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December 10, 2023

A Message from the Pastor



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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The Italians have a saying—“*Dimmi con cui vai e ti dico qui sei.*” (“Tell me who you walk with and I’ll tell you who you are.”) Last week, on the First Sunday of Advent, we walked with the prophet Isaiah. For the next two Sundays of Advent, we will walk with another prophet—John the Baptist.

Many paintings of John the Baptist have him pointing to “the Lamb of God.” He struggles to get our attention. He wants to help us sharpen our focus, especially during this brief liturgical season. He is adept at directing us to the dwelling places of God in our life and our world. He is, *par excellence*, an Advent figure who reminds us that Advent is a looking time. As another John—John Bell—puts it:

You keep us looking.
You, the God of all space,
Want us to look in the right and wrong places
for signs of hope,
For people who are hopeless,
For visions of a better world that will appear
among the disappointments of the world we know.
So, thank you ... for the looking time.



Good questions are like arrows in a quiver. They invite us to not only look at aspects of our life but to ponder them (i.e. to think deeply about them). Irish singer Carmel Boyle, in her song *My Soul’s Desire*, invites us to Advent looking/pondering through a series of questions. They are like John the Baptist’s finger pointing us to places where *Emmanuel* (God-with-Us) is to be found in our life, in our community, and in our world. Here are some of the questions that Boyle asks.

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What is your longing?
What is your hope?
What is your yearning?
What is your song?

What is your calling?
What is your hurt?
What is your healing?
What is your joy?

What is your wisdom?
What is your truth?
What is your freedom?
What is your fire?

**He is
mightier
than I!**

Tell me with whom you walk and I will tell you who you are." Carmen Boyle's questions and John the Baptist's finger all point in the same direction—imagining a world that is not yet but can be. Imagine what it would be like to have broken relationships healed. Imagine tense marriages becoming more loving. Imagine owning fewer things but being more satisfied with them. Imagine what it would be like with the world at peace. Imagine countries with honest political processes and results. Dream about a renewed natural environment, homelessness being a thing of the past, our country having adequate health care for all. Envision a world were there was no racism, sexism, intolerance, ethnic or religious wars. During Advent we walk with dreamers and visionaries. The figures of our Advent scriptures call us to work to make these dreams a reality.



Dimmi con cui vai e ti dico qui sei. Welcome to our Second Week Advent-ure!

Fr. Mike



I G N I T E.... Next class, – **TONIGHT—Dec 10, 2023** 6:00PM—7:15PM

More information online at: <https://www.sipdx.org/ignite> on Zoom or in person at the parish office.

Advent Reconciliation

Penance Service is at 7:00 PM on **December 11, 2023** in the church.

All are welcome to join in this day.

Lessons and Carols

Join us for the Festival of Lessons and Carols, Tues., **December 19 at 7pm** in the church.

Musicians from the St. Ignatius Masses will be sharing a variety of music, and invite you to bask in the splendor of the season, in word and in song, as we enjoy the waning days of Advent together. This is a free event, and your donations toward our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will be most welcome.



Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Dec. 10, 2023

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 1:1-8



Mass Readings for Dec. 17, 2023

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28



St Ignatius School

Our 8th graders lead us through an **Advent Assembly**. The 8th graders did a wonderful job of helping other students think about what they can do for their families during the Advent season!



Our 1st grade class led us through a beautiful Immaculate Conception Mass on Friday, December 8th. What a joy to celebrate Mary, chosen by God as our heavenly mother.



Students left out their shoes for the Feast of St. Nicholas on Wednesday. Santa's elves made a quick trip through the school to leave a small treat for all of our students including a prayer card for St. Nicholas, chocolate coins, stickers, candy cane, and an orange.



Many of our families volunteered to support children experiencing homelessness or unstable housing through Christmas gift bags for the students at the Community Transition School. Our preschoolers prepared the 80 sack lunches for Transition Projects. What a blessing to be able to serve those experiencing challenges in our local community!



Our 8th graders complete a year long service project called the Arrupe Project. Each student researches and eventually selects an individual service partner they are interested in serving. At the end of the year, they give a presentation at our Academic Fair of the service they performed and

why they chose their service partner. To assist our students in learning more about possible service partners, a leadership group of students from Central Catholic visited our 7th & 8th grade students to share about the various service projects they have done. The students really enjoyed learning about all of the many ways youth can serve others as they begin building a just and compassionate world.

Through last year's Giving Tuesday, we were able to secure enough funds to purchase one more piece of climbing playground equipment last March. It was on backorder for the last eight months, but it has finally arrived! **The new piece of playground equipment pictured below will be installed over the Christmas break!**

As we move with great hope into unshakeable faith during the second week of Advent, may we embrace the words of Paul in his letter to the Romans, "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," Romans 15:5-6.

Peace be with you,
Carol Pausz, Principal



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CHRISTMAS MASSES: DECEMBER 24 & 25

Please join us for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. The schedule of Christmas Weekend is as follows:

Sunday, December 24, 2023

(Fourth Sunday of Advent) Masses are at 8:00AM & 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve. - 4:00PM (Family Mass),
7:00PM (Evening Mass)

Monday, December 25, 2023

Christmas Day - 8:00AM and 10:00AM



Our Senior Group: History Heroes are meeting for a potluck at the Clubhouse where Mary & Bruce live 12260 SE Main Street (east side of the street,) **Thursday Dec. 14th at 12:30PM**. Please bring a dish to share for about 20. Main dish = Costco's stuffed sweet peppers (Cost: \$4.00ea main course and \$1.00 room charge) Coffee & tea furnished. Bring any soft drink you would like. (I will bring some punch type drink.) We will have information about **My Father's House** and **Judy will share her trip recently to Turkey**.

There is a silly gift exchange with \$5 limit. Bring if you want to participate (optional)

Please dress in Christmas attire!! Call Judi with questions **971-344-3055** or judi_vc@yahoo.com.



Yarn MEETS TODAY! If you always wanted to learn how to knit or crochet but never find the time. If you already know how to knit or crochet but don't have even an hour weekly to do so. **Or-** If you would be willing to teach someone the finer points of either skill. Please join us for an hour after the 10:30 mass on December 10th (11:30-12:30) in the dining room in the Parish Office. Bring your own project or contact Maureen at (206) 889-7820) about materials Masks are welcome but not required Any age, any level of skill welcome.



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. 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!**

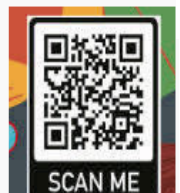
St Vincent de Paul party is in need of someone to pre-pack perishables on the 1st Saturday morning of the month. If interested or for further information contact us at svdp@sipdx.com



St. Ignatius Camping Trip –

July 28th - Aug. 4th, 2024 @ Ft. Stevens State Park. All reservation forms and payments need to be received by **Monday, January 15, 2024**.

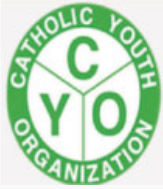
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Memorial pictures left in church –

You may pick up your picture of loved ones left in the church for November .

The Pictures are in the Hall leading to the Sacristy (North side) They are in a basket waiting for you!!



Camp Howard has an immediate opening for a Summer Camp Director. Ready to experience the great outdoors in one of the most beautiful spots anywhere? We're looking for an individual who's passionate about providing a lasting and memorable camp experience for our youth while making a meaningful difference in their lives. [Click here](#) for more information.

High School Basketball: Season is December – February. [Click here](#) to register. Deadline to register is Tuesday, December 5th. Questions? Contact Erin Cahill at erinc@cyocampward.org.

Refs needed for Basketball! Have a high schooler interested in being a basketball official? [Click here](#) for more info! We need your help in officiating these games.

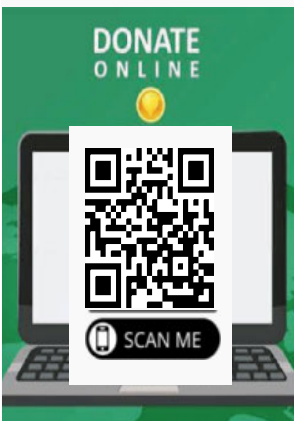
Make a year-end donation to St. Ignatius. If you are age 72 or older, the IRS requires you to take required minimum distributions each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. A qualified charitable donation (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity 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

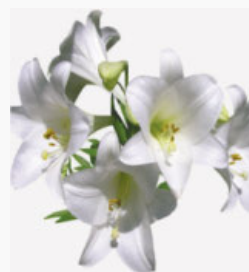
Sunday Tithe received through 11-12-2023 \$169,703.62

*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

Monday	Dec 11	†	Millie Emig
Tuesday	Dec 12	†	Bob Secolo
Wednesday	Dec 13	†	Louie Pieretti
Thursday	Dec 14	†	Don Wolf
Friday	Dec 15	†	Souls in Purgatory



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