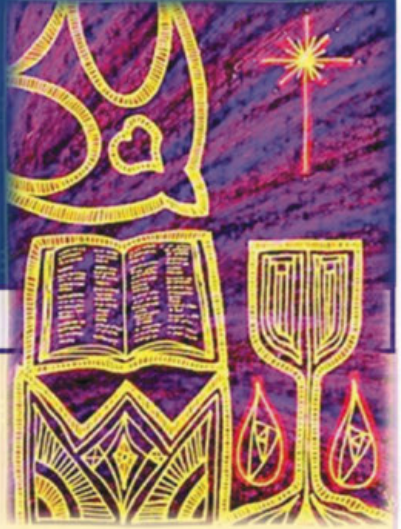




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November 26, 2023

A Message from the Pastor

As many of you know, I had the wonderful opportunity of spending three and a half years in Florence, Italy. I was Dean of the Gonzaga-in-Florence program. During that time, one of my great joys was visiting the churches, basilicas and cathedrals of Italy. While visiting these remarkable sacred spaces, I noticed something different than our American churches.

You could not find a baptismal font in the older churches of Florence. Baptisms took place in the Cathedral Baptistry and only there. Over the baptismal font you would always find a fresco of today's parable of the Last Judgment from Matthew's gospel. This was the faith that children and adults were brought into. The painted parable of the baptistery ceiling gave the new Christian the final exam questions they would have to answer when they met the Lord after death. Those questions were simple and concrete. Did you feed the hungry? Did you give drink to the thirsty? Did you clothe the naked? Did you visit the sick and imprisoned? Did you welcome the stranger? Did you bury the dead?

Please note that both those whose lives exemplify this spirit of service and those whose lives are missing this spirit of service are surprised. "When did we see you hungry or thirsty or naked or sick or in prison or a stranger?" But there are two types of shock. First, the shock of those whose lives reflect these corporal (i.e. bodily) works of mercy. When they were offering food or drink or comfort or welcome or community, they were meeting and offering these gifts to the Christ who is found in the least of our brothers and sisters. Second, the shock of those whose lives are empty of such corporal works of mercy. What they withheld from the needy, they really withheld from the Christ who came to them clothed in need.



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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As a Jesuit parish, we hope everything we do on the weekends or during the week has an Ignatian flavor. We hope that through our efforts as "companions in mission" we can become men and women for other. We hope that we can learn how to care for the whole person (*cura personalis*). We hope that the scriptures we hear and the Eucharist we share will help us make good choices in our homes, in our parish, and in our civic community (*discernment*). We hope that our faith finds expression in our efforts to promote justice in every aspect of our Church, our community and our world. We hope that, like St. Ignatius, we can always strive for excellence (the *magis*). We hope that we can find God in all people and all things.

The poet T. S. Eliot reminds us:

What we call the beginning is often the end
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
The end is where we start from. . .

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.



Fr. Mike

As we conclude this liturgical year, and embark on a new one next weekend, let us help one another, when our vision grows dim, to find and serve the Christ who comes to us poor, hungry, naked, sick or in prison, a stranger—as the least of our brothers and sisters—for this is what we have been called to do through our baptism.

Have no fear,
Jesus Christ
is here!



FirePit-PDX

"We had our first FirePit-PDX Young Adult Ministry gathering in October and look forward to growing together as a community. We gathered around the fire, shared a meal and began getting to know each other. We will continue to meet the first Sunday of each month at 5:30pm in the parish office

dining room. We will incorporate prayer and opportunities to grow in our faith as we build community and connection together.

Join us **Sunday, December 3rd** to explore the season of Advent together. We will begin with a meal at 5:30 and begin our FirePit PDX program at 6:00."



Go with Gratitude - An Advent Retreat still time to sign up!

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. 26, 2023

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

Mass Readings for Dec. 3, 2023

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

St Ignatius School

We wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all that helped this year's Turkey Bingo be such a huge success! Over 200 attendees played for turkeys and cash in addition to raffle winners! We are so blessed to have Ericka Skeldon chairing this event and securing so many amazing volunteers. The food was spectacular and our Bingo helpers were invaluable. A great time was had by all. We anticipate raising over \$10,000 for our school's programs! We were blessed this year by the generosity of our parents in covering the costs of the turkey prizes. We would like to thank the Skokan family for directly contributing and the Hacherl family for bringing in our first Turkey Bingo sponsor: **Smile Generation**, a network of trusted dental offices focusing on same-day dentistry and modern technology.

We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving holiday. May your time with family and friends bring joyful memories!



May we take time to thank our Lord for all of the many blessings in our lives during this holiday season as we reflect on verse fifteen from the third chapter of the first book of Colossians, "And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful."

Peace be with you,
Carol Pausz, Principal

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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.

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@sispdx.com



Unleash Generosity



GIVING TUESDAY

Let's reimagine a world built upon shared humanity and generosity.

Support St. Ignatius on Giving Tuesday NOVEMBER 28, 2023.

St. Ignatius Parish is participating in [#GivingTuesday](#) on November 28th and we need your help! On this day, people of goodwill everywhere are coming together to support their communities and make the world a better place. Here are the ways you can help our parish:

Make a cash gift now: Last year Giving Tuesday helped us raise funds for our two new bathrooms! This year we are asking for your help again. Your gift toward the Building and Maintenance fund will help us keep our facilities strong and relevant for generations to come. Projects on the horizon include a new HVAC heating/cooling system for the church, as well as much needed upkeep for all of our facilities.

Donate a non-cash gift: There are many ways to give back that can benefit you as well! Consider giving a gift from your IRA, transferring stocks, or giving from a Donor Advised Fund. To learn more about these options, reach out to

Create a legacy: We know that cash donations might not be right for everyone, but giving a gift in your will to create a legacy with St. Ignatius Parish is a powerful commitment to mission of our parish and to ensure that it will remain vibrant for generations to come.

Spread the word: Not everyone is in a position to make a financial commitment this year, and there are many other fulfilling opportunities to share your gifts in support of St. Ignatius. Share what our parish means to you and why this is your spiritual home. [Give Now \(onrealm.org\)](#) Please use the Building fund! Thank you!



FIFTH SUNDAY
PRESENTS
Silent Night

FREE ADMISSION

Your offerings of canned or packaged food will be donated to a local food bank

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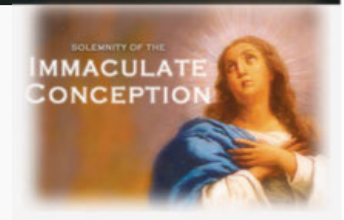
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
7:30 P.M.

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Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day is on DECEMBER 8, 2023, Mass will be celebrated in the church. Immaculate Conception—

Friday, December 8, 2023 (Holy Day of Obligation) 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM (in the Church)



Advent Reconciliation

Penance Service is at 7:00 PM on **December 11, 2023** in the church. All are welcome to join in this day.

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.**

Email sicampout@gmail.com with any questions. For more info or to sign up scan QR code >>>>>



IGNITE.... Next class, TONIGHT -Nov 26, 2023

More information online at: <https://www.sipdx.org/ignite>

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



PRESS RELEASE FROM THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

Stop the killing in Israel-Palestine!

Last week, when speaking to his weekly audience, Pope Francis urged the world to take “only one side” in the Israeli-Palestinian war – the one “of peace.” He added, “War does not solve



any problem, it only sows death and destruction, increases hatred, multiplies revenge. War erases the future.” He called for a day of fasting, penance and prayer for peace on Friday October 27, for everyone, whatever their religion.

[READ MORE>>>](#)

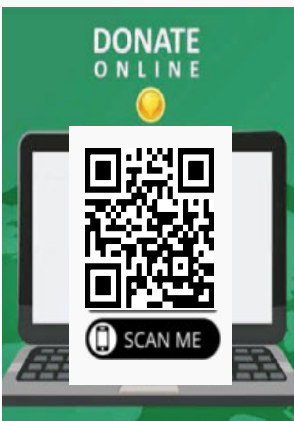
Make a year-end donation to St. Ignatius. If you are age 72 or older, the IRS requires you to take required minimum distributions each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. A qualified charitable donation (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity 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 11-05-2023 \$163,673.12

*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

Monday	Nov 27	† RoseAngela D’Ambrosia
Tuesday	Nov 28	† Elizabeth Nguyen
Wednesday	Nov 29	† Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	Nov 30	† Mary E. Bischoff
Friday	Dec 1	† Millie Emig



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