MAY 12 - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: On the

Fourth Sunday of Easter, we are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Christ the Good Shepherd continues to lead his people through his Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow him in this way. The whole Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations, and this should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people throughout the year. The first step is to live in a full Christian manner. Families with a lively spirit of faith, love, and reverence contribute greatly to this work. Spiritually active parishes, where people take a full part, also help to promote vocations. The theme for this year's 56th World Day of Prayer for Vocations is "The Courage to Take a Risk for God's Promise".

Lord Jesus Christ,

You are the Savior of the world, Please manifest in Your Church the Spirit whom You also abundantly bestowed on Your apostles and Your religious life.

May zeal for Your glory
And for the salvation of the world
Inflame those You have chosen.
May they be saints in Your likeness.
May Your Holy Spirit strengthen them.
May they be priests and religious according to Your own heart!

Amen.

MAY 14 - FEAST OF ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE: According to the Acts of the Apostles (1.15-26), Matthias was chosen after the resurrection to replace Judas. Quoting a psalm, Peter told the 120 people gathered that they must choose a new apostle: someone who had been with them from the time of the baptism of the Lord until the resurrection, someone who could join them in bearing witness to these events. Two names were put forward and Matthias was chosen.



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes the secure and lasting relationship he has with his sheep, those who truly hear him and believe. Just as no one can separate Jesus and his Father, no one can take Jesus' disciples away from him. We remain close to Jesus, our Good Shepherd, through prayer and by listening carefully to what he is telling us. This week it would be good to take some time to reflect on some of the words we have heard from Jesus that have been helpful in our lives.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: May 13th – May 17th

Parish Chapel -	Edwin Farrell
Parish Chapel	George and Pearl Collier
Parish Chapel	Bertina Bennett
Parish Chapel	Kate and Dave Collier
Parish Chapel	Eileen Willcott
	Parish Chapel- Parish Chapel Parish Chapel

Weekend Liturgy: May 18th and May 19th

St. Alban's- Sat 7:00 p.mSt. Ignatius Church	Alfred Barnes
St. Alban's- Sun 10:30 a.mSt. Ignatius Church	- Parish Family
Conne River- Sun 2:00 p.mSt. Anne's ChurchJohn Augot and	Bradley Winsor

Merciful God, bless my mother this Mother's Day for her loving and nurturing ways. Through her care and intercession, you graced me and formed me in so many ways. May the love you gave me through her be showered on her today and for all eternity. Amen

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacrist an	Reader	Collectors	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Servers	Music
May	Ann	Brenda	France MacNeil	Ann	Patsy	
11	Theresa	Jeddore	Ed Hoskins	Benoit	Edith	Folk
			ClaytonWillcott			Group
May	Jenny	Valerie	Clarence Davis	Ralph	Kevin	Folk
12	Maggie	Hoskins	Mike Snook	Blake	Brenda	Group
			Perry Cox			
May			FrancesMacNeil		Pat	Julia Ann
18	Jenny	Gerry	Ed Hoskins	Jessica	Maggie	Christine
	Maggie	Cox	Clayton	Savory		
			Willcott			
May	Ann	Philomena	Clarence Davis	Genevieve	Ellen	Jessica
19	Theresa	Sutton	Mike Snook	Tremblett	Mary O.	Willcott
			Perry Cox			

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$785.00	Lenten Folders	\$20.00
St. Anne's Church	\$133.30	Marriage Ceritif	icate5.00
Donations (New Items)	\$35.00	Holy Thursday	\$10.00
Funeral Stipends	\$400.00	Mass Stipends	\$160.00

Chase The Ace: Held every Friday 7:00 pm at the RC Legion. Tickets are \$5.00 each. This fundraiser is open to all persons 19 years and older. Number of cards remaining is 38. **Jackpot** is \$1534.50.

Card Game: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a card game Saturday May 11th at the Lions Club @ 8:15 pm. Great prizes!

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION: Congratulations on your First Confession. As you make your reconciliation you will be blessed in a special way, making this sacrament. May you discover the joy God's unconditional love and forgiveness.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

We come together with joyful hearts as you receive your first Holy Communion. Jesus said;"Do this in memory of me". And so when we share the bread of life with one another, we are also sharing God's love.

Condolences: The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Gary Dollimont their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of your loved one. May God bless you and console you.

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.

New Items for our Church: The liturgy committee is in the process of ordering a few new items for our church. The new items include: 2 large green banners to hang on each side of the crucifix on the altar; the second item needed is a censor and boat which is used at funerals to burn the incense,

If anyone would like to donate **In memory of their loved one(s), their names will be displayed in church.** You can please call the parish office or place your donation in the collection basket with a note clearly stating the name of your loved one. You can also drop it off at the office or by mail. An income tax receipt will be issued for any and all donations.

Parish Secretary: It is with deep regret that we say goodbye to our parish secretary. She has taken a leave of absence. Jean Gould has worked with us for 11 years and we have been blessed with her expertise. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Please be patient as we work through restructuring the parish office. At this time office hours have yet to be determined. Given the financial situation of the parish, the council has decided to take some time to assess the needs of the office. Any requests or concerns regarding church business, please call the office at 538-3106, Father Patrick will be available and/ or please leave a message.

PROPOSALS: The St. Ignatius Parish Council is now accepting proposals for the replacement of the front step of the church including the wheel chair accessible ramp.

The contractor shall be responsible for providing the necessary materials, equipment and labour to carry out the task required. The work must be completed by a qualified contractor who carries the appropriate insurances. The replacement of steps would need to be built according to the appropriate building code requirements. Project will require using pressure treated lumber and will follow the design of the current steps. Contractor is also responsible for the removal and disposal of the current step. Sealed proposals can be submitted to the Parish office by May 21st..

"I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

John 11: 25-26

APRIL 30 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARIE DE L'

INCARNATION, RELIGIOUS: Marie was born in Tours, France, in 1599. As a young woman, she received revelations concerning the Incarnation, the Sacred Heart, and the Blessed Trinity. After seeking spiritual direction, she decided to enter the Ursuline monastery in Tours. Encouraged by a dream, Marie set sail with two other Ursulines and arrived in Quebec City in 1639. She composed catechisms in Huron and Algonquin. Marie died in Quebec on April 30, 1672, was beatified by Pope John Paul II on June 22, 1980, and was canonized by Pope Francis on April 2, 2014. She was the first missionary woman to the "New World".

WORLD DAY OF YOUTH: Instituted at the conclusion of the International Year of Youth and in conjunction with Saint John Paul II's World Youth Day gatherings, Palm Sunday has included this observance since 1985. Pope Francis, in addressing the youth, says, "Young people must say to the world. It is good to follow Jesus! You bring us the joy of faith and tell us that we must live the faith always with a young heart". Volunteer Invitation

We may overlook some of the important things in life when we are carried away by other things that keep us occupied. It is good to step back and slow down so we can recall all of the things we should be grateful for. Easter is a good time for recollection and being thankful for all the blessings that we have in our lives.