

## 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month at 7:30pm

## Readings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (B)

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Gospel
Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11	1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24	John 1: 6-8, 19-28

## CULTIVATING JOY AND COMPASSION

John's whole purpose is to cross the bridge from Isaiah to Jesus... When all the graced visionaries have prophesied... when all the fettered are set free, when the naked and the shamed are clothed with justice and dignity (Isaiah), One will come among us — One in whom hope and healing, freedom and salvation will find their most eloquent expression (John 1). He is the One for whom we wait with joy (1 Thess)... On this, the third Sunday of Advent, Isaiah, Paul and the two Johns (the evangelist and the Baptizer) call the assembly to cultivate that joy and allow it to sustain us. Ours is good news.

Pope Francis knows all the evils that plague our planet. Nevertheless, he encourages believers to live and to preach *the joy of the Gospel*. In his exhortation of that name, Francis has admitted, "The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures and a blunted conscience...." He says we are to say no to an economy of exclusion. "To sustain a lifestyle which excludes others or to sustain enthusiasm for that selfish ideal" makes us indifferent. "We end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor ... they fail to move us." [He goes further:] "I exhort you to generous solidarity and to the return of economics and finance to an ethical approach which favors human beings... Money must serve, not rule." Believers in Jesus are also called to say *no* to the inequality that spawns violence. "When a society ... is content to leave a part of itself on the fringes," [Francis says,] "no political programs or resources spent on law enforcement or surveillance systems can indefinitely guarantee tranquility."

As he continues to challenge the church and the world, Pope Francis urges all to say *no* to selfishness and spiritual sloth.... Rather, let us say *yes* to Christ, *yes* to God, *yes* to the Spirit....

— Celebration (excerpted/paraphrased)



ST IGNATIUS PARISH  
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### Served by:

**Pastor:** Frank Obrigewitsch, SJ  
**Assoc Pastor:** Joe Newman, SJ  
and the Winnipeg Jesuit Community

### Office:

**Monday-Friday 9am-4:15pm**  
**Admin Asst:** Indira Rampersad  
204-474-2351  
[office@stignatius.ca](mailto:office@stignatius.ca)

**Controller:** Jan Hasiuk  
[controller@stignatius.ca](mailto:controller@stignatius.ca)

### ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL

Nursery-Grade 8: full curriculum  
in a Catholic environment for  
children of registered parishioners.

**Principal:** Jeannine Pistawka  
**Admin Asst:** Michele Lampertz  
204-475-1386  
[www.stignatius.mb.ca](http://www.stignatius.mb.ca)

**Adult Education Centre  
& Lending Library:** 204-453-9243  
**Co-ordinator:** Valerie Forrest  
[adult.education@stignatius.ca](mailto:adult.education@stignatius.ca)

**Buildings & Grounds  
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**Manager:** Chris Janes  
[maintenance@stignatius.ca](mailto:maintenance@stignatius.ca)

# The Community of St Ignatius



"The Lord... has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives..." (Isaiah 61)

## 17 December 2017

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00 - 5:00pm Fr Newman  
Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:45 - 10:45am Fr Newman  
Fri 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00 - 5:00pm *No Confessions*  
Sat 30<sup>th</sup> 9:45 - 10:45am Fr Newman

## 17 December 2017 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Advent Reconciliation & Christmas Mass Schedules** are available at the back of the church.

**Christmas Lite:** Total contribution received for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent special collection: \$1,242. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

**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.

- *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).

**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.

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

**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.

**Community Health & Wellbeing Program: Personal Safety, Wednesday 3 January,** 1:30pm, Temple Shalom, 1077 Grant Ave. All are welcome, especially those over 55. Admission & refreshments free.



### 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):** Last week we paid off the final 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 \$16,417 in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. To Sharing God's Gifts you gave \$2,548. To the Poor Box & Agape you gave \$16. 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.**

**El Sitio Fiesta, Saturday 10 February.** Save the date. Tickets go on sale in January. If you can help with set-up or clean-up, contact Janet Zonneveld, [jzonneveld1@icloud.com](mailto:jzonneveld1@icloud.com)

**The Catholic Church, Indigenous Peoples, and Reconciliation: Catholic Studies Program Winter Term Course 3 Jan to 8 April.** Tuesdays & Thursday 10:00-11:15am, St Paul's College. Professor: Rhéal Cenerini. Limited space available. Age 65+ can audit for free. For more info contact Meredith Bacola, [catholic@umanitoba.ca](mailto:catholic@umanitoba.ca) or 204 474-9165.

**St Ignatius Toastmaster: Comedy Cabaret, Saturday 3 February,** 7pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets: \$5. Contact Catriona, 204-269-0307 or [catyou@shaw.ca](mailto:catyou@shaw.ca)

**Knights of Columbus Raffle Tickets update:** Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets. Winners were: Suzette Vinci, Joanne Boucher, Joe Brekelmans, Emily Meadows, and Nancy Militano. Over \$6,600 was raised for the Church, the school, and other charities.



### Mass Intentions for Week of Dec 18<sup>th</sup> – Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mon	Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:15am +Eugenio Marino
Tues	19 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am +Eduardo Chiapetta
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am +Fr Allan Stack
Thu	21 <sup>st</sup>	11:00am +Philippe Prefontaine
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00am +Tarcela Minor
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00am +Luigi & Elvira Magnifico