

Parish News

MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council
2nd Thursday

Finance Committee
As Announced

Knights of Columbus
3rd Thursday

Youth Meetings
2nd & 4th Wednesday (5 pm to 7:30 pm)

Ladies Group
As Announced

Chuckle Corner

Admiring the Christmas trees displayed in his neighbour's windows, Nathan asks his father, 'Daddy, can we have a Hanukkah Tree?'

'What? No, of course not.' says his father.

'Why not?' asks Nathan again.

Bewildered, his father replies, 'Well, Nathan, because the last time we had dealings with a lighted bush we spent 40 years in the wilderness.'

Coming Events at St. Anne's

Wed, Dec. 21 - 3:15 pm - St. Anne's Church Hall

Catechism Christmas Party

Sat, Dec . 31 - 4:30 pm - St. Anne's Church
Rosary - followed by 6:00 pm New Year's evening Mass

Sun, January 8 - St. Anne's Church Hall
Sunday Fellowship Coffee
Remove the Decorations

Thur, January 12 - 7:00 pm St. Anne's Church Hall

PPC Meeting

Mon, January 16 - 7:00 pm - St. Anne's Church Hall

High Risk Workshop



Christmas Masses at St. Anne's Parish

Saturday, Dec 24 7 pm Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant
11 pm Midnight Mass

Sunday, Dec 25 10:30 am Christmas Mass
2:00 pm St. John the Evangelist - Swan Hills

Saturday, Dec 31 4:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm New Year's eve Mass

Sunday, Jan 1 9:30 am Mass " Feast of Mary Mother of God"
1:00 pm St. John the Evangelist-Swan Hills

Ushers, Readers and Communion Ministers. Please sign up on the sheets at the church entrances for Christmas Masses schedule. Thank you!

Expenditure request forms: For those who have not returned their expenditure requests yet, please have them back at the office before Christmas. Thank you.



MASS TIMES AND INFORMATION

St. Anne's Parish, Barrhead

Saturday: 7:00 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am

St. John the Evangelist, Swan Hills

Sunday: 1:00 pm

St. John Vianney, Fort Assiniboine

Last Wed. of the month 7pm

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday:
9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Pastor

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Cristina Daclis-Cay

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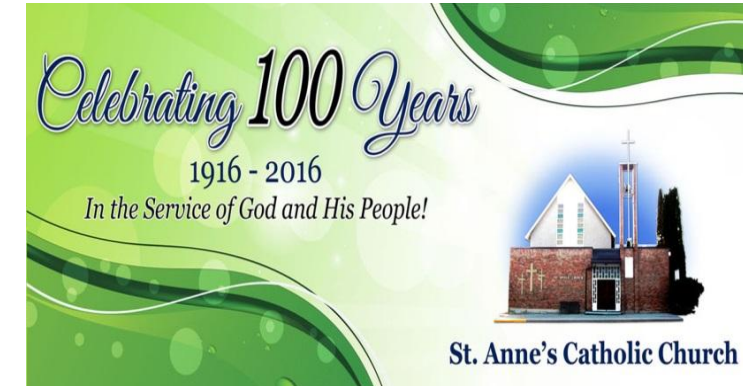
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4th Sunday of Advent December 18, 2016

"Drop down dew from above, your heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just one; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour."



The meaning of the Christmas Nativity

The Nativity that we place in our home reminds us that we will newly have the opportunity to show our true essence to others and to ourselves. Another of the fundamental elements during these seasons is without a doubt "The nativity", although it is linked to a religious festivity it is also important for all those who celebrate the arrival of Jesus to Earth. The representation of his birth is included among the traditions that were inherited from our ancestors, which now is part of the celebrations of this season. The presence of the nativity within our homes is very important because besides representing the birth of baby Jesus, it also symbolizes a new life that will come to us, a change which offers us the opportunity of "being born again" in love and wisdom. It is not necessary to select the most expensive or the most beautiful nativity, since we only have to remember its significance to be able to know that, whichever material it is made of, its value will be established by us.

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms.

Please contact the office at 780-674-2662 to register for Baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. Johnny will be available for the Sacrament an hour before the weekend Masses or call the office for appointment.

Marriage

Please contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Johnny.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing of the sick.

LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS

BARRHEAD

General	Children
\$3,158.70	\$19.95

SWAN HILLS

General
\$185.00

Mass Times, Dates and Intentions December 19 to December 25, 2016

Monday, December 19 - St. Anne's Church From
No Mass

Tuesday, December 20- St. Anne's Church
7:00 pm Ben Anderson (RIP) Fran Anderson

Wednesday, December 21- Keir Care Centre
10:00 am Fr. Casey Bukowski (RIP) Knights of Columbus

Thursday, December 22 - HillCrest Lodge
9:30 am Sue West (RIP) Helmi Brinkman

Friday, December 23 - St. Anne's Church
9:00 am Frank Balen (RIP) Knights of Columbus

Saturday, December 24- St. Anne's Church
7:00 pm Edward & Louise Frier (Health) Sonja Steinraths
11:00 pm Midnight Mass

Sunday, December 25- St. Anne's Catholic Church
10:30 am All Parishioners

St. John the Evangelist (Swan Hills)

Sunday, December 18, 2016
1:00 pm Dezere Robinson (Bday) Bea Robinson

***Mass at St. John Vianney, Fort Assiniboine:**
Wed. 7 pm December 28, 2016

High Risk workshop/seminar - workshop meeting has been moved to Monday, January 16, 2017. It is mandatory to attend the safe community workshop/seminar. If you cannot attend, you must attend the one @ St. Paul Diocese on January 14, 2017.

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Altar Servers:

- Parents: please sign up your altar server (sign-up sheet) on bulletin board church entrance) for one of our Christmas Masses.

- Meeting and Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 21 from 5:15pm to 7pm. We will start with the meeting, new altar server leader, followed by pizza and games. If you can't make it, please phone Ellen Mourits 780-674-9415. See you there!

The time has come for the seasons...



Poinsettias: If you are interested in buying poinsettias for the Church please contact Inge @ De Herdt Gardens at 674-4296 or Chris @ the flower Shop at 674-6595 and the Poinsettias will be delivered to the church.



Catechism update: Christmas

* **Chalice fundraiser:** Our Catechism children are raising money for Chalice. Every Wednesday from now till December 21 they will have a chance to donate. During their Christmas party children will choose on things that Chalice can buy with the money raised. The weekly children's collection will be added to this.

* **Christmas party:** Wednesday December 21. There will be a festive snack followed by a special craft activity (from 3.30pm till 5pm as usual).

* **Christmas pageant:** Will take place on Christmas Eve, during the 7pm Family Mass. Starting at 7pm followed by Mass. All the children are invited to join in this Pageant! Practise is after Catechism classes on December 7, 14 and 21st at 5pm for approx. 30minutes. All help would be appreciated. For more info contact Suzanne Koopman at 780 674 5306.

Maintenance people needed for 2017: Our church needs more maintenance volunteers to keep up with the repairs all year round. If you would like to help, please contact Greg Gramlich. 780-674 3520.

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Council

Jeannine Kowalski
780-674-5976

Finance Committee

Hans Mouritz (780-674-9415)

Liturgical Ministry / RCIA

Judy Lefebvre (780-674-3805)

Eucharistic Adoration

Rose Petruchik (674-2576)

Catechism

Suzanne Koopman (674-5306)

Parish Choir

Chris Mast (780-674-2607)

Music Ministry / Decorating

Brenda Dahlseide
(780-674-4663)

Youth Group

Monica Waggoner (674-0637)

Knights of Columbus

Mike Maykut (780-305-5053)

Prayer Chain

Vicky Properzi (780-674-3258)
Sharon Espeseth (674-2461)

Hillcrest Bingo

Sandra Hein (780-674-3943)

Meals on Wheels

Marie Menshik (780-674-3094)

Funeral Lunches / Ladies Group

Yvonne Fluet (780-674-3467)

St. Anne's Cemetery

Ed Robinson (674-3276)

Maintenance

Greg Gramlich (780-674-3520)

Communion to the Sick

Lorne Zallas (780-584-2687)