

Our Schedule

Welcome – Fr. Craig

Our St. Ignatius Story – who we are
and who we serve

A snapshot of our financial position
in context with our vision, mission
and core values

Stewardship at St. Ignatius -
our team, our goals and our process

Questions & Answers

Commitment of Treasure

Please complete and return to collection basket.
My/Our new average commitment per week for the
next 52 weeks is:

(Please circle one) \$100.00 \$75.00 \$50.00
\$40.00 \$35.00 \$30.00 \$25.00 \$20.00
\$15.00 Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Apt.number: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: _____

E-mailAddress: _____

*“Take Lord, receive all my liberty, my memory, my mind, my
entire understanding. All things I have received from you. All
things I now return to you. Give me only your love and your
grace. With these I am rich enough and ask for nothing more.”
— Ignatius of Loyola*

How can I help?

- ✚ Prayerfully examine all the ways that St. Ignatius supports your faith life
- ✚ Determine how you can help our mission with your support
 - Pledging to pray faithfully for our parish and our parishioners
 - Participating regularly in Sunday Mass
 - Volunteering your time in one of our social or ecological advocacy projects
 - Volunteering your time in a liturgical ministry – Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, Lector, Hospitality/Usher
- ✚ Ask yourself: *How much can I contribute of my financial resources to make a difference at St. Ignatius –*
 - If you are part of the 46% who do not support the parish, please pledge your regular support now
 - If you are part of the 53% who give regularly, consider increasing your financial support
- ✚ Make your support “verifiable” and regular
 - Use parish envelopes, a check, or better, sign up for automatic withdrawal from your checking account or sign up for ParishPay
- ✚ Make a one-time gift now to reduce deficit
- ✚ Add St. Ignatius Parish to your will
- ✚ Make a major gift during your lifetime

Everyone - fill out a pledge card so we can accurately project income and balance our budget in 2017-18



St. Ignatius Parish Assembly

Sunday, April 23rd
Saturday April 29th
Sunday April 30th

***In the Church - for 30 minutes -
following each Mass***

Our Goals:

- (1) To develop and sustain necessary resources for the school and church to provide ongoing education, faith formation, family ministry, sacramental preparation, worship, and initiatives for social and ecological justice.
- (2) To eliminate our budget deficit.
- (3) To maintain financial aid for our students attending St. Ignatius Elementary School.

Stewardship Appeal and Plan

Meeting the needs of our faith community requires sustained support from our parishioners through *active participation in the life of the parish and tithing*. We ask parishioners to prayerfully consider this question:

“Am I willing and able to respond to a call to financially support St. Ignatius church and school to maintain our growing and vital faith community?”

The Stewardship Team has offered the following recommendations for a responsible financial plan:

- ❖ Establish a **Joint Finance Team**— Representatives of the *Church, School, and St. Ignatius School Foundation* to meet over the next 2 years to address together our collective financial needs in the light of our shared mission, including a review of existing best practices for wise and efficient use of funds. **Joint Finance Team** activities to include:
- ❖ **Proactive and transparent** disclosure of the financial position of the church and school, including **clear and direct requests** to parishioners for needed financial support;
- ❖ **Creation of new best practices** for **welcoming** all new registered families to the parish and **creating a culture of kinship and solidarity** grounded in the charisms of our Jesuit brothers and Holy Names Sisters;
- ❖ **Discernment with the parish** for the establishment of a **Parish Foundation** to work toward a permanent, solid financial foundation for the parish going forward;
- ❖ **Hosting of annual Planned Giving workshops;**
- ❖ **Engaging all families enjoying in-parish tuition rates in a review of guidelines** for active participation in the life of the parish and special attention to parish tithing in view of the special gift received of tuition reduction;
- ❖ **Establishing an “adopt-a-student” program** to supplement student financial aid packages; and
- ❖ **Work with the St. Ignatius School Foundation** to establish guidelines for providing annual financial aid to the school.

St. Ignatius Parish

Who we are - Who we welcome and serve

In recent years our parish has focused hard on living out our mission to “respond to the urgent call of Jesus in our times.” This has increased the vibrancy – and costs – of our parish life, reflected in a growth in numbers who attend our worship, justice, and celebratory gatherings. Among the new arrivals are families with children, adults of all ages attracted to our regular liturgies and special times of worship – the Novena of Grace, reconciliation and healing services, and weddings, funerals and Holy Day Masses. Many are drawn to our welcoming community during special times of prayer and faith formation, justice work and celebration events grounded in our faith, such as faithful citizenship workshops and eco-justice events.

To further build vibrancy in a kinship community, we are called to respond to the needs of our parishioners, guests and neighbors, including:

- ✚ Support of our **Catholic school** as a formative part of the parish’s Jesuit mission in Southeast Portland. Our parish supports the school annually with \$120,000 -20% of our annual Sunday collection.
- ✚ Providing a halftime **Nursery Coordinator** to serve our youngest parishioners and help parents more fully participate in Mass and other events.
- ✚ Providing a halftime **Family Life Coordinator** to increase faith formation for families, including Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Moms Group, Marriage Support, Family Nights, EcoJustice events and advocacy.
- ✚ Expanding the fruits of our *Year of Discernment* to make **Ecological Justice** a lens through which we consider all aspects of our parish life and work. This includes the staff position of our **St. Ignatius Fellow**, who works halftime each for ecojustice advocacy and ministry for youth and school.
- ✚ Our halftime **Liturgy Coordinator** supports Sunday worship and special liturgies, including funeral coordinator, and coordinates our many musical and other liturgical ministers.
- ✚ A Front Office manager serving as **Communication Director**, vitally important for a 21st century parish as we communicate across multiple media.

Parish Financial Position

2016-2017 Facts

Number of St. Ignatius Registered Families: **963**
Registered families with verifiable* support: **496 (53%)**
“Unregistered” families w/ verifiable support: **121 (12%)**
In **2016** total verifiable support from **617** registered and unregistered families: **\$530,000 (\$860/yr. or \$16.50/wk)**
Unverifiable support (cash offertory): **\$ 75,000**

Total Offertory 2016: \$605,000

Other Income 2016: 118,000

Total Income: \$ 723,000

Registered families using Parish Pay: **102**

In **2017** registered families using Pledge Cards: **269**

FY 2016 -2017 budget: \$ 940,000

Projected income (Tithing): 640,000

Projected other income: 84,000

Projected deficit this year end: \$ 216,000

How did our deficit arise?

1. Parish income vs budget projections last 2 years

- ❖ Not enough pledges to allow accurate budgeting
- ❖ Weather events - loss of two Sunday collections
- ❖ Two major Holy Days falling on Sunday
- ❖ Fewer than usual estate/planned gifts received
- ❖ While the parish provides 20% of its gross tithing to the school, school families with reduced in-parish tuition have not as a group supplemented their parish tithing to reflect the tuition reduction provided them

2. Parish expenditures

- ❖ Deferred maintenance expenses continue to rise as our physical plant ages
- ❖ The Archdiocese taxes us 8% of gross tithing - \$50,000
- ❖ Archdiocese mandates special collections
- ❖ 20% gross offertory to school (\$120,000)
- ❖ New personnel as mission costs and service needs increase: new positions: halftime Family Life Coordinator, halftime Nursery Coordinator, halftime Liturgy Coordinator, and full time St. Ignatius Fellowship position (including EcoJustice work and youth programming support)
- ❖ Rising cost of employee benefits (health insurance)

***Verifiable support is tax deductible, and includes payment by check, envelope, or ParishPay.**