



# St. Ignatius Catholic Church

## OREGON'S JESUIT PARISH

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January 18, 2026 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
	10:30 AM
	7:00 PM
Adoration	6:15 - 6:45 PM before 7:00 PM Sunday Mass
Weekday (M-F)	8:00 AM at LJC - La Storta Chapel

### Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30–4:30 PM, or  
by appointment 503 -777-1491

### Giving



### Mass Intentions

Mon, January 19  
† Andy Morlan  
Tue, January 20  
† Steve Morlan  
Wed, January 21  
† Paul Morlan  
Thu, January 22  
† Raymond Koudossou  
Fri, January 23  
† Russell Hickey

### Wisdom from the Pews

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
John 1:29-34



Thomas Merton said, "There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun" (Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander). Isaiah tells us in our first reading today that "***I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD.***" These two passages capture the incendiary nature of our human spirit. In my clearest moments, I see my human siblings in this light. But it is hard. Right now is a fragile moment, a moment that straddles a very wide gulf between what is and what could be.

The recent Advent season was one of longing born from grief. Globally, 2025 was filled with news worthy of despair. I found myself haunted by certain events, like how blood in el-Fasher, Sudan could be seen from space. I only read that, I did not look at any pictures. But then I had to wonder, what do bloody streets look like from space? Shadows?

In the microcosm of my life, grief was born from the usual sorrows of a human experience— loss of loved ones, tension between loved ones, illness in loved ones. Two beloved long-term patients died within a month of each other. With their deaths passed living mentorships I relied on. A coworker also died of metastatic cancer the same month. We oncology nurses are so confident with our role, until it is one of us. We tiptoed around her illness and her death. I felt these three losses acutely.

Advent and its longing passed into Christmas. I unsteadily braided my longing into hope. I stared and stared

at images of the Holy Family. My losses seemed held by them. I hung my favorite print of the Holy Family in our bedroom so I could see it all the time. I watched Jesus looking adoringly at Joseph, who looked adoringly at Mary, who looked adoringly at Jesus – a concretized example of Trinitarian relationship flowing without end, like a Celtic knot. Staring at that picture everyday made me look at my own family with Christmas in my eyes. We are a holy family, as is every other family. Jesus was Love made Incarnate; my daughter is love made incarnate – a miracle of stitched together love materialized. And so, too, is your child.

And thus, we are delivered into Ordinary Time.

In our Gospel reading today, John the Baptist tells us, "***I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven.***"

Thomas Merton wrote of John & Jesus' meeting in his poem, "The Quickenings of St. John the Baptist," "Oh burning joy!" So, in this Ordinary Time, when we deal with all the muck and mess, with the tangled webs we have woven, let us try and remember to burn with joy, try to remember that we ARE glorious in God's eyes. Let us tesser to the pulse of that original umbilical cord that will always lead us back to our First Parent.

***Sarah Cunningham joined St. Ignatius in the summer of 2022. She usually attends the 10:30 am mass with her daughter, Summer! She works as an oncology nurse at OHSU.***

# PARISH PROGRAMMING



A ministry for Adults in their 20s/30s

## Winter schedule

- February 1st, 2026
- March 1st, 2026
- April 12th, 2026
- May 3rd, 2026

For more information or to join our mailing list, please contact Deacon Mac at [firepitpdx@gmail.com](mailto:firepitpdx@gmail.com)



Many thanks to Central Catholic, St. Ignatius School, parishioners for their donations of food and gift cards, and the SVdP volunteers who provided 44 Christmas food boxes to 37 families in our neighborhood.

Join us for a

## Pancake Breakfast

at 11:30 AM, on Sunday, January 25, at Dillon Hall!  
All are welcome!



## INSIGHT: The St. Ignatius Portland Practicum for Contemplative Life

Starts Sunday, January 25th, 2026, 12:30-2:30pm in the Parish Office, and continues on 4th Sundays of the month

People from all backgrounds are invited to participate in a model of formation, discovery, and growth, offering three opportunities:

1. As a Student of Contemplative Life and Literature
2. As a trained Spiritual Companion, or
3. With possible certification as a Spiritual Director

Monthly formation opportunities for all three tracks include face time with topical discussions, fellowship with the INSIGHT community, and camaraderie around resources and materials, as well as coaching in how to live a contemplative life, i.e. how to be an active contemplative. Additional break-out sessions for those choosing the Spiritual Companionship or Spiritual Direction track will be determined with the participants and the instructors.

Insight will draw on Ignatian Spirituality, The Franciscans and the Carmelites, Women Mystics, as well as the spiritual psychology of Thomas Merton, The Cloud of Unknowing, Gerald May, and more. Interested? Contact Joseph Byrd at [jbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:jbyrd@sipdx.org)



## Baptism for infant up to age 7

Parents who are registered in the parish and attend Mass are asked to prepare by participating in one of the Infant Baptism Preparation Sessions. If your child is seven years of age or older, an additional session will be required for both you and your child.

To foster a hospitable and supportive environment, sessions are conducted in small group settings; therefore, class sizes are limited.

Sign up at:

[sipdx.org/baptism](http://sipdx.org/baptism)

Next dates:

- Feb. 14, 2026
- May 9, 2026
- June 13, 2026



## PARISH PROGRAMMING

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### Office Hours

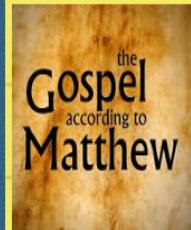
Monday to Thursday  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

# Back to School 3.1 Winter Classes

## The Gospel of Matthew

A new year and a new look at Matthew!

Four sessions introducing this Gospel will be led by Cliff Yeary, author of several bible studies from Liturgical Press and Little Rock Scripture Study.



Meets Sundays from 1/18-2/8 in the parish office dining room.

## IGNITE

Sessions will focus on the Women of the Bible and how they teach us to be in relationship with God, with others, and with ourselves.

Meets on Zoom from 5:30-6:30PM  
1/18, 1/25 and 2/1 - Women from the Old Testament  
4/19, 4/26, 5/3 - Women from the New Testament

## Great Choral Masterworks

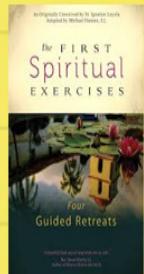
January 11<sup>th</sup>—Mendelssohn's Elijah  
February 8<sup>th</sup>—Elgar's Dream of Gerontius  
March 8<sup>th</sup>—Brahms' A German Requiem  
April 12<sup>th</sup>—Vivaldi's Gloria  
May 10<sup>th</sup>—Mozart's Requiem

This series is led by Joseph Byrd  
Meets in the church at 9:15AM

## Spiritual Exercises Short Retreat

Join Deacon Mac for a retreat to foster inner peace centered in God's divine love on Sundays, 1/11-2/8 from 12-1:30.

Contact Deacon Mac to register -  
[mac.a.chester@gmail.com](mailto:mac.a.chester@gmail.com)



## COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

### UNDER ONE ROOF - Fundraising Campaign



**GOAL: \$250,000**



For years, Dillon Hall has been the gathering place for parish assemblies, school events, and student activities. Its roof now requires urgent replacement to preserve this vital space that unites our community.

Our fundraising goal is \$250,000, and your contribution will help us complete this essential project.

Please consider supporting us by scanning the QR code or making a [donation online](#) ("Under One Roof" Fund). Thank you for your generosity!

### 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](#).

**July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026**

Church tithing	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
December 15-21, 2025	6,021	18,736	32%
Month of December	45,170	74,944	60%
Year-to-Date	251,578	585,000	43%

### 2025 Giving Statements

Your 2025 Giving Statements are now available. To access your statement, please visit: <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/>.

If this is your first time using Realm, click here to create an account: <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/Register>. Once logged in, select the Giving tab and look for the 2025 Giving Statements.

If you need assistance, please contact the Parish Office during office hours, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.



# ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

Spread the word about our wonderful school. We will host our Open House after Mass on Sunday, January 25th from 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM. Families interested in sending their children to our school for the 2026-2027 school year will be able to take a tour and meet the teachers. Tuition assistance is available through an In-Parish Tuition Assistance Grant for parish families and through FACTS for families with financial need with some families qualifying for both forms of tuition assistance.



**Eager Minds  
Brilliant Futures  
Passionate Hearts  
Enthusiastic Spirits**

**Open House**  
Sunday, January 25  
11:30am-1:00pm  
PreK-Grade 8

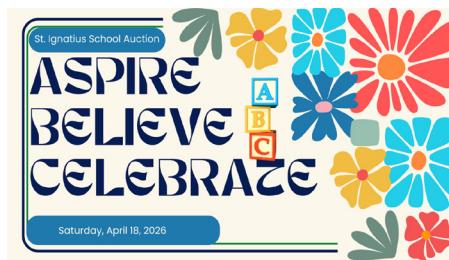
**You're invited**

**Join us in building a just and compassionate world for all.**

Our preschoolers and fourth graders both created their own sweater designs for a "Sweater Weather" bulletin board. What creativity they have shown!



Our Aspire, Believe, Celebrate school auction will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2026. Our school auction will continue to be called Aspire, Believe, Celebrate. Our theme reflects our school's mission in that we Aspire to develop students committed to building a just and compassionate world for all. Believe in our students' gifts and talents. Celebrate our students' accomplishments along the way. We need to solicit sponsors and procure items. If you know of a business willing to sponsor our auction or donate an item, please use this linked form.



As we get into the rhythm of 2026, consider setting a family goal to pray an Examen together weekly as a family as a great way to see inside your child's world across all ages and stages of development. The graphic below can assist your family in moving through an Examen together.



## School Office

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May this new year bring many opportunities to deepen our faith journey in showing the way to God. Jesus spoke to them again, saying, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life,"* John 8:12.

**Carol Pausz**  
Principal

**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.**