

Something I valued this year at St. Ignatius was...

Homilies, preaching, sermons - 51 mentions

- The thoughtful sermons
- Fr. John's sermons
- It's been very meaningful to have the preaching and prayers be in sync with how to live our faith amidst the events (especially the troubling times of late) in our time today – Katie Hennessey, John Ridgway + Fr. Ganz are especially gifted at this.
- The sermons given after all the hate in the world
- Women's reflections at Mass
- the sermons and homilies and bulletin reflections are life-giving to me
- Homilies addressing our world and our role in it
- Homilies. They speak to life stressors, daily life, families, relationship
- Preaching about equality, inclusion, love - especially for gays, women, etc.
- The great homilies
- The relevant homilies
- Reflections given by parish members
- Variety of preaching and voices in the community
- Honest preaching regarding events in our world
- All of the reflections by women especially Katie Hennessey's Good Friday reflection
- Erika Moseson's Mother's Day Homily. Hope she has frequent chances to break open the Word of God.
- On Mother's Day, you had a very eloquent mother deliver the sermon
- Various homilists, especially Fr. John, Fr. Chris, Fr. Rick Ganz, Fr. Mike Bayard
- Jesuit and lay ministries and preaching
- Visiting preachers, lay preachers
- Homilies reflecting God's love for us
- Homilies by Fr. John...always insightful and action-oriented
- The genuine messages from priests, as well as social consciousness
- Reflections by lay people
- Fr. Craig's preaching - staff's excellent work - women preaching regularly
- Positive messages to help cope with world events
- In the past, having a woman (Jess) lead the reflections
- The sermons, pastoral letters in the bulletin

Welcoming, inclusive, community, kindness - 43 mentions

- Open to all races/open to diversity
- Getting to know people through donuts & coffee, senior day out, volunteering at the spaghetti dinner, to feel part of the community
- Providing a safe and welcoming space to a newcomer to the Catholic Church
- The sense of welcoming I've received
- The coming together we see at events like spaghetti dinner, parish campout, school events like turkey bingo, auction, and parish picnic
- The dedication and welcoming spirit of volunteers who serve at this 7:30 Mass
- Friendliness of the Church

- Welcoming spirit
- Welcoming community
- The friendliness of everyone
- The kindness of the people here
- A coming-together of communities in conversation
- The open and welcoming atmosphere
- The amazing parishioners I met through working here and community picnic, Advent festival
- Always the people
- The pleasant and loving priest and people
- Warmth of parishioners
- Great people (from our 10 year old)
- Empathy of members of community, priest and parish members
- Loving, non-judgmental
- All the effort to improve and serve everybody
- The love
- The sense of community the parish provides
- The ability of all members to support one another

Ecojustice, social justice - 40 mentions

- Advocacy Day in Salem and Water 1st Fundraiser
- Commitment to the environment
- Ecological justice focus and message about caring for our neighbors and the Earth
- Embracing care of our small planet
- Concerned w/ people on street
- Immigration focus
- Environmental concerns
- Consistent reminders of our world and neighborhood
- Commitment to social justice
- Help to poor and needy people
- Focusing on the planet, engaging with parishioners to be conscientious about reusable goods, and having a presence at conservation rallies/discussions
- The support in my values to stand up for love of all people; the ability of my church supports intolerance of uncaring behavior
- Focus on care for the earth
- The focus on environmental responsibility
- Partnership with immigration justice efforts
- The focus and direct action for eco-justice including the participation in the walk for water
- I participated in the Lenten social justice activities. It gave me some insight into eco-justice and I met some parishioners.
- Genuine care for community and contributes to ecological justice
- Working with Ecojustice steering committee
- The Ecojustice activities - Tyler!! Excellent
- Focus on justice and application - real world
- Social justice and justice of environment; Tyler's emails --> he reminds us of the needs in our greater community
- Taking more liberal view of what is happening in our country; i.e. climate change, immigration, raising minimum wage, healthcare, environment

- Having Tyler in his role, attention to immigration issues
- Commitment to ecological justice
- Ecojustice focus on current issues
- Immigrant Justice
- Community involvement gives us opportunities to practice our Catholic teachings
- Love that we're putting resources in ecojustice areas.

Priests - 31 mentions

- Funny priest
- That Fr. John knows my name!
- All my friends and Fr. John
- The old misleading pastor is gone (I stopped going because of him)
- I love this Church and the priest
- John is a great priest
- Our Pastors!
- Wonderful priests
- Pastor's enthusiasm
- Manner of priest (humble, humor, teaching-oriented)
- The presence the priest has is beautiful
- Fr. Craig and Fr. John
- The pleasant and loving priest and people
- Fr. John Ridgway
- This was an extraordinarily difficult year for me regarding attending church regularly. But I guess some of the conversations that I've had with Father Boly after church, albeit brief, continues to challenge and inspire me.
- The style of Fr. Craig and Fr. John.
- Fr. Craig and Fr. John's openness and love to all of us
- Fr. Craig's practical attitude
- Father Craig's and John's relationship to my children and greater parish

Music - 23 mentions

- New music director. Beautiful music! Thank you
- The love and the music
- Our new music director
- The choral music at the 7:30PM Mass
- The Contemplative Mass/Music program
- The new music director
- The music was beautiful
- Our new music leader and more upbeat music
- Peaceful music
- The musical liturgy
- Ms. Wasco being the music director

Services, liturgy, worship - 24 mentions

- Contemplative prayer, meaningful services
- Prayers in various languages (Pentecost)

- Saturday vigil Mass
- Lenten liturgies
- Washing feet
- The opportunity to attend daily Mass, availability of sacraments
- Friday morning Contemplative prayer
- The education I get from being here at Mass
- I really love the times that Fr. sings the Eucharistic prayer
- We enjoy the 5pm Saturday Mass
- My first Mass I attended
- Daily Mass
- Love baptisms at regular Masses

Novena of Grace - 23 mentions

Family and Youth - 22 mentions

- The addition of Beth and focus on family
- Sunday school
- Beth is doing a great job with family life at parish!
- The nursery x 2
- Obvious involvement of children in the Mass and parish life
- Family life alcove
- The children's liturgy x 2
- Watching my 4 year old sing Alleluia
- The opportunity for middle school gatherings
- Beth Schaller has done a great job
- Initiating family programs, middle and high school, marriage program
- Growing support of families with young children
- Children's programs
- Renewed attention onto family activities; kids
- Mom's group x 3
- Family activities on Sunday x 2
- The increase in visibility and support of families!
- More community activities, for the whole family with children

7:30 Contemplative Mass - 12 mentions

- 7:30PM Mass services were so spiritually nurturing
- Contemplative Mass - I truly love this Mass. Sometimes we need this way to worship
- How peaceful the Mass is! It is truly a beautiful Mass and humbling experience to be here at Mass
- The peacefulness of the Contemplative liturgy

Diversity - 9 mentions

- Open to all races/open to diversity
- Exposure to a diverse faith community in the tradition of the Catholic church
- Seeing such a diverse community, including people from all socioeconomic classes, sexual orientation, ethnicities, etc.

- The increased visibility and incorporation of our diverse congregation
- Today - diversity in action, not just spoken of, but other languages heard in the church

Healing, Anointing of the Sick - 10 mentions

- Focus on healing
- Healing service
- Group healing by holding hands
- Blessing of the sick
- The healing ceremony
- Anointing of the sick x 5

RCIA - 9 mentions

Jesuit ID - 7 mentions

- The discernment of focus as a Jesuit parish
- Jesuits of this Church are exceptional, Society of Jesus, Fr. Ganz

Easter - 7 mentions

- We always love the Triduum
- The Easter liturgies
- Vigil Mass and candles
- The liturgies of Holy Week and special feasts
- Triduum services
- Lighting the Easter candle at Easter vigil
- Experiencing the Triduum as a whole and being able to be part of the process

First Eucharist and Reconciliation - 6 mentions

School - 4 mentions

Confirmation - 4 mentions

- The formation and preparation of my child to receive Confirmation

Italian Dinner - 4 mentions

SEEL - 3 mentions

Baptism - 2 mentions

Other

- Stations of the cross led by high school students

- We, as a family, made a greater commitment to attending church each week, which led to having our children baptized! We are thankful for the inspiration and grace we have felt this past year
- The get-togethers
- The ease of Parish Pay
- Funeral mass preparation
- The opportunity to serve as a member of A&E
- Open and frequent discussions available in many venues
- Participating in the St Vincent de Paul ministry
- Parish staff
- The focus on the teachings of the pope and I was inspired by our parish leadership to serve and act
- The calm atmosphere
- The holy place that I can talk and pray to God
- That parishioners are involved in setting "policy" for the liturgy
- Focus on our mission
- The opportunity to join a small faith sharing group
- The membership booklet
- Church decor for each season/feast
- Political stance
- The dialogue about our financial position
- I really miss the cheese and wine
- Cheese and wine
- Acknowledging the Church's weakness in the past and apologizing for the mistakes
- The invitation to participate in various church ministries
- A spiritual place to focus myself to live the gospel each moment
- The time after service to focus on the recent encyclical in depth
- Process to get a marriage seminar started
- The soup supper and stations focused on social justice
- Beautiful church
- Prayer ministry, daily mass, Sat. liturgy of Word
- Faithful citizenship
- The "takeaways" Fr. John leaves after his homilies
- Prayers for those who are not yet affiliated with God given in true love
- Prayers for our special needs
- The nice atmosphere
- Time spent with my partner and God
- Very soft approach to fundraising
- Our prayer ministry. Prayer is THE MOST IMPORTANT thing we can do on earth
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Most holding hands during Lord's Prayer