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October 12, 2025 - **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



2 Kings 5:14-17
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

Wisdom from the Pews

Today's Gospel presents a powerful lesson in the story of Jesus healing ten lepers. While all ten were healed, only one returned to offer thanks. The other nine, now free from their affliction, simply went on their way. We can only wonder what kept them from returning, but we know the one who did return was a person filled with a grateful heart.

This story prompts us to look

inward. Do we recognize and give thanks for God's countless blessings, or do we take them for granted? The truth is, most of us—the holy ones excluded—exhibit both responses. We can be genuinely grateful one moment and unknowingly ungrateful the next. It's a reflection of our imperfect, human nature.

This is why we come to the Eucharistic Celebration. The word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word eucharistia, meaning "gratefulness" or "thanksgiving." It's a sacred time to glorify and give thanks to God. When we participate in Mass, we're not just observing; we're joining in a profound act of gratitude. We thank God for creation, for the daily bread that sustains us, and for the living Word that guides us. Most of all, we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who saves us from sin and offers us His Body and Blood that sustain us until we unite with God in heaven.

Next time you attend Mass, listen more closely. Pay attention to the lyrics as we sing the Gloria, and to the meaning in our unified cry of "Thanks be to God." Be especially attentive when the priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, prays the Eucharistic Prayer, glorifying God the Father and giving thanks to Him for the entire work of salvation. When we participate with our whole hearts, we truly give thanks.

The challenge lies in whether we carry this grateful heart with us beyond the Mass. Just like the nine lepers, I'm often ungrateful. I can recall a few recent moments of ingratitude: one during a camping trip and another

when I caught a cold just before visiting my parents. My lack of gratitude wasn't obvious at the time; these were subtle moments I only recognized later when I truly reflected on what it means to be grateful. My reflection reminded me that my moments of ingratitude are often in the things I take for granted.

But we don't have to settle for a life defined by an ungrateful heart. Cultivating gratitude is a conscious awareness, and as many spiritual traditions teach, it's a practice that transforms our relationships with God and with the world.



A powerful perspective on this comes from Thomas Merton, who writes in "Thoughts on Solitude" that gratitude is a direct recognition of divine love. He writes, "To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us—and He has given us everything." This viewpoint frames every aspect of our existence, from each breath we take to every moment we experience, as a gift of God. For Merton, a truly grateful person doesn't just hear about God's goodness; they know it through personal experience. This experiential knowledge moves us from passive understanding to active appreciation.

While this practice of gratitude is a

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

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Wisdom from the Pews (Cont.)

personal journey, we don't have to rely solely on our own willpower. Prayer offers a way to ask for and receive divine assistance. As the psalmist prayed, **"Create in me a clean heart, O God"** (Psalm 51:10), we can adapt this to ask, **"Create in me a grateful heart, O God."** This act of prayer acknowledges our limitations and invites God to help us cultivate a grateful spirit.



Lê, a dishwasher at the Funeral Ministry since 2018, and his wife attend 8:00AM Mass.

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 learn 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

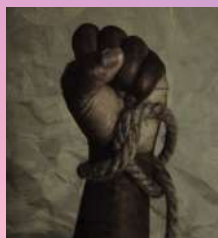


Fathers and sons, mothers and daughters being pulled away from their families and sent to places unknown...



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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Are you ready to be part of World Mission Month?

World Mission Sunday, celebrated on October 19, is a special day of solidarity and prayer supporting the Church's missionary efforts, within an entire month dedicated to answering Jesus' call to "*go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations*" (Lk 24:47). Pope Francis has chosen this year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," inspired by the Jubilee of Hope, reminding us to bring Christ's light and hope to the world, especially where the Church is young, growing, and in need. Join us in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and share Christ's love!



Souls from the Grounds, a Facilities update

Fall is coming, so get your hoodies ready. We will be having a campus work party (rain or shine) on Saturday, November 1st from 10 AM to 2 PM. If you have time, please join us as we ready grounds for winter.

Behind the Scenes:

Shout out to Girls Scout's Troop 10094 for the new Rainwater collection barrel that they recently installed. As part of their Bronze Award project spear headed by Miriam and Leia the Parish office now has one downspout disconnected from the city sewer system. If you see Miriam or Leia, please ask them about their project.



A ministry for Adults
in their 20s/30s

Schedule

- * Sunday Nov. 2, 5-7pm
Spiritual exercise:
Loving friendships
 - * Sunday Dec. 7, 5-7pm
Spiritual exercise:
Advent reflection - dwelling
in God's Love made Incarnate
- For more information or to join our mailing list, please contact Deacon Mac at firepitpdx@gmail.com.

Women of St. Ignatius



Join us
on Oct
19 after
the 10:30
Mass for

fellowship, discussion, and light snacks. We will meet in the Bradley room in the basement of the Parish Office.
All women are welcome!

Mass Intensions

Mon, October 13

† Maria Gogas

Tue, October 14

† Rooney Family

Wed, October 15

† Peter Dieu Nguyen

Thu, October 16

† Louie Chavez Sr.

Fri, October 17

† Louie Pieretti



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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](#). Thank you.

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Church tithing	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
September 22-28, 25	8,932	9,356	95%
Month of September	38,853	37,424	104%
Year-to-Date	122,207	585,000	21%

ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

Our 6th graders recently led us through a beautiful Mass. Our choir, made up of students in 4th through 8th grade, sang and played various instruments truly enhancing our faith experience as a whole school community.

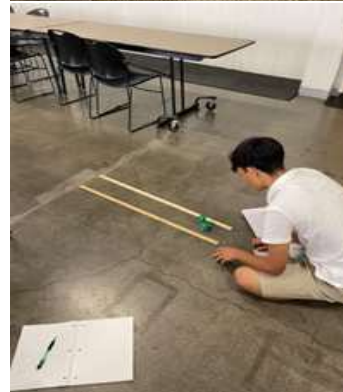
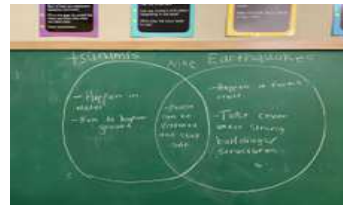


Our University of Portland nurses visited several classrooms to teach a fun and educational handwashing lesson. Using a blacklight and special lotion that simulates germs, they showed students how well they washed their hands by having the students place their hands under the blacklight to reveal any missed spots—turning a simple lesson into a memorable, hands-on learning experience about the importance of proper handwashing.



Our students are eagerly learning and serving others this fall. In third grade, students designed their own compass rose as they study the geography of our amazing Earth. In fourth grade, the students are learning about various natural disasters developing their critical thinking skills through a Venn diagram. Our fifth graders are learning about the 'power of yet' and working through challenges. Our 7th graders took their turn at packing our Transition Lunches this week. The artistically talented drawings on the bags definitely bring joy to the disadvantaged in our local community! Our 8th graders spent time this week in a Wind Up Toy Speed lab exploring how stored energy can be transferred into motion through a wind-up mechanism. Students practiced measuring speed, analyzing variables that affect motion, and

applying data to support their conclusions building their critical thinking skills in interpreting results. We are so proud of our young Gators in their quest for knowledge!



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.

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If you wish to attend the training this Wednesday, October 22nd, sign up through this QR code:



May we embrace the blessing of the beautiful fall weather and enjoy God's majestic creation throughout the weekend. ***"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up,"*** Galatians 6:9.

*Carol Pausz
Principal*

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