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Jesus Wants It All

Dear Parishioners:

On this Welcome Back weekend, Jesus wants a commitment. He wants to be your partner, companion, and friend in a new way. Three years ago, you heard the invitation to consider the best option to accomplish campus renewal – (1) to construct apartments for seniors as a source of revenue for the other projects; or (2) to raise money from fund-raising and build in phases over several years. The archdiocese wants us to pursue the second course.

Scripture today invites your pledge to make Christ the center of your heart by taking responsibility for the future of the parish in a new way. Next weekend, parish leadership will discuss strategic planning for how you and I will accomplish our Jesuit parish mission together.

As the school bells ring out once again to beckon the children to their classrooms, this autumn will provide new opportunities for everyone to practice the daily examination of conscience that St. Ignatius taught his first Jesuits. This sensitivity to the workings of the divine Spirit in your mind and heart is the foundation for your role as a stakeholder in the projects the parish plans to undertake. As fall unfolds, watch for more information about the practice of Ignatian core values (finding God in all things, seeking God’s greater glory, making a daily examen to discover God’s action in your soul).

In today’s gospel from Luke, Jesus knows that the crowd surrounding him is not ready for the journey that awaits them as his followers. If he does not prepare them for the harsh times ahead, he realizes they will wilt under pressure. That is the point of the twin parable he teaches about the tower builder and the king going to war – count the cost before beginning.

Luke makes it clear that Jesus had a large following among the common people. But unlike many popular leaders, Jesus did not measure discipleship in numbers but in the disciples’ willingness to place commitment to companionship with Jesus above all else.

Luke’s choice of strong language is significant. He chose the word “hate” to express the importance of a clear, absolute preference for following Jesus. The hatred mentioned in this gospel is not emotional hatred, the impulsive kind that erupts in a hurtful way. Rather, it is the willingness positively to see all precious relationships in the light of the priority to follow Jesus.

Jesus says that commitment is not comfortable. To be a disciple is to prefer following Jesus above all else, even above one’s own life. This preference can lead to separations, even divisions. Commitment is not easy. Did you know that Jesuit recruits are asked only one question to gain admittance to the Society: are you willing to be accounted as a fool with Christ foolish?

The message to the crowd following Jesus is that discipleship simply isn’t going to be popular. In fact, it can be spoken of in terms of a “cross,” the Roman method of execution.

Finally, the cost of discipleship is financial as well. Luke concludes by summarizing Jesus’ teaching in one sentence: Everyone who clings to possessions is not able to be a disciple.

The call to discipleship is no invitation to a life of prominence, ease, or enhanced social status. It is a call to treat all “possessions” as helping or hindering the goal of closer companionship with Jesus on

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Today’s Readings:

Wisdom	9:13-18b
Philemon	9-10, 12-17
Luke	14:25-33

Next Sunday’s Readings:

Exodus	32:7-11, 13-14
1 Timothy	1:12-17
Luke	15:1-32

Preaching Next Sunday:
Fr. Craig Boly, SJ

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM
Sunday Contemplative: 7:30PM
Daily: Monday 8:00AM in church
 Tuesday - Friday 8:00AM La Storta Chapel
Centering Prayer: Friday 7:00AM
Anointing Mass: First Friday 8:00AM
First Saturday Mass: 8:00AM
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30PM
 or by appointment with a priest

life's journey. Possessions often get in the way of real freedom – freedom found in following Jesus in a wholehearted way.

On this Welcome Back weekend that launches a new season of celebrating our parish mission, pray for a closer tie with the Risen Jesus. Pray that we experience greater companionship with Jesus through our ownership of the work needed to accomplish our campus renewal.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.



Come to the ministry fair this Sunday, September 8th, immediately after the 10:30 mass. If you can't make it, consider where your talents might fit in to what happens here at St. Ignatius. Do you have the gift of hospitality? Perhaps you could help with donuts or the welcome desk. Do you have the gift of listening and accompaniment? Consider serving as a parish sponsor to an RCIA candidate. Do you love children? Maybe you'd like to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word, or with Jr. or Sr high school students. Are you looking for a faith based small group? We have a group for moms, dads, couples or anyone is welcome at IGNITE. Whatever you're looking for, call or email our office and Patty will point you in the right direction.

IGNITE—Coming this Fall FAQ about IGNITE:

- ◆ *What if I can't make every class?*
That is no problem! IGNITE is set up so that you can go to as many sessions as you would like.
- ◆ *How do I sign up for IGNITE?*
No need to sign up, just show up.
- ◆ *Is IGNITE only for RCIA members and Parish Companions?*
IGNITE is for everybody.
- ◆ *Where is the Bradley Room?*
IGNITE meets in the basement of the Parish Office building. There will be signs to point the way.
- ◆ *I'd like to bring my friend who is not part of this parish and is not Catholic, is that OK?*
Again, IGNITE is for EVERYBODY!
- ◆ *Do I have to do anything to prepare for the first class?*
Nope! Any extra reading is optional.
- ◆ If you have any other questions, check out the posters in the vestibule, or contact Grace gbyrd@sipdx.org or Joseph jbyrd@sipdx.org.



Come to the RCIA Open House on **September 12th**, 7-8 in the dining room of the Parish office. RCIA is not just for people who know they are ready to become Catholic. It is for anyone who is currently in the process of discerning the direction of their faith journey, or for anyone who would like to understand more fully what it means to be Catholic in a Jesuit parish. If you feel even slightly drawn to participate, then it is for you. The Open House will be a time for food and fellowship, a time to ask questions, a time to register if you would like, and a time to meet others who have decided to participate in RCIA this year. If you already know that you would like to register for RCIA, then forms are available in the vestibule or on our website. Questions? Contact Grace Byrd: gbyrd@sipdx.org

Registration is now open for "A Family of Faith", First Reconciliation, R.C.I. A., Ignite, Baptism Class/day and more! Call the office at 503-777-1491 for more information.

Mom's group meetings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Mass Intentions

Monday	Sep 9	† Therese Karen Lee Cook Love
Tuesday	Sep 10	† Patricia Griffiths
Wednesday	Sep 11	† Christiana Offorneke
Thursday	Sep 12	Diane Peavy
Friday	Sep 13	† Jim Emig



Fair in front of the Church after the 10:30 AM Mass Today!



ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

*Love consists in sharing what one has
and what one is with those one loves.
- St. Ignatius of Loyola*

The energy in our building is wonderful as we welcomed **248 new and returning students** for the school year. It is a blessing that so many families are finding our vibrant school. Over the past 2 years, we have averaged 8% growth over and above replacing graduating classes of 26-28 students. Thank you for your enthusiastic support of our parish school!

Back to School Night is Thursday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. We will welcome a presentation from the School Foundation as they express their stewardship for another year: we are so grateful for their on-going investment in our children.

Bottles for Technology! Our bottle collection program is changing. If you would like a simple way to support the school tech program, please pick up a blue bag (available in the vestibule). It is barcoded to our school tech fund. Simply fill, take to a bottle drop, scan and leave. We are grateful for your support!

SCHOOL MASSES: These will be held 3 weeks of each month this year on Wednesdays at 1:20. Wednesday, Sept. 11, is the Commissioning Mass of all faculty, SAC and School Foundation Members. We hope you will join us to affirm our faith in everyone working to grow the mission of the school. Thank you for your forward thinking in investing in the care of the children in our parish and of Catholic education. Blessings on your week!

Kelli Clark
Principal

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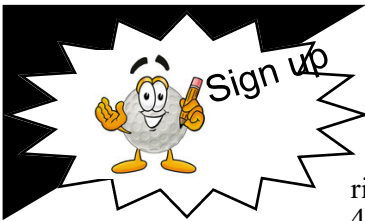
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**A full list of staff & council
members is located on
our webpage at
www.sipdx.org/parish-staff**

Come join us for the **Second Annual John Scott Memorial golf Tournament** on Saturday September 21, 2019 beginning at 1: pm at Mountain View Golf Club. Cost is \$50 for 9 holes of golf, dinner, camaraderie and remarkable prizes. Don't have any one to golf with just sign up and we will put you on a team. If you would like to have dinner only the cost is \$15. All proceeds go to the John Scott Scholarship Fund at St. Ignatius. Can't make golf or dinner but would like make a donation to the scholarship fund in John's name just send your check to the parish office payable to St. Ignatius with the notation it is for the John Scott Memorial Fund. Sign up forms will be in back of the church. Questions call Tim Welch 503-492 4733, Doug Solazzo 503-777-5537 or Mike Baker 503-236-6011.



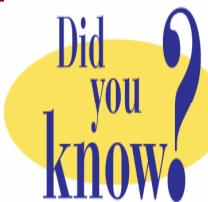
Women's club meeting, Sept. 14th, (we usually meet the 2nd Friday of each month), 7PM, in the parish center. Please bring a snack to share, and your choice of drink. We will have an off campus activity for the 4th Sat. of the month. We welcome all women to join us for some fun! Nancy DeAngeles: 503-659-9473, cell: 971-806-0222 Sharon Nicola: 503-775-1060, cell: 971-340-7525

The Parish Choir starts rehearsing again on Sunday, September 8 at 9:15am in the church, and sings at the 10:30 Mass throughout the academic year. Interested in joining us? Come be a "Choir Tryer" for a Sunday (or more) in September, to get a feel for what goes on during rehearsal. See Joseph Byrd jbyrd@sipdx.org for more information.



Volunteers for Arts & Environment Ministry

Do you like to create a peaceful, prayerful and welcoming space using flowers, greenery, and other materials? If so, we need a coordinator to work with a group of talented people who enjoy decorating our church space. Please contact Joseph Byrd (503) 777-1491 ext. 238



♦ *Realm connect is for the whole Parish!! Sign –in to your account (everyone has one!), review your information, make changes if needed, set privacy settings as desired. Look over giving. Communicate with the Parish staff or other members, join a group or just look at the groups in the Parish. Call Patty with questions: 503-777-1491.*

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