



My Dear Friends:

**“Holy Star, Lead us in *faith and hope* To Jesus, *Radiant Light!*”**

We here at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish and around the world will celebrate Christmas 2020 differently in these unprecedented times, but nonetheless, we must remain focused on the Star of Bethlehem! One fine night this star was so radiant that its bright rays spread light as bright as day on the gray hills of Bethlehem. The shepherds, who were resting after a hectic day, saw this bright star and were frightened. Immediately, to their surprise, an angel came to them and said: “*Do not be afraid; the star has come to bring you good tidings of great joy, and to show you the place where a little baby is born – whose name is Jesus, and who will give peace and joy to the whole world*”. The shepherds departed following the bright star to reach the stable where Jesus Christ was born. They bowed in honor of the baby!

This Christmas we especially need to focus on the Star of Bethlehem which signifies peace, joy, and hope. It gives us the ray of hope that the Son of God will help us confront and conquer every difficulty in our lives. We certainly need the Star this year as we continue to deal with COVID-19! Jesus is our hope and He will bring us peace! As we rejoice in the wonder of His birth, may all of us be blessed with a beautiful Christmas!

Our wonderful parish community has responded so generously throughout these difficult days and have been especially concerned with needs of those struggling during this pandemic. You have supported the Al Beech Food Pantry, our St. Vincent de Paul Fund, the Christmas Wreath gift cards and/or monetary gifts, supported the homeless, and so much more. In addition to caring for the necessary items - our parish remained committed to the spiritual needs of our families by ensuring our prayers reach out for everyone in imitation of Jesus, Our Savior. We provided the Little Blue Book for Advent, the Parish Yard Signs, and our Parish Christmas Tree with ornaments representing our parish's commitment that we are TOGETHER IN FAITH!

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to Fr. Mosley, Fr. Issing, CSC, and Fr. Sinnott who I am blessed to serve with in this wonderful parish community - they are truly good priests, wonderful examples of faith and service. We extend a warm welcome to Deacon Gerard Pernot who was ordained on November 27<sup>th</sup> and is now assigned to our parish. It is my sincere prayer that during this time of uncertainty we may remain focused on the STAR knowing the peace, love and hope of our Infant King will be with you this Christmas and in the New Year! God bless and stay safe!

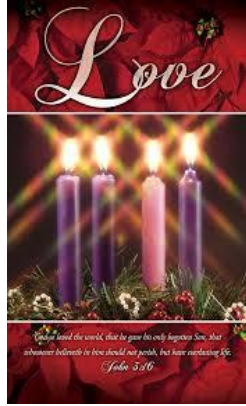
In His light,

*Mmgr. David L. Tressler*

Monsignor David L. Tressler

Pastor

**“May the STAR of Bethlehem shine in your path.”**



**Saint Ignatius Loyola Church Weekly Update  
December 20, 2020**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Weekday Mass will continue the Week of December 21, 2020:

Monday thru Wednesday – 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Please note weekend Mass schedule:**

Saturday Vigil Masses     4:00 p.m.     6:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses                7:00 a.m.     10:30 a.m.     12:30 p.m.

Live Streaming of Sunday Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. (This is not a public Mass.)

**All Masses will be celebrated at St. Ignatius Church due to capacity allowed under CDC guidelines.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING MASSES**

**Please note the 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Masses will not be celebrated on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**HOSPITALS, LONG TERM FACILITIES, AND HOME VISITATION**

All visitations to homes and hospitals remain limited based upon restrictions of individual health care facilities protocols. CDC guidelines must be followed.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR DAILY & WEEKEND LITURGIES**

First, Fr. Mosley and I wish to express our gratitude for your cooperation with the safety and health protocols which are in place as we gather to pray as a faith community.

Secondly, we do wish to remind all parishioners of the following protocols that must be strictly maintained:

- Face Masks must be worn at all times except for the reception of Holy Communion.
- Face Masks must cover one's **nose and mouth** at all times during the celebration of Mass.
- All parishioners should sanitize their hands using our new touchless sanitizers upon entrance into the Church.
- All parishioners are reminded that the doors of the Church close when Mass begins. Please make every effort to be on time.
- All parishioners are reminded that they should leave the Church immediately after receiving Holy Communion, one's Act of Thanksgiving should be done in the car or at home.
- **Parishioners are reminded that when taking seats in church, they are requested to begin with either the middle seat of the pew or the seat closest to the stained-glass windows. The seat closet to the middle aisle should be the last seat taken in a pew. As certain Masses are nearing capacity, namely the 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and the 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, this process is necessary to ensure that as many people can be accommodated as possible.**

Thank you for your kind attention to these important matters as we continue to maintain a safe environment for our community of faith to gather in prayer.

## **LIVESTREAMED MASS FROM SAINT IGNATIUS**

Once again, this Sunday, December 20, 2020 we will be livestreaming Mass at 8:30 a.m. We plan to continue live streaming **each weekend** from St. Ignatius Church. The livestream can be accessed through our parish Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/stignatiuspa](http://www.facebook.com/stignatiuspa). After the Mass is recorded, it will also be available on our parish website. However, there may be times when the posting of this video is delayed on account of our webmaster's availability.

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

The Church encourages frequent, even daily, Holy Communion, but if at any time we cannot go to Mass, in or out of this season of the coronavirus, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist through making a spiritual Communion.

By making an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. Here is the Act of Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.      Amen.



## **PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE**

We will place a Christmas tree in the front yard of the rectory on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> **and invite everyone to stop by and securely attach an ornament with your name (s) on it prior to December 24<sup>th</sup> (if necessary you may leave your ornament in the container on the rectory porch for us to attach your ornament.)** On Christmas Eve we will light the tree as a visible sign of our unity and commitment to our parish family as we stand “TOGETHER IN FAITH”



## **2021 CALENDARS**

We wish to thank Maher-Collins Funeral Home for their generous donation of our parish calendars. Calendars are available at the back of the Church – one per household. Thank you!

## **CHRISTMAS CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Please note special schedule – 2 priests will be available. Please follow the instructions of the greeter on duty for location of Confessor.

## **CONFESSION TIME**

Confessions will be celebrated in the Church at our regular time on Saturdays from **12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m.** or by appointment.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

The office is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please note the office is only open for phone calls.

## **PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

The Parish office will be closed on Thursday, December 24, 2020 and Friday, December 25, 2020. The office will reopen on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.



## **SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS**

Sympathy and prayers are extended to the following family members of recently deceased parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish:

Jason P. McEvoy

Marion Yablonski

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Week of December 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Deacon John E. O’Connor</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Margaret Balberchak</b> <i>David Evans</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Joseph Eagen, Jr.</b> <i>Hovan Family</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Bernard Dancheck</b> <i>Tony, Susie &amp; Al J. Del Donna</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>7:30 AM – Stanley M. Schuster, Jr.</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>12:10 PM – Kathleen Gibbons</b> <i>Family</i>
<b>Thursday</b>
<b>NO 7:30 AM OR 12:10 PM MASS TODAY</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>
<b>Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be for the Christmas Mass Intentions which have been placed on the altar.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>
<b>4:00 PM – Dolores June</b> <i>Scalzo Family</i>
<b>6:00 PM – Bernadine Mazur</b> <i>Phil Melovitz</i>
<b>Sunday</b>
<b>7:00 AM – Virginia Banks</b> <i>Y. Ritsick &amp; L. Medico</i>
<b>10:30 AM – George Soltis</b> <i>B. Delzert &amp; L. Lucas</i>
<b>12:30 PM – John J. Pascucci</b> <i>Jennifer &amp; Steven Bale</i>

**Church Candle for the Week of December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**In Memory of Tricia & James Fennell – Requested by Pat & Maura**

**Bread & Wine for the Week of December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**In Memory of P.J. Kachmar – Requested by Family**

## DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS



We are in need of your help to decorate the Church! In order to keep volunteers as safe as possible as we decorate the Church, we will utilize two teams.

**Team A** will do the trees, lights, manger setup on Sunday, Dec 20 at 2:00pm

**Team B** will do flowers and all other inside decorations on Tuesday, Dec 22 at 5:00pm

If you helped last year, you will be contacted. If you would like to volunteer, please just come to the Church on either day.

Please ensure you wear your mask. Thank you in advance for your help!

## 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Due to a change in the internal revenue regulations, all donations for the calendar year 2020 must be made by **December 31, 2020**. Tax letters will be sent to all parishioners who donated by January 15, 2021.

## CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

Special Christmas Mass Intention envelopes can be found in your monthly packets to remember both living and deceased family members and friends. Please write the name of your loved ones on the back of the envelope. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during all of the Christmas Masses to remember your intentions.







## **Parish Goal - \$77,000.00**

Father Mosley and Monsignor Tressler wish to express their sincerest appreciation in advance for your support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. The yearly video can be viewed on our parish website. Our parish goal has been reduced \$5,000.00 this year, as were all parishes since the diocesan goal was reduced from \$5 million to \$4.5 million. Thank you for your kind attention to this announcement and for your continued support of St. Ignatius Parish. We are grateful to report that **\$49,992.24** has been pledged, which is **65%** of our parish goal. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR ADVENT CALENDAR FOOD PROJECT**

A very sincere thank you to all of our parish families who took part in the mini-Advent Calendar food project. Because of your kindness, 80 bags of food were packed and sent to the food pantry. May God bless you for your kindness.

## **SINCEREST APPRECIATION IS ALSO EXTENDED TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICPATED IN OUR ADVENT WREATH PROJECT TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED**

Fr. Mosley, Deacon Pernot, and Monsignor Tressler are extremely grateful to all those who participated in our **“Gift Card Campaign”** this year in place of toys for the less fortunate. We received over **\$8000.00** in gift cards for toys and food. Your generosity is overwhelming and second to none. Thank you so much for your support as we attempt to respond to the needs of those in need.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020**

Sunday Tithe  
**\$11,420.00**

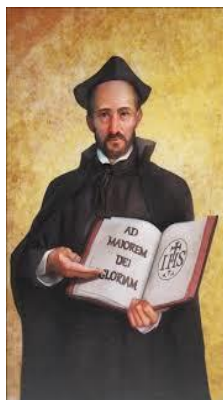
E-Offerings  
**\$1,446.00**

Total  
**\$12,866.00**

**Amount Needed  
Each Week to  
Meet Expenses  
\$12,950.00**

Father Mosley, Deacon Pernot, and I continue to be most grateful for your generosity and support during these challenging days. Envelopes can be mailed in or dropped in mailbox on front of rectory porch.

May God Bless you abundantly for your continued support. Be assured of our prayers for health and safety for all.



**CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00 p.m. Good Shepherd Academy Gymnasium**

**4:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Loyola Church**

**4:00 p.m. Good Shepherd Academy Gymnasium**

**6:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Loyola Church**

**10:00 p.m. St. Ignatius Loyola Church**

**CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 a.m. St. Ignatius Loyola Church**

**8:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Loyola Church**

**10:30 a.m. St. Ignatius Loyola Church  
(Livestream on Facebook page)**

*Livestreaming of all Church Masses will be broadcast in Conlan Hall  
for additional seating.*

The Masses at Good Shepherd Academy Gymnasium will have seating on the gym floor with proper social distancing and the bleachers will be available for families who wish to sit together. Masses at the Church will allow individuals to sit in the front two sections and families who wish to sit together may use the back two sections.

**Seating for our Christmas liturgies will be on a first come basis. Reservations will not be taken. We remind you of our capacities at this time:**

<b>St. Ignatius Church</b>	<b>80 people</b>
<b>Conlan Hall</b>	<b>50 people</b>
<b>Good Shepherd Academy Gym</b>	<b>250 people</b>

### **Important Points to Remember with our Church reopened**

- Church Doors will open **20 minutes before** liturgy begins.
- Entrance to Church will be through main door on porch.
- Those needing assistance will enter and exit Conlan Hall Entranceway so as to use the elevator.
- **Upon entering the Church, all are asked to sanitize their hands with our new touchless hand sanitizers.**
- Seating will be assigned; please follow the directions of the greeters.
- Seating capacity is 80 individuals. **The front doors will be closed once capacity has been achieved or when Mass begins. Attendance is on a first come basis.**
- Livestreaming of our Sunday liturgy will continue at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. **(This Mass is not open to the public.)**
- All in attendance are required to wear face masks for the duration of the liturgy.
- All in attendance are asked to bring a sanitizing wipe to clean their seat to ensure safety.
- The weekly collection will not be taken up; locked boxes for your donations will be located by the elevator entrance and the main aisle.
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of liturgy and **all must exit the Church at this time via the side doors on the porch.**
- You are asked not to congregate in parking lot or outside Church building.
- Sanitization after each liturgy will be undertaken for everyone's health and safety.
- Restroom will be cleaned after each liturgy.
- Elevator will be cleaned after each service.
- **Confessions are held on Saturdays at 12:00 Noon and will end at 12:30 p.m.**
- **Individuals who wish to receive Holy Communion on their tongue are asked to come at the end of the line for reception in order for priest to properly sanitize his hands.**

**We wish to remind you these guidelines are in place to provide a safe and a healthy environment as we begin to join together as a faith community. Your health and wellbeing are our primary concern!**

Procedures and protocols may change and be readjusted according to need or guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control.

We humbly request that if you regularly attend a weekday liturgy **that you not attend on the weekends in order for us to accommodate as many parishioners as possible.**

**We remind you the obligation to attend Sunday Liturgy is suspended at this time and for the foreseeable future.**

We ask for your patience and understanding as we journey together united by our faith, hope, and love. **Thank you and May God continue to bless all of us!**