

St Ignatius Parish July 25, 2022

June had some wonderful events: The marriage of our deputy Grand Knight Ethan Cable, and, after three full years, an appropriate Mass and reception for the graduating Grade 8's of our school with our entire St Ignatius school population present. There was also a wonderful celebration on June 12th in our school gym for my 50th anniversary of ordination just two days after the actual date. I was touched by the kindness and generosity of so many in the parish in celebrating that milestone in my life. The event was perfect. Thanks to all those who planned it and to everyone for their participation. The cards, best wishes, and kindness all warmed my heart. I was particularly humbled by the many notes and unexpected gifts. Again, thank you!



Retirement: June 30th, 2022, brought an important event, the retirement of Chris Janes after serving us at St. Ignatius for thirty years! His faithfulness, multiple expertises, artistic talent, and hard work ensured that we and our entire plant, our school, and especially our beloved old church were well served. We shall miss him. I will miss him. A mark of his usual generosity is that during the time of the search for a person to assume a newly defined parish position, Operations Manager, Chris will supervise the renovations of the hall/basement necessitated by the recent 'flood'. Thank you to Chris for his dedication and support and best wishes to him as he begins his retirement adventure.

The month of July: July 3rd left me alone in the parish while Fr. Con headed to Ottawa for retreat/holidays and to try to obtain a visa to visit Venezuela in order to teach English to young Jesuit scholastics for the month of September. (As my last missive informed you, Fr. Joe Newman will assist us here during September.) Fr. John assisted me in the second and third weeks of the month after returning from directing a Retreat for a community of Sisters.

Pilgrimage: All the Jesuits of Canada have been mandated to a pilgrimage at Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, Ontario, on July 29-31. Consequently there will be no 11 am Masses (not streamed either) on July 28, 29, 30. Please pray for all of us. Fr. Con has been given permission to return to celebrate the regular Sunday observance Masses, July 30th Saturday 5 pm and July 31st Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 am.

August and me: I will be in Saskatchewan from August 5th to 29th, for my annual retreat, holiday, and 50th anniversary of Ordination celebrations on August 14th in my home parish of picturesque St Pete's colony near Kronau, Saskatchewan. Please remember me in your prayers. During this month Fr. Con will be assisted in the parish by Fr. Peter Monty.

Looking towards Fall: On September 4th, Sunday morning Masses will return to pre COVID Sunday morning time slots: 9:30 and 11:00 am. Sunday school will begin on September 11th for all grades, and classes will take place in our school. Please sign up your children. Thank you to the teachers in our school for sharing their classrooms with our Sunday School teachers. Thank you to all the teachers for their ministry to our youth.

This fall will be an exciting time of renewal for our parish. Our hall/basement has begun to get its repairs and we hope they will be completed by September. I hope September will bring a time for us to restore and renew our parish community life and our liturgical worship together. Plans are afoot for a Festival of Friends for School and Parish after the 11 am Mass on September 18th! Please mark your calendars and plan to be there. There will be fun for the whole family.



Prayers that all will have a restful, pleasant summer!

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