



St. Ignatius Catholic Church

OREGON'S JESUIT PARISH

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January 25, 2026 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
	10:30 AM
	7:00 PM
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 26
In honor Clare Bohnett
Tue, January 27
† Annette
Wed, January 28
† Peter
Thu, January 29
† Annette
Fri, January 30
† Peter

Wisdom from the Pews

I have long wondered how today's Gospel story continues for Zebedee's wife after James and John **"immediately leave their boat and their father"** to follow Jesus. I imagine her looking over her husband's shoulder for her **"sons of thunder"** when Zebedee returns home. Perhaps she has been waiting for fish from her boisterous men to cook over the fire she has ready, table already set. What word from her husband could possibly explain her sons' opening their hands, dropping their nets and leaving without saying goodbye after exchanging a few brief words with a passing Galilean? Could any suffice?



Isaiah 8:23—9:3
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23



When we see her next, circumstances have changed. She is on her knees before Christ, asking him to grant her boys seats to his left and to his right in his kingdom (Mt 20:30). The other disciples see her and her sons as arrogant, no doubt whispering in corners about the haughty, overbearing mother. Some writers have suggested that if James and John were the "sons of thunder" perhaps their mother WAS the thunder!

That she is bold enough to make this request surely points to a deep relationship with Christ. How did this happen? Did her confusion and curiosity, anger and desire, cause her to cover her head, take a bit of bread and leave her home to seek out this man who stole her sons away? What then did she witness? Did she know him instantly as her sons did, or was it after she saw the miracles, the healings?

It must say something about her that she raised sons who were open to God's call, just as many mothers work to do today. And still her story does not end with them. For as the disciples hide in despair, as Peter, the rock of our church, denies Jesus, this woman stays true. This woman believes enough to follow Jesus to the cross, **"ministering to him"** (Mt 27:55). This woman loves enough to mother Christ's body before burial, and likely stands by Mary's side in her darkest hour. Perhaps she is Mary's friend in the deep way that women sometimes are to one another, holding fast in the midst of suffering.

PARISH PROGRAMMING

Wisdom from the Pews (Cont.)

Zebedee's wife may not be named in Scripture, but she lived a holy life. May we do the same, knowing that whether or not we are "named" by the world, we are certainly known by God, our light and our salvation.

Tanya Rybarczyk is a Catholic writer and speaker, and volunteers with the St. Ignatius OCIA and Women's Group. She and her family usually attend the 10:30 Mass.

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:

- May 9, 2026

- June 13, 2026



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 Companioning or Spiritual Direction track will be determined with the participants and the instructors.

INSIGHT offers a five-fold "star" of spiritual development and direction, and includes:

- Ignatian Spirituality and The Spiritual Exercises, including Guidelines for The Discernment of Spirits, participation in a 19th Annotation Retreat, familiarity with the Annotations that start Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises, and The New Spiritual Exercises in the spirit of Teilhard de Chardin
- The Franciscan Tradition, including the life and work of Ss. Francis and Clare, the creation of a personal rule of life, an approach to the created world as sibling, and the development of a one's personal calling as a friend of the marginalized
- The Carmelites, including The Dark Night of the Soul and The Interior Castle, the Ascent of Mt. Carmel as a model for spiritual development, and the practice of John of the Cross' dictum that "El centro del alma es dios" (The center of the soul is God)
- Women Mystics, drawing on the writings of women mystics throughout the ages, including Julian of Norwich, Theresa of Avila, the Beguines, Thérèse de Lisieux, Catherine of Siena, Evelyn Underhill, Cynthia Bourgeault, Joan Chittister, and more
- Psychology, including the Desert Fathers and Mothers, The Cloud of Unknowing, Thomas Merton, the work of Gerald May, Bruce Tallman's spiritual archetypes, the Drama Triangle, Family Systems Theory, and the Enneagram



Interested? Contact Joseph Byrd at jbyrd@sipdx.org

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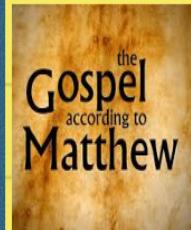
Monday to Thursday
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Back to School 3.1 Winter Classes

The Gospel of Matthew

A new year and a new look at Matthew!

Four sessions introducing this Gospel will be led by Cliff Yeary, author of several bible studies from Liturgical Press and Little Rock Scripture Study.



Meets Sundays from 1/18-2/8 in the parish office dining room.

IGNITE

Sessions will focus on the Women of the Bible and how they teach us to be in relationship with God, with others, and with ourselves.

Meets on Zoom from 5:30-6:30PM
1/18, 1/25 and 2/1 - Women from the Old Testament
4/19, 4/26, 5/3 - Women from the New Testament

Great Choral Masterworks

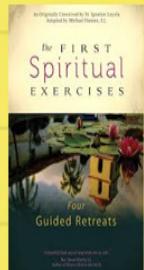
January 11th—Mendelssohn's Elijah
February 8th—Elgar's Dream of Gerontius
March 8th—Brahms' A German Requiem
April 12th—Vivaldi's Gloria
May 10th—Mozart's Requiem

This series is led by Joseph Byrd
Meets in the church at 9:15AM

Spiritual Exercises Short Retreat

Join Deacon Mac for a retreat to foster inner peace centered in God's divine love on Sundays, 1/11-2/8 from 12-1:30.

Contact Deacon Mac to register -
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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](#).

2025 Giving Statements

Your 2025 Giving Statements are now available. 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 Statement.

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



July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Church tithe	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
January 5 - 11, 2026	9,269	11,383	81%
Month of January	19,061	45,530	42%
Year-to-Date	300,781	585,000	51%



ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL

Spread the word about our wonderful school. We will host our Open House after Mass on Sunday, January 25th from 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM. Families interested in sending their children to our school for the 2026-2027 school year will be able to take a tour and meet the teachers. **Tuition assistance is available** through an In-Parish Tuition Assistance Grant for parish families and through FACTS for families with financial need with some families qualifying for both forms of tuition assistance.



**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.**

Our eighth graders received their specialty student-designed St. Ignatius sweatshirts just in time for the chilly weather!



Our students have been busy during the month of January! Our preschoolers crafted adorable snowmen. Our second graders heard a story from Fr. San's visit to their classroom. In third grade, Fr. James brought in pictures of shepherds and talked with the students about the life of shepherds back in the time of Jesus. Our fourth graders wrote about being trapped in a snow globe. The fifth graders wrote about the origin of their names. The sixth graders visited the elderly at Courtyard Mt. Tabor and decorated the Transition lunch bags. The seventh graders created scenes about the conversion of Saint Paul. After studying kinematics (motion and forces), the 8th graders applied their knowledge by designing balloon carts to see who could get theirs to travel the furthest. Our students enjoy so many fun hands-on learning opportunities!



As we prepare to welcome new families to our school this weekend, I am grateful and delighted to share this wonderful St. Ignatius community with others. May we live as Jesus taught us through the Beatitudes blessed to be companions on the journey as children of God.

Carol Pausz
Principal

Our **Aspire, Believe, Celebrate** school auction will take place on **Saturday, April 18, 2026**. We need to solicit **sponsors** and procure items. If you know of a business willing to sponsor our auction or **donate** an item, please use this linked form or direct them to our school office.



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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