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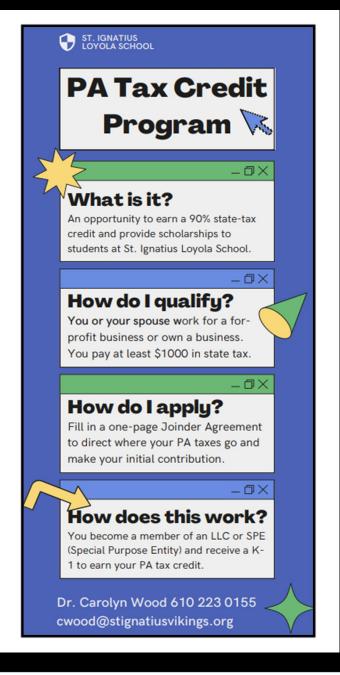
Hairbrushes (*No staples or spiral bound)

Please return UNWRAPPED items to the Narthex the weekend of October 28/29.

Call the Rectory with questions 610.678.3767.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







PA STATE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Do you want to direct where your PA Tax dollars are spent?
Would you like to use your tax dollars to help a family at St. Ignatius who is struggling to pay tuition?
You can do that with one simple form!
The process is very easy!

Reach out to Dr. Wood and fill in a form that goes to a local scholarship foundation who will handle all the steps for you. Write a check and receive a form that allows you to receive a 90% PA tax credit. For example, if you pay \$1,000 in taxes, you will receive a \$900 tax credit.

Whether you are an individual who works for a for-profit business or own your own business, you can participate in the SPE (Special Purpose Entity) which allows you to obtain

EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit) or OSTC (Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit). There is still money available for the 2023 tax year from three local scholarship funds.

Call Dr. Carolyn Wood at 610 223 0155 or email cwood@stignatiusvikings.org if you would like more information about this program.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK Monday, October 23rd Sunday, October 29th

Monday, October 23

6:30 a.m. Barbara Gavin 8:00 a.m. Ieffrev Schmidt 9:00 a.m. Barbara Zuber

Tuesday, October 24

6:30 a.m. Carmen Cao 8:00 a.m. Craig Shaffer

Wednesday, October 25

6:30 a.m. Pat Sorrells

8:00 a.m. Francis Plucinsky

Thursday, October 26

6:30 a.m. Russell Mina 8:00 a.m. Donald Weckel

Friday, October 27

6:30 a.m. James & Mary Quartieri

8:00 a.m. Joan Ruffing

Saturday, October 28 - Ss. Simon & Jude

8:00 a.m. Samuel Castillo

4:00 p.m. Joseph & Mary Owens

Sunday, October 29 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan & Stefania Pasterczyk 7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Stephen Kovacs - 105th Anniversary of Death

10:30 a.m. Mary Lionti 12:00 p.m. James Bortz

GOSPEL MESSAGE

The Lord is king and there is no other. We are to render to God therefore, fitting praise and service, as is God's due. God's word to us, in turn, is a matter of power and strength to be lived with conviction of heart.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give "to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving "to God what belongs to God"?

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER 28/29

Ex 22:20 - 26 / Thes 1:5c - 10 / Mt 22:34 - 40

Fall 2023 Schedule



10.26 - The Trinity: A Mystery

11.2 - One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic

11.9 - Mary & The Saints 11.16 - Church Tour

11.30 - What is a Sacrament?

12.7 - Baptism 12.14 - Confirmation 12.21 - Healing of the Sick

FAITH BASICS

St. Ignatius Loyola **Education Center Meeting Rooms** 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Topic Presentation Q & A

ACTIVE PARISHIONER STATUS FOR SPONSORSHIP

We receive many requests from parishioners to be a godparent or sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Part of that request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member" of our Parish.

An "active member" of this parish is one who

- Is properly registered
- Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays/Holy Days
- If married, must be validly married, i.e., married in a Catholic Church by a priest or deacon
- If single, must be 16 years of age and received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Participates in parish activities when possible
- Regularly contributes through the Sunday offertory collection by use of the parish envelope system or direct withdrawal. (your envelope use confirms attendance at Mass)

While assessments of an inquirer's status will be made individually, the above are the main factors considered in making that determination.



Sundays at 3:00 PM in our Chapel THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET will be recited.

All are welcomed! Join us! If you would like information or would

like to learn more about praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet or praying the Rosary please call Jim Corson at 610,413,0949.

GOD'S MERCY!

IT'S TRULY A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH. When your loved one is facing imminent death call 610.413.0949 any hour of the day or night and The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited for him or her by many!

> Longing to come closer to Jesus through Mary?

All are welcomed to the LEGION OF MARY prayer/meeting. Join us to pray the Rosary. for spiritual guidance & sharing.

Each Thursday, 6:30 - 8:00 PM - JP II Room.

Join the Rosary Rally EVERY Saturday during the month of October at Noon in the St. Ignatius Gym parking lot.

Visit our website: stignatiusreading.org

FRIENDS OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

plan to serve meals at KENNEDY HOUSE
Catholic Soup Kitchen
on the weekend of November 4th & 5th.
Donations of meatloaf, soup,
and baked goods are needed
and will be greatly appreciated.
Anyone interested in donating
or volunteering please
contact Deb Christ at 610.374.5259.



10.28 – The Sacramental Life 11.11 – Union With God: The Life of Prayer 12.2 – Fasting: Becoming Christlike 1.6 – Almsgiving: Our Mission of Mercy 1.20– Life Everlasting and Wrap-up

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November 4/5 & 11/12.

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Boxes of Tissues

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Snacks Tastykakes/Crackers/Goldfish

No powders, shampoos or soaps please.



During the months of October & November, St. Ignatius of Loyola Church will be participating in Box of Joy, a Christmas shoebox gift ministry organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups nationwide. We will bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas, and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel

3 easy steps...

1-TAKE A BOX

2-FILL WITH GIFTS 3- RETURN BOX & \$9

Please look at the poster in the Narthex for more information and brochures to get started!



ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PRESENTS... STATIONS OF THE NATIVITY

OPEN TO 1ST THROUGH 4TH GRADE

Performance Date:

DECEMBER 17, 2023 3PM

Each year, the children of St. Ignatius Parish perform the Stations of the Nativity in preparation for the Christmas season.

If your child is interested in playing a role, reading from the pulpit, or participating in the creche procession this year at our Parish's Stations of the Nativity, please fill out a registration form and return to the School Office or PREP in an envelope marked "Nativity."

Forms can be found at the Rectory, School Office, or PREP greeter tables.



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SAVE TIME & MONEY

Spend less time, and use a lot fewer checks by signing up for our electronic stewardship program (ESP). Your weekly or monthly contributions can be withdrawn automatically from your checking account. It works in the same manner as automatic payments to a utility or mortgage company. This is a completely optional program. If you would like to avail yourself of this opportunity, please complete the direct debit form below and mail it to the Rectory or drop it into the collection basket in a sealed envelope marked "ESP".

Contributions can be made **weekly** (Mondays) **or monthly** (1st Monday of the month). Since this program is not yet available for Holy Days or special collections, envelopes will continue to be distributed unless you wish otherwise. If you have any questions, please call Terry at the Rectory at 610-678-3767.

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CHURCH **AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT DEBIT OF WEEKLY OR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Address (Street, Route, P.O. Box) (City State Zip Code) Parish Envelope Number Telephone Number IF KNOWN **ELECTION** (check one & indicate amount to be debited from your account): Weekly contribution of \$ _____, beginning Monday __/ __/ Monthly contribution of \$ _____, beginning Monday* __/ __/ Monthly contributions will be deducted on the first Monday of the month. I (we) hereby authorize St. Ignatius Loyola Parish to debit funds, in the amount and frequency listed above, from the account at the Financial Institution designated on the attached voided check, and to initiate credit entries and adjustments for any debit entries in error to that account. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with provisions of U.S. law. This authorization will remain in effect until the Parish has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford the Parish and Financial Institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

> PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK (PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH DEPOSIT TICKET)

Signature _____

Date

The St. Ignatius FOOD PANTRY

4th Thursday of each month 3 - 4 PM May- October (November & December - 3rd Thursday) If you know anyone who would benefit from this service, please ask them to call the Rectory - 610.678.3767.

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Help a St. Ignatius student in need of tuition assistance. If you would like to donate: Donate any amount in memory of someone who has died, in honor of a special occasion or just make a charitable donation to help defray the cost of tuition for a St. Ignatius student. Donations payable to St. Ignatius School.

FRIENDS OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The mission of the FOSVDP Society at St. Ignatius is to help our parishioners and neighbors who may need temporary financial assistance. Please contact the Rectory to request assistance / refer a family in need. All information is held in the strictest confidence.



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Thank you to all who are submitting Redner's register receipts to benefit

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Today's readings encourage us Christian stewards to always be mindful of who we are and whose we are in every aspect of our lives.

Jesus reminds us of this truth in our Gospel passage today as He cleverly puts the Pharisees in their place during their attempt to verbally entrap Him. They ask Him whether it is lawful to pay the tax to Caesar. But the Pharisees were thinking small. Christ, on the other hand, thinks big.

We all know how the story goes. Christ asks to see the coin that pays the tax and has them state whose image is on it. They of course, reply, "Caesar." In response Christ tells them to "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

With that, He reminds us that while civil authorities should be obeyed, we answer to an infinitely higher authority, God, Who is Lord of everything and everyone. All things and all people were created by God. In Baptism we have been claimed for Christ. Our lives are a gift from God and we have the privilege and responsibility to use every aspect of our lives in grateful response to Him.

Let us joyfully give thanks to this wonderful God by the way we live our daily lives. We belong to Him and there is no other!

Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

For women and men suffering after abortion, may the Church's abortion healing ministry, Project Rachel, help them find peace and healing through God's endless mercy.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please call Clare Hollenbacher at 610.678.0864 to make arrangements for altar flowers for a special occasion or in loving memory of someone.



Please check our website regularly for current and upcoming events and important parish announcements. www.stignatiusreading.org

Please take note of the businesses advertising on the last pages of our bulletins.

We thank them for their support and ask you to consider patronizing them.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM, 12 Noon

Daily: Monday through Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

First Friday: 7:00 PM

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER / ADORATION - CHAPEL
Tuesdays Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
after 8:00 AM Mass until 10 PM

Wednesdays Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 AM until 7 PM Evening Prayer & Benediction

Reconciliation/Confession:

Saturday - 3:00 - 4:00 PM - Church Confessionals

Baptism: Third Sunday of each month 1:30 PM.
Baptism Seminar: First Sunday of each month 1:30 PM - JP II Rm.
Seminar attendance is required for parents before Baptism.
Please call the Rectory at 610.678.3767 to register for the Seminar.

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W, M.S.

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