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### **Holiday Liturgical Schedule:**

**Penitential Service: Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> – St. Ignatius Church 7:00pm

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

St. Anne's Church Conne River 6:00 p.m.

St. Ignatius Church St. Alban's 8:00 p.m.

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

St. Ignatius Church 10:30 a.m.

**New Year's Eve Mass: Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>**

St. Ignatius Church 3:00 p.m.

**New Year's Day Mass: Monday January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Parish Chapel 10:30 a.m.

**Christmas Choir:** We are hoping to have a community choir for Christmas Eve Mass. If you are interested please come to the practice on Thursday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Church. All are welcome.

**St. Alban's Clover Farm Christmas Fundraiser:** St. Alban's Clover Farm is having a Christmas Fundraiser in aid of St. Ignatius Parish. Tickets will be available soon 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 Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



## **ST. IGNATIUS PARISH**

**ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH-ST. ALBAN'S ST. ANNE'S CHURCH- CONNE RIVER**

**Pastor:** Father Tom **Administrative Assistant:** Doug Lambert

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Office hours: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### ***THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

Today we celebrate *Gaudete Sunday*, so called because of the first word in Latin of the entrance antiphon, *Gaudete (Rejoice)*. The Entrance Antiphon reads, *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near.* It orients our prayer and Mass today and we realize that the Lord is indeed near. As Catholics, we are called to be people of joy today and every day of our existence. The Lord is always present in our midst: in the Eucharist, in Sacred Scripture, in our hearts, and in our community. We have reason to rejoice!

### ***LITURGICAL SCHEDULE***

**Weekend Liturgy: Sat-December 16 and Sun-December 17**

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch- Special Intention for Anne Collier-Hoskins

St.Alban's-Sunday-10:30a.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—*ParishFamily*

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church- Pauline & John Nick Jeddore

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**Daily Masses Mon December 18 – Fri December 22**

Mon -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Randy Cranford

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

Wed -11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Jenny & Eugene Nugent

Thur-11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Marilyn Willcott

Fri ---11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Henrietta & Aloysius Walsh

**Weekend Liturgy: Sat-Dec. 23 Sun-Dec. 24 and Mon Dec. 25**

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch—Donald.Snook

St.Alban's-Sunday-8:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----*ParishFamily*

Conne River-Sunday-6:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church— *Church Family*

St.Alban's Monday-10:30 a.m. St.Ignatius Church- *Parish Family*

## MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
Dec 16	Patsy M	Edith O	Father Tom Margaret H	Kevin O
Dec 17	Patsy M	Lydia W	Father Tom Mary S	Anthony W George D
Dec 23	Edith O	Ann B	Father Tom Edith O	Finton O Gerard S
Dec 24 8:00 p.m.	Edith O	Mitchel W Matthew W	Father Tom Genevieve T	William M Ivan O
Dec 25 10:30 a.m.	Mary S	Cindy B	Father Tom Mary S	Anthony W George D

### Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$748.85
St. Anne's	80.00
Mass Stipend	44.00
Advent Folders	40.00
Christmas Offering	100.00
Candles	20.00
Christmas Flowers	315.00
Sunday Missals	220.00
Diocesan Collection (World Mission Sunday)	5.00
Religious Articles	10.00
EFT (November 2023)	932.00

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

**2024 Parish Envelopes** will be available during the next few weeks for anyone who contributed to the parish using 2023 Envelopes. Please make sure that the box you take has your name on it. If you did not use envelopes during 2023 but would like a box for 2024, 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, 2024.

### 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 greatly bring them Holy Communion....Father Tom Duffenais

### Bay D'Espoir Community Food Bank

Location: St Alban's Community Centre

Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Friday 10:00 am-12:00 pm (by appointment only)

**For more information please contact:** The Bay D'Espoir Community Food Bank now has its own telephone #: **(709) 538-7936**. Messages can be left on an answering service. Please leave your name and telephone number and someone will return your call during the hours of operation. Thank you. Please feel free to drop off donated food items at the back of the Church in the labelled Food Bank Box. Some items that are in need include teabags, coffee, and canned vegetables. Thank you for your continued support.

**Christmas Flowers:** You are invited to make a donation for Christmas Poinsettias 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.

**Condolences:** The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish and St. Anne's Church extend to the family of the late Ethel Burt 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.