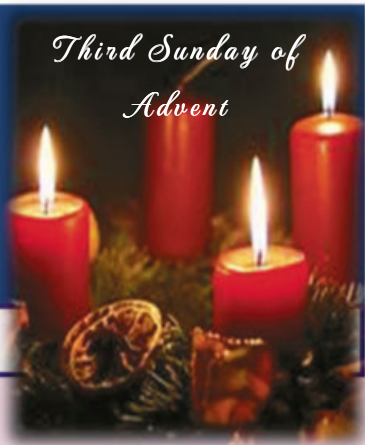




# St. Ignatius Catholic Church

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December 15, 2024



Third 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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## Wisdom from the Pews

Ah, Gaudete Sunday—when the Church dons rose-colored vestments, lights a pink candle, and asks us to “rejoice.” Pink is a power color: not just because it looks fabulous on Father. Pink is the color of hope, the in-between shade that’s not quite the solemnity of Advent purple nor the brilliant white of Christmas. It’s the color of *now and not yet*.

Yet, I’ll admit, rejoicing doesn’t come easy these days. War rages. The planet warms and thrashes. The news cycle churns out fresh heartbreak faster than we can process it. How, in the face of all this, do we find joy? The darkness feels so thick at times. St. Paul, writing to the Philippians from prison, knew that darkness. Yet, somehow, he found joy—not the naïve kind that ignores pain, but the fierce, prophetic joy that insists on hope.

Philippians is St. Paul’s love letter to joy. He writes, “*Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: Rejoice!*” (Phil 4:4). This from a man in chains! His circumstances hadn’t changed—Rome was still Rome, brutal and oppressive—but Paul had. Joy for him wasn’t tied to comfort or security. It came from knowing that Christ was near, that God was “among us” even in the mess. St. Paul’s joy was defiant, a thumb in the eye of despair.

In today’s Gospel, St. John the Baptist echoes that same stubborn hope. The crowds come to him, weary and searching, asking, “What should we do?” St. John doesn’t offer platitudes. Instead, he calls them to action: share what you have, stop exploiting others, practice integrity (Luke 3:10-14). It’s prophetic imagination in real time—a vision of a world where justice reigns and joy takes root.



This is the tension of Gaudete Sunday: *God is with us now, but not yet*. The pink candle burns against the backdrop of an Advent: pregnant with potential. It reminds us that the light has come, and we’re still waiting for its fullness. It calls us to rejoice in what *is*, even as we work toward what *will be*.

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## Wisdom from the Pews continued from page one:

So, what does this mean for us today? Maybe rejoicing means refusing to be indifferent. It means lighting a candle in the dark, not because it banishes the night entirely, but because it promises dawn. It means doing what St. John the Baptist said—sharing, loving, imagining a better world—because the very act of doing so testifies that the darkness doesn't get the final word.

Yes, pink is a power color. It is so because it dares to be hopeful. It's the color of prophets and prisoners who remind us to rejoice, not in ignorance of suffering, but in defiance of it.

This Gaudete Sunday, let's wear our pink with pride. Let's laugh, sing, share, and hope. Because Christ is near. And that is reason enough to rejoice.

**Nick Kockler**, Health Care Ethicist at Providence St. Joseph Health, Parish Member for 14 years, attending 10:30 am most of the time

**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>

The Lord your God is with you.  
He is mighty to save.  
He will take delight in you.  
He will quiet you with his love.  
He will rejoice over you with singing.  
*Zephaniah 3:17*



## Lessons and Carols

Join us for the Festival of Lessons and Carols, Tuesday, **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.



**Baptism for infant –up to age 7.** Parents that are registered in parish and attend Mass, prepare by participating in one of the Infant Baptism Preparation Sessions. (If your child is seven or older, there will be an additional session for you and your child.) We seek to provide a hospitable, small group setting for our sessions, so class size is limited. Sign up on our website: [sipdx.org/baptism](http://sipdx.org/baptism) Next Baptism dates are: **January 11, 2025 at 11AM, February 8, 2025 at 5PM Mass, May 10, 2025 at 11AM, June 14, 2025 at 5PM Mass**

## Mass Readings

### Mass Readings for Dec 15, 2024

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



### Mass Readings for Dec 22, 2024

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

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:tfenzl@themadeleine.edu) if you are interested in joining, or if you have any questions.



**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

**Journey through Advent** with Mater Dei Radio using the resources on the free Hail Mary Media app! Embrace stillness and silence through the new *Encountering Emmanuel* multimedia series – plus discover prayers and novenas, sacred music for the season, and Advent-themed local interviews. Just search "Hail Mary Media" in the app store to get started! <https://materdeiradio.com/prayer/advent-resources/>



**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](mailto: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.



**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.**



## WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS

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New to St. Ignatius Parish?  
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or register online at <http://www.sipdx.org/about>



## St Ignatius School



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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.*

Last Monday, we celebrated our Holy Mother Mary at our Immaculate Conception Mass led by our 2nd & 7th grade classes. Our students in 3rd-8th grade had the opportunity to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation recently with Fr. San, Fr. James, and two visiting Jesuit priests- Fr. Bill and Fr. Ryan. Students that are not Catholic are welcome to talk with a priest during this service to receive a blessing. Most of our students thoughtfully participated in the sacrament or received a blessing. We are thankful to our priests, parents and teachers for helping the students to prepare their hearts for Christmas during this Advent season.



We finished our second round of Renaissance Star standardized testing this week. We are so incredibly proud of the tremendous growth many of our students are showing in reading and math. We are grateful for our families supporting their students' schoolwork and study habits on the homefront. Our students have been working hard learning and growing this first trimester! Many of our families volunteered to support children experiencing homelessness or unstable housing through Christmas gift bags for the students at the Community Transition School. What a blessing to be able to serve those experiencing challenges in our local community!

The students have been busy learning about Advent along with plenty of academics. In preschool, the students worked on paper Advent wreaths. Our kindergarteners made beautiful glittery angels. In 1st grade, the students travel with bells on their shoes and their sparkling Christmas trees are adorning the hallway. Our 2nd grade class of singing reindeer on their hallway bulletin board is simply adorable.

Our 3rd graders released the salmon they studied and grew from eggs this weekend into a local river in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Our 4th graders are learning about fractions with fraction snowballs. The 5th grade students are learning to multiply decimals. The sixth grade students, with the help of our preschool class, changed out all of the church Mass books for the new liturgical year. The seventh graders are learning about Ghana in social studies. Lastly, our 8th grade students have been studying Newton's law of motion in science through a hands-on, cumulative balloon cart lab.

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.

Families, parishioners, and friends contributed to a successful [Giving Tuesday](#) to put a water bottle filler in the cafeteria in Dillon Hall. We have almost enough funds for this project and every bit helps us to be better stewards of the earth using fewer plastic water bottles. Giving to this project can be done at any time through our [Giving Tuesday](#) site, [Realm](#), or by a check mailed in or dropped off.

In this third week of Advent, may we revel in the joy this Gaudete Sunday *"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near,"* Philippians 4:4-5.

*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.*

Carol Pausz, Principal



**Giving Tree:** We are hosting a Giving Tree this year for the Tibbett's House, and for families who have recently moved from the Tibbett's House to more permanent housing. These families are refugee families who have newly arrived in the United States often with no belongings. Please consider helping one of these families by choosing a card (or 2 or 3) from our Giving Tree and donating the item on that card. Each card contains an item which will cost you between 20 and 50 dollars and will tremendously help one of these families. Cards and further instructions can be found in the alcove. There are 80 cards in total. Please help us commit to all 80 of them this weekend!





News headlines bombard us with facts about human-caused environmental degradation: [temperature rise](#), [endless droughts](#), [trash in the oceans](#), [extinction of species](#), and the list goes on. The subsequent news articles contain facts that intend to galvanize us to change our lives and economic systems to prevent environmental catastrophe. <https://thejesuitpost.org/2022/09/what-will-motivate-us-to-care-for-creation/>



**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 18-24	9,280	11,250	82%
Month of Nov	41,525	45,000	92%
YTD	197,590	560,000	35%

*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 16 | † Jim Emig           |
| Tuesday   | Dec 17 | † Maria Obradovich   |
| Wednesday | Dec 18 | † Vince Obradovich   |
| Thursday  | Dec 19 | † Peter Nguyen       |
| Friday    | Dec 20 | † Herb & Millie Emig |



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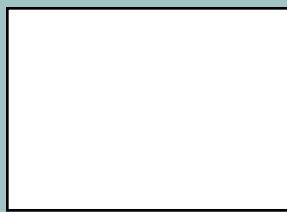
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