

January Financial Statement

TOTAL INCOME	\$7751.31
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,700.69
DEFICIT	<u>(\$2949.38)</u>

Baptism Registration Form: This form can now be downloaded from the parish website at www.stignatius.net Just click on SACRAMENTS and select BAPTISM. You can also call – 538-3106 or email st.ignatius@nf.sympatico.ca the parish office to have a registration form emailed to you. **Please contact the parish office during the months of pregnancy (if possible) to arrange for Baptism Preparation.** Baptisms are celebrated upon request after Baptism Preparation has been completed.

Weddings: Please allow at least 6 months notice before the date of the wedding. A Marriage Preparation Course is a requirement. Please contact the parish office for more information.

STIPENDS: (as recommended by the Diocese)

FUNERAL:	\$200.00
Wedding:	\$200.00
Baptism:	\$25.00

Income Tax Receipts: Anyone needing receipts for income tax purposes are asked to put their name and /or 2018 envelope number on **an empty envelope** and place it in the wooden box at the back of the church or you can also place your request in the collection basket. *The receipts (in your own envelope) will be available on the table at the back of the church the following week.* Parishioners in Conne River are asked to place their envelopes in the collection basket.

Family Mass: A family Mass takes place in our parish, the last Sunday of each month. This is a special Mass for families and all families are encouraged to attend. The next family Mass will be on February 24.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: On the first Friday of each month, there will be an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the parish Chapel at 10:30 am. Mass to follow at 11:00 am.

Holy Communion at Home: If you or someone you know who would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, you are asked to please inform Father Patrick or phone the parish office @ 538-3106. The Body of Christ is often such an important part of people's lives, so when they are sick or unable to come to Mass, I would gladly bring them Holy Communion.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH-ST. ALBAN'S

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH- CONNE RIVER

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Office hours: Mon – Fri 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel, a continuation of last week's Gospel, challenges us as followers of Jesus Christ to live out in our lives the Great Commandment of Love – to love all people, be they friend or foe, as God loves us. Though this ideal will no doubt be difficult to realize, nonetheless, it is one which we are called to attain. Jesus indicates specific ways to help us make this Commandment our rule of life: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." These example of love, as well as others put forth in the Gospel passage, are by no means easy to achieve. However, like the Apostles and the early Christians, we draw our strength from the selfless life of the Lord Jesus and its culmination in his death on the Cross. As disciples of Jesus, we must never turn away from this ideal of selfless love; it is to become the measure of our lives. The Gospel ends, as it began last Sunday, pointing the way to true happiness – when we identify with God's generous ways and God's unconditional love, our joy will be great. The words which Jesus speaks at the end of today's Gospel confirm this: "A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: Feb.25th - March 1st

Mon -	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel -----	Hubert, Susie, & Linus Collier, John & Dorothy Barnes
Tues.-	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel-----	Eva Morris, Ena Hull
Wed. -	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel -----	Austin Hoskins, Alva Noseworthy
Thurs -	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel -----	Mary B. Davis, Julie Organ
Fri. -	11:00 a.m.-----	Parish Chapel -----	Alfred Barnes

Weekend Liturgy: Saturday, March 2nd and Sunday, March 3rd

St. Alban's- Sat. ---	7:00 p.m.-St. Ignatius Church-----	Joseph & Margaret Davis
St. Alban's- Sun.---	10:30 a.m.-St. Ignatius Church-----	Parish Family
Conne River- Sun. --	2:00 p.m.-St. Anne's Church -----	Madeline & Leonard John

Blessing of the throats and blessing of candles will take place this weekend during the Saturday evening Mass and Sunday morning Mass, Also, If anyone would like to have candles blessed for their home, please bring along your candles to Mass and Father will bless them.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Collectors	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Servers	Music
Feb 23	Maggie Jenny	Monica Willcott	Elizabeth M. Gerard Smith Finton Organ	Jessica Savoury	Maggie Pat	Kennedy W. Tracy Perry
Feb. 24	Ann Morris Teresa H.	Valerie Hoskins	Helena T. Necia D. George Davis	Mary Strickland	Anthony George	Youth Choir Valerie Coombs
Mar. 2	Ann Morris Teresa H	Brenda Jeddore	George Organ Willie M. Pat Pittman	Elizabeth M.	Margaret Willie M.	Julie Ann Chrissy
Mar. 3	Mary S. Patsy M.	Philomena Sutton	Clarence Davis Mike Snook Perry Cox	Valerie Hoskins	Mary S. Jean G.	Lenora Lambert

Weekly Parish Revenue

St. Ignatius Church-----	\$873.00	St. Anne's Church-----	\$195.00
Diocesan-Ecc. Student---	\$15.00	Chase The Ace Proceeds	\$157.50
Initial Offering:-----	\$20.00	Baptism Stipend: -----	\$25.00
Mass Stipend:-----	\$5.00		

Merchandise Bingo: The Knights of Columbus will be holding a merchandise bingo on Sunday, February 24 at 2:00 pm at St. Alban's Lions Club. There will also be a turkey raffle and Tic Tac and many great prizes!!!!

Card Party: The Knights of Columbus will be holding a card party on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at 8:00 pm at the St. Alban's Lions Club.

Chase The Ace: Chase the Ace has resumed. It will be held at the RC Legion on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm. Fundraiser open to all persons 19 years and older. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Steubenville Atlantic registration is now open! If any pastor/administrator, parent or student grade 9 and up is interested in finding out more about Steubenville Atlantic which takes place in Halifax the first weekend of July, you are invited to contact Father Brian at 709-427-6075 or ocybrian@gmail.com or Ann Marie at 709-486-5851 or annmariey@hotmail.com. This is a world-class gathering of Catholic youth that takes place every summer both here in Canada and in the United States. To get more general information Google 'Steubenville Atlantic' and find out what's happening this summer.

Children's Sunday Liturgy: The children's liturgy takes place each Sunday morning, during Mass. Appropriate ages are 4+ years.

END OF WINTER BREAK-----FUN AND FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

On Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00 pm, St. Ignatius parish will be having a *community supper* at the St. Alban's Legion.

Even though this is not a fundraiser, tickets will cost \$20.00 each. Supper consists of hot roast beef supper with all the fixings, coffee/tea and dessert.

There will also be a chance to win a few prizes. Your supper ticket stubs will be entered for random draws throughout the supper.

Deadline for tickets will be March 1 on a first come- first served basis.

Anyone who would like to purchase a ticket can call Jean LeRoux @538-3123, Mary Strickland @538-3644, Edith Organ@538-3813 or parish office @538-3106

MARCH 1 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This day is sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world. It is celebrated in approximately 165 countries and is observed annually on the first Friday in March. World Day of Prayer is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, and our community.

St. Ignatius parish will be hosting World Day of Prayer this year. More info to follow next week.

The following are from Pontifex, the Official Twitter page of His **Holiness Pope Francis:**

- + Pontifex: Look upon Christ Crucified: our hope for eternal life is born in Him.
- + Pontifex: Through the Eucharist we enter Christ's paschal mystery, allowing us to pass from death to life with Him.
- + Pontifex: Anyone who turns away from the Cross, turns away from the Resurrection.
- + Pontifex: Jesus changes our sins into forgiveness and our fears into trust. In His Cross our hope is reborn again and again.
- + Pontifex: Christ, teach us never to be ashamed of your Cross!
- + Pontifex: Dear young people, never get tired of being instruments of peace and joy among your peers!
- + Pontifex: The Word of God invites us to connect our ears to our hearts, and our hearts to our hands, in order to do good deeds.
