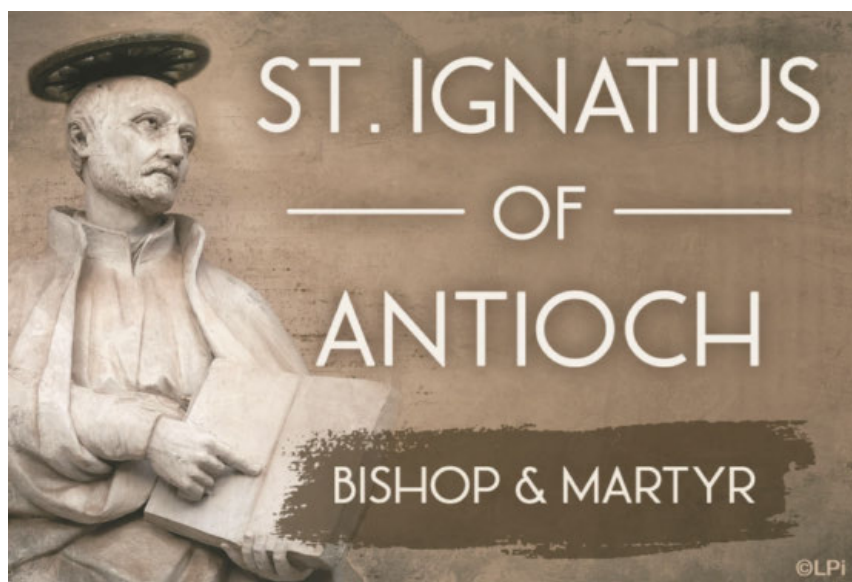




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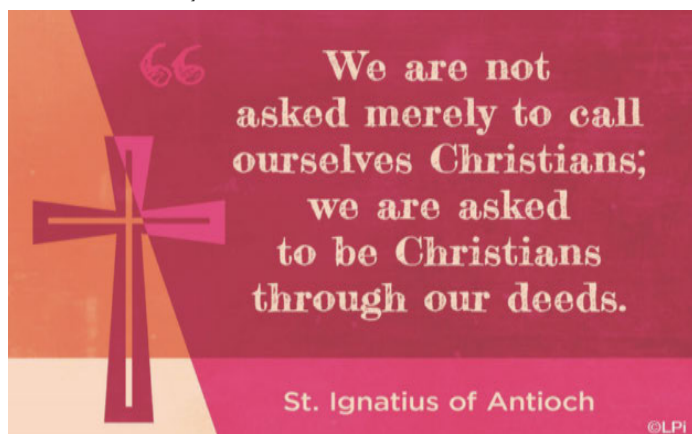
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October 17th is the feast of St Ignatius of Antioch c.35 – c.107, patron saint of St. Ignatius parish. St Ignatius, a contemporary of the Apostles, third bishop of Antioch, and martyr, was one of the first to write about the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Below is part of what he spoke on his journey towards his execution.

“I desire the bread of God, the heavenly bread, the bread of life, which is the flesh of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who became afterwards of the seed of David and Abraham. And I desire the drink of God, namely His blood, which is incorruptible love and eternal life.”

According to The Articles of Incorporation the first Catholics of this region chose St. Ignatius, as patron saint for our parish, on October 9th, 1882. A patron saint is recognized as a special intercessor with God and will be specifically honored at St. Ignatius parish Saturday, October 14th through Tuesday, October 17th this year.



Weekly Meditation

Many are invited, but few are chosen. (Matthew 22:14)

This is a sobering parable. None of us want to end up like those villagers who became victims of the violence they had visited upon the king's servants (Matthew 22:7). And we certainly don't want to be like that poorly dressed wedding guest (22:13)! So how should we respond?

Jesus told this parable to those chief priests and Pharisees in Jerusalem who had been seeking to destroy him (Matthew 21:45). Despite the malice he encountered from them, Jesus loved them deeply. So he told them a jarring story to warn them about the stark consequences they risked if they continued down the path of unbelief and hatred they had started on. He wanted them instead to find their way into his kingdom, just as so many “tax collectors and sinners” had done (9:11).

Jesus wants *everyone* to enter his kingdom. His invitation is open to his enemies as well as his disciples, “bad and good alike” (Matthew 22:10). He welcomes all who come to him in humility, faith, and repentance—including you. And when you come, he showers you with mercy. He offers you his Bread of Life. He heals your wounds and gives you peace. Whether you are more like the chief priests or the tax collectors, he removes all of your sins and gives you a seat of honor at his banquet table.

Choosing the kingdom is not just once and done. It's an ongoing vocation. Today and every day, you will encounter many invitations from the Lord. They will come through the people you interact with: will you love them as Christ does? They will come as you scan the headlines: will you intercede for all the suffering in the world? They will come as you spot opportunities to share your faith: will you witness to the Lord, whether through your words or actions? You are among the “many” who are invited (Matthew 22:14). Choose Jesus!

“Lord, thank you for inviting me into your kingdom!”

The Word Among Us - October 2023 Edition

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 21st @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magnier

Altar Servers: Michael & Luke Millner

Eucharistic Ministers: Marie Taylor & Bonnie Hoglund

Greeter: Linda Zimmermann

Lector: Jessica Magrum

Sacristan: Mark Logeais

Ushers: Al Jude, Rom Mares, Cliff Zimmermann & Tim Waldschmidt

Sunday, October 22nd @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magnier

Altar Servers: Coady & Alex Dircks

Eucharistic Ministers: Dennis & Mari Arfsten

Greeter: Deb Goodale

Lector: Gael Zachman

Live Stream: Paul Manuel

Sacristan: Mari Arfsten

Ushers: John Tracy, Ric Fournier, Jerry Elsenpeter & John O'Donnell

Sunday, October 22nd @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magnier

Altar Servers: Wesson & Wyatt Reich

Eucharistic Ministers: Peggy Jo Fortner & Michael Holthaus

Greeter: Paul & Karla Braun

Lector: Patrick Meuwissen

Sacristan: Patrick Meuwissen

Ushers: Craig Arends, David Spike



Thank you for all of your prayers for Monsignor Callaghan.

While he continues to improve, the road to recovery is still long, and your prayers are still needed.

If you would like send a note of well wishes, a basket for cards will be available in the gathering space during the month of October.

Thank you!

CCW Corner

Deadline today! Appalachia Christmas and Papal Footprints (Shoe Box)

Missions: This mission is for 2 parishes in Kentucky, These parishes have been greatly affected by flooding! They have respectfully requested more gifts for older teens, jackets for kids of all ages, diapers, and gifts for elderly. Cash donations are always greatly appreciated. Please make your check payable to CCW, and we will split the donations between the two parishes. Boxes for donations are in the Gathering Space. Please remember we can only accept new items. Thank you for your generous participation!

Kitchen Clean-Up Day: The yearly kitchen clean-up will be after Mass on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 9:00. Please mark your calendars for a fun morning! Call Pam at 274-8074 if you are able to help or just bop in!

Christ Child Luncheon: Friday, December 1st from 10:45 am - 1:00 pm. If you are able to help, sign-up sheets will be in Gathering Space in November, or you can call Pam at 274-8074.

Luncheon and raffle tickets will be for sale after all Masses in November.

We also hope to include more diverse choices for our Sweet Shoppe customers. You might be willing to donate a jar of jelly, apple butter, roasted nuts, pie, canned goods, breads, coffee cakes...

Attention all Christ Child Luncheon Mini Chairs: Please plan in meeting Thursday, Oct. 26 at 5:45 in the Gathering Space. Pam will have a folder for you. We meet so we are all on the same page!

World Mission Sunday:

NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal:

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is inviting you to their Fall Conference, "Evangelization by Accompaniment" on Saturday, November 4, 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM, at the NET Ministries Center in S. St. Paul. The dynamic speaker is Dr. Carole Brown from the Rapid City, SD Archdiocese and currently the Director of the Sioux Spiritual Center. Dr. Brown has a heart for Jesus and has spent her adult life working to touch hearts and bring people to the Lord. Hear teaching on how to boldly share your faith as you walk with the Lord and others in your life. The day includes Mass, Praise and Worship with rising Christian artist Theresa Peterson, opportunities for individual prayer and confession and a Healing Service. Witness more gifts from the Holy Spirit as we open our hearts to Jesus walking beside us. All are welcome! Cost for the day \$65 for individuals, \$100 for couples. Registration open until Conference. For more information, visit the website: www.ccro-msp.org or call 763-571-5314.

September Meals on Wheels:

Thank you to all of our September Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers! We couldn't do it without you. The St. Ignatius schedule for Meals on Wheels will be changing. Changes will be posted as soon as we know more. If you have any questions please call Jennifer at 612-743-9108. Thanks again!

Heat to Heart Mission Team Meeting

There will be a Heart to Heart Mission Team Meeting today
Sunday, October 15th between Masses.
The meeting is open to everyone.

Online St. Ignatius Merchandise

Head to the St. Ignatius website for the link to the online "church merch!" Under the "Events/News/Links" tab you will find it on the left hand side. T-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, hoodies, crew sweatshirts, winter hats and baseball hats available with the St.

Ignatius logo. Each item is available in multiple colors. Youth and adult sizes, up to 4X. Proceeds of the online store benefit the CCW. Store will close November 3rd. Items estimated to be ready for pick-up the last week of November.



Personal Reflection Questions 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah speaks of a future when God will be fully present, and we will experience complete joy. What gives you hope for the future?

Second Reading: Paul shares with the Philippians that regardless of his circumstances, he has learned to draw strength and gratitude from his faith in Jesus. How does your faith sustain you in good times and bad times?

Gospel: Jesus's parable of the wedding feast offers a warning to be open to God's invitation to answer His call. How do you stay open to God's presence in your life?

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Gospel Meditation

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life matters. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There is a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

— Father John Muir

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in your prayers

Larry Oberg	Nick Mares
Joseph Niznik	Jaden Hanson
Mike Meyer	Wayne Dearing
Lynnea Stay	Ronda O'Brien
Katelyn Busch	Russ Fortner
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Mary Wittsack	Mary Malachuk
Mary Danielson	Jason Mitchell
Mark Johnson	Deb Cole
Paul DeMars	John Holker
Julie Pelarski	Marlene Niewind
Sally Phenow	Karen Sommers
Reanna Braun	Lauren Frappier
Lynnae Frappier	Monsignor Callaghan
Dan Schultz	Janet Aretz
Louise Borstad	Leon Zachman



Saturday, October 14th

5:00 pm † Gordon Diethert

Sunday, October 15th

8:30 am † Shari Danzeisen

10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, October 16th

6:00 pm † Randall H. Koshiol

Tuesday, October 17th

8:00 am † David Roth

Wednesday, October 18th

8:00 am † Norb & Ann Jost

Thursday, October 19th

8:00 am † Frank & Arlene Niermann

Friday, October 20th

No Daily Mass at St. Ignatius

8:00 am Mass available at St. Timothy's

Saturday, October 21st

5:00 pm Paul DeMars

Sunday, October 22nd

8:30 am † Michael Earley

10:30 am Parishioners



Projected weekly giving \$5,890.00
492 parish families

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Total \$6,921.25

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Parish Pastoral Council

Council member information and meeting minutes are available on our website or by requesting a copy from the parish office. On the website, use the "Ministries" menu at the top of the page, and then select "Pastoral Council" on the drop down menu.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

8:30 Mass is live streamed on the parish Facebook page and You Tube channel

Daily Mass

Mondays 6:00pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 8:00am

(No Daily Mass on Fridays)

Reconciliation

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to Sat. Mass)

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Last Thursday of the month, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptisms

Please contact the parish at least two months in advance of the Baptism. Parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office, and are held following the 10:30 am Mass.

Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesdays at noon unless an early deadline notice is posted.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is open to anyone who would like to formally become Catholic, would like a “refresher” on their Faith or would like to come share in small group discussion about Catholic teachings presented by Bishop Robert Barron (via video!). Please contact the St. Ignatius Parish office at (320) 274-8828 or parishoffice@stignatiusmn.com for more information. We will be meeting from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Tuesday nights, at St. Timothy's Catholic School, Maple Lake beginning October 24th, 2023 through Easter Sunday, 2024 (March 31). All are welcome!

"You show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy"
Psalm 16:11



Landon Melvin Paumen,
Son of Josh and Tracy Paumen,
received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on
Sunday, October 8th.
Welcome into the One Holy Catholic Church,
Landon Melvin!

Calendar of EVENTS

Sunday, Oct 15: Deadline for Appalachia Christmas and Papal Footprints (Shoe Box) Mission Donations & Heart to Heart Mission Team Meeting- Between Masses in gathering space
Tuesday, Oct 17: Synod Small Group Leadership Training 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Oct 18: NET Retreat 6th-8th grade
Saturday and Sunday, Oct 21/22: World Mission Sunday (Second Collection)
Tuesday, Oct 24: RCIA begins, Synod Small Group Leadership Training 6:30 pm
Thursday, Oct 26: Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am - 7pm
Sunday, Oct 29: Donut Sunday
Wednesday, Nov 1: All Saints Day
Masses 8:00 am & 7:00 pm
Thursday, Nov 2: CCW Kitchen Clean-up Day 9:00 am
Tuesday, November 7: Cares Center Mass 10:30 am
Synod Small Group Leadership Training 6:30 pm
Sunday, November 19: 5th grade Mass
Monday, Nov 20: Cemetery Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
Thursday, November 23: Thanksgiving Mass 9:00 am
Sunday, November 26: Donut Sunday

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