



St. Ignatius Catholic Church

OREGON'S JESUIT PARISH

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January 11, 2026 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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 Intentions

Mon, January 12
† Rosa Duc Thi Le
Tue, January 13
† Peter Linh Nguyen
Wed, January 14
† Ryland Frangipani
Thu, January 15
† Marie Morlan
Fri, January 16
† Floyd Morlan

Wisdom from the Pews

I recognize that I am in a unique position to write Wisdom from the Pews. Each week, as a second-grade teacher, I have the privilege of walking with my students through the Sunday readings and helping them discover the simple, lasting message God wants them to carry in their lives. In guiding these young hearts, I am often reminded that wisdom does not always come from age, but from listening closely and trusting what God reveals. It is from this perspective—shaped by the faith of children and the lessons they continually teach me—that I share today's reflection.

The Gospel this week, which tells the story of Jesus's baptism, might inspire all of us to remember our own baptism. Each year in the primary grades, we talk about baptism and share our baptism stories. I share my unique



Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

story, because I was baptized on May 18, 1980. I challenge them to go home and find out what made that day so special. As many of you may know, that was the day Mount St. Helens erupted—almost forty-six years ago—while I, just three weeks old, was baptized here at St. Ignatius Church. I remain deeply grateful to my parents, Bob Hasibar and Madeline Gefroh, for choosing to raise my siblings and me in the Catholic faith, and specifically, within this Jesuit parish.

In this Gospel, Jesus—who has no need of baptism—steps into the water anyway. He does not insist on status or privilege. Instead, He stands alongside others. In this moment, we see that true greatness is shown through humility. When we choose to stand with others rather than above them, God can work powerfully through us.



PARISH PROGRAMMING

Wisdom from the Pews (Continued)

The Jordan River itself is not a grand or impressive place. Baptism is a simple act. And yet, it is there that heaven opens. This reminds us that God often reveals Himself not in dramatic moments, but in quiet faithfulness—in daily prayer, loving service, and simply showing up, even when it is hard.

Jesus's baptism also takes place before He performs any miracles or begins His public ministry. Before He does anything, God speaks: ***You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.*** This is an important reminder for all of us—especially caregivers, teachers, and leaders who so often measure themselves by how much they do—that we are loved not because of what or how much we accomplish, but because of who we are.

Finally, the Spirit descends upon Jesus as He begins something difficult. God never sends us forward without also giving us the grace we need. Whatever lies ahead may be challenging or uncertain, but we are not sent alone. The same Spirit that descended upon Jesus at the Jordan River goes with us on our own journeys, reminding us that we are God's beloved.

As we remember Jesus standing in the waters of the Jordan, we are invited to return—again and again—to the waters of our own baptism. Long before we prove ourselves, before we get it right, before we know where the path will lead, God speaks the same words over each of us: You are my beloved. May we live from that truth, with the humility of Jesus, the trust of a child, and the quiet courage to keep showing up—confident that the Spirit goes with us, now and always.

Kathleen Downing

INSIGHT: The St. Ignatius Portland Practicum for Contemplative Life

Starts Sunday, January 25th, 2026, 12:30-2:30pm in the Parish Office, and continues on 4th Sundays of the month

People from all backgrounds are invited to participate in a model of formation, discovery, and growth, offering three opportunities:

1. As a Student of Contemplative Life and Literature
2. As a trained Spiritual Companion, or
3. With possible certification as a Spiritual Director

Monthly formation opportunities for all three tracks include face time with topical discussions, fellowship with the INSIGHT community, and camaraderie around resources and materials, as well as coaching in how to live a contemplative life, i.e. how to be an active contemplative. Additional break-out sessions for those choosing the Spiritual Companionship or Spiritual Direction track will be determined with the participants and the instructors.

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 at jbyrd@sipdx.org



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:

- Feb. 14, 2026
- May 9, 2026
- June 13, 2026



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2025 Giving Statements

Your 2025 Giving Statements will be available beginning February 1, 2026. To access your statement, please visit: <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/>.

If this is your first time using Realm, click here to create an account: <https://onrealm.org/sipdx/Register>. Once logged in, select the Giving tab and look for the 2025 Giving Statements button.

If you need assistance, please contact the Parish Office during office hours, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM.



A ministry for Adults
in their 20s/30s

Winter schedule

- February 1st, 2026
- March 1st, 2026
- April 12th, 2026
- May 3rd, 2026

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



Eager Minds
Brilliant Futures
Passionate Hearts
Enthusiastic Spirits

Open House

You're
invited

Sunday, January 25
11:30am-1:00pm
PreK-Grade 8

*Join us in building a just and
compassionate world for all.*

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

UNDER ONE ROOF - Fundraising Campaign



GOAL: \$250,000



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!

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](#).

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

WWW.USCCB.ORG/CCC



To support the national efforts of CCC with an online donation, please use this QR code



or visit #iGiveCatholic at <https://www.igivecatholic.org/story/USCCB-CCC>.

Thank you for your support!



ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

What a joyous Christmas Concert we celebrated in our community! We hosted our Grandparents and Special Friends for the morning program and welcomed all back for the evening program, including many recent alumni.



Thank you to the many families from the parish and school that contributed to our [Under One Roof](#). We are excited to share that we made our milestone goal and are in the process of installing our new scoreboard. While we are halfway to our goal, we still have more to raise. Please tell your friends and family to donate to [Under One Roof](#) as every dollar makes a difference!



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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Our students have returned from Christmas break rested and ready to launch into learning. As we celebrate Epiphany, we are encouraged to share our light with one another as Isaiah chapter 60, verse one reminds us, ***“Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.”***



May our community continue to learn and grow in living our faith throughout 2026 as we remember this verse in 2 Corinthians 5:17, ***“So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.”***

Carol Pausz

Principal