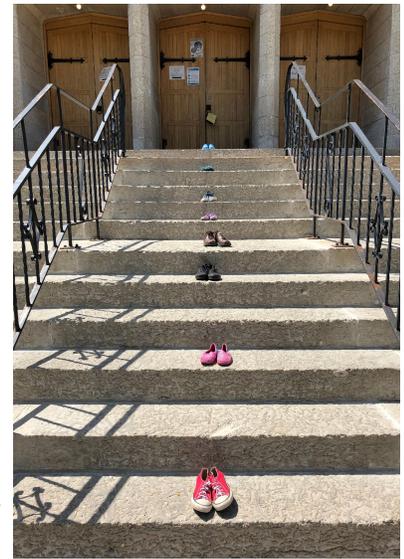
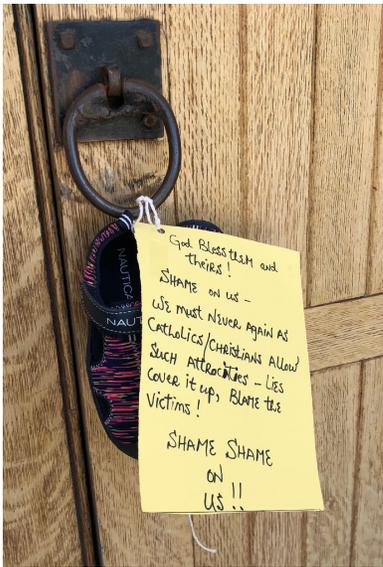


St. Ignatius Parish, Winnipeg

June 5, 2021

Shocking revelation– the discovery of the unmarked graves of children at the former Residential School in Kamloops! Grief abounds in our Indigenous brothers and sisters and in us too, especially because of the shame that we, the Church, share in the cause of this tragedy.

I was touched that parishioners and others have placed small shoes in memory of the 215 children on the steps of St. Ignatius and especially to read the note attached to the church front door ring.



Reconciliation is hard to come by as more and more evidence of hatred is revealed. May God give comfort to all who grieve and may God's peace come especially to those most deeply hurt.

We continue to adapt to changes as we all struggle to keep the lethal virus at bay. As you all know the planned First Communion & Reconciliation and Confirmation celebrations were stymied when the new Provincial regulations were promulgated. The *Plan A* is that First Communions will take place on the Saturday 5:00 p.m. June 19th and Sunday 11:00 a.m. June 20th Masses. Confirmation we hope will take place on June 21st + 22nd (Monday and Tuesday) at 6:30 p.m., and First Reconciliation on Wednesday, June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. If that is not possible, revised plan B, is the precise week later (June 26th -27th , June 28th -29th , and June 30th). Pray that the restrictions will be lifted in time for one of these schedules to work. Our children have been waiting a long time to celebrate them!

- Our PPC (Parish Pastoral Council) currently is working on creating a media policy statement and exploring how we can improve our parish ministry outreach on social media. It is also beginning reflections on the how to bring to fruition the recommendations of the Synod in our parish.
- The Trustees and Finance Committee have begun meetings to examine our parish structure and maintenance needs.
- Work goes forward in the church by Chris Janes and his crew to revamp our tech workspace to facilitate the new media reality of daily streamed Masses and to create Reconciliation Rooms useable by everyone.

Keep logging in regularly on to our website for the streamed Masses! Even though we cannot meet or pray together in person, it is essential to keep praying together: <https://www.stignatius.ca>

Courage as we search our heart for continued patience and a positive attitude. I was fortunate to make an appointment for the second vaccination 'jab'. Please plan to get vaccinated and encourage others in this direction. Keep the protocols! Keep safe and well! Keep praying!

As I wrote in my last missive, "thank you for your active support of our parish community whether it has been in person, virtually, in prayers, or financially during this time." St Ignatius Parish is strong in faith and prayer! Bless all of you!

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And all the staff at St. Ignatius Parish, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

