



ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 22, 2018

Who Is A Good Shepherd?

Dear Parishioners:

This is Good Shepherd weekend when the Church celebrates World Day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life. The homily will explain how the basic vocation given in Baptism “to love God with your whole heart, and your neighbor as yourself” finds expression in a life of service. It is also the weekend when we will bid Jess Ingman farewell after five years of parish ministry as she undertakes her new role as full-time Mom of her firstborn, Isaiah.

Our St. Ignatius Parish eight-year-olds received their First Communion yesterday. They heard that Christ the Good Shepherd constantly calls you by name – leading you to abundant pastures, warning you of dangers, standing between you and harm. When you go astray, the Lord always finds you and brings you back to the fold. Our Good Shepherd calls you by name, protects you, and even nourishes you with his Body and Blood in the sacrament of the altar.

Do you know any good shepherds? I love it when the pastors from the fifteen Jesuit Parishes of the West Coast get together to talk about best practices and to share ministry stories.

One man recounted how he had been chosen to be the Grand Marshall of a local parade and was sitting in the grandstand as the parade went by. A woman he had prayed with about fertility issues a year before was in the parade as a chaperone for some Girl Scouts. She was so pregnant she could barely walk. As she waddled by the grandstand, she happened to see the pastor. Pointing at her belly, she shouted out merrily, “Thanks, Father, look what you did for me!”

Master story-teller William Bausch tells another good shepherd tale about an ordinary man named Ted Wotjkowski. Ted came to Chicago from Poland after World War II. In September of 1939, German tanks rumbled into Poland. Ted’s village was the first to be attacked. At only 20 years old, he was arrested and sent to Auschwitz, which was not yet a killing ground for Jews, but a place for criminals and enemies of the Nazi regime. He lived in a two-story barracks with eight hundred other prisoners. His work was to build more barracks. The Nazis treated the criminals cruelly, but saved their special animosity for priests.

Whenever a prisoner escaped, all the others had to stand in the sun for hours with their hands on their heads. After a second escape, ten prisoners were machine-gunned. A third escape occurred around July 1941. The punishment for this third infraction was that the guards forced one hundred prisoners from Wotjkowski’s barracks to stand in rows of ten. Ten of them would die. Wotjkowski stood in the eighth row. The camp commander ordered each row, one after another, to step forward. He then began a random selection: one, two, three pulled from each group. Wotjkowski hoped that the ten would already be singled out before the commander reached his row.

The commander picked a fourth, fifth, and sixth man. The sixth man broke down sobbing, “My wife, my children! Who will take care of them?” Suddenly a prisoner from the sixth row spoke up. He turned to the commander and said, “I will take the place of this man with the wife and children.” Everyone looked. Wotjkowski later said how he noticed that there was something serene and remarkable about the volunteer’s demeanor. The commander, however, was not impressed. “You must be one of those vermin priests,” he scoffed. But he accepted him as one of the ten. All ten, this volunteer and the nine others, were locked in a bunker to starve to death. The Nazis would not waste bullets on them.

Today’s Readings:

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Next Sunday’s Readings:

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Preaching Next Sunday:
Fr. Boly

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM
Sunday Contemplative: 7:30PM
Daily: Monday 8:00AM in church
Tuesday - Friday 8:00AM La Storta Chapel
Centering Prayer: Friday 7:00AM
Anointing Mass: First Friday 8:00AM
First Saturday Mass: 8:00AM
Communion Service: Saturday 8:00AM
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30PM
or by appointment with a priest

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That man, the volunteer, was indeed a priest. But he wasn't just any priest. He was the well-known Franciscan Father Maximilian Kolbe. He supervised 650 friars at an evangelization center near Warsaw. He published religious magazines read weekly by more than one million Poles. He had been arrested when he refused to endorse the Nazi regime.

The man Kolbe had saved, whose place he took, was but a poor anonymous peasant farmer. Kolbe was a renowned man, only forty-seven, one of the most accomplished and famous men in Poland. The ten men in the bunker took three weeks to starve to death. Kolbe was the last to be alive when the Nazis, impatient to use the bunker to punish others, had a doctor inject poison into Kolbe to finish him off.

Truly he was a good shepherd. He saved not only that peasant, but also Wotjkowski himself, who inspired by Kolbe's deed, endured years of backbreaking labor and abuse in the camp. Finally, in 1945, while being force-marched to Dachau, he was liberated by the Allies. He made it to Chicago in a suburb with a large Jewish population. He kept a scrapbook on Father Kolbe, a piece of his clothing, and an original signature.

A heroic story. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. Father Kolbe, canonized in 1982 by his fellow Pole, embodies the presence of the Risen One in our day. Just four weeks ago on March 23rd, the French police officer, Arnaud Beltrame, 45, swapped places with a female hostage during an attack by an ISIS supporter. The spirit of self-sacrificing love lives on.

Good Shepherd Sunday is a good time to pray for all the good shepherds in the church, as well as the struggling ones. It's a good time to realize that in this messy church we call home that the Good Shepherd walks with us still.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

A Note from the Principal

Congratulations to all of the First Communion recipients, including 21 students from St. Ignatius School. We are so happy to walk with you into your new life. Blessings, always.

Openness, Generosity and Courage are the first 3 steps of Ignatian discernment. How do you know what is calling to you in life about where to put your most precious resource – your time? [You can read more here: <http://www.marquette.edu/faith/ignatian-principles-for-making-decisions.php>] I ask you to read the next paragraph with an open heart, listening for what resonates and what might be calling to you. Please prayerfully consider the following:

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is seeking a Parish Representative who is not a current or past parent. This body has become quite activist over the last year, finalizing a strategic plan, driving development of a facility master plan, increasing enrollment through marketing and outreach and restructuring finances. I am so grateful for their hard work and partnership. In addition to Finance, Facility, and Marketing, we are adding two new committees: Program, which will be a liaison to all programs offered at the school and Equity, which will offer leadership on improving our practices around inclusion and supporting families of under-represented groups. The time commitment is a monthly meeting and 3-6 hours of committee time. Everyone commits to a 3 year term.

This year, with immense gratitude, SAC will say good-bye to Kevin Matheny, who has served as the Parish Representative and specialized in Finance. Please hold in discernment the opportunity to work with this incredible team to further our school mission. Please call the school or contact our chair, Amy Smithstanz at smithstanza@gmail.com for more information.

Blessings on your Easter-
Kelli Clark
Principal

**A warm
welcome to all
our guests.**

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

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Register by dropping a "Welcome"
card in the offering basket with your
information, or visit us online at
<http://www.sipdx.org/registration>

Mass Intentions

Monday	April 23 †	Donatus Alia
Tuesday	April 24 †	Sr. Marilyn Harris
Wednesday	April 25	Robynne Vaughan
Thursday	April 26 †	Kathy Vanveen
		† Linda Castaneda
Friday	April 27	Jim Emig

Meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers and Sacristans April 28-29

The Archdiocese of Portland is asking that all Eucharistic Ministers become familiar with new liturgical norms for distribution of Communion in our Archdiocese. St. Ignatius will provide a short meeting following each mass the weekend of April 28-29 to review these norms with our Extraordinary Ministers. Please plan to come to one of these sessions. For questions, call or email Tina Auerbach at tauerbach@sipdx.org or at 503 777-1491 ext 227.

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Register for the Walk for Water: April 29th

The Walk for Water is an annual event that raises awareness and funds for the 1 billion people around the world who have to walk and carry water each day. Join Water 1st and St. Ignatius' team to fundraise and walk around Laurelhurst park, carrying as much water as possible. The walk will take place April 29th at 1:00 PM. To register, visit <https://my.water1st.org/team/160330> or look for the link on our website. Last year St. Ignatius won the award for the largest team and we're counting on you to do it again this year! Let's express our support and solidarity for all those around the world who are struggling for basic needs like water, especially women and girls who spend hours each day walking for water.

Thank you from the RCIA class of 2018

The RCIA class of 2018 gives thanks to Jess Ingman, Mike Buck, Ana Guizado, Joyce Keane and Jessica Seidman for their generous service in leading our search for God's presence in our daily lives. We thank the entire St. Ignatius community for lifting us up with support and prayers during our conversion.

Spring Service Opportunities at St. Ignatius

Connect with other parishioners and your neighborhood communities by participating in our spring service opportunities. On Friday, May 11th we will be volunteering at St. Andre Bassette. On Saturday, May 19th we will be working with Depave to rip up pavement and create rain gardens at Mt. Hood Community College. On Saturday, June 2nd we will participate in a work party to remove invasive species at Tideman Johnson Natural Area. More information and sign up sheets can be found in the vestibule.

Participate in the Bike More Challenge!

The St. Ignatius community invites you to join the "Bike More Challenge" lasting throughout the month of May as we strive for everyone to do a little more biking – for work, play, and other outings, to be healthy, and to reduce your carbon footprint! Go to our parish website (sipdx.org), click on the link for the "Bike More Challenge" and register with the "St Ignatius Church" team. Lets see how many miles we can reach as a community!

Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) Information Night

Do you desire to deepen your prayer life and grow in your relationship with God? Are you considering making the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)? Join the SEEL team leaders for an Information Night on Monday, May 14, at 7 PM at the Loyola Jesuit Center. It is an opportunity to discern if the retreat is right for you and the leaders will answer your questions about making the retreat. For more information, Please visit our website: seelportland.org or call Janet Buck at 503-951- 8682. Applications are now being accepted for 2018-19.






St. Ignatius' International Celebration: Sunday, May 20th

On Sunday, May 20th, St. Ignatius will commemorate the return of our International Celebration! Join us for a global Mass for Pentecost at 10:30 AM with petitions read in different languages, followed by our celebration potluck in Dillion Hall. There will be food, games and activities, and entertainment for the whole family! Plan ahead to prepare a favorite dish (or just your favorite church casserole) and if you have traditional attire, it's time to show it off!! If you are interested in bringing a dish that represents your heritage, please contact Caroline Earnest at cearnest@sipdx.org. Join us as we celebrate the richness of our Parish Community.

Mom's & Dad's groups

Our **Mom's Group** meets 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month: April 22, May 13, May 27, and our **Dad's Group** meets 1st & 4th Sundays of the month: May 6, May 20. Both meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Parish office dining room. All are welcome! These groups are about sharing the journey of parenthood in a context of faith and friendship.

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