

Parish News

MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council
2nd Thursday

Finance Committee
As Announced

Knights of Columbus
3rd Thursday

Youth Meetings
2nd & 4th Sunday (11 am to 1:00 pm)

Ladies Group
As Announced

CHUCKLE CORNER

Christmas shopping, though fun, can be difficult. Did you hear about the guy that bought his wife a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas?

A friend of his said, "I thought she wanted one of those sporty 4-Wheel drive vehicles." "She did," he replied. "But where am I gonna find a fake Jeep?"

Coming Events at St. Anne's

Wednesday, December 20 - St. Anne's

3:30 pm Catechism Christmas Party

Thursday, December 21 - St. Anne's Parish Hall

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting

Sunday, December 24 - St. Anne's

7:00 pm Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 31 - St. Anne's

5:30 pm Rosary before 7 pm Mass

Sunday, January 7 - St. Anne's

After Mass Remove the decorations

Development and Peace

The spirit of the Lord enables us to overcome all challenges in His name: preaching to the meek, healing the contrite of heart and releasing the captives. In our souls, we rejoice and celebrate eternal mercy. Let us prepare our hearts, joining in Solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. Development and Peace wishes you all a blessed and fruitful Advent season.



Confirmation: Last night our group of children received their Confirmation. It was a beautiful celebration. A special thanks to Bonnie for all the hard work she did. She did a wonderful job preparing the children and organizing the celebration. Our parish is so blessed to have such great volunteers.



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

II Wed. of the month 7pm

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday:

8:30 am to 1:00 pm

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3rd Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again and say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near."



ST. NICHOLAS – SANTA CLAUS

St. Nicholas, a 4th century Catholic bishop, was known far and wide for his charity and his Christian zeal, who came to be popularly known as Santa Claus. There are many legends associated with St. Nicholas which speak of his charity and good works. Today, more than 2000 churches are dedicated to St. Nicholas in France and Germany and about 400 in England. He's honored as the patron saint of Russia, Greece, Sicily and the Lorraine Region of France. In addition, he is known as the patron saint of children and brides. His feast is celebrated on December 6th. Devotions to St. Nicholas were brought to the Americas by Dutch settlers in colonial days. The saint became well-known when cartoonist Thomas Nast, drew a cartoon for Harper's Weekly magazine in 1866, depicting St. Nick as a jolly Dutch farmer who rode through the sky in a wagon, dropping presents down chimneys. This gave rise to the tradition of hanging stockings by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there. How did we go from this true image of a generous saint to the false icon of a business tycoon? We have the multi-million-dollar advertisement industry to thank for that. They secularized St. Nick as Santa who has become the patron saint of merchandizing and materialism.

Kids know that what they see on TV is make-believe. They depend upon us to relate the true story of Santa. Let them know how he loved to bring smiles to the faces of children. On Christmas morning, let the children know that the presents under the tree are meant to celebrate the birthday of Jesus.

There is something drastically wrong with the fact that a secularized version of Santa has become more popular than Jesus. Many kids look forward to his "coming down the chimney" more than they look forward to the celebration of the birth of Jesus – the real reason for the season. It is our fault, not the kids' because if we spoke the truth about the real St. Nick in the same glowing way we speak untruths about the Santa invented by Madison Avenue, maybe kids would be excited about Jesus too. They might even decide to dedicate their lives to Him, just as St. Nicholas did.

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

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 \$ 4,203.21

Children \$ 22.50

SWAN HILLS

General \$ 155.00

Mass Times, Dates and Intentions December 18 to December 24, 2017

Monday, December 18 - St. Anne's	From
No Mass	
Tuesday, December 19 - St. Anne's	
7:00 pm Betty McCormack(SI)	Moira O'Neill
Wednesday, December 20 - Keir Care Centre	
10:00 am Fin Martin (SI)	Moira O'Neill
Thursday, December 21- Hillcrest Lodge	
9:30 am Sue West (RIP)	Helmi Brinkman
Friday, December 22 - St. Anne's	
9:00 am Deanna Lazzer (RIP)	Edith Proft
Saturday, December 23 - St. Anne's	
7:00 pm Frank Balen (RIP)	Knights of Columbus
Sunday, December 24 - St. Anne's	
9:30 am All Parishioners	
7:00 pm Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant	
11:00 pm Midnight Mass	

St. John the Evangelist (Swan Hills)

Sunday, December 24, 2017

1:00 pm



Chalice fundraiser:

Our Catechism children are raising money for Chalice. They will have a chance to donate till December 20. During their Christmas party on December 20, children will choose items that Chalice can buy with the money raised. The weekly children's collection will be added to this.

Christmas pageant: Will take place on Christmas Eve, during the Children's Mass at 7pm. All the children are invited to join in this Pageant! Practise is after Catechism classes on Dec 20th at 5 pm to 6pm.

For more info contact Michelle Steele at **780 674 3019**

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Christmas & New Year celebrations at St. Anne's and St. John the Evangelist, Swan Hills SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:30 am – Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass

7:00 pm – Children's Mass & Christmas Pageant

1:00 pm St. John the Evangelist (Swan Hills)

11:00 pm – Midnight Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:30 am – Christmas Mass

2:00 pm – Christmas Mass at St. John the Evangelist - Swan Hills

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:30 am – Holy Family Mass

1:00 pm – Holy Family Mass at St. John the Evangelist - Swan Hills

7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018

9:30 am – New Year Mass

1:00 pm – New Year Mass at St. John the Evangelist - Swan Hills

"A big Thank you to all parishioners for their generous donations. Our Bake Sale last Friday raised \$400.00 to support "The Ripple Connection Support Centre. "



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

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Council

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Finance Committee

Merv Boser (674-4759)

Sacristan

Marie-D Stoby(780-967-4045)

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Altar Servers

Lorraine Badry (780-674-7742)

Eucharistic Adoration

Rose Petrushik (780-674-2576)

Catechism, Youth & Young Family

Michelle Steele (780-674-3019)

Parish Choir

Chris Mast (780-674-2607)

Music Ministry / Decorating

Brenda Dahlseide (674-4663)

Youth Leader

Monica Waggoner (674-0637)

Knights of Columbus

Mike Maykut (780-305-5053)

Prayer Chain

Theresa Cherwonka(674-5613)

Dorothy Zallas (780-584-2687)

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 (780-674-3276)

Richard Rau (780-305-8367)

Maintenance

Greg Gramlich (780-674-3520)

Communion to the Sick

Lorne Zallas (780-584-2687)