



St. Ignatius Parish Annual Report: July 2017 – June 2018

Modern Moral Dilemma: Stewardship in a time of Controversy

“I see the Church as a field hospital after battle.” Pope Francis

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

November 2018

You and I are living at a moment in history when there are many conflicting narratives about what matters. The power of our faith is that this was also the reality when Jesus walked: political leaders were in conflict and indifferent to the people, religious leaders were bound up in rules far removed from the reality of community, there was a tremendous gap between the powerful and everyone else, and our Christ cut through it all and showed us our hope, our humanity and how to walk in this world.

And so, the people of St. Ignatius are walking with hope. We keep coming to worship on Sundays; our RCIA continues to welcome new seekers; parents bring infants for baptism, first reconciliation and first Communion; couples ask for marriage; our fragile and home-bound parishioners seek to be visited, receive the Eucharist, and eventually to be sent home to God with a Mass of Christian Burial. Parents increasingly entrust their children to our growing parish school, shaping them with a Holy Names and Ignatian identity. And last year, sixty new households joined our parish. Our parish is thriving in many ways and I am grateful for this solidarity and support during these trying times.

Despite all this positive energy and appreciation, our parish does not receive enough money to pay for our basic ministries. At the annual Priest Convocation in October, pastors noted that some Catholics don't have any other way to protest their dissatisfaction than to withhold money from the collection basket. For some, it's their nausea about the cover-ups and scandals in the church; for others, it's discouragement from the disrespect from local church officials about a variety of issues and ways of proceeding. It was also noted that still others resolve the moral dilemma by giving to St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Charities, or other Catholic projects to register their dissatisfaction with archdiocesan practice even when they love the ministers and worship and preaching of their own faith community. This undermines hope and is not who we are: we can respond with faith and generosity to move injustice and create light in the darkness.

In addition to doing the usual pastoral work, we still need to replace the church boiler and fix aging buildings and eventually undertake revitalization of our campus. The message in this year's annual report is clear: to keep our parish vibrant and to realize our mission, more parishioners must be stewards of financial gifts. Here is my request: prayerfully consider the value of this unique community. Please offer your gifts of time and talent by engaging in relationship and mission: there are many needs. And do help us meet our basic staff costs and most urgent needs by increasing our overall giving by \$1,000 a week. If 50 of our 900+ families give \$20 a week, it will stabilize our most urgent needs. Will your family do this with me?

As Oregon's only Jesuit parish, we are a relationship and offer hope beyond measure. You are the heart of that belonging. Please ensure that the resources and infrastructure are here to fully live our mission, justly pay our staff, and generously serve our community into the future.

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

PS: Pledge to do your part to make St. Ignatius parish your spiritual home.



Number of households: 963 Number of new households this year: 62
Number of church staff: 10 (5 full time, 4 part time, 1 volunteer)

Worship

Our annual survey of parishioners highlighted the top reasons people come to St. Ignatius: worship and liturgy and the relevance and quality of preaching. The top priority for the parish from the survey was Mass and the sacraments. Our worship also includes adoration on Mondays, school Mass on Wednesdays, anointing of the sick on first Fridays, and confessions on Saturdays. Our tradition of offering a Novena of Grace continued this year with the theme “Embracing Peace in a Broken World. This was beautifully illustrated in a candlelight poster and in presentations directed to our baptismal identity as adopted brothers and sisters together with ascending number of candles presented before the altar each of the nine days. We are looking forward to greatly enhancing worship with the addition of regular cantors and musicians and soon our own Parish Choir - look for their inspirational singing at the Sunday Masses starting at Advent!

Worship Team

Staff

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J., Fr. Dan Sullivan, S.J.,
Joseph Byrd, Dorothy Rollins (volunteer staff)

Worship Commission

TBD

Parish Council Liaison

Janice Harwood

The Numbers

Mass attendance ranges:

5PM Sat: 165 – 180

8AM: 74 – 183

10:30AM: 237 – 296

7:30PM: 174 – 237

Extraordinary Ministers: 43

Altar Servers: 32 Lectors: 30

Sacristans: 29 Prayer Ministry: 16

Eucharistic Adoration: 12 Altar Linens: 6

Weddings in Past Year: 8

Funerals in Past Year: 12

Community Life

Community Life is a vibrant dimension of St. Ignatius Parish with more than a dozen active ministries. Children’s Liturgy of the Word welcomes children weekly at the 10:30AM Mass. Childcare offered on Sunday mornings from 9AM-noon provided coverage during RCIA, Mom’s Group, Dad’s Group, Sacramental Preparation meetings and during the 10:30AM Mass. A marriage enrichment group met every other month to study the book, *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*.

Monthly Family Nights included a family meal, a topic for adults, childcare and open gym time for kids. Additional ministries comprised Men’s Club, Women’s Club, weekly El Shaddai prayer meetings and activities for Seniors. And this past year was the 43rd annual Italian Dinner! The Community Life Commission is planning a new welcome program to inspire relationships between new and current parishioners and a new greeter program to offer a welcoming presence to parishioners.

Community Life Team

Staff

Beth Schaller (part time)
Gretchen Schissel (part time)

Commission Parishioners

Sharon Nicola, Tim Welch,
Lisa & Dominic Chambers, Tina Nguyen,
Yvette Gayomali, Judi Van Cleave

Parish Council Liaison

Joyce Keane

The Numbers

Children’s Liturgy of the Word: ~40 weekly

Mom’s Group: 17 Dad’s Group: 8

El Shaddai: 30



School

In its 110th year, our parish school is a beacon for families who embrace the academic standards of the Holy Names Sisters and the Jesuits, are drawn by a commitment to ecological and social justice and want a framework of faith guiding their children. We strengthened our connection to the other two Jesuit educational missions in Portland, (Jesuit High School and St. Andrew Nativity School) and joined the National Jesuit Elementary School Network to enliven Jesuit practices and identity at the PK-8 levels. Our academic outcomes remain powerful with 87% of our graduates choosing Catholic high schools and every child involved in service and immersion in Catholic Social Teaching. We made significant facility repairs and are installing upgraded technology infrastructure (fiber internet). Worthy of note is that 100% of school families registered in the parish tithed to the Parish – thank you! Beyond maintaining affordable tuition while growing enrollment, our greatest challenges are being able to afford adequate staff, offer fair compensation for our talented teachers and manage the aging infrastructure of our building. Planning has begun for greening of the play area for health, safety and spirit.

School Team

Staff

Kelli Clark, Principal
15 teachers + 6 staff

School Advisory Commission

Andrea George, Chair
11 member School Advisory
Commission

Parish Council Liaison

Norman Williams

The Numbers

Enrollment: 212 + 20 Pre-K
Years: 110+ !!!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation continues to serve our parish as a place of nurture and growth. By learning who God is in us, we can discover what God can do through us. Faith Formation is the place for tending the Holy within each of us. Faith Formation provides a space to journey with those in pivotal places of their faith from baptism, to First Eucharist, to Confirmation, to marriage preparation and through life. Formation serves the young and the old in our parish and ministers to those new to the Catholic Faith through Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and those who have lived as lifelong Catholics. St. Ignatius also supports the Faber Institute and Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL), which inspire faith experiences throughout all points of our journey. The Faith Formation program continues to reform itself as we listen to the needs and desires of the parish and best discern how we as a Jesuit parish, can support growth in faith.

Faith Formation Team

Staff

Fr. Dan Sullivan, S.J.
Grace Byrd (part time)
Beth Schaller (part time)

Faith Formation Commission

Mike Buck

Parish Council Liaison

Joyce Keane

The Numbers

Baptisms: 30 (11 RCIA)
RCIA: 7 First Communion: 30
Marriage Preparation: 12
SEEL: 24

Life, Justice & Peace

Dedication to ecojustice shines through at St. Ignatius through many ministries. Our St. Vincent De Paul conference offered clients food and assistance with utilities and rent, and the Transition Supper Project engaged students in serving meals. We have an active immigration justice group and are close to opening "Tibbets House", our temporary housing for immigrants made possible by a partnership with Catholic Charities and the Jesuits West Province. On the ecological front, we were the first church in Portland to receive a Silver Sustainability Certification rating from the City of Portland. Work in the community included projects with Friends of Trees, DePave, St. Francis vigil, state and local advocacy efforts such as Portland Clean Energy Fund, interfaith communities working for justice such as EcoFaith Recovery, the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice and collaboration with other Jesuit institutions for Ignatian teach-in and a Jesuit parish justice summit.

Life, Justice & Peace Team

Staff

Caroline Earnest

Life, Justice & Peace Commission

Team of ~40 parishioners

Parish Council Liaison

Matthew Pearl

The Numbers

St. Vincent De Paul: average of
80+ people served each month
Transition Suppers: 1,800+ meals



For 2017-2018, parish income was up ~1% compared to the previous year and total expenses were down ~3%. While income was less than expenses, the shortfall was significantly less than the previous year. Noteworthy changes from the previous year on the income side included increased offertory (thank you!) and school tuition, while other income sources were less. Donations for our Spring into Action campaign were successful in replenishing our reserves, bringing our church restricted funds balance as of June to \$312,602. We reduced church personnel and administrative expenses and school educational expenses (books, supplies). These reductions were offset by increases in church utilities, church and school maintenance and repair expenses and increases in expenses for school administration and services to students (lunch program). With the cancelation of feasibility studies for apartments and a capital campaign, parish leadership has begun envisioning projects focused on ecological justice, safety, beautification and expansion of services to inspire responsible stewardship of our campus.

Administration Team

Staff

Joseph Byrd, Judy Simmons,
Patty Frangipani,
Matt Wangler (part time)

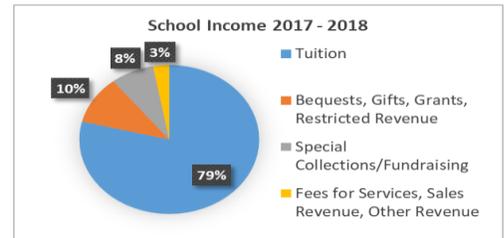
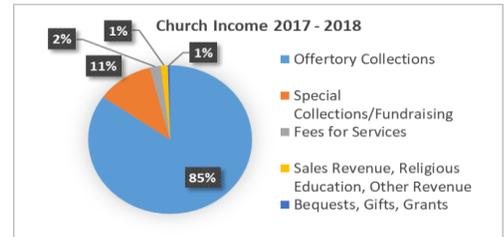
Finance Council

Gary Scharff, Norman
Williams, Heidi Ruckwardt

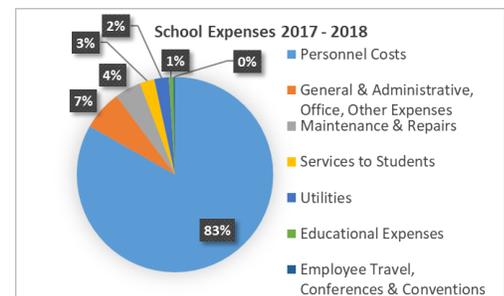
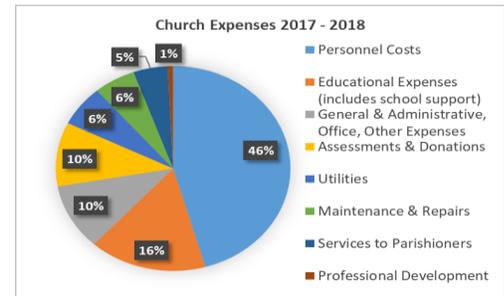
Parish Council Liaison

Gary Scharff

Parish Income	2017 - 2018	'17-'18 vs. '16-'17
Church		
Offertory Collections	\$ 627,708	7.6%
Special Collections/Fundraising	\$ 83,746	-6.7%
Fees for Services	\$ 15,929	-18.9%
Sales Revenue, Religious Education, Other Revenue	\$ 10,145	-32.1%
Bequests, Gifts, Grants	\$ 3,400	3.5%
School		
Tuition	\$ 1,352,455	7.1%
Bequests, Gifts, Grants, Restricted Revenue	\$ 178,642	-26.1%
Special Collections/Fundraising	\$ 133,321	-16.2%
Fees for Services, Sales Revenue, Other Revenue	\$ 49,772	-13.9%
Total Income	\$ 2,455,118	1.0%



Parish Expenses		'17-'18 vs. '16-'17
Church		
Personnel Costs	\$ 344,512	-22.9%
Educational Expenses (includes school support)	\$ 122,246	-4.2%
General & Administrative, Office, Other Expenses	\$ 78,995	-14.8%
Assessments & Donations	\$ 76,360	0.2%
Utilities	\$ 49,008	8.6%
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 43,412	42.2%
Services to Parishioners	\$ 35,874	16.7%
Professional Development	\$ 5,570	-25.4%
School		
Personnel Costs	\$ 1,448,342	0.6%
General & Administrative, Office, Other Expenses	\$ 114,944	5.9%
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 75,405	7.6%
Services to Students	\$ 42,173	23.0%
Utilities	\$ 41,693	-6.9%
Educational Expenses	\$ 12,795	-37.4%
Employee Travel, Conferences & Conventions	\$ 4,717	244.3%
Total Expenses	\$ 2,496,045	-3.2%



		'17-'18 vs. '16-'17
Net Income Before Depreciation	\$ (40,927)	-71.9%
Depreciation Expense	\$ 109,335	30.9%
Net Income With Depreciation	\$ (150,263)	-34.4%