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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 8:00 AM

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Sunday at 7:00 PM

Weekdays (M-F) 8:00 AM

At LIC—La Storta Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays -

3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

OR by appointment

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Pastoral Council



The goal of the Pastoral Council is to enhance the quality of parish life. We aid the pastor in identifying the pastoral needs of the community, develop a plan for

the parish's programs and services and evaluate their effectiveness. If you have feedback or ideas to share, please contact any of the Pastoral Council members directly or email :

pastoralcouncil@sipdx.org

February 2, 2025

Wisdom from the Pews

Jesus and Mary followed Jewish law in presenting Jesus in the temple along with a modest offering of two birds. While Jesus was presented or “consecrated” to God, it seems important to point out the reciprocity: God was also made present to Him just as He is made present to us in our births, baptisms and through all of creation. The Gospel says the Holy Spirit was working through devout individuals, Simeon and Anna, who could discern that Jesus was a special child, namely, that He had a destiny, a distinct life purpose, that would reshape humanity’s understanding. Simeon told Mary she herself would suffer “so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” The Gospel may imply these questions for us: what are our hearts revealing now due to what Jesus and his mother experienced in their lives? What is God “presenting” to us in terms of our purpose?

Addressing these questions poses a lifelong challenge to us as Christians, namely, to delve below the surface, to search for meaning or insights and in this process to discern, like Jesus, our own destiny or purpose. Fr. Richard Rohr commented that the greatest sin is to live superficially, staying on the surface, never looking for deeper meaning or what God really wants us to do with the gifts and that divine spark He gave to our souls. Our culture emphasizes comfort and enjoyment as hallmarks of living well, not necessarily discernment of purpose. Any spiritual quest raises the challenge of each of us actively discerning, finding the light to give our lives direction and purpose. It need not be a lofty, inspired process. Emerson wrote that the “invariable mark of wisdom is to see the miraculous in the common.” We simply need to be observant, to look below the surface and keep questioning to find this wisdom, which is all about us. In listening to the voice of God and that of our neighbor, our way forward is illumined.



Like Jesus, we, too, are presented to God, and God is presented to us with all the life in which he surrounds us. The presentation of all of us to God reminds us that we should never feel alone, for we belong, and are exquisitely cradled, in God’s creation, all of it.

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Wisdom from the Pews continued from page one:

God is presented to us in myriad ways—dewdrops on a rose blossom, the smile of a stranger, a cool breeze in the evening, the resonance of a poem—all help us discover and discern our path and purpose.

Isn't all religion (our presentations to God) meant to teach us how to look deeply, inside and out, and how to witness and be present to life's realities, and to each other?

Jim Buck is a retired school administrator, former Jesuit volunteer, and volunteers in forest restoration efforts and at his local Japanese garden.



Have you enjoyed reading the weekly **Wisdom from the Pews**? Then this is a your chance to join other parishioners who have shared their faith journey as it relates to the weekend readings. Contact Joseph Byrd with any questions (jbyrd@sipdx.org) or Please consider writing your Wisdom from the Pews <https://bit.ly/wisdomfromthepews>



Pancake Breakfast: Once a month, after the 10:30 AM Family Mass, we will host a Pancake Breakfast in Dillion hall for all school families and parishioners starting at 11:30 AM. Each month a different school group will assist in hosting the Pancake Breakfast.

Sunday, February 23rd, 11:30 AM = Kinder & 3rd gr. Hosts

Sunday, April 27th, 11:30 AM = 1st & 5th gr. Hosts

Sunday, May 18th, 11:30 AM = preschool, 2nd, & 6th gr. hosts

Care for Creation, "*Silent Spring*" was written by Rachel Carson in 1962. It documented the environmental damage caused by the indiscriminate use of pesticides and the effects it has on bird populations. It is a classic and worth reading again!

A more recent book, "*The Comfort of Crows*", written by Margaret Renkl, is described by the publisher as "a literary devotional: fifty-two chapters that follow the creatures and plants in her backyard over the course of the year. As we move through the seasons what develops is a portrait of joy and grief: joy in the ongoing pleasures of the natural world, and grief over winters that end too soon and songbirds that grow fewer and fewer."



2024 GIVING STATEMENT AVAILABLE AT [ONREALM.ORG/SIPDX](https://onrealm.org/sipdx)

If it's your first time logging in, use the Register Now link on the log in page or click here: <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/Register>

Your 2024 Giving statement will be available on REALM, look for the 2024 Giving statement button on the giving tab. If I may be of any assistance or you have any questions, please call Patty at 503-777-1491 extension 221 during office hours Mon.-Thurs. 9AM-3PM.

<Realm Connect, App For Our Church found in your App store!

Sign into your REALM account anytime to view your current giving amounts and yearly totals.

Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Feb 2, 2025

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Mass Readings for Feb 9, 2025

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Back to School 2.0
Winter Classes

The Gospel of Luke

A new year and a new look at Luke! Discover why the Gospel of Luke has been described as the Good News of the hospitality of God! led by Cliff Yearly, author of several bible studies from Liturgical Press and Little Rock Scripture Study

Meets Sundays in February 9-10:15 in the parish office dining room.



Fostering a Culture of Care

Matt Nelson will facilitate an exploration of the Catholic calling to care for creation and others through a study of Pope Francis' writings, Laudato Si and Laudate Deum.

Meets from 9:15 to 10:15 in the parish office on 1/19, 2/2, and 2/23

Spiritual Exercises Short Retreat

Join Deacon Mac for a retreat to foster inner peace centered in God's divine love on Sundays, 1/26-2/23 from 12-1:30.

Contact Deacon Mac to register - mac.a chester@gmail.com



St Vincent de Paul Many thanks to Central Catholic (for all the food donations), Boy Scouts Troop 351 (for the cookie making kits), and the 20+ volunteers that prepared and delivered 34 Christmas food boxes to 27 families in our neighborhood. Your efforts are much appreciated by those families!

St Vincent de Paul- You can help by **bringing non-perishable food donations to the Masses on the weekends and placing your donation under the stairwell in the vestibule**, or making a cash donation through Realm Connect. Your support is much appreciated. Contact us at svdp@sipdx.org if you have any questions. **Do you know someone who might be food insecure?** or needs help paying rent or utility bills? The St. Vincent de Paul Portland Council accepts requests for assistance at 503-235-8431. Requests from our neighborhood are then forwarded to our SVDP pantry that delivers food to those in need on Saturday mornings.



History Heroes will meet February 13, 2025, Thursday at noonish at the Jesuit Center conference room next to the chapel (property north of St Ignatius church) for a catered lunch and Judy will share her most recent world travels with a slide show afterwards.



Room cost is \$100.00, so about \$3 to \$5 per person appreciated. Food will be \$ 15.00 ; NO Tipping! {please bring correct change}

I will furnish coffee & tea. If you desire something else please bring your own. We can share our best Valentines stories. while we enjoy our leftover candies, cookies, sweets for dessert. VALENTINES is next day !! Thanks & remember all ARE WELCOME -- just **PLEASE RSVP to Judi, 971-344-3055** THANKS

It's the Year of Jubilee!

In the month of February, Pope Francis has missioned Catholics to feed the hungry.

In celebration and gratitude, St. Ignatius is hosting:

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Bring your non-perishable, unexpired, unopened food to church during the month of February.



Yarn Please join us for an hour after the 10:30 mass 11:30-12:30) in the Upstairs, Fireplace room in the Parish Office. **Mark your calendar:** Jan 12, 2025, Feb 9 2025, Mar 9, 2025 (Bradley rm,) April 13, 2025, May 11, 2025, Jun 8, 2025 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... all skill levels welcome!





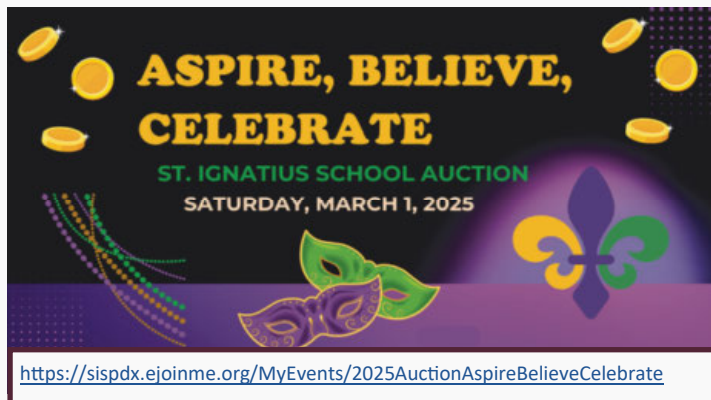
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St Ignatius School We, the community of St. Ignatius School, in the tradition of Mother Marie Rose and St. Ignatius of Loyola, provide a faith-centered Catholic education guiding God's children toward building a just and compassionate world.

Our **Aspire, Believe, Celebrate** school auction will take place on **Saturday, March 1, 2025** during *Mardi Gras* season. You can purchase tickets to attend or you can buy raffle tickets. Only 500 raffle tickets are sold and the prize is \$3,000! You need not be present to win.



Our wonderful 3rd grade class



led us in a beautiful Mass recently. Fr. San explained the concept of “many parts, all one body” in his homily. He asked the students to work on taking care of our ‘one’ body through kind words and actions and refraining from comparing yourself to someone else because every one of us is important and perfectly created by God.

As we continue learning and growing, our preschoolers are developing their fine motor skills by crafted colorful paper mittens. The first graders wrote about fun weekend adventures some of which included roller skating and enjoyed partner reading with each other. Our third graders created beautiful winter wonderland scenes and practiced their measurement skills. The fourth graders have been writing about volcanoes and converting improper fractions into mixed numbers. The sixth graders are studying DNA through a fun hands-on lab. Every day is a great learning day at St. Ignatius School!



We have just finished Catholic Schools Week! Students graduating from Catholic schools have a 98.9% graduation rate with 82.4% of those students moving on to a four year college. St. Ignatius Parish School has been educating students for 117 years! At St. Ignatius School, we build a deep sense of community across the whole school through Family Group activities, whole school Masses, Gator Goodness, grade level and whole school service partners, and celebrations of achievement for our school-wide learning expectations of developing eager minds, passionate hearts, enthusiastic spirits, and brilliant futures.



May we heed the words of Mother Teresa, “*Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier,*” as we spread the love of God throughout the month of February.

Peace be with you always.
Carol Pausz
Principal



Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, exist to give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As an apostolate of the Church, Catholic Schools minister the salvation of Jesus Christ, exercising His mission to teach (Mt. 28:19-20) by providing Mission Passionate Catholic Education.



Baptism for infant –up to age 7.

Parents that are registered in parish and attend Mass, prepare by participating in one of the Infant Baptism Preparation Sessions. (If your child is seven or older, there will be an additional session for you and your child.)

We seek to provide a hospitable, small group setting for our sessions, so class size is limited. Sign up on our website: sipdx.org/baptism

Next Baptism dates are **May 10, 2025 at 11AM,**
June 14, 2025 at 5PM Mass

Make a year-end donation to St. Ignatius.

If you are age 73 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 2024 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. San.



Church tithing	July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025		
	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
Jan 13-19, 2025	8,787	10,000	88%
Month of Jan	43,026	40,000	108%
YTD	291,559	560,000	52%

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	Feb 3	† Judy Earnest
Tuesday	Feb 4	† Raffaella Caruso
Wednesday	Feb 5	† Jim Emig
Thursday	Feb 6	† Dr. Philip Morrissey
Friday	Feb 7	† All Souls



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Please consider supporting the Scouts of Troop 351 by purchasing your tree from them this Christmas.
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Duration: 29th Nov - 22nd Dec
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