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September 13, 2026 - **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Sirach 27:30—28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Throughout my life, I've mostly thought of forgiveness as an external act. We forgive our neighbor, God forgives us, a creditor forgives a debtor. They're all one performing the act on another.

When someone hurts us, it can feel like a debt. The hurt they inflicted takes away our time, our energy, our livelihoods, and our capability to be human. We want the person who hurt us to also lose something to make up the difference. Yet while a mutual loss can be just, God is not in the business of creating a world of perpetual loss. He wants us to do beautiful things, and he calls us to hug the healing when we are hurt, instead of hugging the wrath and the anger.

Jesus wasn't calling us to be the type of people who go through each relationship we have and tally the amount of times we've forgiven. He wants us to be the people who forgive a single person seventy-seven times (or more depending on the translation you read), regardless of the wrong. When we are the kind of people who thrive on letting go of the debts others incur against us, we'll find we want to continue forgiving far past seventy-seven times, too.

But forgiveness is also something we need to do to ourselves, it's internal too. We build up that same debt inside ourselves. The person we are can want to inflict hurt upon the person we were. After all, we often create the guilt and shame we carry.

Self-forgiveness is one of the hardest things I've had to learn. I've stuck myself into years of guilt, shame, and

isolation, as I felt like life was full of either remembering a fault or committing a new one.

When I was in these times, I had to ask "When do I give up on forgiving myself?" Because when I'm so wrong, God and the people who love me have to give up eventually, right? I should be giving up then, too. When are they done with me? Is it seventy-seven faults?

I think Jesus would say, it's seventy-seven times seventy-seven, and then he'll square that number if I ask again. I am called to forgive myself, too. When I can let go of my shame, I can be a person who gives and receives love. I can be a person who is present for the people and God I love.

As I wrap up, there's a quote from the show *Andor*: A Star Wars Story that has helped me think of how we can take this reading into our lives. A character is being told the final message his mother gave him before she died, she said "Tell him... I love him more than anything he can ever do wrong."

When we live for the Lord, when we love one another as Christ loved us, we don't forgive a limited amount of the debts others and ourselves have built. We love and let



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

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday,
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Mass Intentions

Mon, September 14

† All Souls

Tue, September 15

† Clara Mellon

Wed, September 16

† Phil Henry

Thur, September 17

† Jim Emig

Fri, September 18

† Nestor Gayomali

ourselves be loved more than we can ever do wrong.

Ethan Zimmerman is a Mechanic in Biotech who has been at St. Ignatius since the start of 2026. He typically attends the 10:30am Mass.

BACK TO SCHOOL - FALL '26



Immigration: The People of God on the Move



What causes people to leave their homeland? How does our Catholic faith provide insight about how we respond to the displaced? Join Fr. Shane Liesegang, SJ, for a class and conversation about immigration on Thursday, Sep. 17, 2026, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the St. Ignatius School Library.

Catholic Social Teaching Series

Education Ministry at St. Ignatius is about telling your stories. Your story helps us read the signs of the times in the light of the Gospel and discern how God is at work in our lives and in the world today.

As Dr. Marshall Ganz reminds us, your story is not a script. It is personal. It is emotional. It comes forth from your own experiences. By sharing our stories and listening with open hearts, we grow together in faith and practice a synodal way of proceeding: listening, discerning, and responding to the Holy Spirit.

A foundational focus of our gatherings is Catholic Social Teaching and Pope Leo XIV's encyclical Magnifica Humanitas. These provide a starting point for parishioners to come together, reflect on our shared faith, and discuss our role as Catholics imbued by social teaching in the world today.

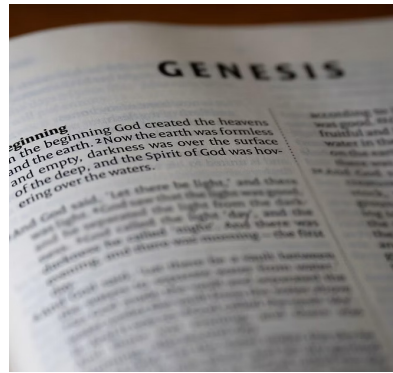
This Fall's sessions include:

- October 4 - Catholic Social Teaching and Self: A Way of Being in the World
- October 18 - Catholic Social Teaching and Us: Technology in Relationship with Humanity
- November 1 - Catholic Social Teaching and Now: The Dignity of Work and the Civilization of Love.

All sessions meet from 11:45 AM to 2:00 PM at Dillon Hall. A light lunch will be provided.



The Book of Genesis



Deepen your understanding of the Bible.

This class, offered by Cliff Yeary, meets weekly in the Bradley Room of the Parish Office from 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM on Sundays, November 8, 15, and 22. Contact Cliff at cliffyeary1@gmail.com

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 every Third Thursdays, beginning in September, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (followed by a time for coffee and snacks) in the parish office Conference room. Contact Grace at gbyrd@sipdx.org

Men's Contemplative Group



Join us for 90 minutes of sharing, contemplative reflection, and encouragement as we explore what it means to be both a contemplative and a man in the world today, how that "stance" is one that can shift both our own lives and the lives of others. Contact Joseph at jbyrd@sipdx.org



Marriage Enrichment Class

This 4-class series focuses on understanding conflict in relationship. Combining therapeutic tools with group wisdom, the class hopes to promote compassion and improved communication in relationship. Meets 11/1, 12/6, 1/3, and 2/7, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM. Registration required. Contact Grace at gbyrd@sipdx.org



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First Reconciliation & Holy Eucharist

**Registration Deadline:
September 20, 2026**

Registration available online for children in the 2nd through 5th grade at <https://www.sipdx.org/first-reconciliation-and-eucharist>

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>. If you would like to learn more, contact Grace Byrd: gbyrd@sipdx.org

Yarn: Please join us after the 10:30 Mass on September 13 (11:30-1:00) in the Fireplace Room in the Parish Office. Bring your own project or contact Maureen at (206) 889-7820 about materials.

Prayer Ministry

Do you ever wonder who prays for all of the prayer requests you submit at the back of the church? That's us, and we would love for you to join us in praying for our fellow parishioners!

If you are interested in praying with us, please join us for a kickoff meeting on September 20 in the Upper Room in the Parish Office after the 8:00am Mass.



De-escalation Training

On September 26 from 1:30-4:30pm in the Bradley Room in the parish office, the Social Action ministry will host a de-escalation training. Members of the Portland Peace Team will lead a workshop on the CLARA (Center, Listen, Affirm, Respond, Add Information) method to equip participants with non-violent de-escalation skills. CLARA is the gold standard of nonviolent intervention and is used by organizations around the world. This training will focus on using CLARA to reduce the risk of violence at public events, but it can be adapted to many situations in everyday life. Please join us in helping to create a more peaceful world! Space is limited, so please register to attend here: <https://forms.gle/Ru9j5aWGwtTjU5fT9>

Women's Group

Join us on September 20 after the 10:30am Mass for our monthly discussion group meeting.

We will meet in the Bradley Room in the basement of the Parish Office for a presentation on what chaplains do. Bring your friends, bring snacks, or just bring yourself.

All women are welcome!



COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS



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](#).



From July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Church tithing	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
Aug 24-30, 2026	8,863	11,158	79%
Month of August	57,545	59,632	97%
Full Year	102,210	637,000	16%

Make a Year-end Donation to St. Ignatius!

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity such as St. Ignatius Parish. By making a charitable IRA rollover, you can support our parish, help sustain our mission, and continue caring for our beautiful church.

You may transfer up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to St. Ignatius Parish without paying income tax on the distribution, provided the transfer qualifies as a QCD.

To qualify:

- You must be age 73 or older.
- The transfer must be made directly from your IRA to St. Ignatius Parish.

Please consult your tax or financial advisor to determine whether a Qualified Charitable Distribution is right for you. If you have questions or need assistance with making a transfer, please contact the parish office.

We need your help!

Our food pantry is low on food and your weekly contributions matter.



We are experiencing a shortage due to several reasons. SNAP or food stamps have been severely cut thus leaving people with little food as the price of food has soared. Oregon Food Bank is also experiencing a severe cut in free and low cost food for us to access thus leaving us with the task of purchasing higher priced food. These are not short term changes. Both of have impacted our ability to serve the poor and food dependent people in our area.

Please prayerfully consider donating each week. The containers are located in the south east corner of the vestibule, under the stairs.



Support Foster Youth

Every year, nearly 1,000 youth in the state of Oregon age out of the foster care system. According to the National Foster Youth Institute between 31% and 46% of former foster youth will experience homelessness at least once by the time they reach age 26.



Launch Boxes

We can help these young people get off to a good start by giving them a "Launch Box." The boxes provide them with a few basic necessities as they transition out on their own for the first time. Launch Boxes are given to the young adult by a Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) worker as a tangible and practical gift from the community.



Our Parish hopes to start collecting items in September. Keep an eye out for the list of essential items and extra items needed to fill the box.

You will be able to pick up tags listing the desired items in the alcove, and then return the purchased items to the bins. Notes of encouragement are also accepted!



Thank you and may God bless you!



We are beyond excited to welcome back our students and enter another year of amazing learning opportunities! This year's theme is: "Choose love. Choose to serve." We hope you will join us in choosing to share Christ's love through service to one another and our local community as we work to build a more just and compassionate world for all.



In conjunction with our annual theme, we select a prayer to focus on for the year too. Here is this year's theme prayer:

God without borders, help us to take a step closer to our brothers and sisters.

Wherever they originally are from, we are all headed towards You, help us travel this one road together. Give us the ability to welcome and to serve as you would today, even if our steps are local, let our hearts be filled with a love of the global. Today we choose you, we choose life, we choose to be with others and to be for others, thanking you for the chance to serve.

We are blessed to welcome several talented new staff members to our community. Jenny Rast and Pani Wilson have joined our preschool team. Kellee Capri is our new Kindergarten assistant. And Sofia Leggio is teaching catechesis for students in our intermediate and middle school grades as well as middle school technology. 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 are pleased to share that our Under One Roof project has finished with the new roof on Dillon Hall. With the added insulation we are already noticing a big difference in the building's ability to stay cool even during warm weather! We are so blessed to have a generous community. Thank you all for your part in this tremendous accomplishment.



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.

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

Our *Groove Our Way to \$50k* Jog-a-thon fundraiser is underway. Please consider making a donation to the school for this event. You can donate through Realm or by check to the school. Thank you for supporting hands-on learning in our school.

Carol Pausz
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