

St. Ignatius of Loyola
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 8, 2026 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saturday Anticipatory Mass
5:00 P.M.

Sunday Mass
7:30 A.M. | 10:00 A.M.

Weekday Mass
12:00 P.M.

Confessions
M-F - 11:15 - 11:45 A.M.
Thursday - 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Saturday - 4:15 - 4:45 P.M.

Adoration
M-W & Friday - 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.
Holy Hour, Thursday - 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Latin Vespers
Thursday - 5:30 - 6:00 P.M.



The Tempter and the Foolish Virgins
West front, Strasbourg Cathedral. Copy of original sculpture | Photo: Coyau / WikiCommons CC BY-SA 3.0

Pastor's Column

Brothers & Sisters,

Beside the right-hand door of Strasbourg Cathedral's west front, a young man smiles down at three women. He wears a crown of roses and the fashionable clothes of his day, and he holds up an apple. The woman nearest him smiles back. The three women are foolish virgins from the Gospel parable, and they hold their lamps upside down. On the other side of the door, the wise virgins hold their lamps upright, and the Bridegroom welcomes them. Toads and snakes climb up the young man's back, where the foolish virgins cannot see them. They are the temptations he offers, and they are biting him: from the front he is charming, and from behind he is repulsive. The statues were carved in the last years of the thirteenth century.

The Gospel does not mention a tempter, but it does mention merchants. When the foolish virgins find their lamps going out at midnight, the wise send them "to the merchants." St. Augustine asked who those merchants are, and he answered: "Who sells praise but flatterers?" For St. Augustine the oil is charity, which only God sees. The foolish virgins kept their lamps burning on the praise of the people around them. At Strasbourg the flatterer is already beside them, and they burn with delight at his false praises.

Pastor's Column cont.

When the cry goes up at midnight, the foolish turn to the wise: "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." The wise answer, "No, for there may not be enough for us and you." It is easy to hear selfishness in it. Yet the Greek word behind "may not" is mēpote, "perhaps." The wise virgins do not know that their oil will run short; they fear that it might. St. Augustine heard in their answer "a sober and godly humility." A good man, he says, may feed the hungry and clothe the naked, and do it from the heart. Still he prays every day, "Forgive us our debts," and at the judgment "even his good conscience trembles."

St. Cyril of Alexandria gives the reason the oil cannot be shared: "The virtue of each scarcely suffices for the salvation of the soul, because even those who are very wise transgress in many ways." No one reaches the door of judgment with oil to spare.

A Catholic reader may object. The Church teaches that no one is saved alone. The saints pray for us, and we pray for one another. St. Thomas Aquinas explains how this works. Only Christ, he teaches, can earn grace for another person as a matter of justice. But someone living in grace can obtain grace for another, because "it is congruous and in harmony with friendship that God should fulfil man's desire for the salvation of another." Even then, he adds, the other person may refuse it. Such prayer rests on God's mercy, not on our merit. It has to be asked for while the Bridegroom delays; once he arrives, it is too late. St. Hilary of Poitiers says: "The delay of the bridegroom is the time for repentance." All through the evening the wise virgins could pray for their sisters. At midnight there is nothing left to buy and nothing left to borrow.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux understood both of these truths. On Trinity Sunday in 1895 she wrote a prayer offering herself to God's merciful love. In it she said: "In the evening of this life, I shall appear before you with empty hands, for I do not ask you, Lord, to count my works. All our justice is stained in your sight." Earlier in the same prayer she wrote: "Since you have loved me so much as to give me your only Son to be my Savior and my Bridegroom, the infinite treasures of his merits are mine. I offer them to you gladly." With them she offered "all the merits of the saints" and the love and merits of the Blessed Virgin.

She came with nothing of her own, and with everything the Bridegroom had given her. She did not wait until midnight to find out how much oil she had. She asked him for his, and asked for the prayers of the saints, while there was still time. The Bridegroom has not yet come, and the evening is long. Ask him now for his oil, which never runs short. Pray now for the one beside you, while prayer can still help. And when the cry goes up at midnight, may every lamp among us be burning.

Blessings,
Fr. Francis Thérèse Krautter

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, 11/7/2026 - Geraldo Mercon
Sunday, 11/8/2026 -
7:30 A.M. - Pro Populo (People of the Parish)
10:00 A.M. - Lisa Graas
Monday, 11/9/2026 - Geraldo Mercon
Tuesday, 11/10/2026 - Bryan Fons
Wednesday, 11/11/2026 - All Veterans & Their Families
Thursday, 11/12/2026 - Julian Schedin & Family
Friday, 11/13/2026 - Rob Spiering +
Saturday, 11/14/2026 - Mark Lewis Millenson +

If you'd like to schedule a Mass from November into the beginning of 2027, please use the envelopes in the pews or contact the parish office to schedule. Suggested donation is $10/Mass.

Offertory

October 27 - November 2

Offertory	$1165.25
Building Fund	$20.00

eGiving via ParishSOFT for October 22 - 29

Offertory	$2043.31
Poor Box	$100.00
Building Fund	$30.00

eGiving via ParishSOFT

eGiving is a way to simplify your giving and provide steady, consistent support that helps our ministry, historic church building, special events, flower fund, and more!
It's easy to get started!
Scan the QR code or visit
www.giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-524

News and Events

Upcoming Events

- **This Sunday**
  - Praying the Rosary @ Mary's Altar - 9:00 A.M.
  - Our Book of the Dead goes on display
  - Finance Council FY26 Report - before 10:00 A.M. Mass | Pick up your copy at any of our Masses
- **Saturday, November 14**
  - Colorado Choir Concert - 2:00 P.M.
    - FREE concert! Please bring canned food donations in support of our food bank as your "ticket."
- **November 25 - 29**
  - Parish Office CLOSED for Thanksgiving
- **November 29**
  - 10:00 A.M. - Additional Confession Time
  - Invitation to Peace: Advent Evenings Night 1
    - 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. in the nave of the church

If you're visiting or new, WELCOME!

We're so glad you're here to worship Our Lord, truly present in the Eucharist with us.
If you are looking for a new spiritual home or have decided to return to the Catholic Church, please consider introducing yourself to our priests and brothers, and spending more time at St. Ignatius!

If you'd like to register or learn more about the parish, please visit our website or contact the office.

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Want to Become Catholic?

If you or someone you know is an adult who wants to be baptized, receive First Holy Communion, or receive confirmation, contact the Parish Office. Get started with Family Catechesis - faith enrichment for all ages.

For more information or to sign up, email Br. Michael Paul at family@loyoladenver.org.

Prayer List

Javier-María Alonso & Family | David Russell | Darla Horton | Thu Heng Le | Donald Sims & Family | Pamela Howard | Anayah Rucker | Susan & Tom Culig | Rosie Tiews & The Tiews Family | The Punt Family | Elizabeth Welch | Elyce McCutcheon | Leslie | Brooks Norcross | St. Thomas Mission, Iraq | Angie Miller | Ernestine Madison

Sunday Readings

Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Please visit *www.usccb.org/bible/readings* for the daily readings.

Upcoming Family Catechesis Sessions

Family Catechesis | November 15 & December 13

Grow together in faith as a family! Whether you need the sacraments or not, come learn about the fullness of our Catholic faith, its history, and Church Teachings.

All Family Catechesis sessions meet after the 10:00 A.M. Mass.

Grow Your Faith This Advent

Confessions During 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass

Beginning the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, Fr. John Therese will hear confessions in the confessional during the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass. Take advantage of this additional opportunity to prepare your heart throughout the Advent season and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

An Invitation to Peace: Advent Evenings at St. Ignatius

Join the Brothers of St. John for a 4-part Advent series designed as a spiritual oasis in a busy season. Each evening includes chanted Vespers, a 20-minute spiritual reflection, Eucharistic Adoration with confessions, and light refreshments.

- **Kickoff:** Sunday, November 29 at 6:00 P.M., held by Fr. Francis Therese Krautter
- **Midweek Gatherings:** Wednesdays, December 2, 9, & 16 from 6:00-7:30 P.M. (Fr. John Therese, Br. Gabriel Maria, Br. Michael Paul)

Location: St. Ignatius Catholic Church nave (main church). All are welcome—bring a friend!

Month of the Faithful Departed

November is dedicated to the souls of the faithful departed. In their memory, we will display our Book of the Dead and Remembrance Table from Saturday, October 31, through Sunday, November 22. Please take the time to write the names of loved ones who have passed since last year, bring in their photos, and pray for those who have departed.

New Office Phone System

Our office ported a new phone system late last week. Please be patient with our staff as they adjust to the new system. To best get in touch over the next week, please email our staff directly (see emails on page 2 of the bulletin) or our general email address, parish@loyoladenver.org.

Thank you!

Annual Seminaries' Appeal

Next weekend, we begin the Annual Seminaries' Appeal. We invite you to support the formation of future priests who will bring Christ's love and presence to our parishes through the sacraments and their ministry. Your generosity helps prepare these men to answer God's call and faithfully serve our communities. Donate today at archden.org/futurepriests or call 303-867-0614.

Join our Flocknote

Want to stay connected with St. Ignatius Parish? Join our Flocknote!

What is Flocknote? Flocknote is a digital communication network that sends parish updates directly to your phone, email, or both!
Why should I join Flocknote? By joining our Flocknote, you'll be the first to receive weekly bulletins, information about special liturgies, and updates to the parish calendar.
How can I join Flocknote? Just visit *https://StIgnatiusofLoyola.flocknote.com*

Month for the Souls in Purgatory

November is dedicated to praying for and remembering the souls of the Church Penitent, or Souls in Purgatory.

Receive a plenary indulgence by visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed and the Pope from November 1 - 8 and a partial indulgence for the rest of the month.

Remember to pray especially for those who die in war, have gone forgotten, or have no one to pray for them.

No More Monthly Food Drives

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will not be holding a monthly parish Food Drives this month, and we are discontinuing them in the future. Instead, we will hold parish-wide food drives during Advent, Lent, and other special times of the year. Please watch the bulletin for those events so that you can help support our wonderful parish Food Pantry ministry! Thank you.

Our Food Pantry Has Moved!

The Food Pantry, operated by the St. Ignatius of Loyola Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, has recently moved into a space at Cleaves Memorial C.M.E. Church at 2222 Marion St.

The new space is a huge upgrade for us, with running water, bathrooms, heat, and air conditioning. We currently serve between 50-60 shoppers each Monday morning and had completely outgrown the parish garage where we have been operating for 7 years. We will continue to be a ministry of St. Ignatius of Loyola parish, and we welcome your support.

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Mentor Couples

St. Ignatius Parish is seeking married Catholic couples interested in coming alongside engaged couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage.

If you are interested in learning more about this mentorship program, please contact Chloe in the Parish Office (chloe@loyoladenver.org) or speak to Fr. Francis after Mass.

Lessons & Carols

The Canto Deo Chamber Choir will sing its 20th annual Advent Service of Lessons & Carols at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 1900 California St, Denver, on Saturday, November 28, 2026, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Admission is free and no tickets are needed. They ask people to RSVP on the Canto Deo website.

St. Ignatius Chant School Returns

If you or someone you know wants to learn to read chant notation and sing Gregorian chant, join Vespers for All, a chant school for adults and children ages 8 and up.

Thursdays from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.
5:00-5:30 - Rehearse Vespers
5:30-6:00 - Join the Traditional Latin Vespers
6:00-7:00 - Learn and practice Gregorian chant

With questions, please contact David Hughes - david@chantwith.us

There will be NO Chant School on Thursday, November 26.

St. Ignatius Parish Endowment

Did you know that St. Ignatius Parish has an endowment through the Catholic Foundation of Northern Colorado?

All one-time or recurring gifts made through the QR code below will be invested on behalf of the parish by the Foundation.

Want to give the gift of stock, crypto, real estate, life insurance, or a bequest? Your gift to the Catholic Foundation can grow to provide support for our parish now and for eternity. Learn more about how your gift today can leave a legacy of faith and strengthen our Catholic community by contacting the Foundation directly at 303-468-9885.

Give cash directly using the QR code! One-time or recurring gifts accepted here! For other gifts, contact the Foundation directly.

If you are interested in donating by check, please remit it to the "Catholic Foundation" with the memo "St. Ignatius of Loyola Fund #5536" and mail it to

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