

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.

Penitential Service

December 17th – St. Ignatius Parish 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass December 24th

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 25th

St. Ignatius Parish 10:30am

New Year’s Eve Mass December 31st

St. Ignatius Parish 7:00pm

New Year’s Day Mass January 1st

Chapel 10:30am

Please Note You may already be on the registration sheet for Saturday and Sunday Masses **but** it is imperative that all parishioners still register for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Please contact Mary Strickland (538-3644) or Anthony Willcott (538-3012) to register.

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.

Thank you A special thank you to Mary MacDonald Diebes for her donation IMO Dr. Ragaie Diebes.



Ignatius Church-St. Alban’s

St. Ignatius Parish



St.

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 will remain private Mon Dec 7th-Fri Dec 11th

Mon – 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Mervin Walsh & Wilfred Walsh

Tues – 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel----- Laura Gale Collier

Wed – 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Brian Organ

Thurs –11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Robert, Julia & Albert Davis,
Joseph & Margaret Davis and Jerome& Frances Collier

Fri– 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----George & Pearl Collier

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. Dec 12th and Sun. Dec 13th

St. Alban’s-Sat 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church----- Eli, Veronica, John &
Gord Organ

St. Alban’s-Sun 10:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Church --- **Parish Family**

Conne River-Sun 2:00 p.m. St. Anne’s Church-----Alphonus & Angela
Collier

2021 Living with Christ Sunday Missals

Available at back of church. Price is \$6.00 per missal.

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

Weekly Parish Income

<i>DATE</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Music</i>
Dec 5	Edith O Monica K	Ann B	Father Patrick	McKenna B Valerie C
Dec 6	Edith O Monica K	Mark W	Father Patrick	
Dec 12	Teresa H Ann M	Monica W	Father Patrick	
Dec 13	Teresa H Ann M	Cindy B	Father Patrick	Jessica W

St. Ignatius Church	\$ 1095.00
St. Anne's Church	152.00
Parish Dues	25.00
Donations	7000.00
Mass Stipend	35.00
Living with Christ Missals	87.00

Advent Tree - please note changes

During this season we will once again be decorating the Jesse tree. Each week the decorations to be coloured and prepared will be available at the back of the church for the children. As you arrive each Sunday, please have your child go directly to the tree and place his/her ornaments on the tree. Due to health precautions we will not bring the children to the tree as a group. The readings for each ornament will be presented by one of the students each week. If your child is interested in doing a reading please contact Cindy Benoit, Valerie Hoskins or Connie Willcott.

Christmas Tickets

The parish would like to thank St. Alban's Clover Farm for the beautiful prizes they have donated for our annual Christmas ticket draw. Tickets are available at St. Alban's Clover Farm for \$1.00 each.

Communion Procession

It would be preferable for parishioners seated on right side of aisle to come forward first to receive Holy Communion followed by those seated on left side of aisle.

WELCOME TO ST. IGNATIUS PARISH 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.

Food Bank for Advent

This year we will be partnering with the Town of St. Alban's to help us reach families in need for Christmas.

We will be collecting food items over the next few weeks to make up individual food hampers for families in St. Alban's in need. 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.

Burial of ashes in the province of NL

In the past, virtually all burials - whether of cremated or non cremated remains - were handled through Funeral Homes who provided all the necessary documents and permits required by the Province. Today, more and more, people who no longer have a connection to a Funeral Home and have been given custody of the ashes of their loved ones, are coming forward asking for burial. This is a good thing and we welcome those who want the prayers of the Church at the time of burial. We need to be sure that we, as a parish, comply with all the legal and regulatory requirements of the Province.

Therefore, as of **January 1st, 2021**, to have loved ones' ashes buried in our cemeteries, whether you are from our Parish or from outside the Province, whether you are dealing with a Funeral Director or handling the burial personally, the family is **required** to have the following documents: the original burial permit and a Statement of Death. The parish has to be notified of the death and pending burial.

Burial of ashes in a cemetery without notification to the parish and funeral home is **strictly prohibited**.

In the past, our funeral directors have often submitted the permits after the burial, this is no longer permitted. There will be no burial taking place without a burial permit provided prior to the burial. It is the responsibility of the family to ensure the permit is submitted.

Advent Folders

Available on the table at the back of the Church.

Knights of Columbus

December 12th at 7:00 pm., the Knights of Columbus will have a special Mass for all their deceased members.

