

JANUARY 21 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGNES, VIRGIN,

MARTYR: Agnes was martyred at the age of twelve during a Roman persecution. She has been, over the centuries, a symbol of virginal innocence. She is the most highly honoured of the early Roman virgin martyrs and, since the Middle Ages, has been pictured with a lamb as a symbol of this innocence.

JANUARY 24 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES,
BISHOP, DOCTOR:

Born in 1567, Francis, after obtaining doctorates in both canon and civil law, rejected opportunities for a brilliant career, choosing religious life instead. He was ordained in 1593 and appointed Bishop of Geneva in 1602. He lived a life of austerity and simplicity, sharing his abundance with the poor. In his ministry, he emphasized both the loving kindness of God and the human capacity for love. He was also one of the principal leaders of the Catholic Reformation. Francis died in 1622, was beatified the same year, and was canonized in 1665. He is a Doctor of the Church and patron saint of the deaf, of writers and of the Catholic press.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

(January 18-January 25)

The universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. The Second Vatican Council invited all Catholics to undertake the work of ecumenism and so overcome the scandal of disunity among Christians. Ecumenism means working to restore unity among all Christians; in a broader sense, it also involves working for better relations with Judaism, Islam, and other non-Christian religions. Pope John Paul II has told us that working for unity is the responsibility of each of us: *“To work for unity is not simply to follow one’s own fancy, one’s personal preference; it means being faithful to and truly representative of the position of the Catholic Church”* (23 November 1979).

Knights of Columbus will be having a Rosary (Marian Prayer Program) on Saturday evening, January 25th at St. Ignatius Church starting at 7:00p.m.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH-ST. ALBAN'S

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH- CONNE RIVER

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, we are presented with another epiphany when John the Baptist refers to Jesus as the "Lamb of God", thus identifying Jesus' ultimate purpose in life which is to redeem sinful humanity. We hear this familiar title in our prayers during Mass and we know and believe that Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb of God, died that we might be free of our sins. John also testifies that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus, thus pointing to Jesus as the Son of God who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our baptism, we too are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: January 20th to January 24th

Mon- 11:00 a.m. ----- Parish Chapel---- NO MASS
Tues- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel---- NO MASS
Wed- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel----NO MASS
Thurs- 11:00 a.m.-----Parish Chapel---- NO MASS
Friday- 11:00 a.m.----- Parish Chapel ----NO MASS

Weekend Liturgy: Sunday January 26th

Sun.--- 6:00 p.m.-St. Ignatius Church----- Levi and Juanita Organ
Sun. -- 2:00 p.m.-St. Anne's Church-----Mary K. John and Broderick Drew

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Collectors	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Servers	Music
Jan 19th	Meg Genny	Cindy B	Ivan O Brenda D Perry C	Calvin C	Anthony George	Lenora L
Jan 26th	Teresa Ann	Lydia W	Ivan O Brenda D Perry C	Ralph B	Irena Mary	Youth Choir Valerie C

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$871.25
St. Anne's Church	\$171.30
Initial Offering	\$65.00
New Years' Offering	\$45.00
Advent Folders	\$20.00
Mass Stipends	\$25.00

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

Income Tax Receipts: will be available within the next couple of weeks. Anyone needing receipts for income tax purposes are asked to put their name and **2019 envelope number on an empty envelope** and place it in the wooden box at the back of the church or you can also place your request in the collection basket. *The receipts (in your own envelope) will be available on the table at the back of the church in the next several weeks. Parishioners in Conne River are asked to place their envelopes in the collection basket.*

Thank you for your generous financial support during 2019. We hope that you will continue to contribute to our parish financially in the coming years.

WELCOME TO ST. IGNATIUS PARISH AND ST. ANNE'S CHURCH :

We are glad that you are here with us this evening. It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during our worship.

"Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them"

Matt 18:20

Welcome:

A special welcome to Father Joy who will be celebrating Mass this evening.

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 10:00 am. Mass to follow at 11:00 am. The next Mass is Feb 7th.

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

Ordinary Time

(January 13 – February 25, 2020)

Ordinary Time encompasses that part of the liturgical year that does not fall within the distinctive seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. The Catholic Church celebrates two periods of the year as Ordinary Time: the first following the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and continuing until Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday; the second following Pentecost Sunday until the evening before Advent. There are about 33 or 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time, depending on the year. In Actuality, however, there are fewer "Sundays of Ordinary Time" because major feasts honouring the Trinity, Corpus Christi, Christ the King and others replace a particular Sunday of Ordinary Time. It is important that Ordinary Time celebrates the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. We also may celebrate the parts of Jesus' life that were ordinary, much like our own lives.

