

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 the 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.



PRAYER, REFLECTION, &

LEARNING: in the Chapel, Mon-Thurs 11:30am-4:00pm



HEALING PRAYER

MINISTRY: for prayer, call Valerie, :204-453-9243



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

meet 1st Monday each month at 7:30pm

Readings: 1st Sunday of Advent (B)

1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Gospel
Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 64: 1, 3-8	1 Corinthians 1: 3-9	Mark 13: 33-37

A SPIRITUALITY OF MINDFULNESS AND VIGILANCE

Today's first reading is best understood by picturing someone praying these verses in the middle of Jerusalem's destroyed temple. The Babylonian emperor Nebuchadnezzar had wiped Jerusalem and its temple off the face of the earth in 586 B.C.E. and forced a large percentage of Israelites into exile. They remained there until 530 BC, when the Persians conquered Babylon and let the captives return to the Promised Land. Yet most Jews chose to remain in exile! No matter how hard it was to live in a foreign land, in this case it was better than completely rebuilding one's homeland. How do you convince a generation to spend their lives reconstructing a new city and a new temple?

As much as the prophet wants his people to return to the Promised Land, he sees that building a geographic place only makes sense after someone is committed to building or rebuilding a relationship with Yahweh. The destroyed edifices are simply a sign of Israel's destroyed covenant with Yahweh. If people refuse to rebuild the relationship, forget about the buildings. New buildings are in God's plan only if they're the outward sign of a rebuilt relationship. People won't notice God breaking into their lives until they make a commitment to become the people of God.

The body of 1 Corinthians makes it clear that some in that community used their "tongue-gifted" discourse to turn individuals against one another, and their knowledge to run roughshod over those with a "weak conscience." Much work still needed to be done before everyone was ready for the second coming of the risen Jesus. The first step would be to return to Isaiah's insistence that Yahweh's people develop a relationship with Yahweh. Biblical faith isn't just a matter of slavishly obeying specific rules and regulations; it's much more a matter of living up to the responsibilities we've assumed in relationship with the Living God. A relationship dictates our actions, not a set of regulations.... The older we get, the more we notice what we've destroyed throughout our lives and what we need to rebuild. Perhaps such a reflection will help us approach this Advent with a biblical perspective.... [The earliest Christians focused on Easter, rather than Christmas].... Events like Christmas become most significant if we celebrate them against the background of relationships. It's in such relationships that we most experience God's presence.

Today's reading from Mark reminds us that we are also gatekeepers and watchers, household servants who keep the lamps trimmed and the fires burning as a way of life, a spirituality of mindfulness and vigilance. Advent signals us to be ready. Something wonderful is about to happen.

— Celebration (excerpted/paraphrased)

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ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL

Nursery-Grade 8: full curriculum
in a Catholic environment for
children of registered parishioners.

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The Community of St Ignatius



*"Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when
the time will come..." (Mark 13)*

3 December 2017 1st Sunday of Advent

WEEKEND MASSES		WEEKDAY MASSES	
Saturday:	5:00pm	Mon:	7:15am (& Communion Service 11am)
Sunday:	8:00am	Tues-Sat:	11:00am
	9:30am	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	
	11:00am	Fri Dec 8 th	4:00 - 5:00pm Fr Newman
(Spanish)	3:40pm	Sat 9 th	9:45 - 10:45am Fr Obrigewitsch
	8:30pm	Fri 15 th	4:00 - 5:00pm Fr Obrigewitsch
		Sat 16 th	9:45 - 10:45am Fr Newman

3 December 2017 – 1st Sunday of Advent (B)

Advent Giving starts this Sunday 3 December: the first collection of alms to begin our preparations for the birth of Jesus Christ. Please give generously each week to help those in need.

- *First Sunday of Advent* – for Immaculate Conception Drop-In: (men’s socks, underwear, mitts, and toques);
- *Second Sunday of Advent* – Christmas LITE (cheques made payable to LITE);
- *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).

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

Women at the Heart of Peace: Development & Peace (D&P) / Caritas Canada Education Campaign. Thanks to everyone for their continued commitment, generosity and solidarity towards women in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. St Ignatius Parish has contributed \$11,335 towards the 2017 Share Lent Campaign *Women at the Heart of Change*. Together we have the power to change things. You can take part by becoming a member of Development and Peace; contact John Conci, 204-488-8474 or go to devp.org/



Knights of Columbus News

St Ignatius Council Wine Raffle runs until 4 December. Please consider purchasing tickets for \$2 each from any Knight or from the Church office. You could win four pro hockey tickets to Winnipeg vs St Louis on 17 December; three clutches of fine wine; and cash. Proceeds support the Church, the school, and worthy charitable causes.

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.

Pancake Breakfasts are planned for the following future Sundays: 10 December, 7 January, 11 February, and 18 March.

You can give a \$5 Tim Horton’s card, as an alternative to cash, to the homeless and to those in need. Cards can be purchased from one of the Knights.

Financial Report

Sharing God’s Gifts: Brochures at the back of the church illustrate what wonderful acts of mercy and works of love our contributions assist our Archdiocese to accomplish. Our assessment for 2017 is \$59,000 of which we still owe \$4,948. To help us meet the target by the end of the year, we will continue taking a second collection on alternate Sundays. Please make cheques payable to the Parish, earmarked to “Sharing God’s Gifts” – and print your name and envelope number *clearly* on the Sharing God’s Gifts envelope.

St Ignatius Statement for this week: To our regular Sunday collection you gave in support of our parish, school, and church: \$12,103. To Sharing God’s Gifts you gave \$820. To the Poor Box & Agape you gave \$31. 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.**

St Ignatius School Christmas Concert: *The Nativity from the Perspective of Sts Anne & Joachim.* Two performances: **Wednesday 20 December**, 1:30pm, and **Thursday 20 December** 7:00pm. A silver collection will be taken and proceeds will go the St Ignatius School Music Program. Everyone is invited.

Community Health & Wellbeing Program: Musical Group, *The Sill-i-Tones*, Wednesday 6 December, 1:30pm, Temple Shalom, 1077 Grant Ave. Lively musical afternoon of toe-tapping Scandinavian tunes. All are welcome, especially those over 55. Admission & refreshments free.



“But just as it is written, ‘Things that no eye has seen, or ear heard, or mind imagined, are the things God has prepared for those who love him.’” (1 Corinthians 2)

Mass Intentions for Week of Dec 4th – Dec 9th

Mon	Dec 4 th	7:15am	+Degrazia Family
Tues	5 th	11:00am	+Julian Dussesso
Wed	6 th	11:00am	+E. Fernandes
Thu	7 th	11:00am	+Immacolata & Carlo Curzio
Fri	8 th	11:00am	Spec Int Jessica Campbell
Sat	9 th	11:00am	+Angelo DeGrazia