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True Wealth

Dear Parishioners:

In scripture, there are two competing explanations for wealth. One is that wealth is an outward sign that your life is pleasing to God – wealth is a reward for being good. The other explanation is that wealth is a matter of luck. Wealth has little to do with how you relate to God – so acquire as much as you can, and use it for your pleasure right now.

Jesus goes beyond these points of view. He teaches that true wealth consists not so much in possessions as in caring relationships.

I'm reminded of the story of Hans and Carl. Once upon a time there was a proud man named Carl who loved to ride his horse through his vast estate, and to congratulate himself on his enormous wealth. One day he came upon Hans, an old tenant farmer, who had sat down to eat his lunch in the shade of a great oak tree. Hans' head was bowed in prayer. When he looked up, he said "Oh, excuse me, sir, I didn't see you. I was giving thanks for my food."

"Humpf," snorted the rich man noticing the coarse dark bread and cheese that made up the old man's lunch. "If that were all I had to eat," he sneered, "I don't think I'd feel like giving thanks." "Oh," replied Hans, "it's quite sufficient. But it's remarkable that you should come here today because I feel that I have to tell you something. I had a strange dream just before awakening this morning." "And what did you dream," asked Carl with an amused smile. The old man answered, "There was beauty and peace all around, and yet I could hear a voice saying, 'The richest man in the valley will die tonight.'" "Ah, dreams!" cried Carl. "Nonsense." Carl turned and galloped away, and Hans prayed for him as he watched the horse and its rider disappear.

"Die tonight," mused Carl. "It's ridiculous! No use going into a panic." The best thing to do, he decided, was to forget the old man's dream.

And yet – yet – he couldn't forget it. He had felt fine, at least until Hans had described that crazy dream to him. Now he wasn't sure that he felt all that well. So that evening he called his doctor, who was a personal friend. He asked him to come over right away, for he had to speak with him. When the doctor arrived, Carl told him of the old man's dream, how the richest man in the valley would die this very night.

"Ah," replied the doctor, "sounds like poppycock to me, but for your own peace of mind, let me examine you." A little later, the examination complete, the doctor was full of smiles and assurances. He said, "Carl, you're as strong and healthy as that horse you ride. There's no way you're going to die tonight.

The doctor was just closing his bag when a messenger arrived out of breath at the manor door. "Doctor, doctor," he cried, "come quick. It's old Hans. He just died in his sleep."

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Today's Readings:

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 11: 12:13-21

Next Sunday's Readings:

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48

Preaching Next Sunday:
Fr. Dan Sullivan, 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

One more story. About Adam was a wealthy man by every earthly standard. At the same time, however, he earnestly strove to be spiritually wealthy as well. One night he was aroused from his sleep by a fearful stomping on the roof above his head. Alarmed, he sat bolt upright in his bed and shouted, "Who's there?" "A friend," came back the reply from the roof. "I've lost my camel." Perturbed by the stupidity, Abou screamed, "You idiot, are you looking for a camel on the roof?" "You idiot," the voice shouted back. Are you looking for God in silk clothing, lying on a golden bed?"

Wealth can create the illusion of adequacy. Jesus lived the example that even the poorest soul on earth can learn how to love. And therein lies genuine wealth.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.
Pastor



IGNITE—Coming this Fall

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to a deeper Catholic Faith experience? This fall we invite you to a Sunday night series: "IGNITE," where we will explore what it means to "find God in all things" as we dive into the lives of the Saints and the mystics while reveling in the music and the history of the mass. Facilitated by Joseph and Grace Byrd, this class will meet you where you are, whether you are new to the Catholic faith or a seasoned traveler. Contact gbyrd@sipdx.org or jbyrd@sipdx.org for information.

Shalom Retreat: Mount Angel Abbey, 1 Abbey Drive, St Benedict, OR - 97373 August 9 - 11, 2019 This retreat offers a very intense focus on the healing of the inner person. Featuring a powerful confession experience, time for reflection, adoration, spiritual counseling and anointing prayer. It will shine the Light of Christ into your heart and lead you to forgiveness, freedom, and healing! Link to the retreat info on Portland Diocese Web - <https://archdpdx.org/events/shalom-retreat-portland>

Adult VBS: Enjoy learning about Catholic heroes whose lives impacted the Roman Catholic Church. Time for learning and fellowship, crafts and snacks. Mix and match your attendance times. Open to teens and adults. Our Lady of Sorrows Aug 5th/6th, 6:30PM St. Francis of Assisi/Mary, Mother of God. Aug 6th - 9th, 2019 Tue/Wed., St. Augustine Pt. 1/2 ; Thur/Fri., St Benedict pt. 1/2 \$5 per session includes study materials, snacks and supplies. Call for information 503-775-6731.

SEEL Application deadline for the SEEL (Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life) long retreat has been extended. The deadline for applications is now August 15, 2019. The Spiritual Exercises are composed of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God. The Exercises present a pathway to deeper prayer, good decisions guided by keen discernment, and an active life of service to others. Find us online at <http://seelportland.org> or <https://seelportland.org/how-to-apply/> Questions? Call Janet Buck, SEEL Executive Director, at 503-951-8682.



St. Ignatius Blood drive August.
It will be in the Red Cross Bus in front of the church. On Aug. 18th 9am-2pm.

Save the date for the John Scott Memorial Golf Tournament
Sept. 21, 2019



Mass Intentions

Monday	Aug 5	† Joseph Duc Minh Truong
Tuesday	Aug 6	† Dominic Tung Ngoc Truong
Wednesday	Aug 7	† Therese Karen Lee Cook Love
Thursday	Aug 8	† Vince & Mary Barnes
Friday	Aug 9	† Jim Emig

**A warm
welcome
to all our guests.**

**We are so happy you are here
to celebrate with us!**

New to St. Ignatius Parish?
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card in the offering basket with your
information, or visit us online at
<http://www.sipdx.org/about>

In Thanksgiving for the life of Joseph Lawrence & Abriham Khal

Do you have the gift of hospitality? The donut ministry is very much in need of your help. This may seem like a funny ask, but this ministry brings together the young and the more experienced in vibrant conversation weekly. Children walk away from church remembering not that they were hushed for an hour, but that they got to run around a safe environment with donuts in hand! Please consider signing up to help with the set up and clean up. The time commitment is minimal, and the community impact is huge. The more participation we get, the lighter the load will be for any one person. See Grace Byrd (gbyrd@sipdx.org) or Tina Nguyen to sign up.

VOLUNTEER needed to help deliver bread from the Grand Central Bakery to the Women's Transition Shelter. Take about two hours, and one **Friday** a month. We need volunteer on the 2nd weeks of the months. If you like to help contact Jim Mumby at 503-519-8991,

Volunteers Urgently Needed for Communion Visitors - to home-bound individuals and for Communion Service to various Senior Living communities. No experience needed as training will be offered and requires minimal time each month. If you are interested in being trained for this important ministry please call Theresa King at 503-730-9759.

Volunteer for Children's Liturgy of the Word

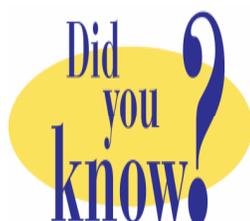
Are you interested in this vibrant ministry? Join next year's Children's Liturgy team for a rewarding way to share the gospel. The commitment is one Sunday per month during the 10:30 a.m. mass from Sept-May. contact: eskelds@gmail.com or bschaller@sipdx.org.

Seeking Parish Sponsors One of the blessings of our faith is witnessing those who are choosing to dive into it for the first time. The RCIA process is a time where candidates are invited into a deeper awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives. Please prayerfully consider accompanying these RCIA candidates as they discern their call into the Catholic Church as a parish sponsor. Your role as a parish sponsor would be to: 1) Attend all IGNITE classes on 2nd and 4th Sundays from 6-7:15 PM. 2) Share your own faith experience within the class during times of reflection. 3) Possibly pair up with one particular candidate as spiritual companions. 4) Attend masses that involve the RCIA candidates, e.g. the rites, the scrutinies, and the Easter Vigil. 5) Pray for all RCIA candidates throughout the RCIA process. Please talk to Grace if you are interested in participating in this ministry. gbyrd@sipdx.org

Realm Connect

We are beginning to introduce the online platform "Realm" for use on smartphones, laptops, tablets and desktop computers to keep you connected to all that is happening at St. Ignatius Church and School.

 The application, "**Connect - Our Church Community**" is available for smartphones for free download in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store and online at <https://onrealm.org/sipdx>. A few of the benefits of using this application include instant notifications to your mobile phone, access to information for specific parish and school groups and events and the ability to set up secure online giving with receipts of all donations. Questions?...call Patty at 503-777-1491 or email office@sipdx.org. If you are not a user of smartphone or computer applications, not to worry, we will continue to publish and plan to enhance the information available in our weekly paper bulletin.



- ◆ Did you know that if you bring guests to St. Ignatius who are unfamiliar with the Catholic Mass, there are Mass Guides in the pews to help them out?
- ◆ Did you know that we have a welcome desk in the vestibule at St. Ignatius? Sometimes it sits empty because it is waiting for *you* to help man it.
- ◆ It is now time to sign up for R.C.I.A., First Reconciliation & Eucharist, "A Family of Faith" and other sacraments and programs that begin in September.

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