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September 7, 2025 - **TWENTY-THIRD 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 PM, or
by appointment 503 -777-1491

Mass Livestream

Sunday 10:30 AM Mass
livestreamed weekly on
YouTube.

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St. Ignatius Parish Portland:

<https://www.youtube.com/@stignatiusparish-portland9572>

Wisdom from the Pews

Just three weeks ago, in the 12th chapter of Luke, Jesus had this to say: "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

And this Sunday, in the 14th chapter of Luke, Jesus appears to be doubling down on family division: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple..." Strong words for those of us who believe Jesus and the Christian faith are "pro-family."

These two weekends we bump into some tough and tricky Gospel passages that require us to apply a strong dose of context! These passages are meant to shock us and to force us to take a deeper look at our community connections (family, friends, groups, businesses, social media, nations, political parties, governments, and YES, even churches) to assess if we are building/participating in a "false community" or in an "authentic community" like the one Jesus modeled and was building as he walked on Earth some 2000 years ago.

"False community" is rooted in



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

division, independence, mistrust, blame, shame, indifference, apathy, violence.

"Authentic community" is rooted in connection, interdependence, belonging, trust, mercy, love, compassion, empathy, and radical non-violence.

"False community" cares primarily about protecting itself, its power and its image.

"Authentic community" cares only about protecting the most vulnerable no matter the cost, including losing all of your power (sometimes that cost is a cross equaling powerlessness: "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple...").

"False community" cares that only the loudest or most powerful voices are heard.

"Authentic community" cares that ALL voices are heard.

Jesus came to root out and destroy not families, but to dismantle and destroy false communities. And Jesus did not come to dismantle and destroy those false communities by violent force, but instead to build and model "authentic community" rooted in relationships of mutual concern for each other so that people will be drawn to the Light of these communities by the fruit (of the Spirit) they produce.

"Authentic community" holds the life and soul of every human being as



PARISH PROGRAMMING

Wisdom from the Pews

(Continued)

sacred and worth caring for. “Authentic community” does not cancel people, but instead forgives them and invites them again and again into a deeper and more authentic relationship of mutual love and trust.

Disconnection is a plague on our society in this moment of history. And many peddlers of “false community” (some sadly claiming to be “Christian”) are attempting to lure us into their fake “communities” built upon the mutual hatred and scapegoating of others. The antidote to this plague, and our path to discipleship with Jesus, is the building of “authentic community.” Community rich in meaningful connections, built around an ever-increasing table of belonging for all, especially the most vulnerable in our world.

Mac Chester is the Deacon at St. Ignatius Church

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>

Registration deadline is TODAY!!!



Reconciliation & Holy Eucharist

Registration is available online for children in the 2nd grade.

<https://www.sipdx.org/first-reconciliation-and-eucharist>

Registration is now open!



Confirmation for students in grade 7-12

Course will include:

- An at home “Called to Mercy” online curriculum.
- 2 Saturday retreats.
- 5 Sunday morning classes.

Opening retreat:

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Register online at: <https://www.sipdx.org/high-school-confirmation>

Mass Intentions

Mon, September 8

† Carl Rookhuizen

Tue, September 9

† Anna Chat Pham

Wed, September 10

† Anna Tinh Nguyen

Thu, September 11

† Judy Earnest

Fri, September 12

† Maria Le Nguyen



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](https://www.sipdx.org/baptism)

Next dates:

October 11, 2025

November 8, 2025



Do you want to become Catholic?

At St. Ignatius, OCIA classes, run from September through May. Rooted in Ignatian Spirituality, these classes support each individual's unique journey of faith. Visit our website at: <https://www.sipdx.org/adult-confirmation>.



PARISH LIFE

Mass Readings

Mon, September 8
Micah 5:1-4a
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Tue, September 9
Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 6:12-19

Wed, September 10
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 6:20-26

Thu, September 11
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 6:27-38

Fri, September 12
1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14
Luke 6:39-42

Sat, September 13
1 Timothy 1:15-17
Luke 6:43-49

Sun, September 14
Numbers 21:4b-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Transformational Retreat in Everyday Life

The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) Puget Sound is a 9-month retreat format of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius that goes from September through May. It is a dynamic program of prayer, monthly communal retreat mornings and individual spiritual direction. SEEL will offer 3 options to experience the retreat in 2025-2026 – a mostly in-person retreat held at St. Joseph in Seattle, a mostly in-person retreat at Bellarmine Prep in Tacoma, and an online retreat for those unable to meet in person. SEEL is accepting applications now for the program starting in late September and offers the retreat at no set fee so that all who are accepted can participate. SEEL offers a gentle structure to help you experience God's love and discern God's call in your life. Join us on this transforming pilgrim journey! For more information, please see our website at www.seelpugetsound.org

Need help???

Do you know someone who might be food insecure or needs help paying rent or utility bills? The St. Vincent de Paul Portland Council accepts requests for assistance at 503-235-8431. Requests from our neighborhood are then forwarded to our SVdP pantry that delivers food to those in need on Saturday mornings.



You can help by bringing non-perishable food donations to the vestibule before Masses or making a cash donation through Realm Connect. Your support is much appreciated.

Contact us at svdp@sipdx.org if you have any questions.



Wine & Cheese Gathering!

You're invited to stay after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, September 13 for a Wine & Cheese Gathering! This event is hosted by parishioners John Muench and Libby Drumm. No RSVP needed!



Yarn

If you always wanted to learn how to knit or crochet but never find the time?



If you already know how to knit or crochet but don't have even an hour weekly to do so? OR

If you would be willing to teach someone the finer points of either skill? Please join us for an hour after the 10:30 mass on September 14th (11:30-12:30) at the Upstairs, Fireplace room in the Parish Office. Bring your own project or contact Maureen at (206) 889-7820 about materials.

Masks are welcome but not required. Any age, any level of skill welcome!

Spirituality of Aging

This group, meant for parishioners over the age of 60, explores the newness of growing older, from relationship to self-perception, from our experience of world to our spiritual growth.

Meets Third Thursdays at 10AM in the parish office dining room. Next meeting will be September 18th. Coffee and snacks to follow at 11AM. Contact Grace at gbyrd@sipdx.org if you would like to be added to the mailing list.



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about planned giving options at St. Ignatius Parish, please see the “[Ways to Give](#)” page on our website or [contact Fr. San](#).

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



July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Church tithing	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
Aug 4-10, 2025	12,460	8,033	155%
Month to August	23,534	40,165	59%
YTD	62,823	585,000	11%

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 take care of 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 70^{1/2} 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.



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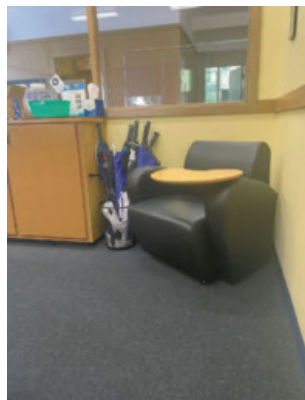
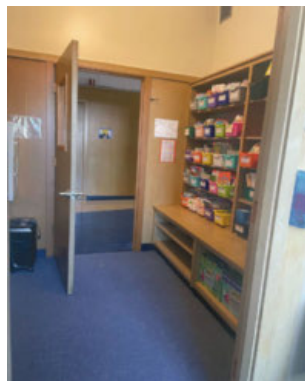
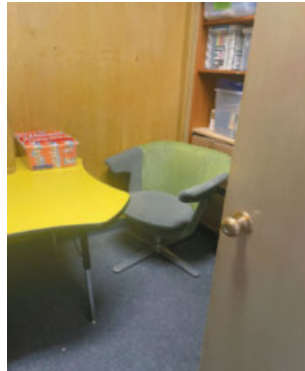
*We, the community of St. Ignatius School,
in the tradition of Mother Marie Rose and St. Ignatius of Loyola,
provide a faith-centered Catholic education guiding God's children
toward building a just and compassionate world.*

We are beyond excited to enter another year of amazing learning opportunities! This school year's theme is: **"Companions on the Journey."** We hope you will join us in becoming companions with all of the needy in our broken world as we remain committed to building a just and compassionate world for all.



We have been busy with maintenance and building upgrades this summer. All of our school classrooms and offices were outfitted with new locking door knobs with funding from an Archdiocese Safety Grant. We installed new carpet into our office, staff room, counseling-learning support space, the principal's office, and a closet space using remnant carpet rolls we had after we carpeted several classrooms last summer. We replaced

entry carpeted mats for both school entry doors. In addition, our classroom floors, carpets, and rugs have been cleaned and polished ready to welcome students back for another year of joyful learning.



We are blessed to welcome several talented new staff members to our community. David Quinn joins us teaching 3rd grade. Hannah Green is teaching 4th grade. And Darby Granberry is taking the lead as our 5th grade teacher. With an expanded preschool this year as we became a Preschool for All site, we have hired more preschool staff. Benny Rodriguez will join us, and we are finishing the hiring process for one more preschool staff member at this time. All of our new staff members are highly qualified and tremendously talented. Please show them a warm St. Ignatius welcome when you meet them in the coming months.

We wish to send out a tremendous thank you to several of our school and parish families that came back to campus throughout the summer to water our plants and the garden planter boxes. The campus looks vibrant and alive from their efforts.

Our St. Ignatius School Foundation's golf tournament on Saturday, September 6 at Stone Creek Golf Club in Oregon City was a fun, community-building event. We are blessed that the Foundation will split the

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proceeds from this year's golf tournament 50/50 between the Foundation's endowment fund and school.

As we begin in earnest to learn and grow together, may we always know God is always with us. **"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom,"** 2 Corinthians 3:17.

Carol Pausz

Principal

St. Ignatius School

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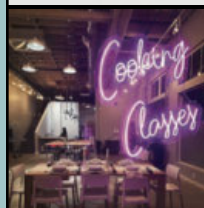
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