

ADVENT SEASON: “The season of Advent has a twofold nature: it is a time to prepare for Christmas, when we recall Christ’s First Coming among us, and it is a time when we look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of the ages. In this way, Advent is a period of devout and joyful expectation” (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year*, 39). During Advent, each Sunday’s Gospel has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

Christmas Flowers: You are invited to make a donation for Christmas Poinsettias that will be used on our Altar this Christmas. The donation will act as a reminder to all of us of those who have gone home to the Eternal Lord as well as those who are unable to be with us this Christmas. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the Bulletin. Please use an envelope with your name, envelope number and the name of your loved ones with your donation inside and place in the collection basket or drop off at parish office.

Christmas Liturgical Schedule:

Christmas Eve Mass: Wednesday December 24th

St. Anne’s Church, Conne River - 2:00 p.m.
St. Joseph’s Parish, Harbour Breton - 6:00 p.m.
St. Ignatius Church, St. Alban’s - 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass: Thursday December 25th

St. Ignatius Church, St. Alban’s - 10:30 a.m.

New Year’s Eve Mass: Wednesday December 31st

St. Ignatius Church St. Alban’s 7:00 p.m.

New Year’s Day Mass: Thursday January 1st

St. Ignatius Church St. Alban’s 4:00 p.m.

Congratulations on your Baptism

We welcome into our parish community Sirine Issam Alrajad Benoit of Milltown-Head of Bay d’Espoir, NL, baptized on December 13th, 2025 at St. Ignatius Church. May this sacred day bring many blessings and much happiness to you and your family.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we celebrate *Gaudete Sunday*, so called because of the first word in Latin of the entrance antiphon, *Gaudete (Rejoice)*. The Entrance Antiphon reads, *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.* This joyful aspect orients our prayer and Mass today and we realize that the Lord is indeed near. As Catholics, we are called to be people of joy today and every day of our existence. The Lord is always present in our midst: in the Eucharist, in Sacred Scripture, in our hearts, and in our community. We have every reason to rejoice!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – December 13 and Sun. – December 14

St.Alban’s-Saturday-7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch--- Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

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

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

Weekday Masses Mon. December 15 – Fri. December 19

Mon – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Wallace & Sarah Willcott

Tues – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel---Evelyn & Reg Organ, Don Willcott and Basil Willcott

Wed – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Morgan Organ

Thurs—No Mass

Fri-----10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Muriel Benoit

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – December 20 and Sun. – December 21

St.Alban’s-Saturday -7:00p.m.St.IgnatiusChurch---George Organ (Ursula)

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

ConneRiver-Sunday-2:00p.m.St. Anne’s Church---William & Ann Joe and Kevin Kelly

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
December 13	Mary S	Pat/Cameron Pittman	Father Tom Christine H	Finton O Gerard S
December 14	Mary S	Connie W	Father Tom Genevieve T	William M Ivan O
December 20	Bernie C Loretta C	Ann B	Father Tom Margaret H	Kevin O Bill D
December 21	Bernie C Loretta C	Valerie H	Father Tom Valerie H	Anthony W George D

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$846.00
St. Anne's Church	90.00
Christmas Flowers	110.00
Mass Stipend	20.00
Missals	14.00
Certificates	5.00
Advent Offering	90.00
Parish Dues	25.00
Donation (IMO Patrick & Rosaleen Howse)	2000.00
Donation (Knights of Columbus)	1000.00
EFT (November 2025)	870.00

Thank you

A special thank you to Millie Howse for her very generous donation in memory of her parents, Patrick & Rosaleen Howse.

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Advent Offering

Advent Coin Folders are no longer available. If you wish to make an Advent offering, please use an envelope provided at the tables near the main entrance. Please fill in your Name, Donation Amount and your Offertory Envelope #. Thank You for your continued support.

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

Bay d'Espoir Community Food Bank Christmas Hamper Donations

As we prepare for the Christmas season, our parish is partnering with the **Bay d'Espoir Food Bank** to help support families in need. We are now accepting donations for the Christmas hampers.

If you are able to give, we would greatly appreciate items such as:

*Cans of fruit *Cans of vegetables *Boxes of dressing
*Cranberry sauce *Canned corn or peas

Your generosity helps bring comfort and joy to local families during the holidays. Thank you for your continued kindness and support.

2026 Parish Envelopes: Are now available for anyone who contributed to the parish using 2025 Envelopes. Please make sure that the box you take has your name on it. If you did not use envelopes during 2025 but would like a box for 2026, extra unlabelled boxes are also available. If you take an unnamed box, please print your name on the recording sheet opposite the box number you take. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE NEW ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY, 2026.

St. Alban's Clover Farm Christmas Fundraiser: St. Alban's Clover Farm is having a Christmas Fundraiser in aid of St. Ignatius Parish. Tickets will be available at St Alban's Clover Farm. 1st prize - \$500.00, 2nd prize - \$300.00, 3rd prize - \$200.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Only 500 tickets printed. Winning tickets will be drawn on Friday, December 19th, 2025.

Christmas Choir: We are hoping to have a community choir for Christmas Eve Mass. If you are interested please come to the practice on Monday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church. All are welcome.

Thank you

St. Ignatius Parish would like to extend its thanks to the Knights of Columbus for its generous donation of \$1000.00.

