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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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SYNOD SCOOP

This Lent, our parish is launching a new way of being parish – through a new type of small groups. Imagine a group that meets you where you are and helps you take the next step in your faith journey. Imagine group leaders that welcome new members (in word and deed), so that you don't feel like the "odd person out." Imagine deep prayer, sharing and community. Now stop imagining – and join a small group this Lent!

Weekly Meditation

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. (1 Samuel 3:9)

Samuel lay sleeping when he first heard someone calling his name. He ran to his mentor, but Eli was not calling him. So Samuel returned to bed, only to hear the voice twice more. When Samuel appeared at Eli's bedside for the third time, the priest realized that it was the Lord he had heard. The God who loves to speak to his people was now calling Samuel. So he gave Samuel timeless advice: "Reply, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening'" (1 Samuel 3:9).

This same God wants to speak to us! It's not hard to hear him, but like Samuel, we need to learn to listen. The good news is that God loves us and wants us to hear his voice. So let's take Eli's words to heart.

Speak, Lord. God wants you to know him. He's always speaking, always trying to reveal himself to you. You can believe that he has a message for you, so confidently express your desire to hear him. This means sitting before the Lord and fixing your heart on him alone. "Speak, Lord. I want to know you more."

Your servant. Everything we have comes from God. He is our Master, and we are his grateful and humble servants, eager to hear and obey his word. This means more than passively waiting for a message from the sky. It means offering yourself to the Lord with a willing heart, open to God's plans—even if they differ from your own. "I am your servant, Lord. I'm ready to do your will."

Is listening. It's not easy to hear God's voice when we're surrounded by noise. So to listen for the Lord, we will need to find a quiet place away from the clatter that can drown out the Lord's voice. We may need to silence our anxious thoughts and doubts, too. But with God's help, we can set aside those thoughts and listen for his voice instead. "Quiet my heart, Lord. I'm listening for you."

"Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

The Word Among Us - January 2024 Edition

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 20th @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Caleb Danzeisen & Presley Dwenger

Eucharistic Ministers: Bonnie Hoglund & Red Petersen

Greeter: Linda Zimmermann

Lector: Angie Manuel

Sacristan: Mark Logeais

Ushers: Cliff Zimmermann, Mike Zuehlke, Ron Mares & Al Jude

Sunday, December 21st @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Ethan & Alex Millner

Eucharistic Ministers: Gael Zachman & Renee Logeais

Greeter: Mary Jo Logeais

Lector: Jessica Magrum

Live Stream: Paul Manuel

Sacristan: Diane Fournier

Ushers: Ric Fournier, Bill Healy, Steve Logeais & Randy Latour

Sunday, December 21st @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Wesson & Wyatt Reich

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Schultz & Michael Holthaus

Greeter: Traci Arends

Lector: Mary Nowak

Sacristan: Connie Nelson

Ushers: Bob Guck, Al Guck, Joe Martin

Thank you
Ministry Volunteers

St. Ignatius Membership

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a member of St. Ignatius? We offer online registration on our website, or you are welcome to contact our Parish Office at 320-274-8828 to speak with someone regarding registration or to answer any questions you may have. Becoming a registered member allows us to better understand your needs and helps us to connect with you!

If you are a current member of the parish, please remember to update us with changes to your address, phone number, or email. Updates can be made on the website or by contacting the Parish Office.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

Thank you to the many volunteers and donations that made the 2023 Christ Child Luncheon a wonderful event! The hot dishes were delicious and there was a perfect variety. The bars for the desserts also came in a great variety and the extras were packaged and sold in the Sweet Shoppe. The Sweet Shoppe also had a great variety of items and many were packaged very festively! Your efforts and willingness to help are greatly appreciated. There were so many compliments and many said they were glad to be back to the "old" way of dining in the beautifully decorated dining room and enjoying homemade hot dishes.

As we review notes from past luncheons, we see names of women volunteers that are now gone, but I also see quite a few names of people that are still volunteering today! This is an event that many continue to support. Your names will remain in the heart of this event. It always has and always will "take a village". This St. Ignatius CCW tradition continues.

Our final income was \$5022.84. The breakdown on income: Meals \$3650; Sweet Shoppe was \$1817; Raffle was \$762; Homebound was \$108.00 and the rest was miscellaneous donations. Donations of the entire amount will be sent equally to Elevate Pregnancy and Family Resource Center, Options for Women Cornerstone, Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life and Human Life Alliance.

All for God's Glory,

2023 CCW Christ Child Luncheon committee and CCW officers

CCW Mardi Gras Raffle— Choose Your Prize!

The CCW will be sponsoring a raffle and all proceeds will go toward a college scholarship for one of our graduating senior girls. Tickets will be sold after all Masses as well as during the Mardi Gras event on February 10th. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Prizes: beautiful quilt, Valentine's Day basket, Date Night basket. Winners will be announced at the Mardi Gras event. Good luck and thanks for supporting this scholarship!



Mardi Gras Event and Cash Raffle Tickets Available Now!

Tickets will be available for purchase this weekend and will be sold each weekend until the event on February 10th or we are sold out. If you are ready for a spectacular evening that includes social time, a delicious authentic Mardi Gras dinner, games with prizes and our yearly cash raffle then you'll want to purchase your tickets early to guarantee a spot! Tickets are \$45 per person and there will be limited seating to this adult only event. Our yearly cash raffle tickets are also available to purchase so be sure to stop in the gathering space to purchase dinner tickets and a raffle ticket or two. Come join in the fun while helping support our fundraiser to purchase new tables and chairs for the dining hall!

A Message from the Environments and Arts Committee

The St. Ignatius Environment & Arts (E&A) Committee would like to thank the generous volunteers that made our Christmas environment one that proudly welcomed the birth of our Savior and Redeemer Jesus Christ. From your numerous donations for the beautiful poinsettias to the many volunteer hours spent organizing, preparing, setting up (in record time) and most recently taking down of the Christmas environment this past Sunday. If you would like to become a member of the E&A Committee, please contact the parish office. By being a part of the committee you will be contacted for planning and set up dates, become familiar with where things are stored, and what is used for each environment. We welcome your ongoing participation.

The Environment & Arts Committee

Stacy Gerring, Lisa Martin, and Jackie Steinhoff

Meals on Wheels—February

St. Ignatius is responsible for the delivery of Meals on Wheels for the month of February. Shifts are Monday thru Friday, beginning at 11:15. Routes take approximately 45 minutes. If you are interested in volunteering, you can use the link for Sign Up Genius on the parish website or call Jen Filek at 612-743-9108. Remember you need a background check to volunteer. You may complete the background check at Senior Dining if you haven't done so already.



Confirmation Retreat

This past weekend, Jan 5th-7th, our 10th grade Confirmation students attended a Winter Retreat at Camp Courage. 17 students, 5 small group leaders, a youth minister and a faith formation director, lead and participated in learning sessions, reflected in small group discussions, played lots of team building games, had some free time in the gym, and a guided prayer session on Saturday night that included Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer ministry, praise and worship music, and letters from home. Adoration was a highlight for many of the teens. The retreat wrapped up with Mass at St Ignatius on Sunday morning. Please continue to pray for these students as they make their final preparations to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation later this April.



Retreat Opportunities

Men of Christ— Rising Daily in Discipleship

Join men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 2024 men's conference on Saturday, **March 23 from 9am to 3pm**. Keynote speakers Deacon Harold Burke-Sievers and Jeff Cavins will lead the day that will include presentations by Bishop Joseph Williams, Deacon Joe Michalak, and Bishop Izen. For more info call 651.291.4488 or email flomos@archspm.org.

Central Minnesota Koinonia Retreat

A weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held **March 1-3, 2024**, more info at www.centralmnkoinonia.org

Live the Liturgy

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

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Personal Reflection

First Reading: In the Lord's call to Samuel, Eli teaches Samuel the importance of "listening" to God's voice. Can you name something you have heard from the Lord?

Second Reading: Paul saw our physical bodies as a temple of the Holy Spirit, destined to be raised after death just as Jesus was raised from the dead. What are some ways to treat your body with reverence and respect?

Gospel: In John's account of the call of the first disciples, we hear the first words Jesus speaks in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" How can you convince family or friends that Jesus is what we all should be looking for?

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Remember in your prayers:

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

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, January 13th

5:00 pm † Donna Schumann

Sunday, January 14th

8:30 am † Marilyn & Jack Driste

10:30 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Monday, January 15th

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Tuesday, January 16th

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Wednesday, January 17th

8:00 am † Adam Schumacher

Thursday, January 18th

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Friday, January 19th

No daily Mass on Fridays

8:00 am Mass available at St. Timothy

Saturday, January 20th

5:00 pm † Elaine Manke

Sunday, January 21st

8:30 am † Ron Smith

10:30 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius



Projected weekly giving\$5,890.00
494 parish families

Envelopes.....\$3,821.00
Plate\$471.00
Auto Deposits\$2,765.00
Total.....\$7,057.00



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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

5:30 pm Monday (one-half hour prior to Mass)

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to 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.**



Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of Saint Paul

Now more than ever we need to express the truth that all of us are created in the image and likeness of God. Join us on January 22 for a Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, followed by a March for Life at the Minnesota State Capital. Minnesota lawmakers recently passed abortion-up-to-birth. They stripped funding for pregnancy resource centers. They repealed the newborn's right to lifesaving treatment. And abortions are rising sharply, jumping 20 percent in a single year to more than 12,000. Now is the time to remind our elected officials that no child is forgotten, and that moms and babies deserve our protection.

Leave Saint Ignatius parking lot at 8:30 on Mon, Jan 22
Prayer Service for Life 10:30 at Cathedral of Saint Paul
March for Life at the Capital Rotunda 12:00pm to 1:00pm
Contact Kathy Schultz, 320-236-7831 to join us.

Respect Life Novena

According to the World Health Organization Abortion was the leading cause of death worldwide over 73 million deaths in 2022. Please join thousands nationwide in praying the Annual Respect Life Novena, 9 Days for Life, January 16-24. You can download the novena or get the daily prayers and reflection by email or text at

9DaysForLife.com



We express our deepest sympathy to the families & friends of:

Rose Ann Diethert

August 29, 1940 – November 12, 2023

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen.



Sunday, January 14: 7th Grade Mass

Thursday, January 25: Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 28: Donut Sunday following
8:30 & 10:30 am Masses

Tuesday, February 6: Care Center Mass 10:30 am

Saturday, February 10: Mardi Gras Event

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday
Masses 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

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