

FEBRUARY 11 - WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is also “World Day of the Sick”. On this day we are reminded that the ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church, and that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. The feast highlights the healing ministry of the Church and recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

LENTEN SEASON

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper which marks the start of the Easter Triduum. Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. It has a twofold purpose: it helps catechumens to prepare for celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil, and it invites those who are baptized to prepare through penance and prayer to renew their baptismal vows at Easter, the greatest Feast of the Liturgical Year. Thus, Lent recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The baptismal and penitential themes are reflected in the Lenten readings.

FEBRUARY 10 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN:

Scholastica was the twin sister of Saint Benedict, the founder of Western monasticism, and she was the leader of a women’s community. She is the patroness of nuns, especially Benedictines, and of convulsive children. Scholastica died about 543 and was buried in Benedict’s own tomb where he joined her in death soon after.

FEBRUARY 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY: On this day we begin our Lenten journey. *Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and of abstinence from meat.* As Catholics, we observe the Lenten fast by limiting ourselves to one full meal and two smaller meals. *The law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older.*

February 17 - Memorial of The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order:

The Order of Servites, a religious community relying solely on charity for support, was founded in 1240. Between 1225 and 1227, seven men from the city of Florence, Italy, joined the Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin. Inspired by visions of Our Lady, they decided to dedicate themselves to lives of prayer and service. Later they withdrew to a deserted mountain where they built a Church and a hermitage, living a life of extreme austerity and becoming known as the Servants of Mary, or Servites. Of the original seven, all but one became Priests. Only the lay brother, who lived to be 110, saw the order fully recognized in 1304.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today’s Gospel, Jesus continues his healing ministry. A leper’s request for healing is filled with confidence in Jesus’ ability to heal, “If you choose, you can make me clean”. Jesus’ response is immediate as he stretches out his hand and touches the leper with the words, “I do choose. Be made clean!” Once again, Jesus’ words and actions are in harmony, mediating the power of God over the forces of evil and demonstrating that the combination of a compassionate word and a healing touch can work wonders. It was true in the time of Jesus; it is equally true for us today. Though we may not always be able to heal people physically, we can help to heal others who are often emotionally distraught and who are trying to cope with difficult circumstances in their lives. By our kind and compassionate words and actions, in imitation of Jesus Christ, let us do just that by.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat.- Feb. 10 and Sun.- Feb. 11

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00.p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch---Special.Intention-Maurice Willcott

St.Alban’s-Sunday-4:00.p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----**Parish Family**

Conne River-Sunday- 2:00 p.m. St. Anne’s Church----- Agnes Benoit

Daily Masses Mon. Feb. 12 – Fri. Feb. 16

Mon -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Blaise Howse

Tues -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Beatrice McDonald

Ash Wednesday-7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church--Margaret & Larry Hudson

Thur--11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Paula Collier

Fr -11:00 a.m.Parish Chapel--Special Intention-Gerard Organ-(St.Veronica’s)

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – Feb. 17 and Sun. – Feb. 18

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—Deceased members of the 50+ Club

St.Alban’s-Sunday-4:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch----Muriel.Benoit

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne’s Church----**Church Family**

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Collectors</i>
Feb. 10	Mary S	Pat P	Father Tom Edith O	Kevin O Bill D
Feb. 11	Mary S	Valerie H	Father Tom Valerie H	Anthony W George D
Feb. 17	Jean K	Edith O	Father Tom Patsy M	Finton O Gerard S
Feb. 18	Jean K	Cindy B	Father Tom Mary S	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$833.00
St. Anne's	70.00
Diocesan Collection (Ecclesiastical Student's Fund)	133.50
Donations	300.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
Mass Stipends	93.00
EFT (January 2024)	845.00

Thank You: St. Ignatius Parish would like to extend its thanks to Joseph & Catherine Collier of Eastport, NL for their generous donation of \$300.00

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Condolences: The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church extend to the family of the late Morgan Organ of St. Alban's their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten season, the Knights of Columbus will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. beginning on February 16th. This year the Stations of the Cross will take place in the Parish Chapel. All are welcome!

WELCOME TO ST. IGNATIUS PARISH: ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH 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 Tom at 709-674-1503 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 be pleased to bring them Holy Communion....Father Tom Duffenais

Congratulations: To the Knights of Columbus, Father Stanislaus St. Croix Assembly 3490 on receiving three awards. The Assembly received the 2022-2023 Supreme Star Assembly Award. This is just the second time that a Newfoundland Assembly has received this award. Assemblies that excel in membership recruitment, sponsoring patriotic programs in their communities, reporting to the Supreme Council Office, and keeping their members informed of Assembly activities are eligible to earn the Star Assembly Award. In addition to this award the Father Stanislaus St. Croix Assembly was also received the Supreme Civic Award and the Sir Knight Thomas Gear Memorial Award for Membership

2023 Charitable Donation Receipt If you would like a charitable donation receipt for your 2023 parish contributions, put your ENV # and NAME on a blank unsealed envelope and place it in the designated spot on the table at the back of the churches in St. Alban's and Conne River. Those envelopes will be collected by the office, the income tax receipt will be issued, put in the envelope and sealed. It will then be placed in the designated spot for RECEIPT PICKUP in both churches and you can collect it the following Sunday. Thank you.

Please Note: There will be no daily Chapel Mass at 11:00 a.m. on Ash Wednesday. Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. in St Ignatius Church.

Visitations In Central NL: Fr. Patrick will be in Grand Falls-Windsor from Monday, August 14 until Friday, August 18. If anyone from the Bay D'Espoir area has a family member or someone they know residing in a retirement complex or healthcare facility and would like a visit from Fr. Patrick, please call the Parish office at (709)-538-3106 on Monday or Tuesday, August 14 and August 15 to arrange a visitation. Please leave a message and your call will be returned. The required information will be the person's name, residing address, a preferred time for the visit, and telephone number if applicable. Visitations can be arranged for facilities located in Grand Falls-Windsor, Bishops Falls, and Botwood.

SOWING THE SEEDS