



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Catholic Schools Week

Dear Parishioners:

Today in the United States begins the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. The Holy Names and Jesuit reputation for educational excellence has animated St. Ignatius School since its beginning in 1908. During our 100th anniversary, this is a good moment to thank God for what has been, and to ask blessings for all that will be.

As I complete my first term and look to commit to another six years as pastor, I join with other parish leaders to renew our campus: fix or replace what is broken, and construct what is needed to accomplish our mission for the next fifty years. Starting in February, we will hire consultants to interview a cross section of the parish to determine the feasibility for a campus enhancement campaign.

The role of the consultants will be to hear what we want to accomplish, interview parishioners about the level of support for various potential components and then summarize their findings in a report to the Pastoral Council. The consultants' goal is to have enough accurate information to enable the Pastoral Council to go to the parish with proposals for how to proceed.

We have already discerned that we have to fix our aging buildings, and we must provide infrastructure to support our mission "to be Oregon's spiritual home for Jesuit works." The next phase of the discernment is to determine the scope of the projects and how to pay for them. Let us deepen our commitment to Catholic education on the block by praying for the Lord's empowerment of our campus enhancement campaign.

This weekend's scripture readings are all about sources of authority. In the first reading, Moses derives his authority from his relationship with God. Moses converses with God face to face. He is the hero of the Exodus, the one to whom God entrusts the law. Moses has an intimate relationship with the Holy One and out of this familiarity speaks with God's authority.

Mark's gospel portrays a typical day in the ministry of Jesus. The scene at the synagogue in Capernaum set forth the purpose of his ministry: to take on the forces of evil and prevail. This Jesus did, both in his teachings and in his works.

As Jesus preached in the synagogue that day, the people were spellbound by his teaching. He did not speak with an authority derived from any human institution like a theology degree or citation from some canon of the Law. On the contrary, Jesus' authority originated from his relationship with God and in the influence his intimacy generated as God's Son.

Just as God's word had the capacity to enact what God said: "and God said, 'let there be light,' and there was light" (Gen. 1:3), so did the word of Jesus. Not only could Jesus' word amaze people in the Synagogue, that same word could expel demons and heal people. Because the ancients attributed maladies to demons, many of the healings Jesus performed were described as exorcisms. In each of the exorcisms, the Marcan Jesus overcomes the hostile forces of evil with the authority that came from his gracious relationship to his Father.

Ironically, many who witnessed Jesus' actions in Mark, including the disciples closest to him, did not acclaim him or recognize him for who he was. But the demons were well aware that they had met their match in Jesus. Some scholars think that the demons were not making a faith confession as much as trying to ward off his influence by calling him by name and thereby gaining mastery over him. But Jesus tells the demons to be silent because they are liars. For if they reveal that he is the Holy One of God, it will only lead to confusion because when liars say the truth, you don't know what to believe.

Contemporary hearers might wonder why everyone present at this remarkable scene did not repent and believe in Jesus. But clearly, responses to Jesus cannot be forced. Those who heard his teaching and witnessed his healing that day were free to respond – or not. Like them, those who hear his words and works proclaimed today are also challenged to respond.

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Today's Readings:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

Next Sunday's Readings:

Job 7:1-7, 6-7
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39

Preaching Next Sunday:
Fr. Craig Boly, SJ

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 in 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

The authority of Moses and Jesus derived from their close relationship with the Divine Spirit. And they used their authority to serve the project that God gave them. Each of us is entrusted with the authority to accomplish our projects – the power to take responsibility for what God wants to create through us. Our prayer is to listen carefully to what God wants as discovered in our values and life experience, in conversations and consultations with friends, and recommendations and decisions from our leaders.

In light of today's reflection about the authority of Jesus and our own authority, what is your response? It is our mission to pay attention to God's promptings, and to relate to the Father with the same filial trust as Jesus experienced. One way to respond is to support the project of Catholic education and our commitment to renew our campus.

On this Wednesday, January 31st, our school children will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at 8:45 AM for all who make our school possible. Then on Friday, February 2, we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. We remember that Mary and Joseph, faithful Jews, took their firstborn son to the Temple to consecrate him to the Lord. When they arrived, the aged prophets Anna and Simeon recognized the little baby as the light of the world. The church blesses candles to remind us of Christ's light. It is also first Friday, so we will have the anointing of the sick at the 8:00 AM Mass in church

Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.

Catholic Schools Week is Here!

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope....1st Peter, 3:15

We are so excited to warmly welcome you to visit the largest mission of St. Ignatius parish: our school! We are so grateful to the many ways the parish community supports educating our children in the faith. Because of your care and commitment, the next generation experiences: that they are children of God, they are loved and we see their gifts, that there is a community of care that supports their physical and emotional safety, encouragement to be their brightest selves, and challenge that stretches them and ignites their curiosity. Excellence reflects who we are in God; thank you for being excellent partners in caring for our youth.

Open House: Please come and see your good work: join us from 12-2:30 on Sunday or Thursday morning, Feb. 1, 9-10:30.

If you have a young friend who would like to attend, we have openings at every grade level, including room in next year's pre-school and kindergarten. We hope you will help us in adding 20 students to our school community for the next year. Need based financial aid is available. Please contact the school office if you have questions.

Announcing the Inigo Scholarship Circle: We are seeking 10 people who will sponsor all or part of a tuition for a child to attend St. Ignatius School and help start our very first Inigo of Loyola Scholarship Circle. Inigo was the baptismal name of St. Ignatius and references who he was as a child. If you feel deeply the mission of our Catholic schools to educate children in the faith, please consider sponsoring an Inigo Scholarship. Contact Kelli Clark for details: kclark@sipdx.org.

School Mass: We hope everyone you will join us for the school mass for St. Ignatius on Wednesday, 31, at 8:45. The kindergarteners and fourth graders are working hard to lead us in worship.

Blessings!
Kelli Clark
Principal



A warm
welcome to all
our guests.

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

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

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Mass Intentions

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| Monday | January 29 † | Roseline Amalu |
| Tuesday | January 30 † | Souls in Purgatory |
| Wednesday | January 31 † | Cordelia Odilo |
| Thursday | February 1 † | Mattha Thu Thi Nguyen |
| Friday | February 2 † | Joseph Duc Minh Truong |

Clean Energy Jobs and Faith-Based Advocacy

Thank you to the 130+ people who signed onto the Clean Energy Jobs bill postcards. We will continue to have these available in the vestibule to sign and drop off until February 11th. If you are interested in learning more and having a **faith-based conversation** about this legislation, please join us at St. Andrew Lutheran Church (12405 SW Butner Rd, Beaverton, OR) on **Tuesday, January 30th** from 7-8:30PM. Tyler Wagner be co-facilitating and will share more information about the Clean Energy Jobs bill, why it is important from a faith-based perspective and how to be involved in advocating for it. You can also get involved by joining us at the **Clean Energy Jobs Lobby Day on Monday, February 12th** at the State Capitol from 9AM-4PM. Please email Tyler (twagner@sipdx.org) to RSVP and join carpools to Salem.

Italian Dinner Volunteers Needed For Feb. 18th

We need many volunteers to make this a successful event so please mark your calendars! We need servers, dishwashers, set-up, clean-up helpers, etc. If you haven't volunteered before, please consider it as it is a fun, heart-warming experience. If you've volunteered in the past, thank you and welcome back! Volunteer forms will available in the vestibule in the upcoming weeks. Also, please mark your calendars to help us roll meatballs and enjoy a fellowship lunch on Friday, Feb. 16th. Thank you!

Friends of Trees Event

Join your fellow St. Ignatius parishioners for a SE Portland neighborhood tree-planting event with Friends of Trees on Saturday, February 3rd from 9am to 1pm! Breakfast treats, a potluck lunch, and tools and gloves are provided – just show up dressed for the weather in sturdy shoes. Tree-plantings are a fun space to meet new friends in your community, while living out the call of Pope Francis in Laudato Si to care for our Earth as God's creation. The St. Ignatius team will meet at 8:50am at Community of Christ Church, 4837 NE Couch St., Portland, OR 97213. Please RSVP to Tyler Wagner at twagner@sipdx.org, ideally by Sunday, January 28th, or otherwise before February 3rd.

Thank you!

Many thanks to El Shaddai for the holiday food donation to the St. Vincent de Paul pantry. We greatly appreciate your support and generosity over the years. Thank you!

Tax Letter Updates

Happy New Year!! Our annual tax letter will be going out soon, please contact the office if you have had an address, phone or email change in 2017. Contact Patty Frangipani at office@sipdx.org or 503-777-1491 x 221. Thank you.

Mature Adult Faith Community

Because of the Italian dinner, the Mature Adult Faith Community has rescheduled their meeting on February 18th and it will now take place on March 4th following the 10:30 Mass. Contact Jule Ward for more information: juledej1@gmail.com

Baby Brunch

Sunday, Feb. 11th from 9:15-10:15AM in Dillon Hall. If you have a child recently baptized, or 2 years or younger, please join us to meet other families with young children. The whole family is welcome! Hosted by the Mom's group. Please RSVP to Beth Schaller at bschaller@sipdx.org. (If you are interested in bringing a breakfast dish to share, please also share that with Beth)

Nursery Co-op Begins Again

Jacqueline Carpenter has graciously stepped up to coordinate our nursery program. She will be scheduling volunteers to help her in the nursery on a regular basis. Adults and high school students are invited to assist in the nursery. Thank you, Jacqueline. You can reach her at jcarpenterhiebg@gmail.com. What a blessing to have childcare again!

Visit the Holy Spirit Mailbox in the Family Alcove

Please visit the Family Alcove in the rear of the church to write a note of blessing to one of our children or adults preparing to receive the sacraments this spring (First Eucharist and RCIA names are listed in the alcove for your convenience). We hope everyone will receive several notes. The mailbox will be available through Feb. 11th so don't wait!

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