

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

For the preparation program, phone four months before child's birth



SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:55am-12 Noon

Program for 3- & 4- year-olds
Grades K-8 Program
for the children of registered parishioners



CONFIRMATION

For Grades 8-12: Enquire at the Parish Office in September



YOUTH EVENTS

Lynne, youth@stignatius.ca



CHRISTIAN INITIATION

OF ADULTS (RCIA): Enquire at the Adult Education Centre if interested in joining the Catholic Church.



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrange 12 months in advance.



SICK CALLS: Request through the Office. Someone will gladly visit the sick.



PRAYER, REFLECTION, & LEARNING: in the Chapel, Mon-Thurs 11:30am-4:00pm



HEALING PRAYER

MINISTRY: for prayer, call Valerie, :204-453-9243



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

meet 1st Monday each month at 7:30pm

Readings: 2nd Sunday of Advent (B)

1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel
Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11	2 Peter 3: 8-14	Mark 1: 1-8

RETURN FROM BABYLON... AND TRANSFORMATION

Isaiah offered the people of Judah... solace to all who suffer, whatever their circumstances. [He] shared his call from God and his mission to be the herald of good news, or gospel... That good news proclaimed a new beginning and a new era of restoration and reconciliation, marked by a joyful journey homeward [from exile in Babylon]... [where they had found themselves] not only because Babylon had a superior army, but as a consequence of their own sins and infidelity...

The author of 2 Peter ... took care to affirm that Jesus will indeed return.... Regardless of how it comes about, there will be a transformation of humankind and all creation when Jesus returns. To that end, and due to God's merciful patience, Christians should anticipate the end by living here and now, fully cooperative with God's transformative grace...

Mark [is now believed to have developed the Gospel genre]... shortly before the fall of Jerusalem for a gentile community in the Roman Empire outside Palestine. As herald of Jesus' person and mission, John the Baptizer is featured in today's reading from Mark (and in next Sunday's from John). To introduce him, Mark [combines]... three texts from Exodus, Malachi, and Isaiah which... refer to the exodus, the exile, and the return from exile [respectively]. By drawing all these key moments in Jewish history together and associating them with the advent of Jesus, Mark succeeds in presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Jewish hopes.



Mark casts John in the role of prophet. By mentioning... John's diet of locusts and wild honey, [he] recalls the traditional symbols of judgement and comfort. Locusts were regarded as God's agents of punishing destruction. Honey [on the other hand] signified peace and plenty. These help to announce the dual nature of the Gospel, which would bring judgement as well as peace and comfort.

– Celebration (excerpted/paraphrased)

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ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL
Nursery-Grade 8: full curriculum
in a Catholic environment for
children of registered parishioners.
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The Community of St Ignatius



*"In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God."*
(Mark 13)

10 December 2017

2nd Sunday of Advent

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am
9:30am
11:00am
(Spanish) 3:40pm
8:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon: 7:15am (& Communion Service 11am)
Tues-Sat: 11:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fri Dec 15th 4:00 - 5:00pm Fr Obrigewitsch
Sat 16th 9:45 - 10:45am Fr Newman
Fri 22nd 4:00 - 5:00pm Fr Newman
Sat 23rd 9:45 - 10:45am Fr Newman

10 December 2017 – 2nd Sunday of Advent (B)

2018 Sunday Collection Envelopes are available for pick-up at the back of the church. As of 1 January, please use only the 2018 envelopes.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to Sharing God's Gifts, by your generous donations we have met our target. Congratulations to all.

K of C Pancake Breakfast this Sunday 10 December after morning Masses.

Advent Giving: Our special weekly Advent collections continue: alms to prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ. Please give generously each week to help those in need.

- *Second Sunday of Advent* – Christmas LITE (Local Investment Toward Employment), a public charitable foundation that since 1994 has supported jobs and long-term community development in Winnipeg's inner city. (cheques made payable to LITE);
- *Third Sunday of Advent* – for teen moms and babies in the core area: (diapers, formula, new and gently used baby clothing, and toys);
- *Fourth Sunday of Advent* – Winnipeg Harvest: (non-perishable food items).

Christmas Altar Decorating, Friday 22 December 1:00 to 2:30pm. All welcome. Contact Tannis Scott for info tanlscott@shaw.ca

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, Tuesday 12 December. Observed annually on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, who appeared to a humble indigenous peasant, Juan Diego, in Mexico in 1531.

Knights of Columbus News

Grocery Gift Cards, which can be used at Co-op, Sobey's, Safeway, and IGA (\$25, \$50, & \$100 denominations) are on sale by our Knights each week after all masses in the vestibule at the back of the church and in the hall. Cash or debit card only, please.

Pancake Breakfasts are planned for the following future Sundays: 7 January, 11 February, and 18 March.

You can give a \$5 Tim Horton's card, as an alternative to cash, to the homeless and to those in need. Cards can be purchased from one of the Knights.



Financial Report

Sharing God's Gifts Update (Archdiocesan Collection): This week we paid off the last installment of our \$59,000 assessment for 2017 – thank you again for all your generosity. In January, after the special Advent collections have finished, we will once again start taking a second collection on alternate Sundays to avoid falling behind with our 2018 assessment. Please make cheques payable to the Parish, earmarked "Sharing God's Gifts" – and print your name and envelope number *clearly* on the Sharing God's Gifts envelope.

St Ignatius Statement for this week: To our regular Sunday collection you gave \$14,630 in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. To Sharing God's Gifts you gave \$5,135. To the Poor Box & Agape you gave \$99. Thank you for your generosity.

Please consider using Pre-Authorized Payments (PAC) for your contributions to the church: an easy way to donate. **To start a new PAC or increase an existing one, please fill out a form available from the Office.**

St Ignatius School Christmas Concert: *The Nativity from the Perspective of Sts Anne & Joachim.* Two performances: **Wednesday 20 December, 1:30pm** and **Thursday 21 December, 7:00pm.** A silver collection will be taken and proceeds will go the St Ignatius School Music Program. All invited.



"I am not worthy to... untie the thong of his sandals." (Mark 1)

Red Poinsettias: If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, we would gladly receive red poinsettias. Please drop them off at the office between 22 & 24 December.

Mass Intentions for Week of Dec 11th – Dec 16th

Mon	Dec 11 th	7:15am +Leigha Conci
Tues	12 th	11:00am +Esme & Leo Doherty
Wed	13 th	11:00am +Barbara Brown
Thu	14 th	11:00am +Fr Joseph Driscoll
Fri	15 th	11:00am +Margaret Edwards
Sat	16 th	11:00am Fam of Christine Jack