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October 25, 2026 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40

It's easy to get lost in this world, to be pulled away from life's path by shiny objects. In our society of constant and accelerating change, it becomes harder and harder to find one's bearings.

This is not a new phenomenon; much of our literature has to do with being lost and found. In Walden, Thoreau writes "**You only need turn round once in this world with your eyes closed to be lost.**" The first line of Dante's Divine Comedy reads "**Midway upon the journey of life, I found myself within a dark forest for the straightforward pathway had been lost.**" And let's not forget about our recently re-popularized Odysseus who spent years staggering around the Mediterranean, both materially and spiritually. Without a point of reference, without at least an intuition of which way is the true north, we will always be wandering lost in the wilderness.

This is why I love today's Gospel. Jesus gives us a clear guidepost toward which we can steer our decisions and actions. He tells us that the greatest law is "***You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind***," and the next is that "***You shall love your neighbor as yourself***." This, then, is our fixed point of reference, the north star that can guide all of our decisions. Whenever we ask ourselves where to go or what to do, whether it be a simple habitual action or something that requires long, hard deliberation, if we keep these two rules in mind, we won't go wrong.

Obviously, this still requires work. Sometimes the north star is obscured by clouds or smoke or by our own ignorance. Jesus guides us more specifically with his parables, his discursive teaching, and his own example. But these still all point to the permanent fixture that he gives us this week. In a sermon this past February, Father San expounded on The Beatitudes as "**a roadmap for life**," a kind of spiritual GPS. Roadmaps are hugely helpful, but only if they're oriented in the right direction. Sometimes, I start up my car to hear the GPS announce I should "Go north on 34th Ave" when I'm not sure what direction that might be. I might need to drive in a couple different directions until I'm convinced that the blue dot on my screen is going north. It's good to know the contexts of the land and the details of the map, but without knowing which way we're oriented, we can still be lost. We need to keep a point of reference, a north star in our mind's eye, to stay on course.



These days, our culture tells us that happiness lies inward - we first take care of ourselves, perfect ourselves, enrich ourselves, even make ourselves great again. Today's Gospel reminds us that true happiness lies outside ourselves in a life of striving to love God and our neighbor.

John Muench *is a semi-retired Family Physician and has attended St. Ignatius for ten years.*

Wisdom from the Pews *is a chance for parishioners to share their faith journey as it relates to the weekend readings, with their reflections featured in our weekly bulletin. Interested in participating? Follow this link to sign up: http://bit.ly/4eyinsG and contact Joseph Byrd with any questions (jbyrd@sipdx.org)*

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
	10:30 AM
	7:00 PM
Weekday (M-F)	8:00 AM
at LJC - La Storta Chapel	

Reconciliation

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

November: Remembering All the Faithful Departed

The month of November is traditionally a time to remember those who have gone home to God and share in the hope of the Resurrection. It is also a time to express our gratitude for our departed relatives, friends, and loved ones who have blessed and enriched our spiritual lives in many ways.

We invite you to bring photos of your departed loved ones and place them at Mary's altar as we keep them in our prayers throughout this month.

If you would like to make a donation in honor of your loved ones, envelopes are available at the tables.





A huge thank you to everyone who generously contributed items and volunteered their time for the foster youth launch box drive! Together, our parish donated 37 boxes, each of which will go to a young person transitioning from foster care to independent living.







Mass of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

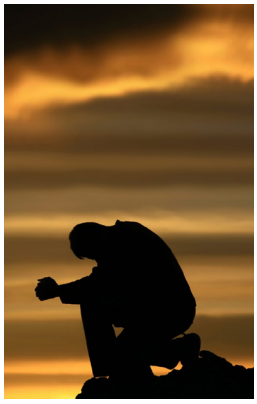
Please join us for the **Mass of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed** at **8:00 AM** on **Monday, November 2**, in the church.



Contemplative Prayer

All early risers are welcome to join a small contemplative prayer group that meets on **Friday mornings from 7-8am via Zoom**. The group observes silence for 30 minutes followed by 30 minutes of faith sharing and fellowship.

Contact **Ed Kaiel** at ekaiel@pcc.edu for additional information and the Zoom link.



FirePit MINISTRY PDX

A ministry for Adults in their 20s/30s

Please come join us on Sunday, November 1, starting at 5pm. We will gather in the Conference Room of the Parish Office (building just next to the church)

For more information or to join our mailing list, please contact Deacon Mac at firepitpdx@gmail.com

The Book of Genesis

Deepen your understanding of the Bible.



This class, offered by Cliff Yeary, meets weekly in the **LJC Conference Room (next to the Chapel)** from **9:00 AM to 10:15 AM on Sundays, November 8, 15, and 22.** Contact Cliff at cliffyeary1@gmail.com

Catholic Social Teaching



Education Ministry at St. Ignatius is about telling your stories. Your story helps us read the signs of the times in the light of the Gospel and discern how God is at work in our lives and in the world today.

Please join us for the final session, "The **Dignity of Work and the Civilization of Love**," on **November 1, from 11:45 AM to 2:00 PM**, at **Dillon Hall**. A light lunch will be provided.

Register to join HERE: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CAFAA2DA1F58-65693128-catholic#/



Marriage Enrichment Class

This 4-class series focuses on understanding conflict in relationship. Combining therapeutic tools with group wisdom, the class hopes to promote compassion and improved communication in relationship.

Meets **11/1, 12/6, 1/3, and 2/7, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM. Registration required.** Contact Grace at gbyrd@sipdx.org

Men's Contemplative

Meet again on Sunday, **November 1** at **12:30 PM** in the **basement of the Parish Office** (also known as the **Bradley Room**), for 90 minutes of sharing, contemplative reflection, and encouragement as we explore what it means to be both a contemplative and a man in the world today, how that "**stance**" is one that can shift both our own lives and the lives of others. Contact Joseph at jbyrd@sipdx.org for more information.



Mass Intentions

Mon, October 26
† Susan Russell Lindquist

Tue, October 27
For Dung Le's Recovery

Wed, October 28
† Bang Hoang

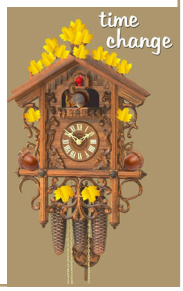
Thur, October 29
† Robert Palladino

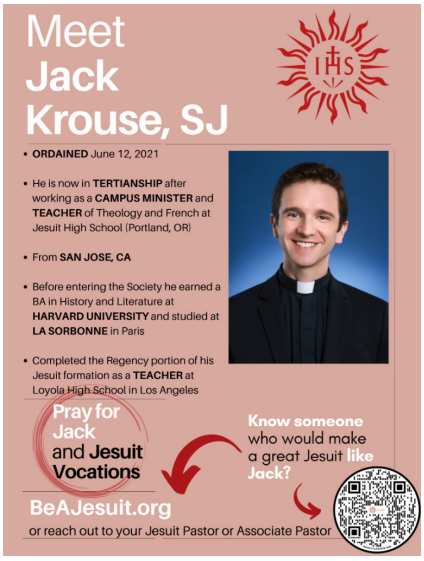
Fri, October 30
† Dragica Stankovik

Reminder: Turn Your Clocks Back One Hour

Daylight Saving Time ends next **Sunday, November 1.**

Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, October 31.





Community Contributions

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.

From July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Church tithing	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
October 5-11, 2026	9,155	11,158	82%
Month of October	22,447	48,474	46%
Full Year	168,297	637,000	26%

Make a Year-end Donation to St. Ignatius!

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity such as St. Ignatius Parish. By making a charitable IRA rollover, you can support our parish, help sustain our mission, and continue caring for our beautiful church.

You may transfer up to $100,000 directly from your IRA to St. Ignatius Parish without paying income tax on the distribution, provided the transfer qualifies as a QCD.

To qualify:

- You must be age 73 or older.
- The transfer must be made directly from your IRA to St. Ignatius Parish.

Please consult your tax or financial advisor to determine whether a Qualified Charitable Distribution is right for you. If you have questions or need assistance with making a transfer, please contact the parish office.

Thank you for your generosity!

TODAY is the Last Day for Bethlehem Children's Closet

Our parish will be collecting items for the Bethlehem Children's Closet, which serves families in our community by providing clothing and supplies for children, from babies through age 17.

They are especially in need of:

- School backpacks
- Infant formula
- Pull ups
- Children's clothing in sizes 0-3T and 7-10
- Strollers
- Car seats

They do NOT currently accept:

- Diapers (their supply is currently full)
- Cribs
- Beds

Items should be new or in excellent used condition, without tears or stains.

Please leave donations in the church alcove.

Looking for Assistance?

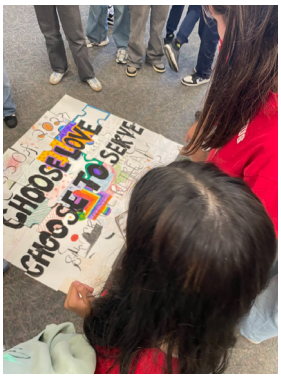
Do you know someone who might be food insecure or needs help paying rent or utility bills? The St. Vincent de Paul Portland Council accepts requests for assistance at 503-235-8431 or svdp@sipsx.org. Requests from our neighborhood are then forwarded to our SVdP pantry that delivers food to those in need on Saturday mornings. We are feeding God's people who have less than us!

Support our Pantry



Please consider bringing non-perishable food donations to the Masses on the weekends and placing them in baskets in the vestibule or making a cash donation through Realm Connect. Your support is much appreciated.

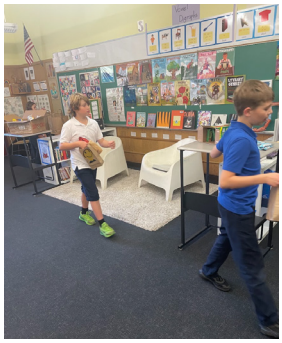
Our eighth graders enjoyed a retreat at the Grotto recently which included team building activities, attending Mass, and praying a walking rosary through the upper gardens.

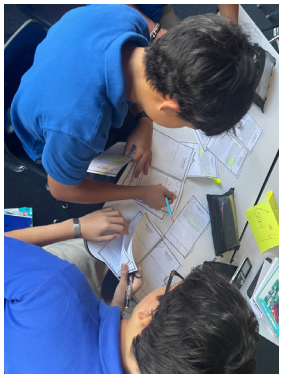




The preschoolers are developing their fine motor skills by painting with fall colors. Our kindergarteners made slime as they studied exploring their world through their five senses in science. Our first graders read the picture book As the Crow Flies by Gail Hartman and made paper crows. The second graders enjoyed making Halloween cats for hallway display. The third graders are creating three dimensional maps as they learn the continents in geography. In fourth grade, the students are using the POWER method for writing with the P standing for picking ideas or pre-reading, O for organizing notes and thoughts, W for writing and keeping adding details, E for editing, and R for revising. In fifth grade put together this week's Transition lunches. Our sixth graders are studying passages from the book of Job in conjunction with the Mass readings from this week. The seventh graders are learning about various types of renewable energy such as wind, solar, geothermal, and hydroelectric. Eighth graders reading and acting out Twelve Angry Men play in ELA studying the power of one voice. In eighth grade advanced math, the students are studying equations with variables and completed a fun simulation in class. Our students continue to thrive in expanding their eager minds.















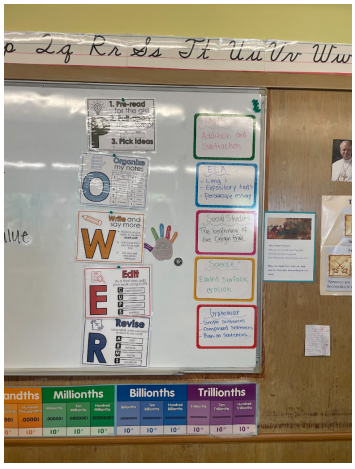
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We, the community of St. Ignatius School, in the tradition of Mother Marie Rose and St. Ignatius of Loyola, provide a faith-centered Catholic education guiding God's children toward building a just and compassionate world.



Join us after the 10:30 Mass for another pancake breakfast hosted by our school families.

May we lean on our faith to carry us through the triumphs and tribulations of life remembering, "***The grass withers, the flower wilts, but the word of our God stands forever.***" Isaiah 40:8.

Carol Pausz
Principal

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