

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. Thus, Lent recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. The baptismal and penitential themes are reflected in the Lenten readings.

MARCH 2 - 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.*

MARCH 4 - 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 over 170 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.

Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 7:00 p.m.

St. Ignatius Church

Because of caution around the spread of Covid-19, changes have been approved by the Bishop with regard to how ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday. They are as follows:

After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest will address those present, reciting **once** the formula found in the Roman Missal: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return". The procession to receive the ashes will follow as we do for the Eucharist with the right side beginning the procession. The priest will cleanse his hands, put on a face mask, and using a different swab for each person the ashes will be placed on each person's forehead without saying anything further.

During the procession please ensure you are maintaining a 6 ft distance.



St. Ignatius Parish



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

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel invites and challenges us, as modern-day disciples of the Lord Jesus, to live our lives according to the ways of the living God, following the example of the One who is the revelation of the Father. Instead of being concerned with finding fault with others, we are called to look inward, to examine our own consciences so that we become genuine disciples of Jesus Christ, living according to the Great Commandment of Love and shaping our lives in imitation of Jesus Christ. Becoming such genuine disciples will enable us to bear much good fruit and so build up the Kingdom of God here on this earth.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Please Note: Chapel Mass will remain private until further notice.

Daily Masses Mon February 28 – March 4

Mon – 11:00 a.m. Private-----Veronica, Eli, Gord, & John Organ

Tues – 11:00 a.m. Private-----Claude MacDonald

Wed – 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday, St. Ignatius Church—Anne Mayo

Thurs-- 11:00 a.m. Private-----Eugene Nugent

Fri----- 11:00 a.m. Private---Jeremiah, Amelia, & Pius Sutton

Weekend Liturgy: Sat – March 5 and Sun – March 6

St. Alban's-Sat 7:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church---Hubert, Susie, & Linus Collier

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

Conne River-Sun 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church----Annette Drew

Distribution of Ashes: Will occur at St. Anne's Church in Conne River during the Sunday service at 2:00 p.m. on March 6. Ashes will also be distributed at the weekend services at St. Ignatius Church for those who could not attend the Ash Wednesday service.

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Music
Feb 26	Mary S Patsy M	Edith O	Father Patrick	
Feb 27	Mary S Patsy M	Mark W	Father Patrick	
Mar 5	Edith O Monica K	Ann B	Father Patrick	
Mar 6	Edith O Monica K	Lydia W	Father Patrick	

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$775.00
St. Anne's Church	85.00
Initial Offering	20.00
New Year's Offering	5.00
Mass Stipend	5.00
Ecclesiastical Student Fund	20.00
Sunday Missals	148.55

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Stipends (as recommended by the Diocese) Certificates (copy)

Funerals	\$200.00	Baptism	\$5.00
Weddings	\$200.00	Confirmation	\$5.00
Baptism	\$25.00	Communion	\$5.00

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. at St. Ignatius Church. All are welcome!

Catholic Missions in Canada Collection:

This is a reminder that the Catholic Missions in Canada (CMIC) collection takes place on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. Please be generous with your donations as CMIC has been extremely generous to our parishes and diocese. Thank you.

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

New To Our Area: Bay D'Espoir Community Food Bank

Location: St Alban's Community Centre

Opening Date: Tuesday February 15th, 2022-02-09

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

For more information please contact:

Connie: 538-6096

Brenda: 538-6504

Audrey: 572-5609

Cindy: 538-8930

Please feel free to drop off donated food items at the back of the Church in the labelled Food Bank Box.

Lenten Folders:

Available on the table at the back of the Church.

Prayer For The Sick

God of love

Ever caring, ever strong

Stand by us in our time of need

Watch over our parish members Anne Collier Hoskins

and Edmund Collier who are ill,

Look after them in every danger,

and grant them your healing and peace

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

