

ADVENT SEASON: “The season of Advent has a twofold nature: it is a time to prepare for Christmas, when we recall Christ’s First Coming among us, and it is a time when we look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of the ages. In this way Advent is a period of devout and joyful expectation” (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year, 39*). During Advent, each Sunday’s Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Children’s Christmas Pageant: December 15th – St. Ignatius Parish 10:30am

Penitential Service: December 18th – St. Ignatius Parish 7:00pm

Christmas Community Choir: Anyone who wishes to sing on Christmas Eve with the choir, there will be only ONE practice this year on December 22nd at 6:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass December 24th:

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

Christmas Day Mass December 25th: St. Ignatius Parish 10:30am

New Year’s Eve December 31st: St. Ignatius Parish 7:00pm

New Year’s Day January 1st: Chapel 10:30am

Youth Dance: The participants and parents of the Finding God Religion Program will be hosting a Snowflake Dance on Friday, Dec 13th. (6:00-7:00 Preschool-Grade 4). , (7:30-9:00 Grade 5-Grade 8). Admission #3.00. There will be a canteen available. All proceeds raised at this dance will be given to Fr. Patrick to help his parish in Africa.

Knights of Columbus Mass: December 7th at 7:00pm. , the Knights of Columbus will have a special Mass for all their deceased members. Lighting of the Christmas Tree will be at beginning of Mass.

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. **Please note: Date change from Dec 6th to Dec 13th as Fr. Patrick will be away.**



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH



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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

This is the first Sunday of Advent and the first Sunday of the new liturgical year (Year A). There are three aspects of anticipation to Jesus’ coming in the Advent season: the celebration of his birth some 2000 years ago (past), receiving Jesus in our lives today (present), and his coming again at the end of time (future). Today’s readings emphasize the third aspect when Jesus comes again in glory. In the Gospel Jesus speaks about the signs that will occur at the end of time and says, “Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man”. Let us take time during this Advent season to examine our lives to prepare for that final day when we will meet God face to face.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule: December 2– December 6

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| Mo | 11:00 a.m. ----- | Parish Chapel---- | Eileen Burke, Jim Gaulton and Gerald Organ |
| Tues- | 11:00 a.m.----- | Parish Chapel---- | Betty Hoskins, Mary Bridget Davis and Robert Snook |
| Wed- | 11:00 a.m.----- | Parish Chapel---- | Henrietta & Aloysius Walsh and deceased family members and George, Elizabeth and Alfreda Harding |
| Thurs- | 11:00 a.m.----- | Parish Chapel---- | Gordon Willcott, Iris Greenham and Ross Willcott |
| Friday- | 11:00 a.m.----- | Parish Chapel ---- | No Mass -Fr. Patrick away |

Weekend Liturgy: December 7th and December 8th

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| Sat. --- | 7:00 p.m.-St. Ignatius Church----- | Deceased members of Knights of Columbus |
| Sun.--- | 10:30 a.m.-St. Ignatius Church----- | Parish Family |
| Sun. -- | 2:00 p.m.-St. Anne’s Church----- | John N. and Pauline Jeddore, Martin Hoskins and Mary K. John |

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Collectors	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Servers	Music
Nov 30th	Ann Teresa	Elizabeth B	Monica K Anthony W Clayton W	Margaret H	Maggie Pat	Kennedy W Tracey P
Dec 1st	Mary Patsy	Philomena S	Clarence D George D Mike S	Valerie H	Anthony George	Julie-Ann W
Dec 7th	Mary Patsy	Edith O	Kevin O Gerard S Finton O	Margaret H	Margaret Willie	Folk Group
Dec 8th	Meg Genny	Cindy B	Clarence D George D Mike S	Calvin C	Irena Mary	Folk Group

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church \$841.00	Religious Articles \$100.00
St. Anne's Church \$109.00	Donations \$ 15.00
Chase The Ace \$1547.50	Mass Stipend \$ 20.00
Baptism Stipend \$25.00	Marriage Certificate \$ 5.00
Belvedere Orphanage Fund \$2550.00	Missals \$200.00

Chase The Ace: Congratulations to Aubrey Joe on winning the jackpot \$10,292.50. Thank you to the Legion for the use of their building and to all our volunteers.

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

Condolences: The parishioners of St. Ignatius Parish extend to the family of the late Dr. Ragaie Diebes their profound sympathies. We join you in prayer for the repose of you loved one. May God Bless you and console you.

Father Patrick Home Visit: Father Patrick will be returning to his home for a visit in January. The children and parents of the Finding God religion program have decided that we wish to do some fundraising to support his community parish (St. Andrew's Catholic Mission Umueze, Ezimba Uboma). They have a small parish there but they do not have a floor. We will be raising some money for him to bring back to his parish. If anyone would like to donate to this cause, you can include a separate envelope and highlight on it that it is a donation for Father Patrick. (Picture of the floor will be posted on our website).

2020 Parish Envelopes By now, you should have picked up your 2020 envelope box . If you are either new to the parish or did not use envelopes during 2019 but would like a box for 2020, there are a number of blank boxes on the table at the back. If you take one of those, don't forget to record your name opposite the box number you took. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2020.

Envelope box Numbers: Due to deaths among our faithful parish contributors over the years, plus the decline in church attendance in general, the parish has to order fewer boxes of envelopes each year. As a result, each year a number of parishioners have to be assigned a different box number than the previous year. *This is not a problem since your income tax receipt for 2019 is based on your envelope number for that year, which may or may not be the same as your box number for 2020.*

The 2020 Living with Christ Sunday Missals are available Saturday mass see Ellen Nugent and Sunday mass see Brenda Pelley Davis. Price is \$6.00 per missal.

Advent Folders: available on the table at the back of the church.

Christmas Flowers: You are invited to make a donation for Christmas Flowers that will be used on our Alter 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.

DECEMBER 3 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST: Francis was born in 1506 in Navarre, Spain. He was one of the first members of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and spent many years working as a missionary with the peoples of Goa, South East Asia, and Japan. Francis died in 1552 while on his way from Goa to China. He was canonized in 1602 and is a patron of all foreign missions.