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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

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Masses

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

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus, Servant Leader

MIGUEL DULICK

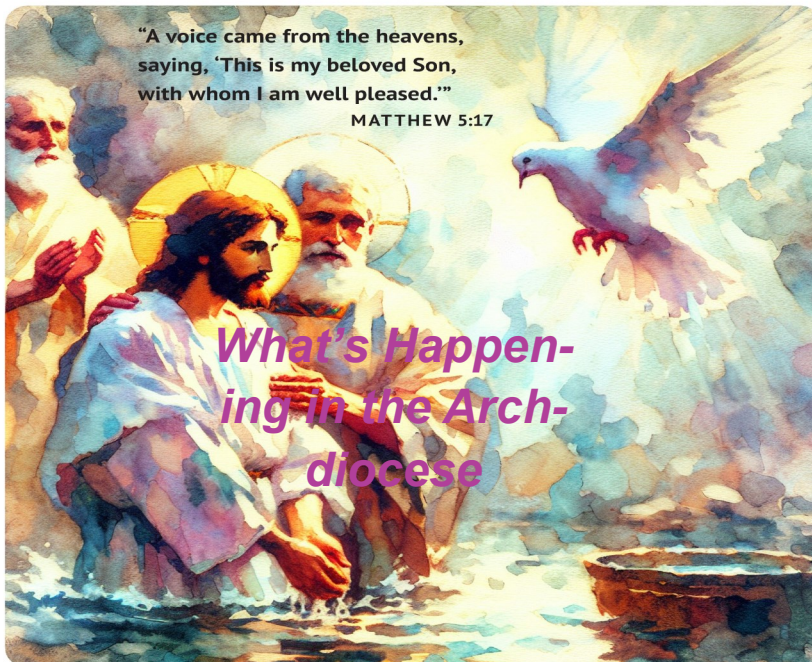
John, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as "the Baptist," offers a "baptism of repentance." Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today's beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father's Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, "This is my beloved Son!" (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St.

Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped" (Philippians 2:5-6). •

"A voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'"
 MATTHEW 5:17



What's Happening in the Archdiocese

Reflect

This week, I'll think about my baptism, when I was called to serve as Jesus served.



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

What's Happening at Holy Cross 2

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Christmas Day 2025—\$100 Curtis & Leslie Nagel
December 28, 2025—Nathan Murray
New Year's Day 2026—Gene Lauman
January 4, 2026—Magdelina Pepper

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 10-18, 2026

Sat.	Jan. 10	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Jan. 11	For the repose of the soul of Geri Huber, offered by Bob & Helen Herauf.
Tues.	Jan. 13	For the repose of the soul of Clare Wiebe, offered by Len & Loretta Jelinski.
Wed.	Jan. 14	For the repose of the soul of Norm Duer, Martin's high school teacher, offered by Martin.
Thurs.	Jan. 15	For the intentions of Margaret Preiner, offered by Martin.
Fri.	Jan. 16	For the personal intentions of Ed Deck, offered by Mike & Sandra Morris.
Sat.	Jan. 17	PRO POPULO
Sun.	Jan. 18	

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE April 6 –16, 2026

Since 1981 and up to the present day, this small village in Bosnia Herzegovina has been receiving a daily apparition by the Blessed Virgin Mary. Many parishioners from Holy Cross and other parishes in the Regina Archdiocese have made a pilgrimage such as this in recent years.

The following are things you will be able to see and do:

Daily Mass in St. James Church
(Patron saint of pilgrims)

Rosary on Apparition Hill

Stations of the Cross on Cross Mountain

Visit to the Cenacola Rehabilitation Centre

Visit to the Castle

Visit to Mary's Meals

Professional Guide

Father Carlos is booked already and there is the possibility of a Deacon and his wife coming with us on this pilgrimage. If you are interested in joining us, call Cathleen Devraj, 306-789-0705 or email cdevraj48@gmail.com.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

This article is a year old this month but nothing has changed in practice. (ed.)

Throughout 2024, the mainstream press woke up to a brutal reality: Despite decades of sinister fearmongering about "over population", the world is experiencing a critical shortage of babies that will threaten our way of life in every way imaginable.

But as Breitbart reported yesterday, abortion was the leading cause of death globally in 2024, "with a record 45 million unborn babies killed in the womb, according to data provided by Worldometer." The numbers are excruciating and impossible to fathom: As of 12 p.m. on December 31, 2024, an estimated 45.1 million abortions were perpetrated throughout the year. For context, Canada's entire population is 40.1 million.

The abortion death rate – or, more accurately, kill count – dwarfs every other number,

As Breitbart pointed out, the total of all non-abortion deaths is 62.5 million, "meaning that abortions accounted for just over 42 percent of all human deaths in 2024."

We are killing at least a country's worth of people every single year. No other single fact explains so much about the upheaval taking place around the world. You cannot have war in the womb and peace in the streets.

Source: Jonathan Van Maren (blog), LifeSiteNews, Jan. 2, 2025

BOOK STUDY

The Book Study for "*The Forgotten Way*" by Matthew Kelly has been scheduled to begin Wednesday, January 14, 7:00 pm in the Gerein Centre. We look forward to hearing your comments.

There are 1.2 billion Catholics in the world. Every single day the Catholic Church feeds, houses and clothes more people, takes care of more sick people, visits more prisoners, and educates more people than any other institution on the face of the earth could ever hope to.

Source: Matthew Kelly, "Rediscover Catholicism", 2002

What's Happening at Holy Cross 2

PARISHIONERS' CORNER

It's a brand new year and we start our birthday rotation again. A birthday missed in the first weeks of the New Year was for Aaron Liska. Belated blessings to you. And those birthdays to come this week are for Christal Monckton on Monday, Jan. 12, and Denise Johner on Wednesday, the 14th.

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 give you peace.

2026 Calendar Raffle tickets. Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Calendar Raffle. We sold 134 tickets this year, a slight increase over 2025. The big draws of \$100 for Christmas Day and New Year's Day were won by Curtis & Leslie Nagel, friends of the Ruttens, and parishioner Gene Lauman.



Congratulations to our very own Ruth Robillard who was named the CTV Regina Citizen of the Year 2025. See the complete write-up on the bulletin board.

Dan Devers has been keeping in touch with parishioners in hospital and some senior residences. He mentioned Eldon Ell at Trinity Manor had had a fall but was doing well, though he has to wear a collar. Jean Duperreault is in Pasqua Hospital. Both men could use prayers and some company, he said.

The Archdiocese Reverence for Life Commission is having a discussion on it's pro-life work and how best to support our own work in our communities. You read the short articles we provide in this bulletin each week on abortion and MAiD and can understand the danger that is approaching us all, no matter our stage in life. If you care or have any ideas for how the Archdiocese can use its position of leadership to help the pro-life movement as Christians who believe "Thou shalt not kill [an innocent person]", attend the meeting at St. Anne's Parish, 1701 Cowan Crescent, at 5:30 pm, Tuesday, Jan. 20.

As many people already know, our website dissolved. Two of our parishioners, Brigitte Libel and Elise Paquin, have been working to put in a new website. If all goes well we will be up and running the weekend of Jan. 24/25. It is a work in progress so please be patient as it is refined periodically.

Those Calendar Raffle winners who attend the 9:00 am Mass and who have not yet received their payments,

please see Joyce Murphy in the Gerein Centre after Mass to pick up your winnings. We're trying to save on postage costs.

Our sincere condolences and prayers are offered to Lori Garchinski and family on the loss of her father on Christmas Eve. May he rest in peace..

Don't forget to tell us about any important events going on in your life where we can pray for you and with you or help you celebrate. Contact Deacon Martin at pastoral.assistant@holycrossregina.ca or 306-347-0929 OR Joyce Murphy at byapple@sasktel.net or 306-789-1983.



KNIGHTS KORNER 37 Years of Service to Holy Cross 1988—2026

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all Council Brother Knights and your families, as well as to all Holy Cross parishioners. May you all have a blessed and prosperous 2026!

2026 MEMBER DUES

This is a reminder that a membership dues notice has been sent to Council members for 2026. For those affected, kindly remit your dues at your earliest convenience. Payment options are outlined in the member dues notices. Thank you!

JANUARY EVENTS

Thursday, Jan 15th – 4th Degree Business Meeting – 6:00 pm, Holy Cross

Tuesday, Jan 20th – 7:30 PM, Monthly Council Mtg (After 7:00 pm mass)

Sunday, Jan 25th – Pancake Breakfast – 10:00 am (After 9:00 am 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.



CWL NEWS



There is no regular monthly meeting in January but we still collected 21 doz. Muffins for Sacred Heart School this month. Thank you for your ready support of this program to benefit the young children in this inner city school.

Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

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—December and February—June.

What's Happening in the Archdiocese

Was Jesus really born on December 25?

The Early Church believed that Jesus was crucified on March 25 (given when Passover normally falls), and there was a tradition that Jesus died the same day he first entered the world at his conception. Nine months after March 25 is December 25.

But Scripture itself provides strong evidence that December 25, or a date near that, is the date Jesus was born.

The Gospel of Luke tells us that the angel Gabriel revealed to Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth would conceive John the Baptist while Zechariah was performing his priestly duties on the Day of Atonement, also known as Yom Kippur. That Jewish holy day always falls in late September or early October.

Luke also tells us that, after Gabriel announced to Mary that she would conceive Jesus, she went in haste to visit Elizabeth, and that Elizabeth was in the sixth month of her pregnancy.

Now do the math: If Elizabeth conceived in late September, and Mary visited her in her sixth month, this means Mary conceived Jesus in late March, that places his birth in late December.

So it's very possible the Early Church got it right, and December 25 really is Jesus' birthday.

Source: ChurchPOP, Dec. 25, 2025

The Three Wise Men

Is the story of the Three Wise Men a "midrash", a Jewish tale configured to fulfil an Old Testament Prophecy, or comment on a passage of Scripture, a delightful parable or pious fiction?

Fr. Dwight Longenecker did some research. After peeling away layers of tradition and legend, he found that the historical facts fit Matthew's simple account perfectly.

The wise men were diplomats from the neighboring kingdom of the Nabateans. Centered on the famous city of Petra, the Nabatean King Aretas IV had every motivation to cement an alliance with Herod the Great. When the Magi at his court discerned that a new heir to the Judean throne was born, he sent them as envoys to Herod's court to pay homage.

Their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh were diplomatic offerings, representative of the Arabian kingdom. With a Jewish background and knowing the Old Testament prophecies, they would also have been searching for the coming Messiah. These and many other details came together as he delved deep into the history.

Why was the identity of the wise men not discovered earlier? For a long time the Nabatean civilization was lost to historians. Their culture in Northwest Arabia drifted into the ruins of the desert sands and because there was no written history, very little was known about them. More recently, advanced techniques of archeology and forensics, combined with new sciences like archaeoastronomy, have provided more clues to the identity of the wise men.

2026 De Margerie Lectures on Christian Reconciliation and Unity: "Christian Martyrdom and the Unity of the Church," a two-lecture series with Dr. Jeremy Bergen.

When Pope Francis heard about the 21 Copts killed by ISIS in Libya in 2015, he said this: "It makes no difference whether they be Catholics, Orthodox, Copts, or Protestants. They are Christians!... Their blood confesses Christ." He was tapping into a powerful intuition. There is something in the stories of Christian martyrs—both those killed centuries ago and those killed much more recently—that might inspire, instruct, and draw together otherwise divided Christians.

In the first lecture, we examine the basic claim that a history of martyrdom serves as a resource for ecumenism. By exploring the stories and legacies of some particular martyrs, we can see how unity and solidarity might be expressed, but also some of the challenges and tensions.

In the second lecture, we look at one major barrier—the history of Christians killing Christians. During the Reformation, for example, the execution of fellow Christians was justified on theological grounds, some of those killed honoured as martyrs by some. How do we reckon with this history in ways that do justice to the past, and promote reconciliation and unity in the future?

The Ecumenism of Blood: Solidarity in Trying Times Wednesday, January 21, 2026 7:00 PM Campion College (U of R), 3825 Lee Gren Avenue, Regina.

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Christians Killing Christians: Reconciling Violent Pasts and Conflicting Martyrdoms Thursday, January 22, 2026 7:00 PM St. Thomas More College (U of S), 1437 College Drive, Saskatoon.

We look at one major barrier — the history of Christians killing Christians. During the Reformation, the execution of fellow Christians was justified on theological grounds, and some of those killed are honoured as martyrs by some churches. How do we reckon with this history in ways that do justice to the past, and promote reconciliation and unity in the future?

The two lectures complement each other and will be available both in person and via livestream at: bit.ly/Demargerie2026.

Grounding the magi story in the dusty history of the ancient Middle East reminds us that the Gospel stories are not fanciful fiction, pretty Sunday school stories, or religious parables.

History matters because truth matters, and since Christmas is the time when the eternal Truth took human flesh and entered human history, the Magi matter *Source: ChurchPOP, Fr. Dwayne Longenecker, Jan. 4, 2026*

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STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN BITS

"John tried to prevent him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?'"
Matthew 3:14

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics, there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

A training session for facilitators of synodal "Conversation in the Spirit"

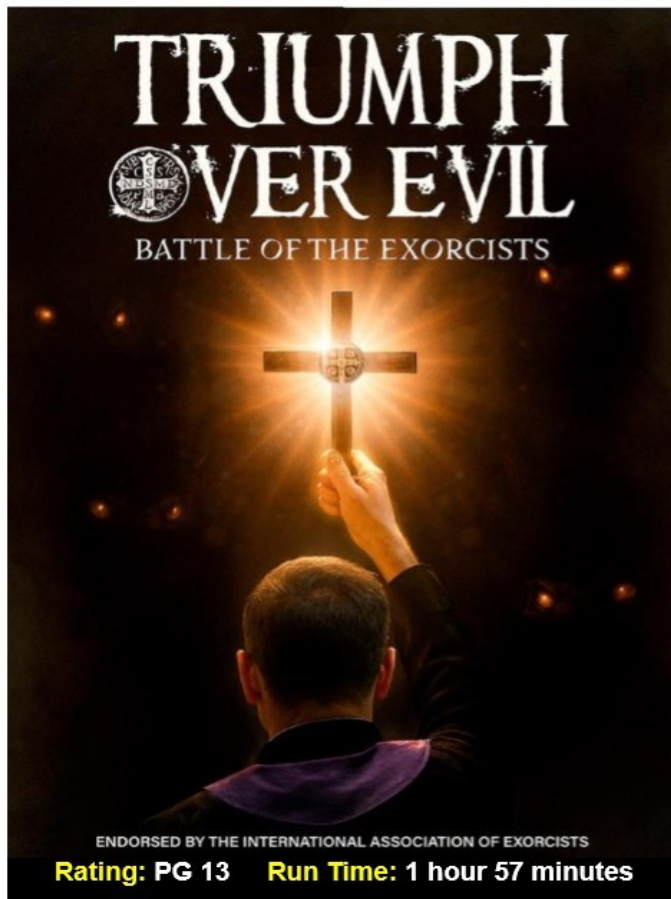
Led by members of the Archdiocesan Synod Team, this 90-minute training session will equip you to lead synod discussions in your parishes, prayer groups, CWL, K of C, or anywhere you gather to prayerfully discern the Spirit's call to the church.

Wed., January 14 at 7 pm - register at: <https://bit.ly/Synod-facilitator-training-Jan-14>

Sat., January 17 at 10 am - register at: <https://bit.ly/Synod-facilitator-training-Jan-17>

Choose either one of these sessions. Please register in advance to receive the Zoom link. Contact Lisa Polk, lpolk@archregina.sk.ca, for further details.

**Join us for a Parish screening
of this documentary movie,
followed by a Q&A hosted by:
Fr. Stephen Bill & Dcn. Kevin Harty**



About the Docu-Film

Who is the devil, and how does he operate? What are his weapons? Dangers of the Occult and New Age! What is New Age? How do you protect yourself and loved ones from demonic attacks? When does true demonic possession occur? What is an exorcism? Who is an exorcist?

"TRIUMPH OVER EVIL: Battle of the Exorcists" aims to answer these and other questions. An important look inside the spiritual battle faced by all God's sons and daughters and God's triumph over evil.

Date: Friday Jan. 23, 2026 **Time:** 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Location: Our Lady of Peace, 425 Broad St N.

Admission: Free. (limited to first 150 people)



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SANTA MARIA FOUNDATION
FUNDRAISING DINNER

Tuesday • January 27, 2026

📍 Fired Up Grill – 2014 Park St. (5:00pm – 8:00pm)

Please mark your menu selection.

ADULT MENU	CHILDRENS MENU
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feta Stuffed Chicken• Pork Cutlets• Fish & Chips• Liver & Onions• Chicken Cordon Bleu	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pizza• Cheeseburger• Grilled Cheese & Fries• Fish & Chips• Spaghetti & Meat Sauce• Baked Lasagna

TICKETS

Adults: \$30
Children Under 12: \$15
*All proceeds go toward Residents

HOW TO BUY TICKETS:

- 1) E-transfer: SMF@saskhealthauthority.ca (include email/phone for sending tickets)
- 2) Purchase at Santa Maria – 4215 Regina Ave
- 3) From SMF Board Members

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Regina Apostolic Church

Report of the Regina Catholic School Division Board of Trustees January 2026

Happy New Year to all their school families and thank you for support of Catholic Education.

Each school in the Regina Catholic School Division has its own Patron Saint to pray to for support during the school year. The School Division itself has chosen Holy Mary, Mother of God, as Patron Saint for the whole school division and its staff. They ask her to pray for them individually, for their families and for their school communities as they begin a new calendar year.

While some students are preparing for final exams of their first semester, preparations are also being made for welcome registration for new kindergarten students for the 2026-27 school year.

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YOUTH RETREAT

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5 pm Jan. 16—2 pm Jan. 17
\$40 donation

ADULT RETREAT

Live Your Life in the Holy Spirit:
Discover the Seven Gifts in action in my life.
9:30 am—4:00 pm, Jan. 24

Register Now:

PSS.Prairies@FamilleMyriam.org

Or call Sr. Stephanie, 306-761-0528

You are invited

Mardi Gras Roast Beef Dinner

by Charlottes

Feb. 06, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Peace Church
425 Broad St. N

**Tickets: Adults \$28.00
Youth 7-12 \$15.00
Under 6 Free**

Call: **Anita 306 543-0421** Tables reserved for 6 or more
or Dennis 306 530-2370 (also for e-transfer please to ourladyofpeace@sasktel.net)

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