BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

For the preparation program, phone four months before child's birth $\Diamond \quad \Diamond \quad \Diamond$

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:55am-12 Noon

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

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CONFIRMATION

For Grades 8-12: Enquire at the Parish Office in September $\Diamond \quad \Diamond \quad \Diamond$

YOUTH EVENTS

Lynne, youth@stignatius.ca $\Diamond \quad \Diamond \quad \Diamond$

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

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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Arrange 12 months in advance.

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

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 PRAYER, REFLECTION, &
 LEARNING: in the Chapel,
 Mon-Thurs 11:30am-4:00pm
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 HEALING PRAYER
 MINISTRY: for prayer,
 call Valerie, :204-453-9243
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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 meet 1st Monday each

month at 7:30pm

Readings: 4th Sunday in Lent (B)			
1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel	
2 Chronicles 36: 14-17a, 19-23	Ephesians 2: 4-10	John 3: 14-21	

Belief in God, and Facing our Fear of Death

In this fourth week of Lent, we are invited to remember that salvation is more than a theory, and it often has nothing to do with physical safety. We are saved by the great love of God, manifest in the one lifted up to show the way to eternal life. Those who believe in Christ lifted up are God's handiwork, saved by sharing his life and continuing his works....

[In today's Gospel] Jesus calls up memories of Moses. He refers to the time when it was believed that snakes were doing God's will by biting Israelites (Numbers 21). To remedy the situation, God told Moses to fashion a bronze serpent and hold it up; God then saved the life of all who looked on it. The symbolism of this drama demonstrated that... God the Creator could control death and life. The story also intimates that people can face what they most fear and not be overcome if they believe in God's life-giving power.

[In a similar way, Jesus explains,] the Son of Man must be lifted up. But now... the action of the people is not just to see and be cured, but to believe. The result will not be a return to health, but a movement to eternal life.... Biblical scholar Juan Mateos translates the word "believe" as "adhere," indicating that to believe in the Son means to hold onto or cling to Him to the point of becoming one

with Him (*El Evangelio de Juan*, Cristiandad: Madrid, 1992). Thus, believing in the Son of Man lifted up implies accepting the astonishing, scandalous theophany of Christ crucified. Believing in Him confers eternal life... with God — that can lift the human spirit and connect it to the Source of all life.

The Son was sent with no mission but to save... to reignite the fire of compassion within our hearts.... Those who cling to an image of divine vengeance, those who reject the light offered by Christ, condemn themselves and are left with exactly what they have chosen....

- Celebration (excerpted/paraphrased)

ST IGNATIUS PARISH 255 Stafford Street Winnipeg, MB R3M 2X2 www.stignatiusparish.ca

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

Controller: Jan Hasiuk 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

Adult Education Centre & Lending Library: 204-453-9243 Co-ordinator: Valerie Forrest adult.education@stignatius.ca

Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Manager: Chris Janes maintenance@stignatius.ca

The	Community of
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Jesus Heals a Man Blind from Birth (John 9)

11 March 2018 4th Sunday in Lent (Laetare)

WEEKEND MASSES		WEEKDAY MASSES			
Saturday:	5:00pm	Mon: Tues-Sat:		7:15am (& Comm 1:00am	nunion Service 11am)
Sunday:	8:00am	SACRAME	NT OF	RECONCILIATION	
	9:30am	Fri Mar	16^{th}	4:00 - 5:00pm	Fr Obrigewitsch
	11:00am	Sat		9:00 - 5:00am	see schedule inside
(Spanish)	3:40pm	Fri	$23^{\rm rd}$	4:00 - 5:00pm	Fr Newman
	8:30pm	Sat	24 ^m	9:45 - 10:45 am	Fr Obrigewitsch



Jesus refers to Moses' raising up of the bronze serpent

11 March 2018 - 4th Sunday in Lent [Lastare Sunday] (B)

2017 Income Tax Receipts are available for pick-up in the Office through Thursday 15 March. Please save the Parish the postage cost by picking up yours soon.

Youth Event: *Thinkfast*, a 25-hour Fast, Saturday 17 March, 10am through Sunday 18 March, 11am. All teenagers welcome. Donation forms available at the back of the church.

Development & Peace News

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Development & Peace 2018 *ShareLent* **Campaign:** *Together for Peace.* This 4th week of Lent, we discover in the Mini-magazine another of D&P's

partners, the Bartolomé de Las Casas Institute in Peru. It runs a leadership school, where students learn to promote dialogue, consensus, participation, and consultation – and to exercise ethical and responsible civic leadership in their communities.

Solidarity Sunday across Canada next Sunday 18 March, ShareLent collection at all Masses. Be generous in support of our sisters and brothers in the Global South who work every day for social peace and human dignity. If you haven't had a chance to perform a significant act of justice this Lent, why not make ShareLent your contribution?

Stations of the Cross, Friday 23 March, 5:30pm, (just before the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry). Theme: *Together for Peace*. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to read or participate in the procession, contact John Conci 204-488-8474.

Liturgy Ministry Retreat: Three evenings, Wednesday through Friday 14-16 March, 7:00-8:30pm nightly. We will be using Bishop Barron's Video series. To register contact Val at the Education Centre, 204-453-9243 or online.

Parishioners are invited to have their feet washed at Holy Thursday Mass, 29 March. If you are interested, please fill out the form available at the back of the church and return it to the office. Act now; only 12 will be selected. You must be available to attend the rehearsal on Wednesday 29 March, 7pm.

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.

Parish Fish Fry, Friday 23 March, 6-8pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets available at the office or from any Knight – Adults: \$10; Children 12 and under: no charge. Free child-care.

Next pancake Breakfast: 18 March.

Financial Report

Sharing God's Gifts Update (Archdiocesan Collection): Our assessment for 2018 is \$58,380, of which we still owe \$44,263. We have begun our series of second collections, which will continue on alternate Sundays. Please make cheques payable to the Parish, earmarked "Sharing God's Gifts" – and print your name and envelope number <u>clearly</u> on the Sharing God's Gifts envelope.

St Ignatius Statement for this week: To our regular Sunday, collection you gave \$13,037 in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. To Sharing God's Gifts you gave \$2,890. To Agape and the Poor Box you gave \$140. 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.**



Saturday 17 March

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 1:00-4:45 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule:

PRIEST
Fr Boutilier, SJ
Fr Obrigewitsch, SJ
Fr Newman, SJ
Fr Obrigewitsch, SJ
Fr Eduardo, SJ



Chrism Mass, Monday 26 March, 7:30pm at St Mary's Cathedral, with a reception following in the parish hall. All parishioners are invited.

Mass Intentions for the Week of Mar 12th – Mar 17th

Mon	Mar 12 th	7:15am +Eugenio Marino
Tues	13 th	11:00am +Fred &Eva Shirtliff
Wed	14^{th}	11:00am +Kazimier & Cecilia Gira
Thu	15^{th}	11:00am +Francesco Notarianni
Fri	16^{th}	11:00am +Angelo Degrazia
Sat	17^{th}	11:00am +Fred & Eva Shirtliff