

"He will separate people... as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats..." (Matt 25) Last Judgement, Roman sarcophagus lid, late 3<sup>rd</sup>/early 4th C – Metropolitan Museum of Art

# The Community of **St Ignatius**

Winnipeg, MB

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# On-line Parish Bulletin for 2023-11-26

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ the King /World Day of Youth

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Masses are live-streamed at 11am daily from St Ignatius at <a href="http://stignatiusmass.from-ca.com">http://stignatiusmass.from-ca.com</a>

All who cannot attend are invited to join us on line.

#### **Readings: 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

## Mass Intentions for the Week of Nov 27<sup>th</sup> – Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> (will be honoured during live-streamed Masses)

Mon Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00am +Silvia Garofalo Tues 28<sup>th</sup> 11:00am +Roberto Carcano

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> 11:00am +Deceased Members of the Greco Family

### **Regular Mass Schedule**

- Monday through Saturday: 11am\*
- **Saturday: 5pm** (meets Sunday obligation)
- Sunday: 9:30am and 11:00am\*
  \* live-streamed

If you are sick, you should refrain from attending in person.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is regularly available Fridays at 4pm, and Saturdays at 10am.

Reconciliation is also available by appointment Wednesday through Friday before or after Mass; please send appointment requests to *reserve@stignatius.ca* 

First Friday of each month: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and anointing of the sick

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursdays starting 7 December 11:30am to 1:30pm, in the Chapel.

Please use the required sign-up sheets at the back of the church or email Carmela at <a href="mailto:adult.education@stignatius.ca">adult.education@stignatius.ca</a>

**Contributions to St Ignatius can be made via PayPal**; you may scan this QR code: →



#### **OFFICE NOTICES**

**Throughout November, we are praying for all departed souls.** You can write the name(s) of those you wish to remember, and place them in the urn. Or you can email <a href="mailto:reserve@stignatius.ca">reserve@stignatius.ca</a>, with "Deceased Person" in the subject line. Names will be placed in the Remembrance Urn and prayed for during November.

**St Ignatius Parish Finance Council needs a candidate with a CPA** to serve as Trustee for the Parish. If you are able to serve your Parish in this way, please contact Indira in confidence at **office@stignatius.ca** 

**NEW St Ignatius Refugee Committee update:** The family from Afghanistan has arrived. We still need to find an apartment for them. Donations are requested to help support them through their first year here. Consider joining our small Committee. For info, contact Nerina Robson, 204-298-3122.

**NEW** The D&P / Caritas Canada Create Hope – Stand for the Land campaign is still collecting signatures on the letter supporting our sisters and brothers in Honduras, who are struggling to preserve their land, their water, their culture, and their lives. To our parishioners and the thousands of Canadians who have already signed: thank you for your continued commitment and mobilization. By February 25, 2024, we aim to collect 32,000 signatures; a delegation of D&P members and staff will then meet with the Honduran Ambassador. Together, we are building a world of justice. To sign our letter and support our campaign, visit <u>devp.org/joinus</u>

NEW Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) Christmas Concert, Tuesday 28 November, 6pm CST. Free on line to thank our partners, supporters, and friends who walk in solidarity with our Jesuit partners in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Performers include: Fr Erik Oland, SJ, Superior, Jesuits of Canada; student orchestra from Gandhi Ashram & Dance troupe from St Xavier College, Darjeeling; children's choir from South Sudan; ERIC – Radio Progreso, Honduras; and more. Go to <a href="https://bit.ly/CJIChristmasConcert2023">https://bit.ly/CJIChristmasConcert2023</a> to register.

**NEW** Advent Giving starts Sunday 3 December: the first collection of alms to begin our preparations for the birth of Jesus Christ. Please give generously each week to help those in need.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: for Immaculate Conception Drop-In: (men's socks, underwear, and toques);
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Christmas LITE (cheques made payable to LITE);
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Advent: Manitoba Harvest: (non-perishable food and baby items).

*Longing for Light in the Darkness*: Advent Evening Prayers (Vespers), Sunday 3 December, 4:30pm. Psalms, hymns, readings, prayers, reflection, canticle, and Magnificat. All welcome.

#### Knights of Columbus Initiatives: for all communications, please email koc@stignatius.ca

- Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Saturday 2 December, 1-4pm, Spiritual Ed Centre. Theme: *Love Never Ends*. A couple-centered participatory workshop in partnership with K of C. Renew your marriage and strengthen love for each other in the richness of Christ's love. Cost: \$25/couple.
- Christmas Fundraising Dinner: Saturday 9 December. Tickets \$35, available from the Knights after Mass or in the Parish office or email *koc@stignatius.ca*. Kids under 16 eat free.
- NEW Upcoming Rosary Prayers: Sunday 31 December, immediately after 11am Mass. Bring your rosary. You may submit prayer intentions to the Knights by email.
- NEW Pancake Breakfast: Sunday 24 January, after the 9:30 and 11am Masses.

#### **REFLECTION**

#### "Just as you did not do it to one of the least of these..."

A man who understood in his bones the theology and ethics of [today's Gospel reading from] Matthew 25 was Peter Maurin, co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement. Maurin was born in France in 1877 [and in] the course of his early education... he became deeply inspired by the example of St. Francis of Assisi. In 1909... Peter left his native country and eventually began to live a radical sort of Franciscan life, embracing poverty out of love for the Gospel, working as a simple laborer during the day and sleeping in skid-row shelters at night. During those vagabond years, he was struggling to develop a coherent Catholic social philosophy, a theory of economics and politics thoroughly informed by Matthew 25. He knew that the Church had codified that section of Matthew as "the corporal and spiritual works of mercy," among which were feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the imprisoned, burying the dead, counseling the doubtful, and praying for the living and the dead. He wondered what society would look like if those ideals were the foundation of the political and social order. He also read with great care the social teaching of the Church, especially as it was articulated in Pope Leo XIII's Rerum Novarum of 1891 and Pope Pius XI's Quadragesimo Anno of 1931. In Pope Leo's text, he discovered the principle that the Pope had borrowed from Thomas Aquinas — namely, that while ownership of private property is allowed, use of private property should always be for the common good. In Pope Pius' encyclical, he discovered what has been characterized as the structuring element of all of Catholic Social Teaching, the principle of subsidiarity, which stipulates that in matters political and economic there ought always to be a preferential option for the most local level of authority and operation. The unambiguous application of this principle, Maurin saw, would prevent individuals and communities from abdicating their direct responsibility for practicing the corporal works of mercy. He wanted to build a society in which, in his words, "it would be easier for men to be good."

Maurin recognized Matthew 25 as "dynamite," from the Greek *dynamis* (power)—a favorite word of St. Paul, by the way. But he worried that "we have taken the dynamite of the Church, placed it in hermetically sealed containers, and sat on the lids." We have tended, in other words, to see the Gospel commands as a matter of private spirituality and not as society-transforming power. It is time, he concluded, "to blow up the dynamite of the Church!"…

In 1932, just as the Great Depression was getting underway, Peter Maurin arrived in New York City. There he met a young social activist and spiritual seeker, recently converted to Catholicism. Her name was Dorothy Day. Dorothy had been a radical and a friend to some of the leaders in the cultural and political avant-garde of the 1920s, including the playwright Eugene O'Neill and the political agitator John Reed. But she had become fascinated with the Catholic Church, especially after the birth of her first child, when she said that she felt a gratitude so great that it corresponded to nothing in this world. When she met Peter Maurin, she was looking for a way to combine her radical political commitment to her newfound Catholic faith. The vagabond philosopher was the answer to her prayers... Dorothy was entranced by Peter's vision for a renewal of American society and his recommendation that the revolution should start with the founding of a newspaper that would present Catholic Social Teaching, and the establishment of "houses of hospitality" where the poor would be welcomed and where the corporal and spiritual works of mercy would be practiced. On May 1, 1933, Dorothy Day came to Washington Square Park in Greenwich Village and distributed the first edition of The Catholic Worker newspaper, selling it for one penny a copy (still the price today). Not long afterward, she and Maurin set up the first Catholic Worker House of Hospitality on the Lower East Side of Manhattan and commenced to take care of the poor. Today, there are such houses all over the country and indeed around the world.... Throughout their lives, they attended Mass, assisted at Benedictions, participated in retreats, prayed the rosary, etc., for they saw their radical devotion to the poor in inescapable correlation to their even more radical love of Christ.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

*Sharing God's Gifts* Archdiocesan Collection (SGG): Our assessment of \$65,582 for 2022 is paid off. Our assessment for 2023 is \$60,648, of which we still owe \$57,099. Please make cheques payable to the Parish, earmarked "Sharing God's Gifts" – and print your name and envelope number clearly on the *Sharing God's Gifts* envelope. Thanks for supporting our Archdiocesan ministries.

**St Ignatius Statement for the period November 13**<sup>th</sup> **to November 19**<sup>th</sup>: To our combined regular Sunday collections in support of our Parish, including school and church expenses, you gave \$5,017. For *Sharing God's Gifts* you gave \$1,372. For the Poor Box you gave \$26. Thank you for your generosity!

Contributions made through PAC and PayPal are monitored monthly. For the two-month period from September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, PAC donations totaled \$32,471 and PayPal donations totaled \$6,040.

St Ignatius Parish and School are located on Treaty 1 territory – the traditional land and waters of the Ininiw (Cree), Anishinábé (Ojibwé), Anishiniw (Ojibwé Cree), Dakota, and Dene People, as well as the Birthplace of the Métis Nation and the Heart of the Métis Homeland. We also acknowledge the Shoal Lake #40 First Nation and its territory for our life-giving water, which allows us to live, work, and serve God in Winnipeg.

We are grateful for this land and the hospitality of these nations.

#### **OUR\_FACILITIES**

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Pastor: Frank Obrigewitsch, SJ

Assoc Pastor: Con Mulvihill, SJ and John Perry, SJ

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Hours: Mondays-Fridays 10am-3pm **Admin Assistant:** Indira Rampersad

**Bookkeeper:** Eva Dunlao, *controller@stignatius.ca* 

#### **ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL**

Nursery-Grade 8: full curriculum in a Catholic environment for registered parishioners' children. www.stignatius.mb.ca or 204-475-1386

**Principal:** Jeannine Pistawka, **Admin Assistant:** Joy Pollreis

#### **SPIRITUAL CENTRE (formerly Adult Ed Centre):**

204-453-9243 or <u>adult.education@stignatius.ca</u> lending library; meditation rooms & chapel available for daily retreats, quiet time, and spiritual direction.

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Director: Carmela Castellano Sinclair

**Operations Manager:** Bob Pistawka <u>operations@stignatius.ca</u> or 431-554-1504 Phone for Hall and retreat space rentals or use

#### **SACRAMENTS, FORMATION, & ACTIVITIES**

#### **BAPTISM OF CHILDREN**

For the preparation program, phone four months before child's birth

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for ages 3 through Grade 8. **10:55am-12 Noon** 

**CONFIRMATION** for Grades 8-12: *Enquire at Parish Office in September* 

#### **CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):**

Enquire at the Adult Education Centre if interested in joining the Catholic Church.

#### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Arrange 12 months in advance.

#### SICK CALLS:

Request through the Office. Someone will gladly visit the sick.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

normally meet 1st Monday each month at 7:30pm

#### **PRAYER GROUPS**

- Healing Prayer Ministry: call the Office, 204-474-2351
- Monday Morning Prayer Group meets weekly at 11:30am in the Education Centre.
- Mother's Prayer Group meets weekly, Tuesdays at 11:45am in the Chapel.