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- yearolds; Grades K-8 Program for the children of registered parishioners

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CONFIRMATION

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

YOUTH EVENTS

Lynne, *youth@stignatius.ca* ◊ ◊ ◊

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrange 12 months in advance. $\diamond \quad \diamond \quad \diamond$

SICK CALLS: Request through the Office. Someone will gladly visit the sick. $\diamond \quad \diamond \quad \diamond$

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY: for prayer, call Valerie, :204-453-9243 $\Diamond \quad \Diamond \quad \Diamond$

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meet 1st Monday each month at 7:30pm

Readings: 3rd Sunday in Advent (C)					
1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel			
Zephaniah 3: 14-18a	Philippians 4: 4-7	Luke 3: 10-18			

Exploring the Depths of Catholic Advent Tradition

There's an imaginative fertility and a reaching ambition about the medieval view of Advent which offers something much richer than just a cheery countdown to Christmas. For many people the basic details of the Christmas story are so familiar that its strangeness and power and meaning have been sucked dry, and it doesn't have the imaginative appeal that other kinds of less well-known mythic story do... But Advent can be a yearly exercise in 'making strange' – reading old stories with new eyes...

The medieval understanding of Advent was as a season which encourages new and exciting kinds of reading – a season rich in imaginative possibility for those who are prepared to read with the right eyes. Advent is the time when the church reflects on the many different kinds of meaning which Scripture, and the world around us, can reveal: the season for interpreting 'the signs of the times' written in the book of the world, and for reading a Christian interpretation into the prophecies and poetry of the Old Testament... The ancient liturgy of Advent is crafted to appeal to all the faculties of the mind and heart which we call upon when we read poetry, or take in stories in any form: it offers metaphor, allegory, foreshadowing, wordplay, expressions of urgent desire, and (especially in the link between Advent and Apocalypse) creative thought experiments with narrative time. Medieval liturgists were some of the greatest literary critics who ever lived – sensitive and imaginative readers of Scripture, who wove together connections between texts, between characters and words and ideas, and between moments in time, and hallowed the very act of reading as a way of trying to understand the mind of God.

-- Excerpted from the blog "A Clerk of Oxford" by Eleanor Parker



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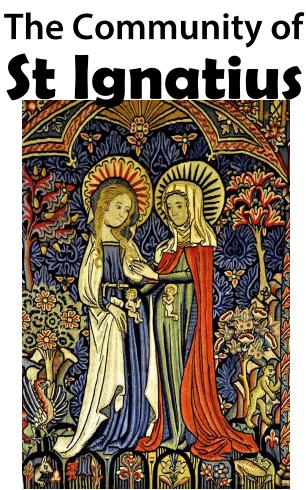
ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL

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

WEEKEND M	ASSES	WEEK		IASSES	5	
Saturday:	5:00pm	Mon:		7:1	L5am (& Commur	nion Service 11am)
Sunday:	8:00am	Tues-	Sat:	11:0)0am	
-	9:30am	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION				
	11:00am	Fri	Dec		4:00 - 5:00pm	Fr Newman
		Sat		22^{nd}	9:45 - 10:45am	Fr Obrigewitsch
(Spanish)	3:40pm	Fri		28^{th}	4:00 - 5:00pm	Fr Obrigewitsch
	8:30pm	Sat		29^{th}	9:45 - 10:45am	Fr Newman



The Visitation Tapestry ca 1410 Museum für Angewandte Kunst-Frankfurt am Main

16 December 2018 3rd Sunday in Advent (Gaudete)

16 December 2018 - 3rd Sunday in Advent (C)

Advent Giving: alms as part of our preparations 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).

Extra Reconciliation opportunities at St Ignatius: • Monday 17 December, 7:00-8:30 pm; • Tuesday 18 December, 9:45-10:45am.

2019 Sunday Collection Envelopes are available for pick-up at the back of the church. As of 1 January, please use only the 2019 envelopes.

The Education Centre will be closed from Thursday 20 December to Monday 7 January. There will be no Exposition during this time. Exposition will resume Wednesday 9 January.

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 21 & 24 December.

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

St Ignatius School Christmas Concert: Thursday 20 December 7:00pm, St Ignatius Church. Everyone is invited.

Building the Domestic Church, K of C display at the back of the church: informational booklets on a variety of topics for you to read and please return so that others may use them.

Christmas Mass Schedule

24 December	7:15am; 7:00 & 9:30pm; & Midnight		
25 December*	8:00, 9:30, & 11:00am; & 2:00pm		
31 December	7:15am only		
	5:00pm: Mass in Spanish & English		
1 January 2019*	9:30 & 11:00am		

*Holy Days of Obligation

Christmas Camp, Wednesday 2 January through Friday 4 January. Registrations are now being accepted; forms are available at the back of the church or from the office.

Enriching your marriage, Saturday 19 January, 1:00-3:30pm, Education Centre. Organized in partnership with the Knights of Columbus and the World-Wide Marriage Encounter Movement.

Financial Report

Sharing God's Gifts Update (Archdiocesan Collection): We thank you for your generosity to our various ministries! We are taking a break from this collection until January. Meanwhile, donations for Sharing God's Gifts go towards the Building Fund.

St Ignatius Statement for this week: To our regular Sunday collection you gave \$15,744 to support our Parish, including school and church expenses. To the Building Fund you gave \$300. To Agape and the Poor Box you gave \$103. 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.**

The Families Connecting Committee is looking for donations of: toys, Lego, play-food and play-kitchen sets, dolls, doll clothes, and craft supplies. Suzanne, 204-283-9353 or *pauletsuzanne@gmail.com*.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfasts are planned for the following future Sundays: 13 January, 10 February, & 17 March. The December breakfast raised \$665 with proceeds to the Catholic Missions of Canada. Thanks to everyone for their generous support.

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. **Knights of Columbus**: Raffle drawn on 3 December raised over

Grocery Gift Cards, which can be used at Co-op, Safeway, Sobey's, and IGA (\$25, \$50, & \$100 denominations) are on sale

\$5,200. Winners were: Donald R, Don L, C Kingerski, Jane M, and Leith C. Thanks to all who purchased tickets.

John the Baptist (icon, detail)

Christmas Lite: Total contribution received: \$2,077. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 17th-22nd

Mon	Dec 17 th	7:15am Fam of Christine Jack
Tues	18^{th}	11:00am +Angelo Degrazia
Wed	19 th	11:00am Thanksgiving Elefante Family
Thu	20 th	11:00am +Fr Allan Stack
Fri	21 st	11:00am +Phillippe Prefontaine
Sat	22 nd	11:00am +Luigi & +Elvira Magnifico