

April 7 - Memorial of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Priest: John Baptist de la Salle, born in France in 1651 and ordained in 1678, was the founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Shortly after his ordination, John was asked to help establish some charity schools. He soon realized that the teachers had to be trained and he provided housing for them. In 1684, the group became a religious community, and this was the beginning of the teaching order that eventually spread throughout the world. Before his death in 1719, John had established the first teacher training college and schools for both the poor and the privileged. He had also written several education manuals which became classics in the field of education. He is a patron of teachers.

APRIL 11 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT STANISLAUS, BISHOP, MARTYR: Stanislaus was born in Szczepanów, Poland, about 1030. He was educated in Poland and Paris, and in 1072 became Bishop of Cracow. He was well-known for his care of the poor. He differed with the king, Boleslav, who killed Stanislaus during the celebration of Mass. The king later fled to relatives in Hungary, where he spent his life as a penitent in a Benedictine Abbey. Stanislaus was canonized in 1253 and is one of the patrons of Poland.

Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday April 17 – St. Ignatius Church 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday April 18 – St. Ignatius Church 3:00 p.m.

Easter Saturday April 19 - St. Ignatius Church 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 20 - St. Anne's Church, Conne River 2:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 20 - St. Ignatius Church 4:00 p.m.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

During Lent we are called to conversion – to change something in our lives for the better. Today's readings invite us to change our way of looking at ourselves and our world. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah challenges the people to “not remember the former things, or consider the things of old” but rather to take notice that God is doing something new. In the second reading Paul says, “forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus”. In the Gospel, Jesus invites the scribes and Pharisees to look at a sinner from the perspective of their own sinfulness, thus turning accusation into forgiveness. As we continue our Lenten journey, we too are asked to re-orient ourselves - to live today and every day in the greater awareness that God is always doing something new if we can truly see.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – April 5 and Sun. – April 6

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Special Intention
Roger Loveless

St.Alban's-Sunday – 4:00p.m. St.Ignatius Church-----***Parish Family***

Conne River-Sunday-2:00p.m.St. Anne's Church---Lorraine & Brittany John

Weekday Masses Mon. April 7 – Fri. April 11

Mon - 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Reg & Evelyn Organ

Tues - 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Benjamin & Beatrice Walsh

Wed - 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Ray Felix

Thurs-No Mass

Fri-----10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Peter Farrell

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – April 12 and Sun. – April 13

St.Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch-----Margaret Hudson

St.Alban's-Sunday - 4:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----***Parish Family***

Conne River-Sunday-2:00p.m.St. Anne's Church-----Leonard John

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
April 5	Mary S	Edith O	Father Tom Edith O	Kevin O Bill D
April 6	Mary S	Lydia W	Father Tom Mary S	Logan B Nicolas C
April 12	Monica K	Edith O Cameron P	Father Tom Christine H	Finton O Gerard S
April 13	Monica K	Cindy B	Father Tom Genevieve T	William M Ivan O

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$950.00
St. Anne's Church	96.00
Candles	349.00
Easter Flowers	40.00
Lenten Offering	10.00
Mass Stipend	32.00
Diocesan Collection (Catholic Missions In Canada)	10.00
Harbour Breton/St. Alban's Cost Share Arrangement	1500.00
50/50 Fundraiser	3460.00

Congratulations to Steven Cox, winner of the March 2025 50/50 Fundraiser. (\$1730.00)

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Easter Flowers

Parish members wishing to contribute towards the purchase of the Easter Flowers for the church may do so by putting an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" in the collection basket. If the flowers are being donated "In memory of" please indicate this, as well as your envelope number and/or name.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Lenten season, the Knights of Columbus will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. beginning on March 7th. This year the Stations of the Cross will take place in the Parish Chapel. All are welcome!

WELCOME TO ST. IGNATIUS PARISH: ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH AND ST. ANNE'S CHURCH:

We are happy to have you here in our parish. It is our hope that you experience the presence of Christ during our worship.

"Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them" Matt 18:20

Home Visits and Holy Communion

If you or someone you know who would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, you are asked to please inform Father Tom at 709-674-1503 or call the Parish office at 709-538-3106 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The Body of Christ is often such an important part of people's lives, so when they are sick or unable to attend Mass, I would like to bring them Holy Communion....Father Tom Duffenais

Ecumenical Services: The Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches will gather together during Lent on Wednesdays at **1:00 p.m.** for Lenten services. All are welcome to take part in these Ecumenical services to prepare for Easter. The dates and location are:

April 9 - St. Ignatius Church, St. Alban's

Lenten Folders: Lenten coin folders and Lenten offering envelopes are available at the main entrance of the Church. Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

MASS OF CHRISM: The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 10th, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Grand Falls-Windsor. This celebration is one of the most important days of the year as Priests gather around the Table of the Eucharist and renew their priestly commitment before the People of God. It is a time of unity and communion of Priests with their Bishop. This celebration is a wonderful opportunity for the lay faithful to show support for the Priests who minister to them throughout the year. Following Mass there will be a social at the main entrance of the Cathedral. All are invited.

Congratulations on your Baptism

We welcome into our parish community Robert Guy Howse of Conne River, NL baptized on March 30th, 2025 at St. Anne's Church in Conne River. May this sacred day bring many blessings and much happiness to you and your family.

