

# St. Ignatius Martyr Church



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(502)-552-8479

**Parish Office Hours**-Monday through Thursday-  
8:30am– 12:30pm. Closed Friday.

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

**St. Vincent de Paul Ministry**-(502) 961-0415

**South East Helping Hand** -Tuesday & Friday  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Community Garden Liaison** ...Ann Hager 314-3065

## Parish Sacramental Life

### **MASSES -**

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

### **Holy Days-**

Check bulletin for times

**BAPTISMS**—Please contact Deacon Lucio for arrangement and workshop information.

**CONFIRMATION**—Annual—Call for information.

**EUCHARIST FOR CHILDREN**—Usually around the 2nd grade but best as the child is ready.

**EUCHARIST FOR HOMEBOUND**—Please call the parish office if you wish Holy Communion to be brought to you, or a loved one.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**—By request-please contact Parish Office during office hours or **in a sacramental emergency, call Deacon Lucio at 502-595-7250.**

**RECONCILIATION** – By appointment. Please contact the Parish Office.

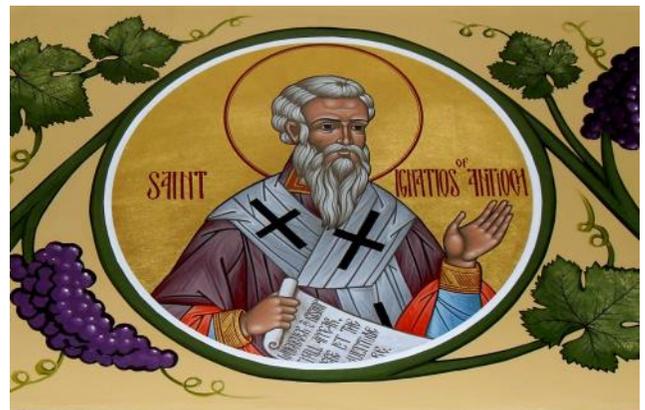
**MATRIMONY**—Please contact Deacon Lucio 6 months prior to the anticipated date for proper preparation for this sacrament.

**FUNERALS**- Please contact Deacon Lucio for funeral arrangements.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** Please call the parish office for more information - 964-5904.

## Looking for a Parish Home?

We welcome you to consider joining our Parish family. Please fill out one of the Welcome envelopes in the pews, or call the Parish Office.



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 3-Fr. Harry Gelthaus**  
 4:00 pm-Allan Durbin  
**Sunday, December 4-Fr. Harry Gelthaus**  
 10:30 am-Marilyn McDaniel & Thomas Sean Cornett  
**Thursday, Dec.8-Immaculate Conception-Fr. Cousins**  
 9:00 am-The People  
**Saturday, December 10-Fr. Harry Gelthaus**  
 4:00 pm-The People  
**Sunday, December 11-Fr. Harry Gelthaus**  
 10:30 am-Jimmy Lee Cornett, Connelle Forte', Jim Miller



**Ministers to the Homebound**

**Dec. 4-**Denise Sickles, Shirley Spalding  
**Dec. 11-**Debbie Kuhn, Roxie Vize

**Church Cleaners-Team 2:**

Yvonne Ndoricipa, Aline Nishimwe, Suzanna Kabura, & Jeanne Mukandengo



**Treasure Offering Envelopes**  
**Weekend of 11/27/22**

Saturday/Sunday Cash	780.00
Saturday/Sunday Checks	2,903.00
Weekly Budget	3,615.00
<b>Over</b>	<b>68.00</b>
YTD Offering Envelope	79,424.31
YTD Budget	79,530.00
<b>Under</b>	<b>105.69</b>
SVDP	70.00
Piano Donation	50.00
Campaign for Human Development	10.00

**ST.VINCENT DE PAUL**

SVDP commodity for the week is **Flour**.



In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.**

**STEWARDSHIP**

***"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7***

A key element of stewardship and evangelization is a welcoming environment. Do we take time to smile and greet the people we sit with at Mass each Sunday, that we see as we walk in, that we pass as we leave?

*For additions to the prayer list, please notify the Parish Office. Thank you.*

**Prayer List: Please keep in your prayers parishioners who are sick**

Alice Beaven	Gary Holmes
Allan Rowe	Jim Bamforth
Betty Cissell	Johnetta Payne
Bill Beaven	Ruthie Mayfield
Bob Caldwell	Shirley Ballback
Gerry McDaniel	William Montgomery



**Please remember parishioners in:**  
**Nursing Homes/Skilled Nursing Facilities/Assisted Living:**  
 Betty Cissell, Pat Waits

**Homebound parishioners:** Alice Beaven, Gerry McDaniel, Mickey Best, Mildred Elery, Therese Kabagwira, Louise Conaway

Please check the bulletin board in the Gathering Space for **Family and Friends Prayer List**.

**THIS SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READING**

**Isaiah 11:1-10 (4A)**

"The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him."

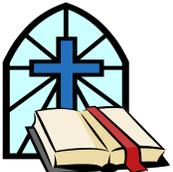
**Romans 15:4-9**

"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God."

**Matthew 3:1-12**

"A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths."

Psalm 72 "Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever."



**NEXT SUNDAY'S (Dec. 11, 2022)**  
**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 (7A)**  
**James 5:7-10**  
**Matthew 11:2-11**



**Catholic Services Appeal**  
*Bringing Christ to Others*

Our Parish Goal: \$10,000      Current: \$7,505  
 Our Parish Participation Goal: 47      Current: 34

Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2022 CSA. There is still plenty of time to respond with a gift. Gifts to CSA may be made online at [www.ArchLou.org/CSA](http://www.ArchLou.org/CSA).



## Birthdays This Week

12/06-Andy Holmes  
12/8-Spencer Jacobs, Kenny Walden  
12/11-Farazia Kakuru, Frodisi Kato

## HOLY DAY & HOLIDAY MASS TIMES

**Immaculate Conception** – 9:00 AM Mass on Thursday, Dec. 8  
**Christmas Eve** – 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, December 24  
**Christmas Day** – 10:30 Mass on Sunday, December 25

**Hidden Treasures Events this week:** We will host a Christmas party for our Head Start Children this **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 P.M.**



We will enjoy a wonderful catered brunch following the **9:00 A.M. Immaculate Conception Mass on December 8<sup>th</sup>**, featuring a conversation on holiday traditions and how we handle the challenges of loss and grief during this season.

## ADVENT PLANS

- 1.) **Daily Reflection Booklet:** Be sure to use these each day as we all pray together as a parish community.
- 2.) **Shoe collection for Water Step:** Bring any extra shoes you have that are in good shape to the boxes are in the Gathering area.
- 3.) **Food Drive for Helping Hands:** Please bring your bags filled with some of the listed needed items next weekend, December, 10-11.

**Recycling Reminder:** Bring your recyclables to the green bin near the playgrounds. Help our earth, and Ignatius earn some income for our new AC!



**Soups and Breads:** Pick some up in the Gathering Space to bring to someone you know who could use a nice warm meal!

Join us this Sunday, 12/4/22, for our famous **Eagles' Chicken Dinner** and Helping Hands Cake Wheel. Dinner will be served from 11:30am-3:30pm. Donations of baked goods are appreciated.



An Anniversary Blessing was given to Denny & Karon Esterle in honor of 62 years of marriage, and to Bobby & Barbara Potts in honor of 56 years of marriage!

Congratulations!

## 2022 Retirement Fund for Religious

The collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held in our parish **next weekend, Dec. 10-11**. An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church." Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection help to furnish nursing care, medications, and other necessities and allow hundreds of U.S. religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously.

## Deacon Lucio's Homily Homework *Fighting fire with fire!*



Fire! It's filled with contradictions. Think about it! Fire can provide light and warmth, but it can also destroy acres of forests and consume homes in its path. Fire can cook food and roast marshmallows, but also cause severe burns and lifelong scars. Nowhere is this contradiction more apparent than when firefighters battle an out of control wildfire, and literally "*fight fire with fire!*" They deliberately set a "*backfire*" in the path of the oncoming fire. As the backfire burns, it consumes dry tinder and deprives the primary fire of fuel... stops the wildfire in its tracks... confines it... making it easier to contain. Fire that takes lives and burns down homes can be used to save lives and property.

In today's gospel, John the Baptist appears and *prepares the way* for One who will *fight fire with fire!* While John calls for repentance with his own fire and brimstone preaching, he'll take second place to *the mightier One coming after him, who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire!* It is Jesus who ignites the *slow burn of God's Reign* in human history. Early on in His public ministry, we hear Jesus say: *I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!* Jesus sets out "to fight fire with fire"! How so?

His words of merciful forgiveness with deeds of healing and freeing those held hostage by evil acted like a *backfire* - depriving sin, disease, and evil of their fuel; *stopping these in their tracks*. But it was on the *tinder wood of the cross* that Christ's burning love for us all would deprive sin, evil, and death itself of their lasting fuel and power. From the cross, Jesus' non-violent forgiving response was such a powerful *backfire* that it contained the relentless spread of those wildfires of hatred and vengeance.

So, why does it seem like the wildfires of injustice and evils in our world are only getting worse? Take the brutality of the war in Ukraine, which is just one of many conflicts in our troubled world! Well, in the mystery of God's saving plan, Christ entrusts to you and me the completion of His fire-fighting work. At our baptism, we were given a flame from the Easter candle, a *baptismal backfire*. Yes, we do believe Christ has ultimately contained the fires of sin and evil, but He wants you and me, His Church, to finish the job. How, we might ask?

First, we must allow the baptismal fire of Christ and His Spirit to come and burn away within us the chaff of any sins, violence, or hatreds that reside there. So, as part of your homily homework, make time this busy Advent season for some daily quiet prayer, allowing the mercy of Christ and power of the Holy Spirit to do its purifying work within. The Sacrament of Penance is one good way to stoke that inner fire.

Second, the flame of Christ given at our baptism sends us forth, like firefighters, to fight the blazes of injustices that affect the life and dignity of so many in our community and world. We do this by healing divisions and peacemaking, and through serving, and speaking out for, the most vulnerable and poor in our midst. Such efforts become the *backfires* to deprive the wildfires of division, war, and poverty of their fuel and power.

So for the next part of your homily homework, ask God to show you where you can bring some peace and help heal divisions in your little part of the world. Where might God want you to become involved to make a difference in the lives of those struggling to just put food on the table?

United with Christ, our Chief Fire Fighter, may our efforts this Advent help bring Isaiah's vision of a *Peaceable Kingdom* closer to reality so that *the calf and young lion, the wolf and lamb, oppressed and oppressor, Palestinian and Israeli, Ukrainian and Russian, West and East Louisville might become neighbors and inflict no harm or ruin on each other.*—*Deacon Lucio*

Please patronize these businesses. They make this bulletin possible.

### Eagles' Monthly Chicken Dinner



December 4, 2022  
11:30am-3:30pm  
Dine-In and Carry Out  
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### Pray for the Sanctity of Human Life



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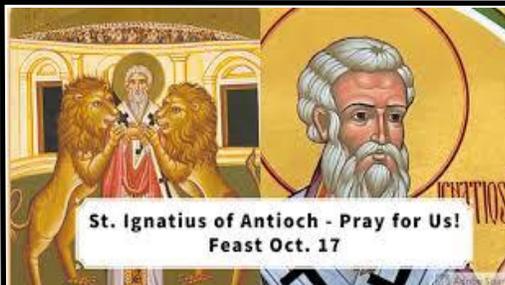
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