

St. Martin of Tours (316-397 A.D.)—November 11

St. Martin of Tours, born in 316 AD in Pannonia (modern-day Hungary), grew up in a Roman military family that practiced paganism. Despite this, Martin felt drawn to Christianity from a young age and secretly began to study the faith. St. Martin's journey from soldier to saint has made him one of the most beloved figures in Christian history, known for his profound compassion, humility, and courage.

As the son of a Roman officer, Martin was conscripted into military service at the age of 15, following in his father's footsteps. Although he was committed to his duties, his Christian faith continued to grow. One of the most famous stories about St. Martin's life occurred during his time as a young soldier stationed in Amiens, France. When Martin saw a beggar suffering from the cold near the city gates, he tore his military cloak in half to share it with the man. That night, Martin dreamt of Jesus wearing the half-cloak, saying, "Martin, yet a catechumen, has clothed me with this robe." This experience inspired him to pursue his calling to follow Christ more completely.

Determined to leave the military to serve God, Martin requested discharge. However, Emperor Julian believed Martin's desire was an act of cowardice, especially since a battle with the Barbarians was imminent. In a moment of remarkable faith, Martin responded, "I am prepared to stand in the battle-line unarmed and to advance alone against the enemy in the name of Christ." Miraculously, the enemy requested a truce the following day, allowing Martin to leave the military and receive baptism at the age of 23.

After leaving the army, Martin became a disciple of St. Hilary of Poitiers, a prominent theologian and defender of the faith. Martin founded a small hermitage in Ligugé, creating what is considered one of the earliest monastic communities in France. Known for his commitment to poverty, prayer, and self-discipline, Martin's reputation spread, and in 371, he was chosen to be the Bishop of Tours despite his reluctance. As bishop, Martin dedicated himself to evangelizing rural areas, where paganism still thrived. He founded several monasteries, trained priests, and fought tirelessly against the remnants of paganism. According to legend, Martin once encountered a pagan temple and boldly destroyed it, praying to God to protect him and his companions. He even removed a large pine tree considered sacred by the locals, which further demonstrated his commitment to spreading the Gospel.

In his final days, Martin continued to serve his flock, visiting and praying for them despite his deteriorating health. When encouraged to rest, he replied, "Lord, if I am still needed by Your people, I do not refuse the work. Your will be done." He spent his last hours with his hands raised toward heaven, fighting off a final vision of the Devil, whom he addressed as a "bloodthirsty brute" and declared that his soul was not for him. Martin died on November 8, 397, at the age of 81, leaving a legacy of humility, courage, and dedication to God. St. Martin of Tours remains a timeless example of how love, sacrifice, and faith can transform a life from a soldier to a saint.

Financial Position—YTD

Church Operation
(October 31, 2026)
Total Income - $138,920.32
Total Expense - $169,173.55
NET LOSS - (-$30,253.23)

We are richly blessed and we encourage you to remember that the Shaunavon Food Bank is always in need of donations.
Please continue to give generously!



Christ the King Roman Catholic Parish

Love God - Love Others - Make Disciples

November 8, 2026

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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580-5th St. E., Shaunavon, SK, S0N 2M0

Mission Parishes

Holy Family - Admiral, SK
Immaculate Conception – Climax, SK
St. Patrick - Eastend, SK



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½ hour before daily Mass and Saturdays 11 a.m. to Noon

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Masses This Week

Mon, Nov. 9, 9:00 a.m.
+Souls in Purgatory by Francois/Jocelyn Hammond

Tues, Nov. 10, 9:10 a.m. Mass with CTK Gr. 3/4
Special Intentions by Marcel/Linda Ruest

Wed, Nov. 11, 9:00 a.m.
+Fallen Soldiers/Veterans by Jesus Guillet

Thurs, Nov. 12, 9:00 a.m.
+Doris Poisson by CWL

Fri., Nov.13
NO MASS TODAY

Sat, Nov. 14
Eastend—5:00 p.m.—Pro populo
Admiral—7:00 p.m.
Special Intentions by Dan/Gina Ruest

Sun, Nov. 15
Climax—9:00 a.m.
+Felixberto Purpora Sr. by Felix/Slave Purpora
Shaunavon—11:00 a.m.
+Francis/+Pat Girodat by The Family

OUR MINISTRIES

LECTORS

NOVEMBER 8
Matt Nelson
Barry Thienes
Margarita Villanueva

NOVEMBER 15
Estrella Guillet
Bernie Deobald
Norm Lavoy

ALTAR SERVERS

NOVEMBER 8
Isaiah
Jesus
Malachi

NOVEMBER 15
Jolie
Cadence
Maria

USHERS/ GREETERS

NOVEMBER 8
Brent and Penny

NOVEMBER 15
Roger and Gerald

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

NOVEMBER 8
Teacher – Jolie
Helper – Micah

NOVEMBER 15
Teacher – Peggy
Helpers – Reggie/Elisabeth

MEETINGS

- **Finance Committee**—Wed, Nov. 18, 10:00 a.m.
- **Deanery Pastoral Council** will meet in Shaunavon on Thurs, Nov. 19, beginning with 6:00 p.m. supper
- **Parish Pastoral Council**—Tues, Nov. 24, 7:00 p.m.
- **Knights of Columbus**—Thurs, Nov. 26, 7:00 p.m. Mass/Meeting

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2026

Sunday, November 8

In today's readings, we are reminded of the importance of seeking God's wisdom and remaining ready to welcome Him into our lives. In the Gospel, Jesus shares the parable of the ten bridesmaids, encouraging us to stay watchful and prepared for His coming. The wise bridesmaids brought enough oil for their lamps, showing us the importance of a faith that is nurtured through prayer, trust, and daily commitment.

The first reading tells us that wisdom is available to all who seek her with open hearts. God does not ask for perfection, but for a willingness to remain close to Him and to grow in faith.

St. Paul's words to the Thessalonians offer comfort and hope, reminding us that God's promises bring peace even in times of uncertainty. As we journey through life, may we continue to seek God's wisdom, keep our lamps burning brightly, and share His love with those around us.



The church office will be **closed** Wednesday, November 11 and Thursday, November 12.
We will **reopen** on Wednesday, November 18.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

FOLLOWING MASS
EVERYONE WELCOME!
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Do you need a little help?

CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

We are compiling a list of individuals and families who would like to receive a hamper. Please call

306-297-7926

to register.

Deadline to apply is November 30th.
Hampers will be delivered on Thursday December 17th.

Want to help?

If you would like to donate funds or food to the Christmas Hamper Program, please call 306-297-7926. Deadline for food donations is Tuesday December 15th.

You can make monetary donations (cash or cheques) to the program through Salem Lutheran Church.

You can also eTransfer to salemlc@sasktel.net. Please include your mailing address in the Message portion of the eTransfer, so that a receipt can be mailed to you.



As we remember our deceased family and friends during November, the month of prayer for the poor souls in Purgatory, we invite you to bring a picture of your loved one(s) and pin it on our foyer bulletin board.

"May the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!"

COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE LONG TERM CARE



The CWL are collecting Christmas gifts for the residents at the Long Term Care. Gifts of calendars with nice pictures on them, candy, lap blankets, toiletries, jams and combs, and large print word search books are just some of the things we know the residents appreciate! There is a box in the foyer where you can leave your unwrapped gifts.

CWL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Please join us on Tuesday, December 1

Mass at 5:30 pm followed by a turkey supper in our parish hall

MEMBERS: $25.00 GUESTS: $25.00

Tickets will be available after Mass, at the office, or from Dorothy Hardenne at 306-294-0077 until November 24.

