



# St. Ignatius Catholic Church

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March 08, 2026 - **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Exodus 17:3-7  
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
John 4:5-42

### *Wisdom from the Pews*

Days like this must make heaven smile. All over the world, preachers, teachers, writers, and readers are connecting a story that went viral 2000 years ago to International Women's Day in 2026. The line up of March 8th, the official date of International Women's Day, on a Sunday, with a Gospel reading about Jesus conversing with an outcast woman at a well happens less than 14 times a century.

Gratefully, our Catholic Church observes International Women's

Day by celebrating the "complementary dignity" of women and our vital roles in the Church and Society. We are all called to learn more about the global and historical struggle of women for justice and equality. We are all summoned to fight the poverty and violence that oppress women's lives.

The Woman, the well, and the water. There is so much to pray about here. As we know, Jesus "**would never speak to them except in parables,**" Matthew 13:34. Additionally, John is known to have used symbolism in the Gospel writings attributed to him. (e.g., "**The Woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people.**" She left her old life behind.) Jesus and John were perhaps pioneers in using metaphor strategically to prompt individual and structural change.

The Samaritan Woman represents many people who suffer discrimination and injustice due to gender, culture, and social norms. Norms that persist. The well is real, deep, and has a long and sustaining history, much like what the beautifully and humbly written 1995 General Congregation 34 Documents of the Society of Jesus call "The Situation of Women in the Church and Civil Society." That deep and actual well is named for Jacob, the guy who wrestled God through the night. Jacob's nocturnal fight is cited by Colleen Dulle, a Vatican Reporter, in her book, *Struck Down, Not Destroyed*, as she tells of her own wrestling with faith when she has had to report on soul-distressing issues and Church news. "I remember being struck by how long a night is," she writes.

But it is the Living Water that makes

me cry. We all thirst. We are thirsty to be met with hospitality instead of expected hostility, because of who we are, when we come to the well. Thirsty to have our complex histories of survival understood and not shamed when we come to the well. Thirsty to be individually and institutionally transformed by the Grace of God, for the better, the just, the equal. Thirsty for opportunities to use and be beneficiaries of all our God-given gifts as the Living Water of our Baptisms intend. Thirsty for a new dawn after the long night. Thirsty to put our old water jars down, hurry back to town with the blessing of Jesus, proclaiming the profoundly Good News that we will never be thirsty again. Happy International Women's Day!

*Katie Hennessy, and her husband Tim, have been parishioners here for 39 years and raised their family here. They usually attend 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday.*



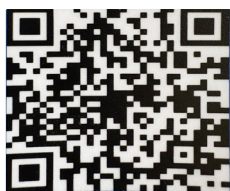
### Mass Times

Saturday Vigil            5:00 PM  
Sunday                      8:00 AM  
                                    10:30 AM  
                                    7:00 PM  
Adoration (during Lent)  
                                    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



# PARISH LIFE



# AMDG



The AMDG Program is a year-long program that blends faith with service for the purpose of revitalizing faith among youth and young adults.

Included in this program is an all-expenses paid trip to:

- Boston College's campus for the Spiritual Exercises.
- A Jesuit Retreat Center for a weekend-long retreat.
- A pilgrimage along the Camino Ignacio in Spain.

St. Ignatius Parish is one of the other Jesuit-led parishes selected to participate in this program. We are currently seeking participants for the 2026–2027 program year.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 29 and are practicing Catholics in the Portland metropolitan area, please contact Fr. James Antonio, S.J. at [jantonio@sipdx.org](mailto:jantonio@sipdx.org) regarding this program.

*This photo was taken during one of the outdoor activities of the 2025–2026 AMDG cohort.*

*(from left to right)*

- Naomi Byrd
- Fr. James Antonio, S.J.
- Nick Cortese
- Thomas Tran
- Haley Rybarczyk
- Ruben Payne



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## Office Hours

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

## Women's Group

The next meeting of the Women's Group will be March 15th after the 10:30 Mass. The topic of discussion will be St. Perpetua. Meet us in the Bradley Room in the Parish Office basement for conversation and fellowship.

All are welcome!



## Mass Intensions

Mon, March 9

† Peter Linh Nguyen

Tue, March 10

† Carolyn Scopacasa

Wed, March 11

† Sam & Carolyn Scopacasa

Thu, March 12

† Sam & Carolyn Scopacasa

Fri, March 13

† Jim & Marge Petrone

# LEANING INTO LENT

## Soup and Conversation



This family-friendly event hopes to deepen our community through food and faith sharing.

**Fridays from 6:00-8:00,  
March 13 and March 27  
at Dillon Hall**

Sign up to bring something through this link: <https://bit.ly/3YLjWdZ>

## Stations of the Cross

This year's Stations of the Cross journey invites you to discern your call as a Catholic in a wounded world through music, scripture, and a series of reflections.

- **March 11 at 7PM**
- **March 18 at noon**



**Tenebrae**

Journey with Christ to the cross in this service of scripture, song, and darkness.

**Wednesday, March 25 at 7PM**

## Adoration



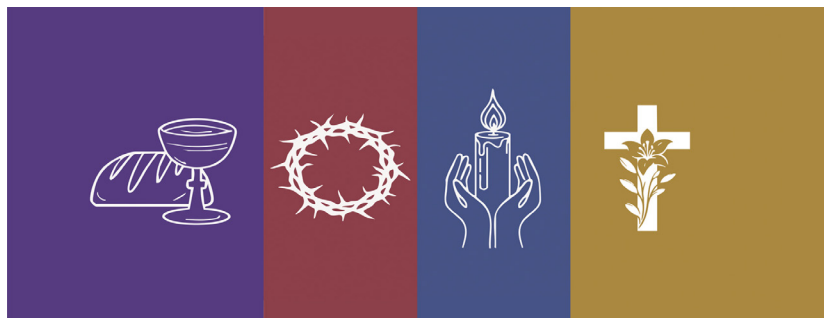
During Lent, every Sunday from 6:15-6:45PM, you are invited to be with Christ through the intimate prayer of Adoration.

This time of prayer will culminate with the celebration of Mass at 7PM.



**Parish Reconciliation Service  
on Monday, March 9  
at 7PM**

## TRIDUUM Masses/Services Times



**Holy  
Thursday**

**April 2  
at 7PM**

**Holy  
Friday**

**April 3  
at 7PM**

**Easter  
Vigil**

**April 4  
at 8:30PM**

**Easter  
Sunday**

**April 5  
at 8AM & 10:30AM  
(NO 7PM Mass)**

# COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

## 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](#).



## Easter Flower Donations in Memory of Loved Ones



If you would like to honor your loved ones with a Easter flower donation, envelopes are available at the tables.

Each name will be placed on a flower displayed in our church as a tribute of love and remembrance.

**From  
July 1, 2025  
to  
June 30, 2026**

Church tithing	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
February 16 - 22, 2026	7,262	11,712	62%
Month of February	37,168	46,848	79%
Year-to-Date	350,874	585,000	60%

## UNDER ONE ROOF - Fundraising Campaign

**GOAL: \$250,000**

Thermometer scale: \$250,000, \$150,000, \$125,000, \$50,000

**UNDER ONE ROOF**  
St. Ignatius Parish Community

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).

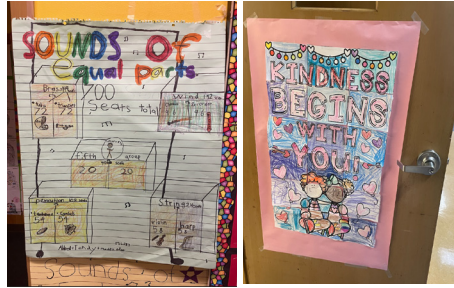


# ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

For our whole school Lenten service, we are again collecting funds in decorated rice boxes for Our Giving Table and our Transition Lunches. Fr. James blessed our rice boxes during our school's Ash Wednesday Mass.



Our students are learning and growing in faith and academics. We are working on having a "Heart for Jesus" this Lenten season. Our preschoolers crafted Passionate Hearts for the hallway. In kindergarten, the students created a collaborative poster to remember to be kind to one another. The second graders counted their blessings. Our third graders crafted their kind hearts in action. The fourth graders have demonstrated their problem solving prowess with Sounds of Equal Parts posters as they study fractions. Our 8th graders participated in a Mock Trial recently and invited our 5th grade class to be the jury. What rich learning experiences for our students!



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*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, April 18, 2026**. We would love to see our parishioners at this community-building event. You can enjoy a great meal, bid on baskets or live auction items or just enjoy the fun atmosphere. Maybe your bid on **golfing with friends at Pumpkin Ridge** this summer or a **trip to Sunriver**? We have so much fun in store for you! Enjoy a night out that is tax deductible! All are welcome! Thank you for supporting our school's mission of developing students committed to building a just and compassionate world for all.



As we continue our journey through Lent, may we find light in the darkness *"For you, LORD, give light to my lamp; my God brightens my darkness,"* Psalm 18:29.

**Carol Pausz**  
*Principal*

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