"Working for God offers no pay; but the retirement benefits are out of this world."
~Anonymous

Please take time with God and discern these questions:
How is God calling you?
Do you spend time in Prayer?
Have you reflected on how you are involved at St. Ignatius?
Do you currently serve in parish ministries?
Do you attend parish events?
Are you adding to your spiritual life with further formation of our Catholic Faith?
What would you commit to God for all the blessings you have in your life?
“A People for Others”

MASS TIMES AND DEVOTIONS

OFFICE HOURS
Mon.-Thurs.: 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

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Manager, Administrative Support
Executive Admin Assistant to Clergy
Accounting Manager
Receptionist–Daytime
Receptionist–Evenings & Saturday

EUCHEIRISTIC CELEBRATIONS
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. (Misa en Español)
5:15 p.m. (Lifeteen)
Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 6:45 p.m.

Morning Prayer:
Weekdays, 8:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer:
First Fridays only, 6:30 p.m.

Very Rev. Norbert Maduzia, Jr., E.V., D. Min.,
Pastor

Rev. Justin Cormie,
Parochial Vicar

Find us on:
@ignatiusloyolacc
Flocknote.com/StIgnatiusofLoyola4
Please Note: VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAMS AND CODE OF CONDUCT
There are rules and regulations that apply to all volunteer work. Each one of us must abide by the code of conduct for the parish of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the Archdiocese of Galveston - Houston.

As a community of faith we are committed to safeguard our children and youth, the most important gifts that God has entrusted to us. Some training is required in dealing with young people on a regular basis.

Mandatory Volunteer Training Programs
The Program, SAFE HAVEN, provides volunteers, 18 and over, with the policies and procedures to insure a safe environment for children in any parish setting.

Please visit https://galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org to attend the online training course.
It is everyone's responsibility that these trainings, when applicable, be completed.

Office of the Pastor

I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, - because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.

(Jn 15:15-16)

Dear friends,

According to both the Jewish Scriptures and those of the Christian Era, we are taught that Stewardship is a way of life in which we are called to share the blessings we have been given by the Lord with others. The Bible instructs us that the first 10% of time, talent and treasure must be returned to the Lord in response for all that God has given to us. Thus, having been appointed by the Lord to go and bear fruit that will remain, we put our time, talent and treasure to work for the sake of building up the Kingdom of God. We “follow Christ” faithfully when we allow Him to embrace us as members of the “new People of God” (Lumen Gentium, chapter 2), following the path of the Gospel in the direction of a better world. The foundation of this perspective is found in Lumen Gentium, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. This Latin title means “light to the nations.” Each of us as God’s people is called to be that light as we fulfill our “obligation of spreading the faith” (article 17).

This Stewardship Directory was compiled to assist you in discovering the ways you can share your time and talent as a light to the nations. With over 80 different ministries available, everyone of us has ample opportunity to step forth and share our faith for the sake of us all. One of the benefits that is returned to sharing your time and talent is that you become more and more aware of friendship with the Lord. Our community is very large; yet, by engaging in the life of the parish you will come to know some very wonderful people and before you know it, St. Ignatius of Loyola will truly be your home.

You will notice that the various ministries at St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church are divided into 5 different commissions: Administration, Community Life, Formation, Outreach, and Worship. Each of these commissions assists in guiding the direction of the ministries and supports them in growth and resources. Each commission selects two representatives to serve on the Pastoral Council, which serves as an advisory council to the Pastor. Each January we discern new members to the commissions. If you feel called to parish leadership, beginning in November watch the bulletin and website for details on leadership discernment.

As we continue to grow, there will also continue to be changes and additions. Please visit our website at www.silcc.org or visit our Facebook page to get the most up to date information on what is happening in the parish. I am proud of all our parish has to offer. I hope that each of you will want to experience the diverse ministries and organizations here at St. Ignatius and to grow with us on this spiritual journey.

To His honor and glory,

(Very Rev.) Norbert J. Maduzia, Jr., E.V., D. Min.
Pastor

(St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Community Welcomes all to prayerfully Celebrate the mysteries of the liturgy, build Family through fellowship, and Serve Christ as a people for others.)
**What is Stewardship?**

It is about changing your heart to willingly share all that you are and all that you have with others.

It is a new ...**Way of**

Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus.

It is an expression of discipleship because disciples who are good stewards recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, and the source of all our gifts.

It is a complete lifestyle acknowledging God as Creator and Provider of all.

**Who is a Christian Steward?**

As a disciple of Jesus, a Christian Steward receives God’s gifts gratefully, manages them responsibly, and shares them joyfully, giving back to the Lord, generously expressed in prayer, worship, offering and action.

**How do I get started with Stewardship?**

In Baptism, we begin a lifelong process of learning to live as Jesus teaches, and of bringing Christ’s presence to others.

**Stewardship is this Journey of Faith.**

**Discernment**... is a decision-making process that honors the place of God's will in our lives. Every choice we make, no matter how small, is an opportunity to align ourselves with God’s will.

**Pray to Do God’s Will**... As difficult as it may be, pray the words, “Thy will be done,” asking God to give you the strength you need to continue to discern his will and to follow it.

**Let God Speak to You**... Most of us don’t actually hear a voice when God speaks to us. However, pay close attention to the ways that God is speaking to you in thoughts and feelings.

**Know That God Has a Plan for You**... Remind yourself that you are not on your own and God’s plan for you is driven purely by love. Reflect on all that the Lord has provided to you. www.loyolapress.com

The Stewardship Committee invites you to review the many ministries in this directory. We ask that you prayerfully consider the call to grow more deeply Spiritually, Communally, and Sacrificially.

We have over 80+ ministries here at St. Ignatius!

- Ministries you can share your talents to serve your community
- Ministries that may help you through difficult times
- Ministries of formation that will teach and guide you

Good and Gracious God, walk with me, help me on my spiritual journey, so that I may constantly renew my relationship with You and my brothers and sisters here at St. Ignatius of Loyola. Renew in me your Spirit. Give me the strength and courage to become a better follower of Jesus and to be a good steward. I give glory to you, my God, as I make

**Stewardship… A Way of**
The Administration Commission assists in the coordination of Administrative functions of the parish including continuing and future planning, communication, and ongoing maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

COMMUNICATION
Communications committee aims to provide the community with access to information in regards to the daily life, events, and operations of the parish. Through written publications and technology advances the committee will strive to get all needed information to the parish in a timely manner. This media includes, but is not limited to, the Parish Mobile App, the Parish Website, the Bulletin, Email based Notifications, and Flocknotes. The committee constantly reviews new publication media and re-evaluates the current communications landscape to make sure the community receives parish information in the best and most clear way.

MONEY COUNTERS
Money counting teams serve the community by counting and depositing the weekend offerings on Sunday afternoons and Monday mornings. Minimum age is 18.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME
We provide information and assistance to newcomers transitioning to St. Ignatius as their new spiritual home. Quarterly newly registered individuals and families are invited to a meet and greet, a social with the Pastor, Pastoral and Finance Councils. Please join us in this fun, friendly ministry.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS
All the work of the parish office is greatly assisted through the efforts of hundreds of volunteers each year. Whether your skill is stuffing envelopes, proofreading, data entry, or a great phone voice, we need your help. Positions available on a one-time as needed basis, as well as regular weekly workers.

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE
The Preventive Maintenance committee is pro-active, called to stewardship and preservation of buildings, grounds, and equipment generously provided by this Faith Community to further enable the mission of being “A People for Others”.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
The Stewardship process encourages parishioners to identify their gifts, to cultivate and use them responsibly, to share them lovingly in justice with others, and to return them back to God with increase. The Stewardship Committee generates ideas and implements steps needed to help parishioners better understand Stewardship as a way of living, and assist in developing Stewardship as a way of life in the parish. To instill an attitude of the mind and heart expressed in action and communicated with resources in the bulletin and social media; emphasizing that all our gifts are from God. This committee meeting monthly, is instrumental in orchestrating an annual Ministry Fair, coordinating a Ministry Directory and participating and facilitating conferences and speakers related to the Stewardship process.
The mission of the Community Life Commission is to provide a welcoming, hospitable atmosphere throughout the parish community. We foster interaction and communication among parish organizations, encourage broad-based parishioner involvement, and opportunities for community building.

**American Heritage Girls**

We are a family oriented, Christ-centered scouting program dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, country, and community. This organization offers badges in many fields, service projects, leadership opportunities, and outdoor experience to its members in kindergarten through high school.

**Bereavement Meal Ministry**

Members provide a lunch reception when requested, for the family and friends of the deceased after a Funeral Mass. Food Donations (not required) and serving only are requested of members. No Heavy Lifting. Contact the Office of Liturgy and Sacraments for assistance in planning a funeral liturgy.

**Craft Guild**

The group is open to everyone—no experience is required! We craft items for the Fall Festival, and together make a quilt which is auctioned at the festival. We also take on various service projects, such as making ornaments for the Christmas Angel Tree. Donations of craft supplies are appreciated.

**Donut Socials**

Come join fellow parishioners for donuts and coffee on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Assist with serving as well as welcoming all people into our Faith Community.

**Fall Festival**

The annual Fall Festival is a major fundraiser of the parish, engaging parishioners and the local community beyond St. Ignatius. Hundreds of volunteers are needed in all areas, such as booth workers, volunteer coordinators, area supervisors, ticket sellers, and more.

**Filipino Ministry**

This ministry serves the needs of the Filipino community within the larger parish community. We sponsor community and religious events. This group seeks to include people of all cultures in the Filipino experience.

**The Hispanic Traditions**

Calls for the community at St Ignatius of Loyola to celebrate and express the Hispanic Popular Devotions and Cultural Celebrations. The ministry will gather all parishioners currently active or inactive who feel connected with the Hispanic Culture to serve and support the needs of the faithful.

**Ministry El Ministerio Tradiciones Hispanas**

Llama a la comunidad de San Ignacio de Loyola a celebrar y expresar las Devociones Populares Hispanas y las Celebraciones Culturales. Este ministerio juntará a todos los feligreses activos o inactivos que se sienten relacionados con la Cultura Hispana para servir y apoyar las necesidades de los fieles.
The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. The St. Ignatius of Loyola Knights Council 10861 is the ‘go-to’ group for the parish. Whether it is supporting youth programs, sponsoring special events, supporting religious vocations, or hosting family focused events, these men called Knights serve as valuable role models not only for other Catholic men but for our youth as well.

**Squirettes of Mary**
The Squirettes of Mary, Our Lady of Grace Circlette is a Catholic Sorority open to all Catholic girls ages 10 -18. Under the guidance of adult counselors, the members have a very active program including spiritual, social and service activities. Along with the Ladies Auxiliary and the Columbian Squires, we are a part of the Knights of Columbus family.

**Columbian Squires**
Columbian Squires is the official fraternal youth group of the Knights of Columbus where Catholic young men, ages 10-18, are involved with community and spiritual service. Knights of Columbus members are invited to volunteer as mentors or event leaders.

**Legion of Mary**
The Legion of Mary is an association of Catholic laity whose focus is the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation, under ecclesiastical guidance. Our assignments include: instruction of the faith, evangelization, leading the rosary at wakes and funerals, pilgrim Virgin home visitation, visitation of the sick, home-bound, nursing homes, and newly baptized.

**MINISTRY OF ADULT SINGLES**
MAS serves those in our community who are 40+ and single, divorced or widowed, by giving them an opportunity for spiritual and social fellowship. With regular meetings, social events, discussion groups and more, it is a great place to meet new people and create lasting friendships.

**MINISTRY OF MOTHERS**
Mothers in all stages of life are included, welcomed, and empowered to grow their faith and friendships with other Catholic moms. Our ministry offers play groups, social and family events, spiritual activities, retreats, community service and holiday parties.

**Scouting**
Our Scout groups learn everyday life skills as well as outdoor and camping proficiency, while practicing leadership and service in the community. We need men to volunteer as leaders or mentors.

**Boy Scouts**  
*Troop 1324* consists of boys ages 11-17  
**Cub Scouts**  
*Pack 1325* is for boys in grades K through 5th grade

**Senior Friends**
We are composed of people, 55 years of age or older, who want to minister and be ministered to, both spiritually and socially. Our monthly meetings include interesting and varied topics. We are a very active group and enjoy retreats and day trips as well as extended trips lasting 7-10 days.

**St. Joseph Altar Guild**
Our mission is threefold: 1.) to feed the hungry;  2.) to honor St. Joseph by celebrating his feast day;  3.) to perpetuate the Sicilian American tradition of the St. Joseph Altar celebration. Baking begins in January; love to bake please join us. March feast day is open to our parish community; all are welcome.
VIETNAMESE MINISTRY
The Vietnamese Ministry serves the needs of the Vietnamese and others within the parish community.

WOMEN’S CLUB
We promote spiritual and social fellowship, support, and education of our members—all women of our parish and the surrounding community. There is always a need to help continue our great work and provide opportunities for new areas of support.

COMMUNITY LIFE—FUN ~ FOOD ~ FELLOWSHIP
By the grace of God, we have been called to form disciples of Christ, who through life long faith formation and active participation in the Church help create a more loving and just world.

Parish Family Events
Social and catechetical events are scheduled throughout the year to celebrate our faith and build relationships with our parish families and include Halloween Carnival, Live Nativity, Mardi Gras and Easter Egg Hunt. Opportunities are available to assist with planning, decorating and leading activities, as well as participating.

St. Ignatius Of Loyola Early Childhood Center
We offer MDO/Preschool/Kindergarten classes for children ages 9 months – Kindergarten (age as of Sept. 1 of the upcoming school year). Visit the website for days and times offered. Class times are 9:00 am—2:00 p.m. Registration is required. Volunteers are welcome. Safe Environment training is required to volunteer.

Nursery
Nursery is open in the Christus Center during the 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:15 p.m. Sunday Masses and during Holy Day Masses. It is a free service, and no pre-registration is required. We accept children 6 months to 4 years old. Volunteers are always needed. Safe Environment training is required to volunteer.

Parents’ Night Out
PNO is held on selected Fridays throughout the year. We invite children ages 6 months - 10 years to come for a light dinner and various activities while parents enjoy a night out. Advance registration and payment are required. We are in need of volunteers, and training is provided. Safe Environment training is required to volunteer.

Summer Fun
A summer program for children ages 2 years - 5 years is offered selected weeks of the summer that meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The curriculum is bible theme related. Registration and payment are required. Volunteers are needed. Safe Environment training is required to volunteer.

*Faith formation is more than a subject to be taught- it is an invitation to a way of life*  
— St. Ignatius Loyola
ELEMENTARY FORMATION

The Elementary area of Formation is established to assist the parents of children who are in first to fifth grades.

**ELEMENTARY FORMATION  CLASSES: GRADES 1-5**

Elementary formation (religious education) classes are offered on a variety of days and times. Classes are one hour and 15 minutes long one day a week during the school year. Selected sessions overlap with Jr. High and Early Childhood classes to accommodate families with children of various ages. Children participate in prayer services, service projects, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd presentations in addition to their curriculum. Registration begins in the summer. New parishioners may register at any time. There are many volunteer opportunities during classes – catechist, assistant, hall monitor, attendance aid, parking monitor, and office volunteer during the day. (Weekly commitment) Safe Environment training is required to volunteer.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD FORMATION**

Early Childhood classes are offered for children ages 4 years (as of Sept. 1 of the upcoming school year) through Kindergarten are offered on Sundays from 3:45-5:00 p.m. and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:45-6:00 p.m. Classes are held from mid September through early May. Registration required. Volunteers are needed and training is provided. Safe Environment training is required to volunteer.

**SACRAMENTS: FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST**

Children generally prepare for First Reconciliation and Eucharist during second grade through fifth grade after completing a full year of formation classes. Classes and preparation sessions are also available for older children who need to prepare for sacraments. Safe Environment training is required to volunteer.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is offered for children age 4 through fourth grade during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. Children are dismissed from Mass to hear the Scriptures proclaimed and explained in age-appropriate language and participate in discussions that reinforce the Gospel message. They then return to the main assembly for Liturgy of the Eucharist. Registration is not required. Volunteers are needed; all materials and training are provided. (Monthly commitment) Safe Environment training is required to volunteer.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is offered for children age 4 through 5th grade the fourth week of June from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The children participate in exciting lessons, cool crafts, fun games, upbeat music, hands-on activities, and delicious snacks! Volunteers are needed; all materials and training are provided. Safe Environment training is required to volunteer.

**GOD’S WORD SUMMER BIBLE STUDY**

Bible study is offered for fourth and fifth graders on specific Tuesdays in the summer. The evening includes social activities and an interactive study of Scripture. Safe Environment training is required to volunteer.
The **Youth Ministry** program at St. Ignatius offers **EDGE** on Sunday afternoons for Junior High Youth and **Life Night** for the High School Youth on Sunday evenings in addition to a wide variety of events and activities throughout the week. Below is a sampling of the adult volunteer opportunities available for those desiring to work with our youths. If you can offer any other assistance, we have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Please contact [jrhigh@silcc.org](mailto:jrhigh@silcc.org) or [highschool@silcc.org](mailto:highschool@silcc.org). Safe Environment training is required to volunteer.

**EDGE Volunteers**

The **EDGE** Volunteers are made up of volunteers serving in a nearly unlimited number of roles. Our team is made up of people who serve as weekly small group leaders and prayer warriors as well as volunteers to help with set up and take down, environment, decorations, media, sign in, including retreats, talks and activities for the nights. There is a place for nearly everyone on our team and we invite you to consider being a part of our Middle School Youth Ministry and sharing your gifts with the young church.

**Life Teen Volunteers**

Members are present to the young people to listen and guide them. Their responsibilities are small group leaders, relational ministry, and planning and preparing **Life Nights**. We are also seeking several volunteers to help with setting our environment, helping with sign up, media, or being a part of our meal team. We are always looking for volunteers to help throughout the year with weekend events and retreats. If you have a desire to serve and walk alongside the high schoolers at St. Ignatius please reach out and see how you can join our team.

**Confirmation Team**

Confirmation is an important time where youth are looking to be certain of their faith. This is a chance to walk with them on their faith journey toward this sacrament.

**Disabilities Catechist And Catechist Aide**

We have a class that meets with youth with disabilities. If you have a heart for this ministry, please consider helping out. (Weekly commitment)

**Verso L’alto For Grades 9-12**

These weeknight gatherings provide an opportunity for our youth to participate in the Wednesday evening Mass and then spend time with their peers enjoying each other’s company, faith sharing, and going deeper in their faith. Volunteers are needed for both levels of these activities.
Young adults, from 19 into their 30’s, are invited to participate in the St. Ignatius Young Adult Ministry. Spend an evening with other young adults as they break open the Word and grow in their Catholic faith during Fireside Chats on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Gather after the 5:15 Lifeteen Mass on Sunday for food and friends. Follow the group on FB at StIggyYAM.
**ADULT FORMATION**

The adults of the parish are called to ministry by virtue of their baptism. We are called to serve the Lord Jesus Christ and his Church by providing for the adult spiritual and learning needs of the parish.

**ACTS**

The St. Ignatius of Loyola ACTS Apostolate is missioned on a three day spiritual retreat focusing on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Through the ACTS retreat, we strive to ignite a spark within our Catholic community with the eternal flame of the Holy Spirit to go forth and do service within our local community. As an instrument of God’s love, the ACTS retreat becomes a light that will help bring about the New Evangelization by fostering love and true discipleship, leading others to a commitment and obedience to Our Lord Jesus Christ by our every word, action and thought.

**ADULT FORMATION**

We provide opportunities for the adult members of the Parish Community to support them in continued growth in faith. The offerings include marriage preparation, infant baptism preparation, scripture study, spiritual direction, spiritual retreats, small faith communities, opportunities for Catholics returning to the Church after some time away, and sacramental preparation for adults. Join us to learn or volunteer to participate as a facilitator or a catechist.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

The RCIA is the process by which unbaptized adults and unbaptized children of catechetical age enter the Church. Those adults who have been baptized Catholic but have not yet received the Sacraments of both Confirmation and Eucharist, and baptized Christians seeking full communion with the Catholic Church also participate in this process as a means of completing their initiation and coming to full membership in the Catholic Church. As parishioners, we are the community for those in the initiation process. Serving as a team member, catechist or sponsor provides an opportunity to walk with individuals on their faith journey and support them in this process.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

If you are 18 or older, out of high school and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is not too late! Information on the preparation for and celebration of the sacrament is available on the parish website and will be in the parish bulletin beginning in August.

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST FOUNDATION FOR FAMILY AND LIFE**

(CFC) Couples for Christ Foundation For Family and Life is an evangelistic and missionary community that emphasizes family life renewal and evangelization. We strive for holiness of life as we commit to renew the temporal order through our work with the poor, renewing the family, defending life as servants of the Church.

**FAMILIA**

Familia promotes authentic Catholic teachings that enhance and enrich our faith and practically apply the Church’s teachings in life, especially within family life.

**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY**

Our Grief Support program is open to all. We offer a Christ-centered, Scripture-based journey for those in need of consolation, answers, direction and hope. You are not alone. Join us each Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m.
ADULT FORMATION
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JOURNEY OF HOPE  journeyofhope@silcc.org
A 17-week support program (with a uniquely Catholic prospective) to help individuals recover from the emotional pain of separation or divorce and regain hope in their lives. The support group meets weekly and addresses key challenges on the path to recovery.

LIBRARY  library@silcc.org
Our parish library is a resource for books on the Catholic faith, lives of the Saints and inspirational reading. We also have books on parenting, grief, and relationships. We accept donated used books. Books which cannot be used are sold, and the profits support the library.

MARIAN SERVANTS OF THE INCARNATE WISDOM  marianservants@silcc.org
Members of MSIW serve in ministries including Spiritual Direction, Healing Prayer and directing the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. The MSIW is the Houston chapter of the Marian Servants of Divine Providence. We have a special devotion to the Holy Spirit and to Mary. We seek holiness, promise obedience to the Church and place ourselves at the service of others through spiritual works of mercy. For more information, see our website http://marianservantshouston.com or email us.

MENTOR COUPLES  mentorcouples@silcc.org
In a couple-to-couple home setting, engaged parishioners are mentored in the skills for use in their life-long Christian marriage. Our mentor couples participate in the marriage preparation along-side a member of the clergy, have been in a sacramental marriage for at least 3 years, attend Mass faithfully, and are willing to share the teachings of the Church as well as the skills they have developed as a couple within their marriage. Resources and training in the Fully Engaged mentoring program are provided by the parish.

PARISH VOCATION COMMITTEE  vocations@silcc.org
The Vocation Committee fosters and affirms vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We do this through prayer, education, awareness, and affirmation events. We support and promote various events that young people can attend to learn more about religious vocations, and also give creative ways that parents can use to teach children about vocations. We meet once a month to plan for various activities.

SERRA INTERNATIONAL  serra@silcc.org
An organization of Catholic men and women seeking to help the church by fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The group fosters the spiritual growth of Serrans through education and camaraderie.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION  spiritualdirection@silcc.org
St. Ignatius is blessed to have a number of spiritual directors who serve in the parish. Each director has received specialized training and certification in Spiritual Direction. They volunteer their time in this ministry and do not personally accept compensation. To learn more about spiritual direction and/or seek a director, contact the parish through the above email address.

TEAMS OF OUR LADY  tool@silcc.org
Teams of Our Lady are groups of 5 to 7 couples of all ages that meet monthly to share a simple meal, pray together, and have a lively discussion. TEAM is an international lay movement blessed by the Pope under the patronage of Our Lady which seeks to put Christ in the center of married lives and to help grow marriages spiritually.
Outreach encompasses social ministry, social justice, and pastoral care. It reaches out to those in need of healing in our faith community, our local community, & the global community. Contact each ministry directly, or the Director of Outreach at 281-290-4606.

**ADULT & FAMILY MISSION**
adultandfamilymission@silcc.org
Organizes family and adult mission trips to the colonies of the Rio Grande Valley to help the elderly, infirm and poor with home repairs and other charitable works.

**BLOOD DRIVE**
blooddrive@silcc.org
Offered several times a year to allow parishioners the opportunity to give the gift of life.

**CHRISTMAS ANGELS**
christmasangels@silcc.org
The Christmas Angels Ministry uses donations from anonymous ‘Angels’ to provide Christmas gifts and food for local families in need. Besides adopting families or donating money, parishioners can volunteer to help with interviews of recipients, setting up for Delivery Day, helping on Delivery Day, and/or baking cookies to give to the families receiving Christmas gifts. Training will be provided prior to the interviews and volunteers helping Delivery Day Weekend. All volunteers helping with interviews and on Delivery Day need to have the Safe Environment Training.

**GABRIEL PROJECT**
gabriel@silcc.org
The Gabriel Project offers emotional support, pastoral care, medical aid, financial assistance, housing, and adoption resources to women facing crisis pregnancies. When a woman comes to a Gabriel Parish, she will be provided with any help she may need to care for her unborn child.

**GUATEMALA SCHOOL MISSION**
mission @silcc.org
Provides support to a parochial school “Our Lady of Guadalupe” - the “Little School’ in Chiche, Guatemala, by raising funds for teacher salaries and other educational needs. The annual fundraiser for the school is the 2nd weekend in November. The committee sponsors an annual faith sharing trip to the school for parish missionaries.

**HOPE CENTER HOMELESS MINISTRY**
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Through collaboration with the Hope Center an ecumenical non-profit homeless day center, this ministry enlists volunteers from the parish to provide dignity through hospitality by opening and staffing the Hope Center twice per month; providing weekly hot meals to homeless guests. Team Meetings are held Bi-Annually. Communications are handled through email and event sign-ups by Team Leads. This ministry is organized by the following Teams and coordinated by Team Leads that provides training and necessary information:

- **Cook Teams:** Responsible for a specific day once a month to prepare a hot meal in a commercial kitchen or purchased from a restaurant and served at the Hope Center.
- **Serve Saturday:** Held on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month 10:30AM to 1:30PM.
- **Volunteers:** to provide hospitality; to prepare and serve breakfast; provide the ingredients for lunches; serve as drivers to take lunches to the Hope Center; to lead music and provide song sheets; to lead a scripture reading and reflection.
- **Donations:** Communicate/Coordinate with the Hope Center to supply immediate or long-term needs.
- **Special Projects Liaison:** Work on committees formed by Hope Center to promote fund-raising projects.
- **Job Coach:** Help Hope Center guests navigate through job search process and resume building.
**Job Compass**

Provide Catholic faith-based assistance to help parishioners navigate through job and career transitions, using online informational materials, events, consulting, individual mentoring, and coaching.

**Kids Hope Center**

Through this national church-based mentoring program, St. Ignatius partners with Kaiser Elementary School to provide one-on-one mentoring for at-risk students who so desperately need and deserve the love, care and attention of an adult.

**Prayer Shawls and Mat Makers**

Within a prayerful setting, shawls and comfort mats for the sick and homeless are knitted and/or crocheted, blessed and given to those in need of healing or comfort. The shawls are available for no charge at the Church Office. The mats are donated to the Hope Center and the VETS. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 1-3pm, in Xavier 14. Our yarn is all donated. Please just bring a crochet hook or needles and join us. Most of the work is done at home. You do not have to attend meetings to be part of this ministry, but we would love to have you.

**Respect Life**

Provides parishioners and other community members avenues to promote respect for human life through prayer, education, direct service and advocacy in areas such as:

- **Correctional Ministry**
- **Courage and EnCourage** – support for individuals and their families seeking to live in accordance with the Catholic Church’s pastoral teaching on homosexuality.
- **Foster and Adoption** Family Support
- **Human Trafficking Awareness**
- **Social Justice**
- **Pro-Life Activities**
- **Project Rachel** – confidential and compassionate outreach to individuals who have had an abortion or have been involved in an abortion decision.
- **Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM)** As one of the covenant congregations of NAM, we provide support to assist with helping the hungry, the abused, the poor, and the sick in the community.

**Sandwich Makers**

Provide sack lunches three times a week to Casa Juan Diego where they are distributed to the hungry. It is a ministry in which the entire family can participate.

**Sandwich Makers** prepare brown bag lunches in their homes once a month (Sunday, Tuesday, or Thursday), and deliver the lunches to the Outreach Center Storage Room the day they are made. Each lunch consists of two hearty meat and cheese sandwiches and one piece of fruit.

**Drivers** pick up the prepared lunches from the Outreach Center Storage Room the following morning (Monday, Wednesday or Friday) and deliver them to Casa Juan Diego.

**One Simple Act of Service** yields 1,000+ brown bag lunches each month, resulting in the feeding of 12,000+ at the Casa Juan Diego Community.
SECOND FAMILY
Second Family works in partnership with the Interfaith Care Partners Inc.; the ministry’s mission is to offer home-centered support to parishioners who benefit from fellowship or practical assistance to live in their home as long as possible. Along with rides to Mass, the goal of this ministry is to meet the critical and growing needs for individuals and families facing chronic illness, injury, loneliness and lighten the burden of the care-giver by providing temporary relief. Second Family is a critical ministry in our parish. We receive multiple requests each month for help.

SENDING OUT SERVANTS
SOS is a ‘Ministry of Presence’ among the indigenous Mayan of Guatemala. Catholic laity can participate in annual Vision Clinics, Cataract Surgery and Faith Sharing missions. Home Team provides vital Eucharistic Adoration prayer support during the mission week.

STREET SAINTS MENTORING
In collaboration with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston’s Office of Special Youth Services, Street Saints pairs trained mentors with youth detained in the Juvenile Detention Center downtown for spiritual mentoring and friendship.

OUTREACH PROJECTS/ EVENTS
- **Easter Brunch** - Volunteers coordinate and serve an Easter brunch meal for 500 homeless people served by Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen downtown.
- **Operation Rice Bowl** - a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Lenten program aimed at facilitating global solidarity through prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and learning about people and their culture around the world.
- **Refugee Resettlement Project** - works with Catholic Charities to help those who have come from other countries under dire conditions to resettle here in Houston. Hosts an annual **Thanksgiving Meal** celebration for refugee families held at the parish.

OUTREACH DIRECT SERVICES
- **Information & Referrals** – The Church has a comprehensive list of social services in the area ranging from homeless shelters to family violence and recovery centers.
- **Financial Assistance** – Under the supervision of the Outreach Director, volunteers provide face-to-face interviews and financial needs assessment for emergency basic needs such as rent, utilities and food for parishioners and members of the community.
- **Financial Education** – Our team of volunteer experts offer weekly Life & Money 101 Workshops, as well as the 9-week sessions on Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University program.
- **Rejoice Counseling Apostolate** – offers professional and Catholic counseling to individuals, couples, parents, and families. Day or evening appointments available on Wednesdays in the Outreach Office on a sliding scale fee.
WORSHIP

Worship guides all the liturgical celebrations in the parish and coordinates the efforts of all the liturgical ministries.

ALTAR SERVERS
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These ministers serve God and the community through their assistance at the altar. As they serve at the Mass they come to a deeper understanding of the work they do, the signs and symbols they represent, and the objects they hold. They draw closer to Jesus Christ through their humble service. This ministry is open to all youth, both male and female, in the 4th grade or older. Service expectations are one weekend mass per month and altar servers are asked to provide a minimum of 2 weekend Mass preferences. Altar server training, to include existing servers training for new positions, consists of 2 hours of training and is conducted at least once per year.

ART AND ENVIRONMENT
art@silcc.org
This ministry offers a special opportunity for all those with a knack for decorating. By preparing the worship space, A&E Team members help the faithful to encounter God each time they come to St. Ignatius. This team assures that our worship space is expressive of God’s presence as well as reflective of the community that celebrates here. No special training is required and there are no regularly scheduled meetings. The team usually meets after daily Mass on Tuesdays when the liturgical season is changing. The team is continually in need of those who can sew, care for plants, flower arranging, or are willing to get their hands a little dirty. People of all ages are welcome to come help our team creatively problem solve and care for the environment within our church.

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION ANDADORATION
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The Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament offers the people of God the opportunity to develop a deeper devotion to the Holy Eucharist flowing from the Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of every month and on each Friday of Lent and Easter. Opportunities to sign up for an hour or more of prayer are offered regularly. Sign up individually or as a family for a time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament via Sign-up Genius on the website. The Adoration Ministry Team provides support necessary for conducting adoration and benediction. New members are welcome and will receive training on Fridays as duties are performed.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)
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These ministers assist the ordinary ministers (priests and deacons) with the distribution of Holy Communion. EMHCs distribute both the Consecrated Hosts and the Precious Blood. An EMHC must be fully initiated (Confirmed) and in good standing with the Church. New minister training occurs in the fall with multiple EMHC training opportunities in English and Spanish. Returning ministers attend a yearly renewal training and are commissioned bi-annually. In addition, ministers are asked to participate in on-going adult faith formation.

FUNERAL MINISTRY
funeral@silcc.org
Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life which has now been returned to God. Together we commend the dead to God's merciful love. Members of the Funeral Ministry give witness to our Christian hope in the resurrection as they assist grieving family members in celebrating the funeral rites of their loved ones.
**Gift Presenters**  
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At each Mass, members of the community bring forth the gifts of bread and wine that will become the Lord’s Body and Blood, as well as a representation of the monetary gift of the parishioners (the collection). The procession of gifts is a powerful expression of the participation of the entire assembly in the Eucharist and in the social mission of the Church. With these gifts we offer our very selves to be transformed by Christ through the Eucharist. Families or individuals are invited to sign-up via Sign-up Genius on our website.

**Hospitality Ministry**  
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Hospitality ministers help all members of the assembly to experience the sense of belonging as they arrive. Our welcoming presence helps to prepare the congregation for the re-creative work of the Holy Spirit who makes us “one body, one spirit in Christ.” Hospitality duties include handing out and collecting worship aids before and after Mass, taking up collections, bringing the community forward at Communion, counting all who are attending the Mass, and handing out bulletins after Mass. We assist in answering questions, and assist those who need help during Mass. Hospitality ministers typically serve twice a month at their preferred Mass time and attend 1 training per year. Additionally, we volunteer to serve at special Masses and holy days of obligation.

**Infant Baptism Assistants**  
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Baptism incorporates us into Christ, forms us into God’s people and makes us children of God. Baptism coordinators assist the presider during the celebration of the Rite of Baptism. We express the joy of our parish as we welcome children and their families. Baptism Coordinators have an annual training and then these ministers shadow-train other coordinators as needed.

**Incense Ministry (IM)**  
incenseministry@silcc.org

The Incense Minister serves to enhance liturgical celebrations. The smoke of the incense is symbolic of sanctification and purification, and of the prayers of the faithful. Incense Ministers are experienced servers who prepare the charcoal and handle the thurible during Mass, and also serve at funeral liturgies and Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. To join this ministry there is an initial orientation session followed by scheduled “supervised” sessions during Mass.

**Instituted Acolyte (IA)**  
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The Instituted Acolyte is appointed by the pastor to assist the priest and deacon in the celebration of the liturgy. This ministry is a permanent institution, and has its roots in the formation of ordained clergy. Therefore, this ministry is reserved for men. Instituted Acolytes meet quarterly, for prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Training is provided in a 2-part workshop by the Archdiocese Office of Worship along with parish level training by the IA ministry.

**Lectors**  
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God speaks when we hear the Word proclaimed in the liturgy. Lectors are entrusted with the Word of God. They have personally encountered it, and through them the people of God encounter the divine Word. Lectors must be able to speak comfortably and with confidence before the assembly. They prepare through prayer and practice to proclaim the Word of God so that it comes alive for the community. Required preparation includes following the proclamation guidelines set forth in the Lector Workbook, annual in-person training and ongoing formation e.g. retreats, bible study, etc.
**Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound**  
Eucharistic Visitors are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who strengthen those who cannot be present at the Eucharistic Celebration. They are sent to carry the Word of God and the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and homebound, thus making them one with us. These ministers visit hospitals, nursing homes, private homes, and extended care facilities. Pastoral Care also includes the celebration of the Anointing of the Sick which is a sacrament ministered by the priest. Each visitor attends an annual training and is given a *Rite of Communion to the Sick* booklet to pray and accompany those who cannot receive the Eucharist weekly. 
Eucharistic Visitors visit parishioners in our area.  

**Music Ministry**  
God has bestowed upon his people the gift of song, and God is indeed present whenever his people sing his praises. The music ministry supports and strengthens the community’s faith and worship. Choirs composed of children, teens, and adults are supported by accompanists, handbell ringers, and instrumentalists. The Cantor proclaims the Word of God and leads singing at liturgical celebrations. The Sound Tech operates the sound mixer board at Mass and at other celebrations. Choir members attend a weekly rehearsal to prepare for weekend Masses and holy days. Sound Techs attend an annual training/formation session.

**Prayer Group**  
Our prayer teams gather weekly and place before God the needs of our community and those of all the world. Team members also minister through participation in parish activities and by responding to the spiritual and physical needs of our community.

**SUNCTANS**  
Preparation is essential to a prayerful celebration. Sacristans minister through their care for the altar linens used for liturgical celebrations. The work of laundering, ironing and mending becomes a sort of prayer for those who dedicate themselves to this ministry. Sacristans must attend a training session to learn the care of altar linens.

**Wedding Coordinators**  
Wedding Coordinators play an active part in preparing couples for the celebration of the Rite of Marriage. These ministers devote their time to couples in planning their wedding, lead the rehearsal and direct the liturgical celebration. They serve as representatives of the parish community bearing witness to the faith and being a sign of Christ’s love. Coordinators attend an annual training and shadow-train other coordinators as needed.

**Worship Coordinators**  
Worship Coordinators assist the liturgy staff and clergy in preparing the items needed for Mass and other liturgical celebrations. We communicate with worship staff, clergy and other ministers about the particular needs for Mass. Through our ministerial role we encourage and exemplify full, active, and conscious participation of the faithful in ritual prayer and action. Worship Coordinators are trained on the job by assisting experienced worship coordinators during the Masses of their choice. Worship Coordinators typically serve twice a month and attend one yearly meeting.

> “All that I am and all that I possess You have given me: I surrender it all to You to be disposed of according to Your will.”

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Prayer: Spending Time with God

To what extent do we use time to foster our relationship with God or to volunteer in some ministry that blesses others?

Prayer is the beginning of Stewardship.

Only when we spend time with God in prayer are we spiritually prepared to offer ourselves in service of others.

How do we choose to use our time? Everyone is given the same amount of time, 24 hours each day, 168 hours each week.

Please reflect on these suggested commitments to spend more time with God.

- Attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Days
- Attend weekday Masses
- Spend 15 minutes a day in personal prayer; Morning/Evening, Novena/Devotions, Lectio Divina
- Spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration
- Take time to have meals with family
- Pray together with loved ones; Before/After Meals,
- Spend an hour per week reading the Bible
- Pray the rosary; Daily/Weekly
- Go to confession; Monthly/Seasonally
- Pray for vocations to the religious life and faithful marriage
- Build on your faith formation; join a Bible study or small group, attend a catholic conference, join a prayer group
- Plan a spiritual pilgrimage or retreat
- Perform daily acts kindness

Generous and loving God,
you call us to be disciples of your Son Jesus and good stewards of your many gifts.

Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of your countless blessings.

Transform us through the power of your Spirit to nurture a stewardship way of life marked by faith-filled prayer, service to our neighbor, and generous sharing.

Teach us to be faithful servants of your gifts.

With Mary’s help, may we return ten-fold the gifts entrusted to us.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~ Bishop Robert Morneau