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Fourth Sunday of Advent



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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 :

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December 22, 2024

## Wisdom from the Pews

At St. Ignatius, we have a life-sized version of the Nativity scene. The one that my family puts up annually under the tree is much smaller. In France, during the latter part of the 13<sup>th</sup> century, their Nativity scenes included other figures called "little saints" (*santons*). A family's *crèche* display might include such "little saints" as the local baker, the farmer, the seamstress, the priest, the banker, and all the villagers.

When I studied philosophy in Chicago, as soon as my final papers were turned in, I would rush downtown to visit the Art Institute of Chicago Museum. There, every year during the holiday season, the museum displays its 18th century Neapolitan version of the French *crèche* with "little saints." See the photo I took in 2013. The upper register of the *crèche* contains the main characters of the Nativity—the Holy Family (Mary, Joseph, and Jesus) and the Three Wise Men, along with angels and shepherds. Surrounding them are scenes of Neapolitan daily life, including a raucous tavern, a bucolic pasture, and a street crowded with vendors. These are the *santons* from all walks of life who make life possible for the citizens of Naples.

St. Ignatius of Loyola, in the *Spiritual Exercises*, invites us to imagine ourselves in the biblical scene. This Christmas, as you look at our Christmas *crèche* in the church or your *crèche* at home, imagine yourself as part of this scene. But also imagine who else would be present for the birth of Emmanuel (God-with-



Us). I imagine my deceased relatives—my grandparents, my godfather, and others who have passed on. I imagine Jesuits, living and dead, who have incarnated God's love for me.

Continued >>>

## Wisdom from the Pews continued from page one:

I imagine the amazing parish staff I am blessed to have as companions in mission. I imagine the volunteers who generously devote their gifts and talents to serve in the various ministries at our parish. I imagine the newest members of our parish. I imagine the families we've hosted at Tibbetts House. I imagine family and friends at a distance, especially those who reveal to me the presence and love of God made flesh through their friendship. And, I imagine all of you. Who do you imagine to be with you around the crèche?

St. Francis of Assisi was on to something back in 1223, when he instituted the reality of a manger scene. The French were on to something in inviting people to put "little saints" along with the biblical characters in the Nativity scene. St. Ignatius was on to something when he invited us to imagine ourselves in this biblical scene. What they were on to was the mystery of God encountered in human flesh and blood. So let Carolyn Winfrey Gillette's words remind us:

In this time of celebration, may we show what life can be,  
as we care for God's creation, as we serve the Prince of Peace.  
Seeking justice everywhere, lifting burdens others bear,  
may we gladly serve and pray—knowing why we live this way:  
in one little baby's birth, God knelt down to love the earth.

From your St. Ignatius Pastoral Staff to each and every one of you (our Faith Family), may the blessings of this Christmas Season be yours in abundance.



*Fr. San*

## CHRISTMAS MASSES: DECEMBER 24 & 25

Please join us for the celebration of  
the Nativity of the Lord.  
The schedule for Christmas is as follows:

**Christmas Eve. - Tuesday December 24, 2024**  
**4:00PM (Family Mass) & 8:00PM (Evening Mass)**

**Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25, 2024**  
**8:00AM and 10:00AM**



## Mass Readings

### Mass Readings for Dec 22, 2024

Micah 5:1-4a  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45



### Mass Readings for Dec 29, 2024

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28  
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24  
Luke 2:41-52





**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

**WISDOM from the pews** 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. Follow this link to sign up: see Joseph Byrd with any questions ([jbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:jbyrd@sipdx.org)) or <https://bit.ly/wisdomfromthepews>



**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 register online at <http://www.sipdx.org/about>

**St Vincent de Paul**

The SVdP pantry is in need of volunteers to prepack food boxes on one Friday afternoon a month as well as one Saturday morning. These are two different volunteer opportunities. Contact us at [svdp@sipdx.org](mailto:svdp@sipdx.org) if interested.





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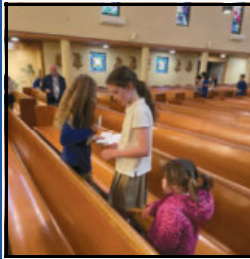
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We welcomed many grandparents and special friends to see the final rehearsal of our Christmas Program this past Thursday morning. The students' artwork adorned the evening's programs creating a special memento. Mr. MacKenzie and the students knocked it out of the park again this year with yet another fabulous Christmas Program! The student renditions of "The Advent Song" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth" were particularly touching. What a joy to celebrate the Advent season together!



Our students have fully embraced the season of Advent while serving, learning, and growing. Our preschool and 6th grade classes partner together periodically to update the church pews with fresh envelopes in service for our community.



The preschoolers created their own paper Christmas trees building their fine motor skills. The kindergarten students recreate the nativity adding their own creations right through Epiphany. Our first graders have been practicing their addition skills through Christmas tree addition. The second graders explored states of matter in science through a hands-on insulation lab along with



creating data graphs. The third graders learned to sew making felt stockings. Our fourth graders are studying chain reactions and studying the regions of Oregon. The fifth graders have been studying freshwater in the world experimenting with various types of simulated aquifers. The sixth graders wrote "Merry Christmas" greetings in the language of their home heritage and visited the elderly at Courtyard Mt. Tabor. The seventh graders wrote poems about Christmas and assembled the weekly sack lunches for Transition Projects to distribute to those in need in our local community. Lastly, the eighth graders recently enjoyed a field trip to the Portland Center Stage to see a production of Shakespeare's *12th Night*. Actors from Portland Center Stage



visited the class before their field trip to lead them through a workshop about the play. Our students truly enjoy engaging their eager minds, passionate hearts, and enthusiastic spirits!



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 through January. 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 prepare to head into 2025, please consider St. Ignatius School for any last minute tax deductible donations which may be made through Realm or with a check dropped off at the parish offices.

We are closed for Christmas break through January 3, 2025. We wish you all a blessed, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you," – Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

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Thank you!

Carol Pausz, Principal







As Catholics in this time of Advent, we reflect on hope for our world even when that hope can seem dim with climate change, political instability and more. St Ignatius parishioner Erika Moseson de Garzón is a lung doctor who hosts Air Health Our Health, a podcast on healthy



air, climate change and more. The Advent episode features Catholic Climate Covenant! Take a listen and learn how to incorporate climate change action into your faith.



**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.

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**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
Dec 2-8	11,705	13,000	90%
Month of Dec	21,825	65,000	34%
YTD	219,415	560,000	39%

*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 23 | † Jack Patrizio       |
| Tuesday   | Dec 24 | † Christmas Eve       |
| Wednesday | Dec 25 | † Christmas Day       |
| Thursday  | Dec 26 | † Patricia Obradovich |
| Friday    | Dec 27 | † Wayne Crouch        |



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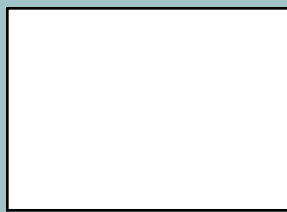
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