

**ADVENT SEASON:** “The season of Advent has a twofold nature: it is a time to prepare for Christmas, when we recall Christ’s First Coming among us, and it is a time when we look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of the ages. In this way Advent is a period of devout and joyful expectation” (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year,39*). During Advent, each Sunday’s Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

**DECEMBER 8 - SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as a dogma of faith. This dogma states that the Blessed Virgin Mary “in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin”. On this day, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we celebrate our Diocesan Feast.

**Penitential Service**

December 16<sup>th</sup> – St. Ignatius Parish 7:00pm

**Christmas Eve Mass December 24<sup>th</sup>**

St. Anne’s Church Conne River 6:00pm  
St. Ignatius Parish St. Alban’s (2 Masses) 3:00pm and 8:30pm

**Christmas Day Mass December 25<sup>th</sup>**

St. Ignatius Parish 10:30am

**New Year’s Eve Mass December 31<sup>st</sup>**

St. Ignatius Parish 7:00pm

**New Year’s Day Mass January 1<sup>st</sup>**

St. Ignatius Parish 10:30am

**Knights of Columbus**

December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm., the Knights of Columbus will have a special Mass for all their deceased members. The Church Christmas tree lighting will take place at this service.



# St. Ignatius Parish

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***Ignatius Church-St. Alban’s St. Anne’s Church- Conne River***

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## ***SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

Advent is a time of waiting and the readings today call us to change; to undergo an interior transformation. Just as we prepare in practical ways for the Christmas season, so too must we prepare our hearts, creating a place for the Lord Jesus to dwell, and examining our lives to prepare for that final day when we will meet God face to face. The Gospel reading invites us to reflect on our lives so that we can best “prepare the way of the Lord”. Let us reflect on how we are called to change so that God may more easily come to us. John the Baptist suggests one way — turning away from sin and starting anew.

### ***LITURGICAL SCHEDULE***

***Daily masses Mon December 6 – Fri December 10***

Mon-11:00 a.m. Chapel---Special Intention- Thanksgiving (Mary Strickland)  
Tues -11:00 a.m. Chapel-----Melita Kubis  
Wed -11:00 a.m. Chapel-----Edith Collier  
Thurs -11:00 a.m. Private-----Edward, Veronica, & Patrick Lambert  
Fri -11:00 a.m. Chapel-----Muriel Benoit

***Weekend Liturgy: Sat – December 11 and Sun – December 12***

St.Alban’s-Sat 7:00p.m.St.Ignatius Church—Deceased members of the  
Knights of Columbus  
St. Alban’s-Sun 10:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Church—***Parish Family***  
Conne River-Sun 2:00 p.m. St. Anne’s Church-----Pauline & Nick Jeddore

**2022 Living with Christ Sunday Missals**

Available at back of church. Price is \$7.00 per missal.

## Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Music
Dec 4	Mary S Patsy M	Edith O	Father Patrick	
Dec 5	Mary S Patsy M	Mark W	Father Patrick	
Dec 11	Edith O Monica K	Ann B	Father Patrick	
Dec 12	Edith O Monica K	Cindy B	Father Patrick	

### Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$705.00
St. Anne's Church	102.00
Mass Stipend	95.00
Parish Dues	85.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
All Souls Day	5.00
Certificates	10.00

*Thank you for your continued support to the parish.*

**St. Alban's Clover Farm Christmas Fundraiser:** St. Alban's Clover Farm is having a Christmas Fundraiser in aid of St. Ignatius Parish. Tickets are available at St Alban's Clover Farm. 1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$300.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$200.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Only 500 tickets printed. Winning tickets will be drawn on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Christmas Flowers:** You are invited to make a donation for Christmas Flowers that will be used on our Altar this Christmas. The donation will act as a reminder to all of us of those who have gone home to the Eternal Lord as well as those who are unable to be with us this Christmas. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the Bulletin. Please use an envelope with your name, envelope number and the name of your loved ones with your donation inside and place in the collection basket or drop off at parish office.

## WELCOME TO ST. IGNATIUS PARISH: ST.IGNATIUSCHURCH AND ST. ANNE'S CHURCH:

*We are happy to have you here in our parish. It is our hope that you experience the presence of Christ during our worship.*

*"Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them" Matt 18:20*

### Home Visits and Holy Communion

If you or someone you know who would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, you are asked to please inform Father Patrick at 709-280-4904 or call the Parish office at 709-538-3106 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The Body of Christ is often such an important part of people's lives, so when they are sick or unable to attend Mass, I would greatly bring them Holy Communion.....Father Patrick Osuji

**2022 Parish Envelopes** will be available during the next few weeks for anyone who contributed to the parish using 2021 Envelopes. Please make sure that the box you take has your name on it. If you did not use envelopes during 2021 but would like a box for 2022, extra unlabelled boxes will be available in December. If you take an unnamed box, please print your name on the recording sheet opposite the box number you take. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE NEW ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY, 2022.

### Food Bank for Advent

We will be collecting non-perishable food items over the next few weeks to be distributed to families in need. Again this year, it will be a collaborative effort with several community agencies involved. The help of the parishioners would be greatly appreciated. A box will be located at the back of the Church for you to drop your non-perishable food items. Thank you for your support.

### Condolences

The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St Anne's Church extend to the family of the late Casimer Benoit Sr. of Conne River their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

### Advent Folders

Available on the table at the back of the Church.

**Weekday Chapel Masses:** Proof of Vaccination and ID is required if you have not been previously verified.

