



2022
ANNUAL REPORT



"City on the hill" - Matthew 5:14





DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AT ST. IGNATIUS,

Greetings to you! It is a pleasure to contribute this reflection as part of our parish report this year.

It is hard to believe that I have been with you as your pastor for almost an entire year – the time has flown. I arrived in late November 2021, just as the COVID omicron variant forced our province into another phase of necessary but disappointing restrictions and closures. However, with the passage of time and the gradual lessening of restrictions, it has been possible for us to resume many aspects of our lives that we have not enjoyed since the pandemic began. This global event is far from over, and thus we must remain vigilant and responsible, but it seems to me that the past summer was the most normal of the past 3 years. Every facet of our entire world has changed because of COVID, and this includes the Church and the experience of living our faith at the parish level. It seems to me that it is the wrong question to ask: “how do we go back to what was before?” and instead, our new, changed reality allows us to ask a better question: “As a parish and individually followers of Jesus, what have we learned through this collective experience?” “Where have we discerned strengths and weaknesses?” Asking these types of questions allows us to plan for the future with hope and confidence. Every challenge also brings opportunities, and it is at this liminal place that we presently find ourselves in many areas of society, including that of our Church.

As a parish, one thing we did learn is that we were able to pivot, adapt and show ourselves to be pliable in ways that may have surprised us. Our quick adoption of livestreaming technology, especially our Masses, kept our community intact. Even though our experience of being together was different, it was nonetheless real and valued. In fact, the online experience allowed our reach to be extended well outside the physical confines of the church building, engaging people from far and wide.

With all that good, however, the online experience can never replace our parish identity as being first and foremost, a physical gathering of persons. Going forward, there is no doubt that the use of livestreaming technology will continue to be a normative part of our parish activity and outreach, yet I do wonder if the present moment affords us the best opportunity in almost 3 years, to return “in person” to the parish and experience our community with others? The pandemic taught us how much we value our need to be together, since we profoundly felt something wholesome and life-giving missing in our lives when we were restricted from gathering. This reminds us that one of the greatest gifts parish life can offer is the ability to gather in person, to be known and come to know others in a community - to experience a deep sense of belonging and the joy that comes from being and serving together with others. In this way, I extend a special invitation to all, to come to the parish and to experience firsthand, the warm welcome and sense of community that St. Ignatius has long been known for. If I have not had the pleasure to meet you personally, please introduce yourself and let me know how myself and the other staff at the parish can be a help to you.

I also wish to sincerely thank all of you who were able to continue your financial support for the parish during the past few years. The uncertainties of the pandemic, coupled with the high inflation our country is experiencing, has been a time of great financial insecurity and stress for so many and I thank you for making a strong commitment to the parish to help it through these difficult times. The parish relies almost exclusively on your generosity to cover all its expenses, including capital improvements and ongoing upkeep of parish buildings, salaries, supplies, utilities, snow clearing/grass cutting, liturgical supplies, etc. I thank all of you who have been able to continue your financial generosity as we carry on and chart a hope-filled future for our parish.

Over the summer we have made notable improvements and repairs to the property, including the installation of energy efficient windows, the installation of heat pumps, and planning to replace the leaky roof on the hall. These projects, and many others, are only possible because of your regular financial giving to the parish. Thank you so much!

Only a few days after arriving last year, an image of the parish emerged in my mind, one that remains persistent even now. It came from St. Matthew's gospel where Jesus says, "*A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.*" (Mt. 5:14) That is St. Ignatius! That was the image that came to my mind and one that continues up to the present. Let our parish be seen as that "church up on the hill", and commonly known as a place of joy, prayer, hope, community, service, and learning!

As pastor I made the decision to live at the parish, moving into the rectory on Bedford Street. For me, being a pastor certainly means living at the parish and in the community where the parish is located. Having been born and raised in Halifax, of course I had been to Bedford innumerable times, but am now really enjoying living here. I am reading and experiencing the history and uniqueness of the place; I love my early morning walks on the waterfront and through DeWolf Park, walking down the street to the community mailbox, shopping locally for groceries and anything else, and chatting with my friendly neighbours on the street.

So I thank all of you who continue to help me find my footing and have warmly welcomed me into your midst. Be assured of my prayers to all and a desire to serve you as best as I can. I especially thank those who serve with me at the parish in so many ways, whether staff or those who through the councils, committees, and various other ministries, contribute to make our parish and church a place of beauty, welcome and prayer. As your pastor I have an ambitious and hope-filled vision for St. Ignatius! I pray that the year ahead is one that sees us resume more and more activities and gatherings we were familiar with before the pandemic, including at our own church, and that our "city built on a hill" continues to grow as an image of discipleship, radiating warmth, welcome, and faith to Bedford and beyond.

In Christ,

FATHER PAUL MORRIS, PASTOR

MY PARISH

I came to Saint Ignatius with my family in 1993 when we were transferred here from northern Manitoba. I was especially welcomed into the parish community by parishioners, many of whom are still here with us today. The people were warm and kind.

Having come from a much smaller parish community where I had actively participated in parish life, I was reticent to get involved in this much larger, new parish. Before long, my faith life had been reduced to "fulfilling my Sunday obligation". I was concerned about this slippery slope and where this would lead me in the future. As a new arrival, I lacked strong anchors in the parish. At the same time, I didn't want to be someone who just 'drifted away' from my Church.

Eventually, I responded to a call from the altar looking for new lectors. Soon I found myself connecting with a group of committed people in this liturgical ministry. Before long I felt like I now "belonged to" and was part of Saint Ignatius parish. I knew people by name (and they knew me), and we supported each other as needed. Some time later, I joined the Alpha group. Again, I formed relationships with people that continue to this day. After that, I joined other parish activities including Parish Council and Evena. I wanted to, and choose to, be active in my parish as an active expression of my faith and my contribution to the mission of the Church.

Now many years later, for me, St Ignatius had moved beyond a place - the building - to a community that has become central to my life. We are the St Ignatius parish 'family', and like in any extended family, there are members you know more than others. Regardless of the 'who's who,' our common faith is the glue that binds this family together.

MICHELLE KUCEY

FROM OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

The purpose of a Pastoral Council is to provide guidance to the Parish Priest for the life and mission of the Parish and to act as a voice of the people of the Parish to the Parish Priest. Council is comprised of parish groups including clergy, staff, service groups and pastorates. This ensures that all of us participate in the decision-making process and implementation of pastoral plans and priorities.

We last came together in the fall of 2019 for an AGM and by the following spring found ourselves locked down in a pandemic. A lot has happened since then.

As a parish we rose to the challenges of pandemic lockdown to reach out to you in your homes via our livestreaming. We now find ourselves back in the pews and are back working together to begin again the building of a community that meets together face to face in our beautiful church.

We have said farewell to Fr. Pat after years of service to our parish. His respect, encouragement, and support of all at St. Ignatius is evident in the strong and active ministry at our church and in the community. During his time here he fostered a welcoming, caring and loving ministry to all God's children and this is evident in the strong and welcoming parish we have here today.

We have welcomed Fr. Paul to our Parish, and his guidance, as we begin to rebuild, is inspiring. We are in very good hands. Fr. Paul brings a new energy to our parish and an enthusiasm that sees us making strides to build our parish spiritually and physically.

As we begin to return to our church building you can see the many repairs and work that has already begun. Much work remains, and our Leadership, Maintenance and Finance Committees are planning for our future.

There is a high degree of involvement of our parishioners in the life of our Parish and the Community. This involvement continues to grow. We have active Liturgy and Music, Seniors' outreach, REAL (Religious Education), Baptism, Marriage and Funeral Ministries. The Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Women's League and St. Vincent de Paul Society serve the parish and beyond. Alpha continues to grow. Many thanks to the many other groups and individuals who give of their time and talent.

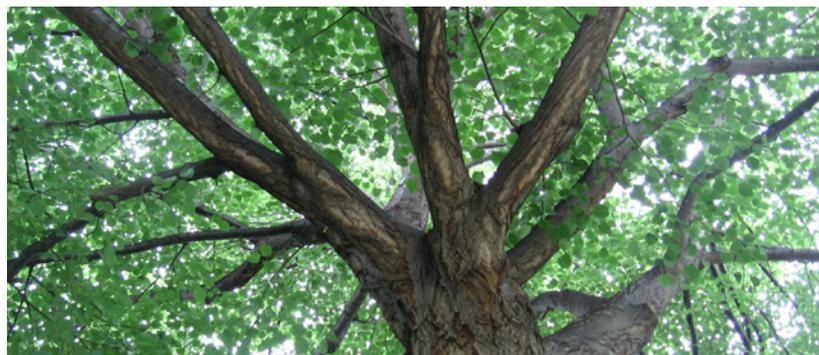
As part of the larger church, I thank you for your participation in "The Synod". Your voices have joined with those of other parishes in our diocese. Our diocesan report identified four pastoral priorities. As we move our parish plan forward, we will also be reflecting on the priorities of evangelization, catechesis, parish identity and homelessness.

Our WELCOME remains strong, and our plans for the future will continue to foster engagement in this parish.

I am very excited for the year ahead as we embrace our Pastoral Plan and plans for the future. I invite all our Parishioners to join with us as we grow our Parish family, nurture our spiritual growth, and spread God's love.

God Bless,

URSULA WIESNER
CHAIR, PASTORAL COUNCIL



MEMBERS OF SAINT IGNATIUS PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ursula Wiesner	<i>Chair Pastor Appointed</i>
Ray Burke	<i>Society of Saint Vincent de Paul</i>
Penny St-Armand	<i>Catholic Women's League</i>
David Smith	<i>Knights of Columbus</i>
Michelle Kucey	<i>Ministry Pastorate</i>
Sandra Pereira	<i>Ministry Pastorate</i>
David Pennington	<i>Stewardship Pastorate - Finance</i>
Duncan Floyd	<i>Stewardship Pastorate - Maintenance</i>
Yvonne Fenwick	<i>Stewardship Pastorate - Leadership Team</i>
Gail Baird	<i>Pastor Appointed</i>
Peggy Dupuy	<i>Parish Staff Representative</i>
Deacon Tom Smith	<i>Parish Staff Representative</i>



DID YOU KNOW?

- This year we have celebrated 8 baptisms, 6 confirmations, 2 weddings and 20 funerals.
- So far this year, our electricity and water bill total \$6,346.
- On average, weekend attendance for August was 287.
- Approximately \$1,000 is spent each year to purchase personalized weekly offertory envelopes.
- Recently we spent over \$55,000 to replace all windows in the Hall as well as the Parish Ministry Centre.
- With the hall roof needing to be replaced, a Specification Sheet has been prepared that will soon be sent to various roofing companies for bids. Once the successful roofing company has been selected, we are hoping that a new roof will be installed late 2022 or early 2023.
- To help reduce our annual heating costs, we installed 11 heat pumps: in the Church (6), Parish Ministry Centre (2), Hall (1) and Rectory (2). Through the Efficiency Nova Scotia program, we received a 58% rebate on our total project cost of \$58,695. The remainder of \$24,436 will be financed over the next 24 months at 0% interest.
- We are now looking at the cost vs. cost savings to convert all lights in the church to LED.
- 100% of Parish Operating Costs (Heating, taxes, salaries, maintenance, etc) are paid through your generous offerings (envelopes & PAR)

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

The Archdiocesan Assessment is a monthly payment by each parish to the diocese which enables an equitable sharing of the resources of the Archdiocese among all of its members. It is calculated based on the parish's previous 2 years of the "net assessable revenue" (ie. 2021 assessment is based on 2019 income) and uses ordinary income in the calculation but excludes special collections.

Year	Monthly Payment	Total Paid Per Year
2018	\$5,007	\$60,087
2019	\$5,418	\$65,017
2020	\$2,725	\$32,798
2021	\$4,698	\$56,376
2022	\$4,681	\$37,452 YTD

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AMOUNTS COLLECTED IN 2021

Development & Peace	\$874
Holy Land & Local Charities	\$2,155
Formation	\$1,894
Pro Life	\$210
Reconciliation (formerly Mission)	\$1,625
Building Fund	\$9,417
Easter	\$4,623
New Year's	\$800



PROPORTIONAL GIVING

Some people may wonder how their income relates to their parish giving. The Following is a simple tool to give you an idea. Something to prayerfully consider.

Total Household Annual Income	1%	2%	5%
\$10,000	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$30.00
\$20,000	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$40.00
\$30,000	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$30.00
\$40,000	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$40.00
\$50,000	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$50.00
\$60,000	\$12.00	\$24.00	\$60.00
\$70,000	\$14.00	\$28.00	\$70.00
\$80,000	\$16.00	\$32.00	\$80.00
\$90,000	\$18.00	\$36.00	\$90.00
\$100,000	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$100.00

How did we get these numbers? Your annual household income divided by % and number of weeks in a year (52.1429), rounded up to next \$10.

A VOTE FOR PAR! PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE

When we asked some parishioners about using PAR (Pre-authorized remittance), here's one reply that really hits the mark:

"It makes sense to us that St. Ignatius needs to have reliable weekly/monthly contributions in order to effectively budget for its ongoing expenses. This must have been especially difficult during the past two years, when in-church attendance was restricted. Imagine how unsettling it would be to have to meet ones bills not knowing what your income will be month-to-month. So, we thought it only reasonable that our contributions be made through Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). It's easy, it's reliable and if we want to make any changes, it can be easily done. It's certainly a "WIN WIN" for us and for our parish."

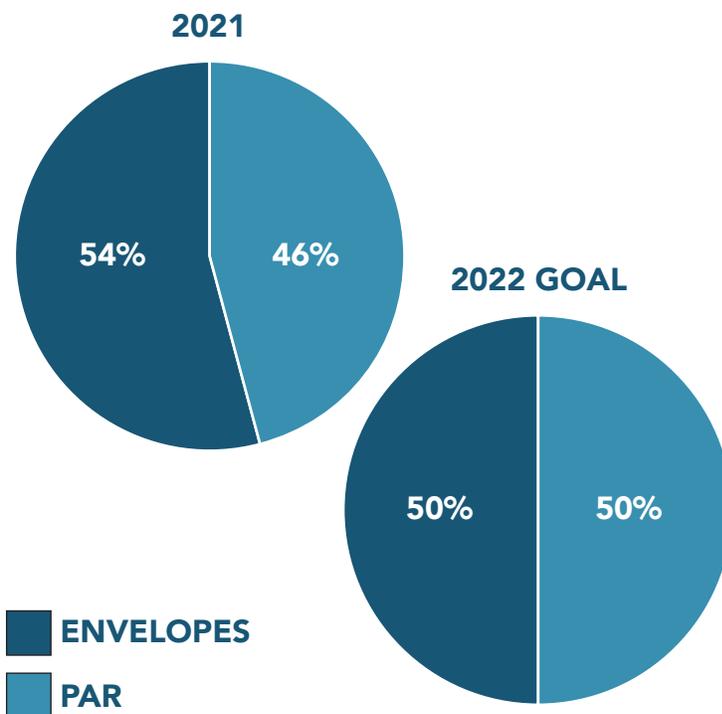
**"SEW GENEROUSLY AND REAP GENEROUSLY."
- 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6**

PAR

PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE

We are very blessed to have many of our parishioners giving, through Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). Thank you for your ongoing support, both spiritually and financially, to Saint Ignatius Parish. It's only through your generosity and support that we are able to maintain our vibrant and healthy parish community. Our church exists solely through your donations, weekly collections and gifts to our programs and services.

If you haven't signed up yet, please consider this safe and secure way of supporting our parish. This method of payment gives you the opportunity to offer weekly, bi-weekly or monthly payments. Furthermore, it eases the burden on those individuals who count the collections and prepare income tax receipts. Over the past three years, PAR has enabled us to pay our operating costs while we were working through the pandemic.



COMMON QUESTIONS ON PAR:

1. WILL MY FINANCIAL INFORMATION BE SAFE?

Yes, it is kept secure at the office for financial purposes only and not shared on the internet or with anyone else in the office.

2. I LIKE TO PUT MY ENVELOPE IN EVERY WEEK – HOW DOES THAT WORK?

If you like you can still receive your envelope package and you can still put the envelope in the collection each week – just mark on the envelope that it's PAR (tick box space on the envelope provided). This also allows you to give when special envelopes are requested during the month.

3. I DON'T LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR LONG TERM FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS – CAN I GET OUT IF I WANT TO?

Yes, you can cancel your PAR at any time if your financial needs change or the system doesn't work for you. Most people find the system works perfectly, but we understand circumstances change.

4. HOW CAN I GET MY FORM TO THE OFFICE?

We ask that you put your form in a sealed envelope and drop it in the collection on the weekend or in the mail slot at the office. Our Parish Administrator, Kelley Dunford-Sullivan will handle it for you. She will confirm with you that it is received and in place.

5. HOW DO I CONTRIBUTE TO SPECIAL COLLECTIONS?

There are twenty special collections during the year. Starting in September, we have envelopes at the back of the church for those special collections. Just pick up an envelope the week before or on your way into Mass.

6. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE WHOLE SYSTEM – CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN IT?

We sure can. Just phone the office at 902-835-2910. Kelley will be happy to explain how it all works.

OUR SYNOD PROCESS

Our synod process opened in October of 2021 with an Assembly of the People of God presided over by Archbishop Dunn. Our Synod team joined teams from all parishes across the diocese to train to have synod conversations at the parish level.

We held our listening sessions during the fall and winter of 2021, with sessions for seniors, youth and general parishioners. It was not an easy task with masks and the six-foot spacing rule, but we were very pleased with the turn out and the discussions. We gathered all the information provided by our parishioners and submitted them to the Diocese. There, Archbishop Dunn and his staff looked closely at over 800 local responses from all the parishes and put together a local report. In July, a regional report of the Synod responses from across the Atlantic provinces was submitted to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). The Bishops of Canada reviewed the findings from across the country at their plenary meeting in September. From there a report from the Canadian Bishops goes to a Continental Gathering in early 2023 before reaching the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023.

According to the Diocesan report, the themes raised by our synod process are worthy of further consideration locally. Archbishop Dunn and his team will be reviewing them with our clergy, leadership teams, pastoral and finance councils for more reflections and possibilities for action under our four pastoral priorities: evangelization, catechesis, parish identity, and homelessness.

Some of the highlighted outcomes from the Synod process in the Diocese included:

- Inclusivity and Welcome
- Doctrines and Disciplines
- Communion and Community
- Leadership and Accountability

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Saint Ignatius CWL was chartered in 1983.

During 2021/2022, we kept our league going with numerous Zoom meetings, emails and texts, also keeping in touch with both members and parishioners by cards and telephone calls.

Our Spiritual Advisor, Deacon Tom Smith, supported our many endeavors, including National Indigenous Peoples Day, World Day of Prayer, Knights of Columbus prayer services, and National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Our council gave out First Communion and Confirmation cards to the children receiving these sacraments and, to RCIA candidates, cards and gifts. Baptismal bibs were presented to babies upon their baptism.

Value Village fundraisers were held, supported by the parishioners, and the Knights of Columbus. The funds raised support our annual financial commitments, including a \$500 bursary to graduating high school students (In 2021- Kaitlyn Warmerdam, and 2022- Sarah Doody were our very deserving recipients.), our Chalice sponsorship, Catholic Missions of Canada, Coady Institute, Canada Near East Welfare Association, and many others. We also helped support our homeless shelter guests and Beacon House Food Bank. To date in 2022, we have donated over 200 pounds of food and over \$600 in financial contributions.

A maple tree planting and prayer service were held on the church grounds to commemorate the 100 Anniversary of the Catholic Women's League in Canada. Next year, 2023, marks our 40th anniversary of service to God and Canada.

All women of the parish aged 16 and over are invited to join us. Our meetings are usually held the third Sunday of the month in the hall, at 2 pm. All ladies are warmly welcomed.

Contact Anne Pothier, (902) 865-2721
annepothier@gmail.com

We would love to meet you!

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP)

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a worldwide lay Catholic organization whose mission it is: to serve Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and to help shape a more just and compassionate society.

Founded in Paris in 1833 by Frédéric Ozanam, the SSVP is open to all who desire to do good work in love and service of their neighbour. The organization draws its inspiration from the founder's thoughts and works. Members strive, in a spirit of justice, charity, mutual help, and solidarity with the poor, and through personal commitment, to ease the hardships of those who suffer.

The St. Ignatius Conference has 25 active members (30 total) with 5 teams on weekly rotation.

Our founding activity, still practiced today, is the Home Visit. Through these visits, our members, known as Vincentians, establish personal relationships with persons in need by offering material assistance, as well as friendship and understanding.

We provide material support in the form of non-perishable food, clothes, household items and furniture to individuals and families. We also assist with rent, electricity, heat, prescriptions and emergency accommodations. Nationally, The Society also provides assistance to refugees, immigrants, and northern communities.

Throughout the pandemic in 2021, SSVP St. Ignatius volunteered 1450 hours, made 362 home visits, delivered 288 Beacon House orders, and distributed nearly \$20,000 in gift cards. We continued supporting the Hope Cottage food kitchen by preparing and serving meals.

Our focus is on systemic change to address deep rooted societal issues through involvement in social justice and advocacy programs. Examples include hosting a well attended Zoom conference on homelessness, affordable housing, assisting a single mother with university tuition and supporting three Columbian refugees.

Saint Ignatius SSVP has shown leadership in the Emergency Shelter program. Hosting one shelter



in 2021 set an example. The Archdiocese used the project as a model for a larger initiative resulting in the development of 20 emergency shelters with heat, electricity, and access to washrooms. St. Ignatius is hosting two shelter guests in 2022, with SSVP managing the project.

Through the continued support of those living in the Bedford community, we have twinned with a Parish in Trinidad and Tobago to provide financial support.

Sponsor a Family Christmas campaign remains the largest annual SSVP project at St. Ignatius. Through very generous parishioner donations, in excess of \$27K in 2021, we supported 106 local families including 187 adults and 118 children with turkeys and gift cards.

Looking ahead, SSVP St. Ignatius will maintain current programs while striving to have an even greater positive impact in the community. This includes a continued focus on social justice, specifically, at least one recipient of the Systemic Change Fund, a Seeds of Hope Scholarship program and establishing a pilot project initiative to address more meaningful/systemic issues through the develop of a conference navigator.

The success of Saint Vincent de Paul is dependent on the generously donated time and talent of the volunteer members. New membership is essential. If you're interested in making a difference in your Parish and community, please consider the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

RAY BURKE
SSVP CHAIR ST. IGNATIUS



REPORT FROM THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The St. Ignatius Maintenance Committee has had a busy 2 years, despite the Covid experience. The buildings and property were mostly dormant. Once more normal activities resumed, the Committee recognized that there was a plethora of projects that could be started. A lot of great work had previously been completed (e.g., church steeple, church structural integrity ensured, etc.) but a lot of work remains to be done. Prioritizing the jobs was an important step. Also, with a new Pastor who lives on-site, a proper, livable rectory was needed as well as a new office configuration. Having Fr. Paul as an active and ongoing part of the team has been very positive, as has been the staff in the office.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

- The "new" PMC renovation.
- The new driveway asphalt (much needed!).
- New rain-gutters on church and Hall.
- New windows in the PMC and Hall.
- Sacred Garden project initiated



The new parish office renovation and a rectory for our priest have been a huge success. The office is now on the back of the building, facing the church. It's bright, well designed and a perfect place to conduct parish business. And Father Paul has a warm and comfortable home to live

in, close to the church. The windows and doors were replaced, a definite improvement in terms of comfort and energy efficiency.

The Church entrance stairs and deck were replaced, certainly improving the look of our church. The shrubbery by the side entrance is being cultivated. The sacred garden on the property is beautiful and lovingly cared for by a dedicated team. The Bedford Street entrance to the church was paved and the parking area fixed.

The hall has all new windows. And adding new LED lighting to our parking lots makes them safer and more visible. We are working hard to make the hall a special place for all parishioners to gather with fellow parishioners.

There was a major clean-up over two weekends, including the church, hall and parish office. Prior to that clean-up, a team of volunteers did a great job clearing bush, dead trees and overgrown areas.

And the big news is that the church, hall and Parish Office have heat pumps! As our main heat source is oil, this should provide a more efficient heating source.

WHAT'S COMING UP!

- The hall is scheduled for a new roof.
- The Parish Office/Rectory will have much needed new siding and the front of the rectory will have some landscape work to make it look more like a residential property.

THINGS WE ARE WORKING ON:

- We're investigating the installation of solar panels on the hall roof. The panels would feed the energy grid, giving us a credit against our energy costs for all our buildings.
- We are working on new exterior church signage for Bedford Highway.
- We are still working on the church window replacements. It's a huge undertaking that will have to be done in separate batches and budgeted over a period of time.
- We are also exploring the installation of an accessible restroom for the church.
- We continue to look for ways to improve the look and operation of Saint Ignatius. If you would like to join us on the committee, please contact the office. We're always looking for people to join in the fun.



AN INVITATION

From DAVE and ANGELA to experience taking an active part in our St. Ignatius community.

Through our involvement on parish council; maintenance and finance committees; Saint Vincent de Paul Society and reading at Mass we feel a greater sense of purpose. It has been very rewarding getting to know and connecting with some of our fellow parishioners. We are grateful that by being a part of various committees we have a voice in the continued journey of St Ignatius Parish to be a vibrant welcoming Christian family.

There are so many different opportunities to fill depending on one's talents. A couple of hours a week would go such a long way in helping out. We all lead such busy lives these days but did you know that volunteering counteracts the effects of stress and anxiety!

We so look forward to welcoming more parishioners on our teams. The camaraderie is great and we want you to experience it too.

DAVE PENNINGTON & ANGELA KING

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus (K of C) is a Catholic fraternal not for profit service organization that provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

It has been difficult to operate during these past few years, as it has been for many organizations, operating within COVID restrictions. We are slowly getting back to normal with some of the events we were involved in before COVID. For example, we served at the Celebration of Life mass for Fr. John's sister on August 31st. We also continue to sponsor a youth through Chalice, helping to ease the financial burden of this youth and their family.

The K of C will be sponsoring a Vocations Weekend on Nov. 5 and 6 with Fr. Craig Cameron, the Vocations Director for the Archdiocese about the call to priesthood. We plan to host the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest this year. This is an initiative done through the Parish Religious Education Ministry. We will attend the Remembrance Day celebrations at Fish Hatchery Park in Bedford. We purchased a wreath from the Bedford Legion and will have it placed on the cenotaph on November 11th on behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council 9404.

We are currently involved in the Raffle Box Fundraiser, with several other parishes. There is a draw each month and we are getting some much-needed funds to help meet our obligations.

Our Council is always looking for new members. If you are interested in finding out more about the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Claude Cajolais at claud4you@gmail.com or 902-866-2756 (cell 902-222-2884).



AUDIO VISUAL TEAM

With your contributions, we have been very fortunate these past few years to be able to live stream our masses. The equipment has served us well, but it wouldn't be much good without a fantastic team of volunteers making it work! We'd like to recognize the wonderful people behind the scenes who run the screens, make sure our mics work and live stream our masses. It wouldn't happen without them! They include: photos above Gabriela Gonzalez, Paul Chau, Thuy Phan, Kurt Estorninos, Nico Bautista, Mike Edwards, Alessandro Caesar, as well as Paul Madore, Darcy, Elois and Ghislaine Eygun, Jim LeBlanc, Ann Jessome, Lawrence Baker, Bill Lawlor (technical support). THANK YOU.

THE FEAST OF SAINT IGNATIUS

Sunday, July 31, 2022 was a great day at our parish. We celebrated the feast day of our patron saint with a social gathering and barbecue after the 10:30 mass. Over 120 people turned out to enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, and a delicious cake! Thank you to all those who helped make it happen and to all the parishioners who participated!