

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 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.



HEALING PRAYER

MINISTRY: call Office, 204-474-2351



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

meet 1st Monday each month at 7:30pm

Waiting for Whom?: an Advent Meditation

Every year, we find ourselves wrestling with the apocalyptic overtones of Advent. If we're honest, it is much simpler to place the weight of the season's waiting on the faith's collective memory instead of its present or future. There, Advent becomes a moment of liturgical empathy: sitting with an ancient people's legacy of longing; yearning with those whose answer came in the One whom I follow.

We know Jesus commands us to be watchful, but the eschatological "not yet" to which he points was so long ago that its arrival in present time seems hypothetical.

Probably. Yet, as we listen to the sacred stories of the faithful and skeptical alike, that legacy of longing doesn't seem to have been quenched in the Christmas arrival of Jesus in recent years. There remains a pain far deeper than the straw in his manger bed; a woundedness that even the Easter encore didn't heal; an ennui even the most powerful among us cannot imagine reliving.

We want to believe the God of Jesus values our present selves just as much as the ones we might become. So, behind closed doors, we sit with those whom we trust God loves. We sit waiting to catch a return of the One who might redeem us again.

-- adapted from a blog by Matthew Johnson (Methodist pastor),
The Christian Century



Advent Giving: the collection of alms as part of our preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. Please give generously each week to help those in need. It's not too late to contribute last week's suggestion if you prefer.

- *2nd Sunday of Advent:* Christmas LITE (cheques made payable to LITE);
- *3rd Sunday of Advent:* for teen moms and babies in the core area: (diapers, formula, new and gently used baby clothing, and toys);
- *4th Sunday of Advent:* Winnipeg Harvest: (non-perishable food items).



ST IGNATIUS PARISH
255 Stafford Street
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Served by:

Pastor: Frank Obrigewitsch, SJ
Assoc Pastor: Joe Newman, SJ
and Winnipeg's Jesuit Community

Office:

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204-474-2351
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Controller: Jan Hasiuk
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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 MASSES

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

The Community of St Ignatius



"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you..." (Matt 11 / Mal 3)

15 December 2019

3rd Sunday in Advent

Gaudete Sunday

| WEEKDAY MASSES | | | | |
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| | | Mon: 7:15am (& Communion Service 11am) | | |
| | | Tues-Sat: 11:00am | | |
| SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION | | | | |
| Mo | Dec | 16 th | 7:00 - 8:30pm | Fr Newman |
| Tu | | 17 th | 9:45 - 10:45pm | Fr Obrigewitsch |
| Fri | | 20 th | 4:00 - 5:00pm | Fr Newman |
| Sat | | 21 st | 9:45 - 10:45am | Fr Newman |
| Fri | | 27 th | 4:00 - 5:00pm | No Confessions |
| Sat | | 28 th | 9:45 - 10:45am | Fr Obrigewitsch |

15 December 2019 – 3rd Sunday of Advent (A)

Sharing God's Gifts / Building Fund: This is the last collection for this year.

2020 Sunday Collection Envelopes are available for pick-up at the back of the church.

As of 1 January, please use only the 2020 envelopes.

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 Church Decorating, Monday 23 December 2:30pm. All welcome. Meet in the church. Contact tcannon@live.ca

Eucharistic Ministers are needed for Christmas Eve Masses: 7:00pm, 9:30pm and Midnight. If you can assist, contact tcannon@live.ca

Altar Servers for Christmas Masses, please sign-up in the Sacristy.

The Education Centre will be closed from Thursday 19 December and will re-open Tuesday 7 January. There will be no Exposition during this time. Exposition will resume on Wednesday 8 January.

St Ignatius School Christmas Concert: Thursday 19 December 7:00pm, St Ignatius Church. Everyone is invited.

Music Brings Us Together: Ukrainian & English Christmas Concerts, 14 & 15 December 7pm at Vladimir & Olga Cathedral (115 McGregor Street) and St John Brebeuf (Lanark south of Corydon) respectively. Combined Koshetz and Joie de Vivre choirs. Benefit to Our Place/Chez Nous drop-in centre. Info at joiedevivrechoir.ca

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast this Sunday 15 December (proceeds to Catholic Foundation of Manitoba). The last breakfast raised \$500 towards Agape Table. Thanks to all for their donations.

Christmas Mass Schedule

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

* Holy Days of Obligation

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| Readings: 3rd Sunday of Advent (A) |
| 1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10 |
| 2nd Reading: James 5: 7-10 |
| Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11 |



"Strengthen the weak hands..." (Isaiah 35)

Financial Report

Sharing God's Gifts (SGG): We have met our assessment for 2019. Congratulations. Thank you for your generosity to our Archdiocese! Any donations from now till the end of December will go towards the Building Fund.

St Ignatius Statement for this week: To our regular Sunday collections you gave \$12,711 toward the support of our Parish, including school and church expenses. To SGG / Building Fund you gave \$924. To Agape and the Poor Box you gave \$42. 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.**

Needed for Syrian newcomer family of 7: dough mixer, meat grinder, sandwich maker, & basic kitchen items. More info: Saratha at 204-885-0551.

Youth Group News

for info or tickets, contact Lynne at youth@stignatius.ca or 431-997-3500

- **Christmas Bible Camp (30-31 December & 2-3 January).** Registration is now open. Forms available in the office and at the back of the church. Early-bird \$20 price reduction if received before 15 December.
- **Youth Party, Saturday 21 December,** 7pm in the Youth Room for former youth group members and all teens.
- **Youth Group resumes Saturday 11 January.** All Teens are welcome. Come and meet our new Youth Group Leader, Tony Seville.
- **Light of Jesus Music Ministry Worship Night, Saturday 18 January,** 7pm in our Hall for teens and young adults.

St Ignatius School Open House: Thursday 16 January, 6:30pm in the school gymnasium.

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 16th – 21st

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| Mon | Dec 16 th | 7:15am | +Angelo De Grazia |
| Tues | 17 th | 11:00am | In Memory of +Christine Jack |
| Wed | 18 th | 11:00am | +Richard Girulski |
| Thu | 19 th | 11:00am | +Phillippe Prefontaine |
| Fri | 20 th | 11:00am | +Fr Allan Stack |
| Sat | 21 st | 11:00am | +Luigi & +Elvira Magnifico |