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October 19, 2025 - **TWENTY-NINTH 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 Intensions

Mon, October 20
† Patricia Obradovich
Tue, October 21
† Raymond Koudossou
Wed, October 22
† Kenny Bibles
Thu, October 23
† Peter Linh Nguyen
Fri, October 24
† Carole Doerner

Wisdom from the Pews

Life is difficult right now. The news is full of wars, violence, economic uncertainty, and political strife. In times like these, it is easy to feel hopeless, to see only darkness.

In today's reading from Exodus, the Israelites were facing difficult times too. Amalek attacked Israel and threatened their very existence. Moses knew that the Lord would protect Israel, so he stood at the top of a hill holding up the staff of God as the battle began. Israel was winning at first, but then Moses' arms started to hurt. When Moses lowered his arms, the enemy advanced and Moses realized that he would need to keep his hands raised for the entire battle. Thankfully, Moses did not need to handle this challenge alone. God provided him with companions, Aaron and Hur, who held up Moses' hands when keeping them raised felt impossible. With the help of his friends, Moses was able to keep his hands raised until Israel defeated Amalek.



God does not want us to face challenging times alone either. For many years, I have longed for



Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8

fellowship with other women of faith. I did not see any groups that would fit my needs and I was reluctant to start a group of my own. When I joined the Pastoral Council last year, I met Tara, Rebekah, and Tanya, and I found that they had the same longing for fellowship as I did. Together, we started the St. Ignatius Women's Group and organized weekly meetings during Lent. We quickly realized that this group was filling a great need at our parish. The women who attend our meetings share their stories openly and vulnerably with each other. They bring their unique gifts, perspectives, and strength to the group. They volunteer to lead discussions, organize retreats, and bring snacks to share. They support each other, pray for each other, and love each other. No one person needs to lead this group alone because we have a community. We do not need to walk through life's challenges alone because we have each other.

Yes, life is difficult right now, but we have a God who is bigger than all of those difficulties. He sees our struggles, feels our pain, and offers us help in even the darkest of times. He provides us with companions to walk with us and to help us through our struggles. He provides us with a way out of the darkness and into the light.

Holly Patronite joined the parish in 2023 and is a member of the Pastoral Council. She attends the 10:30 Mass where she can be found singing in the choir.

PARISH PROGRAMMING

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 at jbyrd@sipdx.org or please consider registering to write your Wisdom from the Pews at: <https://bit.ly/wisdomfromthepews>



Insight

will begin in January 2026, offering an opportunity for you to earn to listen to other's sacred stories. Insight will consist of quarterly retreats, as well as monthly cohort meetings, designed to either deepen your skills as a spiritual companion, or to result in certification as a Spiritual Director. 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 jbyrd@sipdx.org



A Shared Conversation...As We Witness

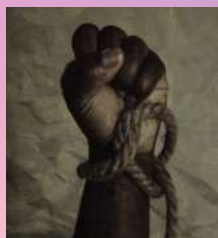


Fathers and sons, mothers and daughters being pulled away from their families and sent to places unknown...



Climate change strategies being denied for the sake of profits...

History being whitewashed because it shows we aren't a perfect society...



Voices being silenced because they challenge authorities...



As we feel these events happening, think of this... When we engage each other, we see God working with us, even as we struggle. Through Baptism we are asked to follow Jesus' example and work for justice and peace.

"Truth always ends by victory; it is not unassailable, but invincible."
St. Ignatius

We're all in this together, and now more than ever we're called to support one another.

"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone!"

Pope Francis

If you're feeling the news is oppressive with each passing day... if you're talking back to the TV... if your heart goes out to others who are hurting through no fault of their own... if you believe in hope and know we can dialogue with each other... then, we want you to join your fellow parishioners.

At St. Ignatius, we believe we need each other and each other's voices. On Sunday, November 16th from 11:45 am till 1:15 pm (in Dillon Hall), and again, on Tuesday, November 18th from 6 pm till 7:30 pm (in parish office), we will hold Shared Conversations. Each of these will be facilitated to allow all voices to be heard in a safe, comfortable environment.

We invite you to join in at one of these Conversations, to share your concerns, thoughts and hopes. And if you have friends or neighbors feeling like you, they are welcome to attend and share. Refreshments will be provided.



Please register online at the parish website or at <http://bit.ly/4pR5WM2>

As we listen to one another, think about this... What is God calling you to do?

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

Next dates: January 10, 2026
February 14, 2026



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Join us for the Mass of

The Solemnity of All Saints (not a Holy Day of Obligation)

at 10 AM

on Saturday,

November 1, 2025



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

at 5 PM Vigil Mass

on Saturday,

November 1, 2025



St. Ignatius parish will celebrate a special Memorial Mass to remember all our dear ones who have gone home to God this past year. The Mass aims to seek the continued healing, strength, and comfort of the Risen Jesus for everyone grieving the death of family members and friends.

Sounds from the Grounds, a Facilities update

Fall is here, so put on your boots and hoodies and join us for a campus work party (rain or shine) to ready the grounds for winter on Saturday November 1st from 11am to 2pm (After the All-Saints Mass at 10:00). Please note that this is a revised time from the last notice. Bring gloves, water bottle, and tools to prune and care for our plants.

Behind the Scenes:

A follow up "Shout Out" to Girls Scout's Troop 10094 for the new Rainwater collection barrel that they recently installed on the



Parish Office. Check out the video Miriam and Leia made at: <https://youtu.be/BwuLlydiVjU>

You may have noticed the new ADA ramp for the church parking lot. The new ramp is to provide a safer entrance from the parking lot to the sidewalk, as

well as bringing it up to the current building code. Additionally, we now have a van accessible parking space. This is the first part of a plan to improve our ADA entrance with our goal to have a barrier free unassisted wheelchair entrance to the church. The school is constantly changing with the ever-changing digital age. Slowly we have been replacing the old smart boards used for visual teaching aides to new high-definition video screens in the classrooms. This provides the teachers with many more tools and resources that are current to today's curriculum.

Thanks to the Archdiocese's Safety Grant program we were able to change out the old T8 fluorescent light bulbs to new LED light bulbs in Dillon Hall. This will cut our energy use for lighting in Dillon by half. Additionally, in the school, we were able to change out the classroom door hardware to new intruder protection hardware that is also ADA compliant.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

“UNDER ONE ROOF” Fundraising Campaign

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!



Make a Year-end Donation to St. Ignatius Parish!

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 2025 draws to a close, please consider making a year-end donation to help us maintain and care for 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 generosity.



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
Sep. 29 - Oct. 5, 2025	12,506	12,727	98%
Month of October	12,506	50,906	25%
Year-to-Date	134,713	585,000	23%



ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

Our students recently took time to pray to the Examen together in class, with some grade levels choosing to partner up for the experience. The Examen is a simple, five-step prayer created by St. Ignatius of Loyola—our school's patron saint—as a way to pause, reflect on the day, and recognize where God is present in our lives. It offered a meaningful opportunity for students to slow down, reflect, and connect with their faith—and with one another.

Our 8th graders spent a meaningful day together in retreat at the Grotto. They reflected on our Jesuit and Holy Names heritage and what it means to carry those values forward as leaders at St. Ignatius. Students explored how they serve as role models and companions for the younger grades and how they can use those leadership skills to make a difference beyond our school community. The day included Mass at the Grotto and a special blessing to support them in their continued leadership this year.



Many of our students have been putting their faith into action through meaningful service projects. Kindergarteners brought in food donations and delivered them to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at our parish offices. First graders helped care for our campus by doing a litter patrol on the turf and playground. Second graders kicked off their letter-writing ministry, sending thoughtful notes to parishioners. Our fifth graders decorated lunch bags and assembled meals for Transition Projects.



Each class is finding age-appropriate and impactful ways to help build a more just and compassionate world!

Our amazing University of Portland nursing students conducted vision screenings for several classes—a project they'll continue throughout October and into November. They'll also begin teaching a nutrition lesson as part of their ongoing support. We're especially grateful to have them helping out during Thursday recesses, too. What a gift it is to have their care, knowledge, and enthusiasm in our school community!



We will host our final fall initial in person C.A.S.E. (Creating A Safe Environment) training this Wednesday, October 22nd from 6:00-8:00 PM. All volunteers must be up-to-date on annual C.A.S.E training modules and new volunteers must take the initial in person training. If you wish to attend the training this Wednesday, October 22nd, sign up through this QR code:



May we continue to live out our faith as we are reminded in Matthew 10:42, ***“And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water... truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”***

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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.

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