

December 21 - Memorial of Saint Peter Canisius, Priest , Doctor:

Born in The Netherlands in 1521, Peter later joined the Jesuit Order and worked in Germany, Austria, Bohemia and Switzerland as a leader of the Counter-Reformation. He educated Catholics with his popular and influential Catechism. In 1597 Peter died, and in 1925 he was canonized and declared Doctor of the Church.

December 23 - Memorial of Saint John of Kanty, Priest:

John was born in Kanti, Poland, in 1390. After his ordination, he served in the Faculty of Theology at Krakow University. A popular teacher and preacher, John was noted for his simplicity and love for the poor. He died in 1473 and was canonized in 1767.

Christmas Eve Mass: Saturday December 24th

St. Anne's Church Conne River 6:00pm
St. Ignatius Church St. Alban's 8:30pm

Christmas Day Mass: Sunday December 25th

St. Ignatius Church 10:30am

New Year's Eve Mass: Saturday December 31st

St. Ignatius Church 7:00pm

New Year's Day Mass: Sunday January 1st

St. Ignatius Church 10:30am

2023 Parish Envelopes By now, you should have picked up your 2023 envelope box . Remaining named boxes are on the table at the back of the church. If there is no box with your name, feel free to take one of the blank boxes. If you do, don't forget to record your name opposite the box number you took. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2023.



St. Ignatius Parish



St.

Ignatius Church-St. Alban's St. Anne's Church- Conne River

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today's Gospel, we hear the wonderful words, "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel" which means, "God is with us" and "when Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the Angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife". As we draw closer to the birth of the Son of God into our midst, we can be thankful to Mary and Joseph for their complete openness to God's will in their lives and pray that we will have that same openness of spirit in responding to God's will in our lives.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily Masses Mon December 19– Fri December 23

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Janet Organ

Tues - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel----William & Helena Crant

Wed - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----David Organ

Thurs- 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Everest Barnes

Fri-----11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Aloysius, Margaret, & Ally Collier

Weekend Liturgy: Sat – December 24 and Sun – December 25

Conne River-**ChristmasEve**-Saturday6:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church—**Church Family**

St.Alban's-**ChristmasEve**-Saturday8:30p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch---**Parish Family**

St.Alban's-**Christmas Day** Sunday 10:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Church—**Parish Family**

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

| <i>DATE</i> | <i>Sacristan</i> | <i>Reader</i> | <i>Eucharistic Minister</i> | <i>Music</i> |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Dec 17 | Patsy M | Pat P | Father Patrick | |
| Dec 18 | Patsy M | Mark W | Father Patrick | |
| Dec 24 | Edith O | Ann B | Father Patrick | |
| Dec 25 | Edith O | | Father Patrick | |

Weekly Parish Income

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| St. Ignatius Church | \$738.00 |
| St. Anne's Church | 85.00 |
| Advent Folders | 35.00 |
| Mass Stipends | 15.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | 355.00 |
| Initial Offering (2022) | 5.00 |
| New Year's Offering (2022) | 5.00 |
| All Soul's Day (2022) | 5.00 |

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Advent Folders

Advent Folders are now available on the table located near the main entrance.

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.

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 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

Bay D'Espoir Community Food Bank

The Bay D'Espoir Community Food Bank would like to announce to the surrounding communities that the food bank will close on Friday December 16, 2022 for the Christmas Season and will reopen to the public on Tuesday January 10, 2023.

The Bay D'Espoir Community Food Bank would like to wish all the Bay D'Espoir area communities a Merry and safe Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. The Food Bank would also like to take this opportunity and extend a sincere **Thank You** for all your support in 2022 and look forward to your continuing generosity and support in 2023.

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. 1st prize - \$500.00, 2nd prize - \$300.00, 3rd prize - \$200.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Only 500 tickets printed. Winning tickets will be drawn on Tuesday, December 20th, 2022.

Christmas Choir: We are hoping to have a community choir for Christmas Eve Mass. If you are interested please come to the practice on December 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the Church. All are welcome.