



Second Sunday of Advent

St. Ignatius Catholic Church

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 8:00 AM

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Sunday at 7:00 PM

Weekdays (M-F) 8:00 AM

At LIC—La Storta Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays -

3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

OR by appointment

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Pastoral Council



The goal of the Pastoral Council is to enhance the quality of parish life. We aid the pastor in identifying the pastoral needs of the community, develop a plan for

the parish's programs and services and evaluate their effectiveness. If you have feedback or ideas to share, please contact any of the Pastoral Council members directly or email :

pastoralcouncil@sipdx.org

December 8, 2024

Wisdom from the Pews

Advent is the time of year when God sends us to the desert for a while to prepare for Christmas. Today's scripture is a reminder that He will always call us back to "take off the garment of [our] sorrow and affliction ... and put on the beauty of the glory from God."

We often learn life's most important lessons in the desert. I grew up in the Portland area, but after I graduated from college, God called me to the desert in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He called me to a place far away from my friends and family to strengthen my faith and to teach me lessons that I desperately needed to learn.

When I entered the desert, I measured my worth based on how other people saw me instead of on how God saw me. I allowed others to use me how they saw fit, instead of following the desires that the Lord placed in my heart. I was afraid to use my voice. My time in the desert pushed me to a breaking point, and God was there to put me back together. He taught me to use my voice with confidence, and he reassured me of my identity as His beloved child.

He led me to a church community that would love me and care for me. He showed me how to use the gifts He had given me to shine a light in this world. Through these experiences, I learned to lean on God in a way that I never had before. I was no longer the same person who entered the desert because God had transformed me.

After four years in Albuquerque, the Lord called me back to my hometown to build a new life close to my family. My life has changed in many ways since that time, and sometimes the old fears creep back into my heart during times of stress and uncertainty. But now I know how to face those fears, by relying on God's unfailing love and support to carry me through.

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Wisdom from the Pews continued from page one:

God never calls us into the desert without a purpose that is for our good. And He always calls us back to serve Him better with our lives, as He did with John the Baptist (Luke 3:1-6). Let us experience this Advent season with open hearts, confident that the God who loves us has led us to this place and has great plans for our future.

Holly Patronite is a software engineer and has been a member of St Ignatius since 2023. She is on the Parish Council and sings with the choir at the 10:30 Mass.



Please prayerfully consider writing a reflection by signing up at <https://bit.ly/wisdomfromthepews>



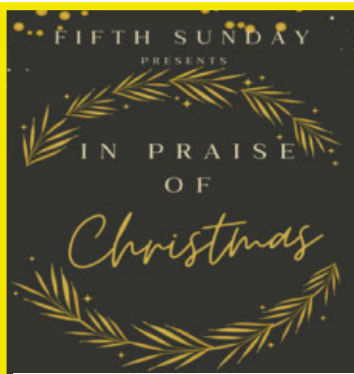
**This year on
December 9, 2024 we will celebrate
the Holy Day of the
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Masses are at 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM**

HOLIDAY POTLUCK-Senior History Group: on Dec. 12 at noon.

Asmus Club House: 12260 SE Main Street; SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT & GIFT EXCHANGE- PLEASE call Judi at 971-344-3055 if you have not attended before for details.

All are welcome, come & join in on the FUN & FELLOWSHIP

The **Senior History Group** are growing & enjoy "our history" every month with good food & fellowship.



Fifth Sunday
presents a FREE
Advent Concert
for everyone!
(Donation of canned
goods is appreciated)
**December 10, 2024 at
7:30 PM** in the church.



**Advent Penance
Service
is at 7:00 PM
December 12th in the
church**

Lessons and Carols Join us for the Festival of Lessons and Carols, Tues., **December 17 at 7pm** in the church. Join Joseph and Grace Byrd, Kate Power, and the St. Ignatius Parish Choir as we share a variety of music, inviting you to bask in the splendor of the season, in word and in song, as we enjoy the waning days of Advent together. This is a free event, and your donations toward our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will be most welcome.



Mass Readings

Mass Readings for Dec 8, 2024

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6



Mass Readings for Dec 15, 2024

Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18



Invitation to join in Prayer for Peace: Therese Fenzl, the St. Ignatius funeral coordinator invites you to 27 days of prayer, a triple novena inspired by Walter Ciszek, SJ, who spent 23 years in prisons in Russia. Join Therese in praying for peace in our own hearts, our country, and our world, starting November 27 and ending on December 23rd, at 6:30pm every day via Zoom. The prayer sessions will last about 15 minutes each. Join Therese in as many as work for you. Please email her at tfenzl@themadeleine.edu if you are interested in joining, or if you have any questions.

Around the Archdiocese: The *Holy League Catholic Men's Conference* is an annual event that calls men to unite in prayer and spiritual combat. Held under the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima, St. Joseph, and St. Michael the Archangel, this conference aims to equip men with the spiritual tools to protect their souls and the souls of their families. Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024 Time: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM Location: St. Joseph Catholic Church, Salem, Oregon Sign-up at: <https://theholyleague.org> If you have any questions David Norman at 503-407-2444

New Year's Eve Ball Join us for a magical evening at the New Year's Eve Ball, open to everyone ages 14 and up!
When: Tuesday, December 31st, 7–10 PM **Where:** Carmody Hall, Saint Stephen Catholic Church **Admission:** \$20 per person
Dress Code: Formal attire Celebrate the arrival of 2024 with dancing, music, and fellowship! **Location:** Saint Stephen Catholic Church Carmody Hall 1112 SE 41st Ave., Portland, OR 97214 (**Lessons available** before hand, contact J.B. Maguire for details at saintstephenpdx.com)

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling couples regain and renew the life and health of their marriage. The program is highly successful in saving hurting or even broken marriages and bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Join Oregon Retrouvaille as we host a working weekend for couples struggling in their marriages by couples who have been there in the struggle. Come **January 31-February 2, 2025** at Canby Grove Retreat Center in Canby, Oregon. For confidential information or to register for the program call 1-503-225-9191 or email: portland@retrouvaille.org or visit us at Helpourmarriage.org

Pancake Breakfast: We are excited to let you know about a returning parish-school event. Once a month, after the 10:30 AM Family Mass, we will host a Pancake Breakfast in Dillion hall for all school families and parishioners starting at 11:30 AM on Sunday, September 29. Each month a different school group will assist in hosting the Pancake Breakfast. Families will be able to work together to cook and serve the pancakes. Please mark your calendars to participate in these community building, memory making events. Here are the dates and hosting schedule for this school year:



(Open House) **Sunday, January 26th**, 11:30 AM = 4th, 7th, 8th gr. Hosts **Sunday, February 23rd**, 11:30 AM = Kinder & 3rd gr. Hosts **Sunday, April 27th**, 11:30 AM = 1st & 5th gr. Hosts **Sunday, May 18th**, 11:30 AM = preschool, 2nd, & 6th gr. hosts



St Vincent de Paul You can help by **bringing non-perishable food donations to the Masses on the weekends and placing your donation under the stairwell in the vestibule**, or making a cash donation through Realm Connect. Your support is much appreciated. Contact us at svdp@sipdx.org if you have any questions.

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.



WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS

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

New to St. Ignatius Parish?

Register by dropping a "Welcome" card in the offering basket with your information,

or visit us online at <http://www.sipdx.org/about>

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.

Our preschoolers were in charge of preparing the Transition Lunches this week. What fun they had decorating 80 paper bags and filling them with lunch treats! In first grade, read *As the Crow Flies*, a picture book helping the students to understand they are many parts of one body. Our third grade students were hands-on ichthyologists this week as they dissected salmon in class. The sixth graders spent time in small groups reviewing vocabulary for an upcoming middle school academic vocabulary competition.



Students left out their shoes for the **Feast of St. Nicholas** on Friday. Santa's elves made a quick trip through the school to leave a small treat for all of our students including a prayer card for St. Nicholas, chocolate coins, stickers, candy cane, and an orange.



Our **school auction** will take place on **Saturday, March 1, 2025** during **Mardi Gras** season. Our school auction will be called **Aspire, Believe, Celebrate**. Our theme reflects our school's mission in that we **Aspire** to develop students committed to building a just and compassionate world for all. **Believe** in our students' gifts and talents. **Celebrate** our students' accomplishments along the way. With an earlier auction date, we need to solicit **sponsors** and procure items. If you know of a business or have a business, we

have many sponsorship levels for our auction. Please consider supporting our school's mission through our largest fundraiser for the year, our school auction.

As we move with great hope into unshakeable faith during the second week of Advent, may we embrace the words of Paul in his letter to the Romans, "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," Romans 15:5-6.

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, exist to give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As an apostolate of the Church, Catholic Schools minister the salvation of Jesus Christ, exercising His mission to teach (Mt. 28:19-20) by providing Mission Passionate Catholic Education.

Thank you,
Carol Pausz, Principal



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Listening Devices The parish has ordered four new assisted listening devices. If you would benefit from these devices, please pick one up in the sacristy before Mass. There is a clipboard for you to sign out a device. Please kindly return the device to the sacristy at the end of Mass and indicate that you have returned it on the sign-out sheet.

TOY DRIVE -- Oregonians can make Christmas and the holiday season joyful and memorable for struggling families by giving to Catholic Charities' annual toy drive. We use an Amazon wish list to collect most of our donations, and the donation period runs from **now until Dec. 15**. We invite you to consider using Amazon to purchase a gift valued at about \$30. By scanning the QR code or using the link below, you can order from our gift list online at Amazon, who will deliver the items to the Catholic Charities office. Gifts ordered online should be set to arrive no later than Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1M7QH4LTM0J3G>



Taizé prayer service Sarah Faux, our 5 and 7pm cantor and musician, invites you to a **Taizé prayer service** at St. Agatha, 7983 SE 15th Avenue in Sellwood, on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 6pm. It will be an evening of contemplative music, prayer, and silence.

Benevity is a mobile application available for smartphones used by workplaces to track volunteer hours for matching with charitable organizations. If your workplace uses Benevity, you can designate St. Ignatius Church or St. Ignatius School as your charity.



Make a year-end donation to St. Ignatius. 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 2024 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 70½ 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 consideration.

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.



Church tithing	July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025		
	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
Nov 11-17	9,163	11,250	81%
Month of Nov	32,245	45,000	72%
YTD	188,311	560,000	34%

Thank you, for also supporting other funds like our Campus renewal/Bldg., St. Vincent de Paul, School, Novena and more! May you be blessed abundantly for your generosity!

8:00AM Weekday Mass Intentions †

Please keep in your prayers

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| Monday | Dec 9 | † Immaculate Conception |
| Tuesday | Dec 10 | † Bill & Margaret Regele |
| Wednesday | Dec 11 | † Wayne Crouch |
| Thursday | Dec 12 | † Bob Secolo |
| Friday | Dec 13 | † Louie Pieretti |



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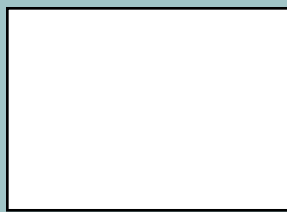
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