

MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council

2nd Thursday

Knights of Columbus

3rd Thursday

Youth Meetings

Youth Group - TBA

ADVENT THOUGHT

"The word advent means "expectation." What advent can do for us is create a sense of hope."

"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord."

Coming Events at St. Anne's

Wednesday, December 4
6:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Gary

Sunday, December 8
10:45 am Children's Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 11
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6:30 pm
Priests from Westlock and Whitecourt will help with this sacrament.

-See Bulletin for details -

Sunday, December 15
10:45 am SUNDAY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH and
SILENT AUCTION
(After Sunday Mass)

YOUTH GROUP

Youth group will be meeting on Tuesday December 3 from 5 pm to 7 pm in the parish hall. On Wednesday December 18, Youth Group will be hosting our Christmas celebration and will be meeting at Blue Heron Bowl from 5 pm to 7 pm. God Bless.

FCSS TOY AND FOOD DONATIONS

Youth Group thanks all parishioners who have selected a donation ornament from our tree of giving campaign for FCSS. If you have selected an item, please ensure to return the item to St. Anne's Parish by Tuesday, December 3. Please do not wrap gift items. The Youth Group will also take any additional food donations. Please use the boxes at the front entrance of the church to drop off your donations. We thank you for all your generous support in helping families in the Barrhead community this Christmas.

"Saint Anne's Youth would like to say thank you for your help and God bless you all through this Christmas season!!"



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

Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday:

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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MISSION: ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SWAN HILLS

December 1, 2024



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We begin our journey with Jesus through the liturgical year with a call to be alert. There is a great temptation to close our eyes to the ugliness of the world. But when we choose voluntarily blindness, we can often become closed to wonder and grace. In today's Gospel Jesus calls us "be alert at all times". How do we open our eyes without being overwhelmed by despair at the suffering around us? Advent is a time of deep discernment - the great gift that helps us convert vision into action. Our pre- Christmas preparations are often marked by haste and distraction, but advent calls us to embody hope, peace, joy and love. We are to become the Advent candles we light.

As we become these Advent candles, may we illuminate the dark places in the world and light the path of the coming of Christ Child, again and again.

-HOPE -

Parish New

Baptism

Please contact the Office at 780-674-2662 to register for Baptism course offered only in January, May, or September.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. Francis Khai Phan 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. Francis Khai Phan.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office to arrange for anointing of the sick.

LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS



ST. ANNE'S

General \$ 2091.60
Children \$ 21.25
Vigil \$41.25

Thank you for your Generosity!

Mass Times, Date and Intentions
December 2 to December 8 2024

Monday, December 2 – St. Anne's		
No Mass		
Tuesday, December 3 – St. Anne's		
7:00 pm	Roger Pechanec (RIP)	Parishioners
Wednesday, December 4 – Keir Care		
10:00 am	Janice Gibson (RIP)	Rose Nutt
6:00 pm	Confirmation	
Thursday, December 5 – St. Anne's		
9:00 am	Michael Rose (RIP)	Rose Nutt
Friday, December 6 – St. Anne's		
9:00 am	Thank you!	Rose Petruchik
Saturday, December 7 – St. Anne's		
9:00 am	1 st Saturday Mass	
7:00 pm	Noreen Rose (RIP)	Rose Nutt
	Bert Proft (RIP)	Edith Proft
Sunday, December 8 – St. Anne's		
9:30 am	Nicholas Bourgeois (RIP)	Monique Jamieson
	Bernard Hollman (health)	Lorne & Dorothy
St. John the Evangelist (Swan Hills)		
Sunday, December 8		
1:00 pm	All Parishioners	
Mass at St. John Vianney, Fort Assiniboine		
Wednesday 7 pm December 18, 2024		

Christmas Cantata at St. Anne
10:20 pm (before the 11 pm midnight Mass) – details to follow.

December 31 Deadline: Take advantage of Canada Revenue's federal and provincial tax incentives by making a charitable donation to St. Anne's Parish. Such a strategic gift will benefit both the Parish and you.

-PARISH USHER & READERS SCHEDULE-

CHRISTMAS SIGN UP SHEET FROM DECEMBER 24, 25, 28, 29, 31 AND JANUARY 1, 2025
PLEASE SIGN IN WHEN AVAILABLE.

Parish News

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

6:00 pm Wednesday, December 4 2024 with Bishop Gary Franken

Please pray for:

Liana Terlouw, Luke Sargeant, Savannah Koopman, Leona Boser, Carla Florez, Diana Florez, Sebastien Gervais, Evana Jose, Xitylaly Ramos, Nuria Koopman and Michelle Elizabeth Sudeep.

Confirmation followed by potluck.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE: There will be a short Children's Choir practice after the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 8th. The choir will sing a few songs during our Christmas Brunch the following Sunday morning. Please contact Stephanie for more information (587-987-1309). All youth and children are welcome!

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas on Wednesday December 11, at 4:00 pm for the Catechism children and at 6:30 pm for the rest of the Parish. Priests from Westlock and Whitecourt will help with this sacrament.

SUNDAY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH: On Sunday December 15th our parish will have a special Christmas brunch after the 9.30 am Mass. The Knights of Columbus will provide a meal. A children's choir will perform some Christmas songs. **And there will be a silent auction as a fundraiser for the parish.** Parish Council would like to invite all parishioners to join in this get-together!

For more information or if you would like to donate an item for this silent auction, you can contact Lucia Terlouw 780-284 0739 (cell) or Suzanne Koopman 780-674 5306 (home phone). (only new items will be accepted!)

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Christmas Eve, Tuesday December 24th, we will start Mass at 7pm with our Christmas Pageant. All children, ages 3 and up, are welcome to join! On Sunday December 22nd, right after Mass, we are having our sign-up and rehearsal. If you are interested in signing up your child(ren), please make sure that they will be at this rehearsal on the 22nd. For questions and signing up, please contact Suzanne Koopman at 780764 5306

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Rose Petruchik (780-674-2576)

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Brenda Dahlseide (674-0168)

Youth for Christ
Chris Driessen 780-284-7120

Knights of Columbus
Anthony Oswald (674-4412)

Prayer Chain
Theresa Cherwonka(674-5613)
Dorothy Zallas (780-584-2687)

Hillcrest Bingo
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Meals on Wheels
Marie Menshik (780-674-3094)

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Joshua Gervais (780 916 7893)

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