

December 6 - Memorial of Saint Nicholas, Bishop: In the early fourth century Nicholas was made Bishop of Myra in Lycia (now Turkey). He was famous for his charity and was so popular that he was chosen joint patron of Russia with Saint Andrew; he is also a patron of sailors and children. In many parts of the world, he still plays a role as Santa Claus.

DECEMBER 7 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR: Ambrose was a catechumen who was later baptized and ordained, becoming Bishop of Milan. He became a remarkable preacher and teacher of the faith. His most famous student was Augustine of Hippo, whom he baptized. His literary works have been acclaimed as masterpieces of Latin eloquence, and his musical accomplishments are remembered in his hymns. In 1298, Ambrose was declared one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church (with Jerome, Augustine and Gregory I).

DECEMBER 8 - SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as a dogma of faith. This dogma states that the Blessed Virgin Mary “in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin”. On this day, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we celebrate our Diocesan Feast.

Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Grand Falls-Windsor, on Thursday, December 8th at 11:00 a.m. Parishioners from the various parishes of the Diocese are encouraged to attend this mass to pray for the needs of the Diocese and to give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on us through the years. Bishop Daniels will celebrate the Mass and Priests throughout the Diocese will also be in attendance

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.



St. Ignatius Parish

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today's readings speak of peace. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah we have a wonderful vision of what the world will be like on that day when “a shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse”: “the wolf shall live with the lamb” and “the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den”. Saint Paul in the second reading prays that we will “live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus”. In the Gospel, we are called to “prepare the way of the Lord”. As we prepare ourselves for the birth of the Prince of Peace, we are challenged to do our best in the ‘here and now’ to bring about the vision of peace proclaimed by Isaiah. We can begin by being peace-filled people with all whom we meet on a daily basis.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily Chapel Mass: Daily mass intentions will be private on **Thursday Dec. 8 and Friday Dec.9** as Father Patrick is away.

Daily Masses Mon December 5– Fri December 9

Mon - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----James Davis

Tues - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Amelia Marshy

Wed - 11:00 a.m. Parish Chapel-----George, Albert, & Adonis Cox

Thurs- 11:00 a.m. Private-----Geraldine Farrell

Fri-----11:00 a.m. Private-----Margaret Ryan

Weekend Liturgy: Sat – December 10 and Sun – December 11

St.Alban's-Saturday7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch---Deceased members of the

Knights of Columbus

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

Conne River-Sunday 2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church—Roger John

Penitential Service

Monday December 12th – St. Ignatius Parish 7:00pm

Ministries' schedule for Weekend Masses

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Music
Dec 3	Mary S	Monica W	Father Patrick	
Dec 4	Mary S	Valerie H	Father Patrick	
Dec 10	Monica K	Edith O	Father Patrick	
Dec 11	Monica K	Cindy B	Father Patrick	

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$815.00
St. Anne's Church	95.00
Mass Stipends	15.00
Candles	96.00
Funeral Stipend	200.00
All Souls Day	10.00
50/50 Fundraiser (November 2022)	3265.00

Congratulations to Christa Walsh, winner of the November 2022 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1632.50)

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Advent Folders

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

Condolences

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

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.

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 Foodbank is preparing for Christmas Baskets and the Christmas season. Please help ensure all our community members have access to the necessities they will need over the holiday season. Some of the main items which we need to build on include:

Sugar Tea Can Vegetables
Milk Coffee Dish Detergent
Flour Butter Can Fruit

Toilet Paper

Large and small items of the above listed items would be greatly appreciated. Your generosity over the year has been greatly appreciated. Thank you for your kindness. Please feel free to drop off donated food items at the back of the Church in the labelled Food Bank Box.

For more information please contact:

Connie : 538-6096
 Brenda : 538-6504
 Audrey: 572-5609
 Cindy : 538-8930

Knights of Columbus

December 10th at 7:00 pm., the Knights of Columbus will have a special Mass for all their deceased members. The Church Christmas tree lighting will take place at this service.