

December 23 - Memorial of Saint John of Kanti, Priest: John was born in Kanti, Poland, in 1390. After his ordination, he served in the Faculty of Theology at Krakow University. A popular teacher and preacher, John was noted for his simplicity and love for the poor. He died in 1473 and was canonized in 1767.

CHRISTMAS SEASON: The Christmas Season celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. "Next to the yearly celebration (at Easter) of the paschal mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season" (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year*, 32). In the Roman Catholic tradition, the Christmas Season begins with the first Mass of Christmas and concludes with the last Mass for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

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.



ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH-ST. ALBAN'S ST. ANNE'S CHURCH- CONNE RIVER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In today's Gospel, we hear the wonderful words, "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel" which means, "God is with us" and "when Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the Angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife". As we draw closer to the birth of the Son of God into our midst, we can be thankful to Mary and Joseph for their complete openness to God's will in their lives and pray that we will have that same openness of spirit in responding to God's will in our lives.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m. St. Ignatius Church---George Organ (Ursula)

St. Alban's-Sunday- 4:00p.m. St. Ignatius Church-----Maurice Willcott

Conne River-Sunday-2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Church---William & Ann Joe and Kevin Kelly

Weekday Masses Mon. December 22 – Fri. December 26

Mon – 7:00 p.m. Parish Chapel-----Wallace & Alice Collier

Tues – 10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel-----Norman West & Maureen Williams

Wed - Christmas Eve-Conne River-2:00 p.m.-- For all the deceased of Conne River

Wed - Christmas Eve-St. Alban's-8:30 p.m.---For all the deceased of the Parish

Thurs - Christmas Day-St. Alban's-10:30 a.m.--For all the deceased of the Parish

Fri-----10:30 a.m. Parish Chapel--John & Nora Howse and deceased family members

Weekend Liturgy: Sat. – December 27 and Sun. – December 28

St. Alban's-Saturday-7:00p.m. St. Ignatius Church---Larry & Margaret Hudson

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

Conne River-Sunday- No Mass

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND MASSES

DATE	Sacristan	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Collectors
Dec.20	Bernie C Loretta C	Ann B	Father Tom Margaret H	Kevin O Bill D
Dec. 21	Bernie C Loretta C	Valerie H	Father Tom Valerie H	Anthony W George D
Dec.24 8:30 p.m.	Bernadette C		Father Tom Edith O	Finton O Gerard S
Dec. 25 10:30 A.m.	Bernadette C		Father Tom Genevieve T	William M Ivan O
Dec. 27	Edith O		Father Tom Christine H	Kevin O Bill D
Dec. 28	Edith O		Father Tom Valerie H	Anthony W George D

Weekly Parish Income

St. Ignatius Church	\$870.00
St. Anne's Church	65.00
Donation (IMO deceased members of the Collier & Keating families From Calvin & Donna Collier)	200.00
Donation (IMO Cecil & Johnny Organ from Mary Organ)	1000.00
Donation (IMO Joclyn Crant from Burt Willcott)	500.00
Donation (IMO Everest Barnes and deceased family members)	500.00
Christmas Flowers	345.00
Advent Offering	65.00
Mass Stipend	10.00
Certificates	5.00
Harbour Breton/St. Alban's Cost Share Arrangement	1600.00

Thank you

A special thank you to Julia Collier for her very generous donation in memory of her husband Clarence and daughter Roxanne.

Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

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.

Thank you

A special thank you to Mary Organ for her very generous donation in memory of her husband Cecil and son Johnny.

A special thank you to Melita Barnes for her very generous donation in memory of her husband Everest and deceased family members.

A special thank you to Burt Willcott for his very generous donation in memory of Joclyn Crant.

A special thank you to Calvin & Donna Collier for their very generous donation in memory of deceased members of the Collier and Keating families.

