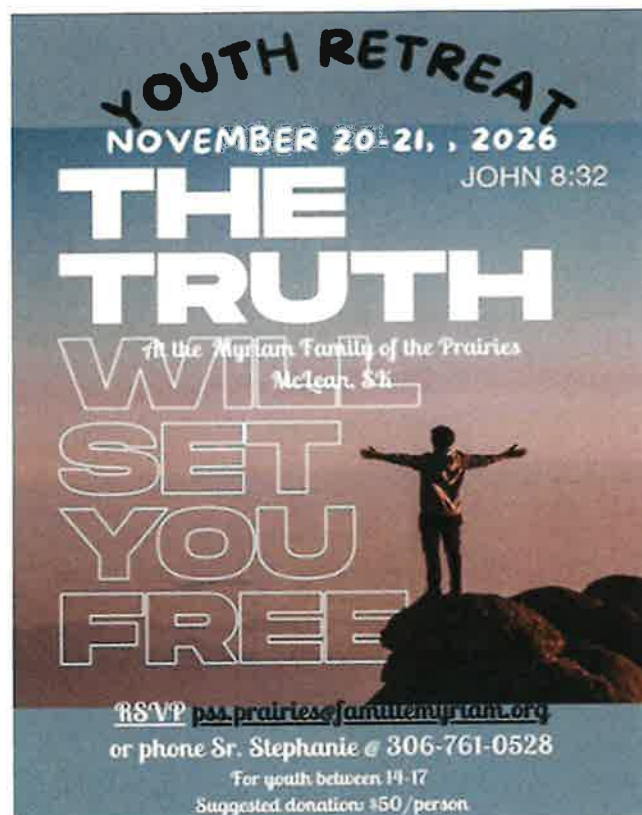
Payouts on the 1st four playable 24 hands

Payout on a playable 29 cribbage hand

**For more information or to pre-register,
please contact Erna a 1-306—221-1567.**

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Sat. Nov. 7 | 12–4 pm
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PRE-CONGRESS

SYNOD CONVERASTATION ON ECUMENISM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

7 - 9 PM

AT

HOLY TRINITY PARISH



ARCHREGINA CONGRESS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

At: Resurrection Parish

Register by October 26

To: mgurash@archregina.sk.ca

306-352-1651

