

MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council

2nd Thursday

Knights of Columbus

3rd Thursday

Youth Meetings

Youth Group - TBA

Advent Thought

The significance of Advent lies in its invitation – in the midst of the busyness and sometimes chaos of the holidays – to pause, reflect, and prepare oneself spiritually for the arrival of Jesus. It is a time for believers to examine their hearts, seek forgiveness, and prepare for the joy of Christmas with open spirits. The themes that accompany each week of this season serve to realign priorities, nourish faith, and create a sense of community as families and congregations come together in celebration. By embracing the reflective nature of Advent, Christians can experience personal and collective renewal, leading to a more meaningful celebration of Christmas.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS - 2024-2025

Tuesday, Dec 24	7:00 pm	Christmas Pageant & Christmas Eve Mass
	10:15 pm	Christmas Cantata
	11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday, Dec 25	10:00 am	Christmas Day Mass at St. Anne
	1:00 pm	Christmas Day Mass at St. John the Evangelist, Swan Hills
Dec 28 -29	Regular weekend Mass	
Tuesday, Dec 31	7:00 pm	Mass of Thanksgiving & Vigil of Mary, the Mother of God
Wednesday, Jan 1	10:00 am	New Year – Mass Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
	1:00 pm	New Year – in Swan Hills Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
January 4 – 5	Regular weekend Mass	



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 8, 2024



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the “Bethlehem Candle” reminding us of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.

The Advent candles readily demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light. In the Bible, Christ is referred to as the “Light of the World” contrasted with the darkness of sin. Human history spanned long ages before our prophesied Savior would finally make his appearance, and God’s promise to make all things new through him.

As his Advent, or “coming,” draws nearer another candle is lit, with each candle dispelling the darkness a little more. Thus, the Advent wreath helps us to spiritually contemplate the great drama of salvation history that surrounds the birth of God Incarnate who comes to redeem the human race.

- Candle Of Peace -

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 \$ 3605.00
Children \$ 5.20
Vigil \$47.00

SWAN HILLS

General \$ 230.00

Thank you for your Generosity!

Mass Times, Date and Intentions December 9 to December 15 2024

Monday, December 9 – St. Anne's

No Mass

Tuesday, December 10 – St. Anne's

7:00 pm Matt Zahacy (RIP) Rose Nutt

Wednesday, December 11 – St. Anne's

9:00 am Tara Martin (special int) Moira & Family

Thursday, December 12 – HillCrest

9:30 am Emedy Myer (RIP) Maria McAnally

Friday, December 13 – St. Anne's

9:00 am Pat Adamek (RIP) George Adamek
David & Beatrice Ostrum (RIP) Knights

Saturday, December 14 – St. Anne's

7:00 pm Urbano & Ernita Urdaneta (RIP)
From: Luisa Stephaniuk

Sunday, December 15 – St. Anne's

9:30 am Tom Boser (RIP) Rose Boser

St. John the Evangelist (Swan Hills)

Sunday, December 15

1:00 pm All Parishioners

***Mass at St. John Vianney, Fort Assiniboine*
Wednesday 7 pm December 18, 2024**

Thank you!

St. Anne's Youth Group would like to say thank you so much to our parishioners for kind donations towards the FCSS Christmas gift program! You truly have made Christmas the season of love!

Saint Anne Youth

Our Christmas party will be at the bowling alley December 18 from 5:00 to 7:00. Parents please drop off your youth just before five and pick them up for seven at the bowling alley. We are excited to see you all and have lots of fun!! Janet and Chris

Merry Christmas, everyone!

Parish News

The time has come for the seasons...



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



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.



A **CHRISTMAS CANTATA** entitled "Appalachian Winter" will take place Tuesday, December 24 at 10:15 pm at St. Anne Church. There is nothing that says Christmas like the songs of the season.

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!)

Religious articles are sold before and after mass in the overflow! Some Items include Christmas cards, crucifixes, medals and many other items! If you need an item on another day my contact number is Lorraine 780-674-7742

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Council

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Youth for Christ

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Knights of Columbus

Anthony Oswald (674-4412)

Prayer Chain

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Meals on Wheels

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Communion to the Sick

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