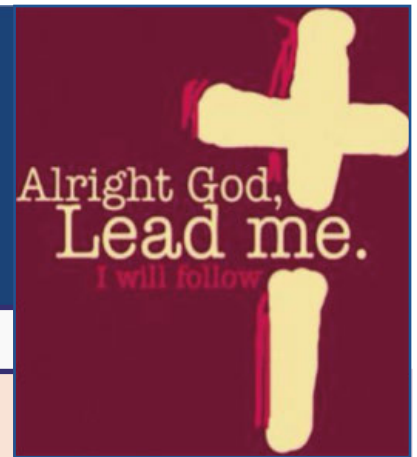




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November 5, 2023

A Message from the Pastor

Last week we saw a lot of people in costumes trick-or-treating. Halloween is celebrated in schools and neighborhoods by children dressing up as ghouls, goblins, and assorted imaginary and real characters from history and literature. The masks and costumes used will, in some way, conceal the true identity of the trick-or-treaters.

In ancient Greek times, a mask or *persona* was used to reveal rather than conceal the identity of the person wearing the mask. Moms and Dads should understand this when someone acknowledges that he or she wears many hats in life. No one hat or activity captures the whole identity of the person. That's why we need to wear many hats to communicate our real identity.

Over the past few weeks, the gospels have been looking at the good and bad practice of religion. In authentic religion, love of God and love of neighbor are inseparable. In fact, the fool-proof way that we know we love God is that we love our neighbor. At the Last Judgment, we will be evaluated not on the orthodoxy of our creedal beliefs or the number of Masses and sacramental celebrations we have attended but on our concrete acts of love. Catholics define those essential and concrete acts of love as *the corporal works of mercy* (i.e. feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, visiting the lonely or imprisoned, comforting the afflicted, welcoming the stranger, burying the dead, etc.).

As William Barclay states, in his commentary on this weekend's gospel, "Here is the test of any presentation of religion. Does it create wings to lift people up, or a dead weight to drag them down? Does it bring about joy or depression? Whenever religion becomes a depressing affair of burdens and prohibitions, it ceases to be true religion." I'm reminded of a snippet from *The Colbert Report* in which Stephen Colbert interviewed Jesuit author Fr. James, Martin, SJ (official Chaplain for the Colbert Nation) and asked him, "Why are you people (religious leaders) doing such a bad Public Relations job? God's popularity and ratings are down!"



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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil
at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 8:00 AM
Sunday at 10:30 AM
Sunday at 7:30 PM

Weekdays (M-F)
at 8:00 AM
At LIC—La Storta Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays -
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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Pastor's Message continued from page one:

Jesus saves some of his sharpest criticism in the gospels for religious leaders. Why? They like the trappings of religious practice. They like wearing broad *phylacteries*. These *tephillin* or *phylacteries* are like little leather boxes. These were worn one on the wrist and one on the forehead. They contained a piece of parchment with one of four passages from scripture written on it. When prayerful Jews looked on them, they were reminded about the authentic practice of their faith.

But Jesus will often refer to the Jewish religious leaders as *hypocrites*. In other words, they are people who pretend to be what they are not. They don't practice what they preach. They talk the talk but don't walk the walk. They don't do the things that they advise others to do. Instead of being genuine, they are phony. Instead of being the *real thing*, they are *posers*. Instead of being trustworthy, they are untrustworthy. So, Jesus concludes, "Do what they say but don't do what they do."



As we conclude another liturgical year, let us examine and recommit ourselves to an authentic practice of our faith. May our love of God—expressed in our love of neighbor—be an inspiring and encouraging example to our children, our neighbors, our community and our world.

Fr. Mike



Thanksgiving Day Mass

**Please join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass
at 10:00 AM on November 23, 2023
in the church**



Go with Gratitude - An Advent Retreat

based on the *Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola*

"Go with Gratitude - An Advent Retreat" Please join us for a four week retreat during Advent. This Advent retreat will focus on creation, salvation, the Incarnation, and God-with-us. These retreat weeks are based on the 18th Annotation of Saint Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. We invite you to come pray with us as we prepare for Emanuel.

*Lord, grant that I may see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly. -Spiritual Exercises 104*

Choose either morning or evening retreat meetings. All meetings will take place in the parish office dining room. **Morning sessions** will take place weekly on (Nov. 30, Dec. 7,14,21) Thursdays from 10:30AM–12:00PM. **Evening sessions** will take place weekly (Nov. 28th, Dec. 5,12,19) on Tuesdays from 6:30–8:00PM.

Free will donations, proceeds for St. Ignatius parish.
Facilitated by Katherine Radeka and Jeanette Grimaldi

Questions? Email Jeanette at SEEL Portland - spiritualexercises.seelpdx@gmail.com

Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Nov. 5, 2023

Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10
1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13
Matthew 23:1-12

Mass Readings for Nov. 12, 2023

Wisdom 6:12-16
Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13



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Thank you for supporting our **Pastini Dine-Out**. Our community spent a total of \$4,152.25, so Pastini will be donating 40% of that amount or **\$1,660.90 back to our school!**

Our next community builder and fundraising opportunity is Turkey Bingo on November 18th. In addition to playing Bingo to win a turkey at this *adults only* event, \$10 raffle tickets are available for purchase. Bingo cards and food are included in the price of admission. *Ericka Skeldon is the chair for this event and will need plenty of volunteers before, during, and after the event.*

We hosted our annual whole school Halloween Parade of costumes. Even our staff dressed up! What a fun way to celebrate "All Hallows Eve!" Our 2nd and 5th graders partnered in leading us through a beautiful All Saints' Day Mass. Our students spend the month of November studying about saints. Each week in our morning announcements, we learn about saints that have shown the virtues we are learning. The virtues we have been learning about recently include: *circumspection, industriousness, foresight, and trustworthiness*. St. John Bosco showed the virtue of foresight in the way he trained young men to embrace holiness through positive ways instead of punishments. Blessed Anne-Marie Jovouhey grew up in France during the French Revolution when Catholics were not free to practice their faith. Since there were no convents in France at the time for her to join, she started her own religious community that ran free schools for poor children. Years later, the French government recognized how trustworthy Blessed Anne-Marie was and asked her to teach newly released prisoners in French Guiana.



We are learning and growing in so many ways! The kindergartners have been learning about the five senses by making slime, then brainstorming adjectives such as "cold" and "goopy" to describe how slime feels. The second graders created all types of bird houses while studying about different types of birds. The third graders have been learning about various types of communities. Our sixth graders are learning about the structure of cells. Seventh grade students are creating graphic novel hero stories based on their reading of the Odyssey. So much learning and growing each and every day!

May we remember the Beatitudes Jesus gave us a guide for living our lives as people of God.. *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me,"* Matthew 5:3-11.

Peace be with you.

Carol Pausz, Principal



Yarn If you always wanted to learn how to knit or crochet but cannot find the time. If you already know how to knit or crochet but don't have even an hour in your week to do so. If you would be willing to teach someone the finer points of either skill. Please join us for an hour of activity **from 11:30 (after the 10:30 mass) until 12:30 on Nov 12th (second Sunday of the month)** in the Dining room in the Parish Office. Room. Bring your own project or contact Maureen at (206) 889-7820) about materials.

COVID precautions will be followed. Any age, any level of skill welcome!

It is time for....

The 20th Annual Turkey Bingo!

A FUNDRAISER HELD FOR ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

(An Adult Only Event, No Minors Allowed)

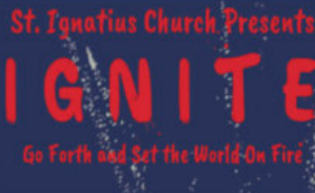
November 18, 2023 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm

(Doors open at 5:30pm)

St. Ignatius School - Dillon Hall
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link: www.sipdx.org under **MORE: News & updates**



IGNITE....

Next class,
Nov 12, 2023

More information online at:

<https://www.sipdx.org/ignite>

Dates: Nov 12, Nov 26, Dec 10th
6:00PM—7:15PM on Zoom or in person at the parish office.

Family Camp We had an AMAZING, beautiful day! We enjoyed morning group activities, afternoon free time (canoeing, horseshoes, and gaga ball were popular!), and then outdoor mass and dinner. We had a small group that day, but everyone had a great time. (We originally had 13+ families registered, but with COVID, volleyball, and other conflicts our numbers fell dramatically the final few days.) Nevertheless, it was great, and if you ever need a beautiful site, this is a winner. The camp staff are also super friendly and helpful. BIG thanks to:



- ⇒ Fr. Steve Dillard for joining us all afternoon and celebrating a beautiful outdoor mass with us
- ⇒ Michele McKay for her generous donation to this enterprise
- ⇒ Ericka Skeldon & Angela Kockler for helping to organize food and activities
- ⇒ Fr. Mike for his support and for helping us to secure a priest
- ⇒ Patty for registration help
- ⇒ Grace for help with budgeting and payments



Creation Care Team The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all.

A very solid scientific consensus indicates that we are presently witnessing a disturbing warming for the climate system. Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it.

What can we do to change one thing in our consumption that could make a difference in global warming? Recycling, composting, or reusing items rather than tossing them can be options for us. Together we can make a difference. Laudato Si' Pope Francis

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html



The St. Vincent de Paul

Portland Council fields food, rent and utility assistance requests for our parish as well as participating parishes in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas and the Lower Columbia River and North Coast areas. If you know someone who is food insecure or needs utility or rent assistance, refer them to the

SVdP Portland Council at 503-235-8431 and their requests will be forwarded to our pantry.

We provided additional families with rent and utility assistance. If you know someone who is food insecure or needs utility or rent assistance, refer them to the **SVdP Portland Council at 503-235-8431** and their requests will be forwarded to the pantry.

Food May be brought to each Mass and put in the bin in the vestibule!



AN URGENT NOTE Need for temporary housing for refugees TO OUR FRIENDS AT THE PARISHES Contact: Jesse Crawford Phone: 503-805-3563 Email: jcrawford@ccoregon.org

Neighboring Parishes:

St. Agatha's Annual Christmas Bazaar Nov 18, 9-4pm & Nov 19th 9-2pm, 7959 SE 15th St. Sellwood.

St. Joseph the Worker Annual Holiday Bazaar at on Saturday, November 11 from 10-6 pm and Sunday, November 12 from 9-3 pm. This event is hosted by the Atar Guild. All are Welcome!!! 2310 SE 148th Ave.

St Anthony's Holiday Bazaar Bake sale and raffle 2023 SATURDAY & NOVEMBER 4th 9:30-4PM SUNDAY NOV 5th -10-2:30 Refreshments will be available



Make a year-end donation to St. Ignatius.

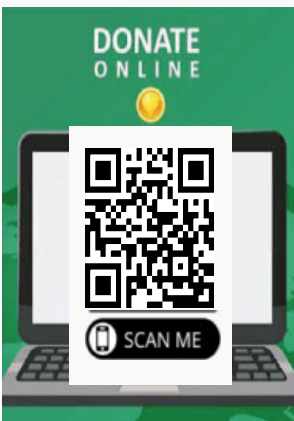
If you are age 72 or older, the IRS requires you to take required minimum distributions each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. A qualified charitable donation (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity such as St. Ignatius Parish. As 2023 draws to a close, please consider making a year-end donation to help us take care of our beautiful church. A charitable IRA rollover is an easy way to make a gift to St. Ignatius Parish to help us grow our endowment.

You can directly transfer any amount up to \$100,000 from your IRA and pay no income tax on the distribution, while making a charitable donation to our parish.

- ◆ You must be 70½ or older
- ◆ The transfer must go directly from your IRA to St. Ignatius

Please check with your tax or financial advisor to see if this type of gift is right for you. If you need help with this transfer or have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you for your consideration.

Planned Giving For several decades, St. Ignatius has been here in SE Portland serving people in faith, educating the young with hope, and engaging the world with the love of Christ and the Good News of the Gospel in the Jesuit tradition. Please prayerfully consider including the parish in your estate plans to help us sustain this mission for future generations. If you are interested in learning more about planned giving options at St. Ignatius Parish, please see the "Ways to Give" page on our website or contact Fr. Mike.



Church tithing Financial report (July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024)

2023-2024 Budget \$560,000.00

Sunday Tithe received through 10-22-2023 \$135,204.12

*Thank you, for also supporting other funds like our Campus renewal/Bldg., St. Vincent de Paul, School, Novena and more!
May you be blessed abundantly for your generosity!*

8:00AM Weekday Mass Intentions

Please keep in your prayers

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|-----------|--------|------------------------|
| Monday | Nov 6 | † Millie Emig |
| Tuesday | Nov 7 | † Kinh Nguyen |
| Wednesday | Nov 8 | † Janice Marie Pelster |
| Thursday | Nov 9 | † Sharon Greiner |
| Friday | Nov 10 | † Souls in Purgatory |



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