

The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

"I am the wheat of God. I must become the pure bread of Christ." St. Ignatius of Antioch

August 4, 2019 ***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***



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That is success.

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday.....4:00 and 6:30 p.m.
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)
Sunday.....7:30, 9:00, 11:30 a.m. and
6:00 p.m. Life Teen
Weekdays.....7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
Saturday.....9:00 a.m.

Schedule of Confessions:

Saturday.....3:00– 3:45 p.m.
and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass

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Before 9 a.m. Mass each Wednesday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursdays after 9 a.m. Mass until 10:15 a.m.

First Friday of the Month 9:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office

Marriage: Please call the Parish Office
at least 6 months in advance.

Holy Orders: Please call

Rev. Chuck Dornquast at 345-3338

The Successful Christian

Last week I celebrated my 72nd birthday. I've gotten to the age that when birthdays come around, I start looking back on life as well as forward. Perhaps some of you may do this too. The question that we might ask ourselves is this: Has my life been a success? Actually, this question cannot be answered unless we can answer a deeper question: What is success? What is a successful life, a successful career, a successful relationship?

Is a person's life successful if he or she is making a good salary? There's a story about a grandmother who pulled out pictures of her three grandchildren, all under two, and showed them to a friend saying, "These are my grandchildren. That one's the rich doctor, that one's the rich lawyer and that one's the chairman of the board of a large corporation."

Is success predicated on salary? Certainly, that is the way that most people calculate success. But are they correct?

How about marriage? What makes a marriage successful? Is a marriage successful because a woman and a man have been together for twenty, thirty, forty, or fifty years and have avoided both divorce and homicide? Marriage anniversaries are important, but do they point to the success of a marriage or only to its longevity?

The readings for this Sunday force us to take a closer look at the whole concept of success. In the Gospel reading, the man is convinced that he is a success because he is a rich farmer. What should he do now that he has succeeded in harvesting more grain than he has storage room? Build a bigger barn, of course. The only thing is, the basis of his success is his grain. When he suddenly dies, his success remains here, and he goes on to God empty handed.

The whole mind set that success is predicated on what we own is based on a fallacy that was very clear to the author of the first reading. He is sometimes called Qoheleth, or the Preacher. This book from the Hebrew Scriptures is the very insightful and difficult book called *Ecclesiastes*. "Vanity of vanities," says Qoheleth, "All is vanity." Qoheleth's point is that the only real values are the spiritual values. The early Christians loved this book of the Hebrew Scriptures because it helped them remain focused on the reason for their existence.

There is a fantastic book of meditations on St. Francis of Assisi written by James Cowan, a lay novelist, who spent some time in Assisi trying to understand Francis. You are all well aware that Francis gave up all his worldly possessions as a radical prophetic action. Cowan writes that Francis recognized that wealth, family, social position and profession confined him in a web of relationships that made it impossible to define himself as a full human being in the image of Christ. Francis lived at the time of the emergence of the middle/merchant class. Before this, a person was either a peasant or a noble. The merchant class was so taken up with making money and having the finest things of life that, as Qoheleth predicted, their days were full of labors and their nights were restless. Francis' prophetic action of stripping off his rich clothes in the square in Assisi was a sign that the inner person had to be exposed rather than cloaked in silk and velvet. Francis' action was prophetic, a radical action to help us recognize the entanglements of what the world calls success.

A doctor is successful not if he or she has a prosperous practice, but if he or she becomes the healing hands of Christ for the sick. A lawyer is successful not if he or she is part of a profitable firm, but if he or she uses learning, knowledge and talent to protect people and the community, to do good for people and the community, to be just.

Many times an incorrect view of success is based on honors and titles. Is a priest a success if he becomes a Monsignor or a Bishop? Monsignor Guido Sarducci from the old Saturday Night Live boasted that it was really important for him to become a Monsignor because he could get a better cut of veal in Rome. No, success is not measured by titles. A priest is on the road to success if he can draw closer to God each day of his life while he also draws those he serves to join him on the journey to God.

How can we determine if a marriage is successful? Certainly, longevity does not determine the success of a marriage. A marriage is successful if the man or woman is a better person, a more loving person, because of the marriage.

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How about parenting? What are the signs that people are good parents? Success in parenting is certainly not based on what your kids have, but who your kids are. For example, many of our parents have begun shopping for school clothes. Perhaps, some are shopping at Ross, Walmart or Target. Perhaps some are shopping at most exclusive stores in Tampa Bay. The cost of the clothes that they put on their children has nothing to do with the success of their parenting. The success of their parenting is evidenced in the decisions their children make throughout their lives.

The general concept of success is a fallacy. Success is not predicated on what we have, what honors we receive, what jobs we hold, etc. Success is predicated on how each of us has developed as a person.

Let me take this one step, one infinite step, farther. Success is predicated on our ability to assume the person of Jesus Christ. St. Paul says in the second reading that our lives are hidden with Christ in God in such a way that when Christ appears we appear. The personality of a Christian is so entwined with the person of Jesus Christ that Christ *and* the Christian, and Christ *in* the Christian, must be one. That is success.

Therefore, success, true success, is never that which we have obtained. This is a completely different way of considering success. Success is not a present reality, it is a goal, the goal of Christian life. This goal will be reached when every aspect of our lives reflect the Person of Jesus Christ.

That is success.

All else is vanity.

Yours in Christ,



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Interested in eternal joy? Know somebody who needs to finish their Sacraments?

Want to learn more about the Catholic faith?

The RCIA process to become fully Catholic begins with 3 Informational Sessions on Mondays August 12th, 19th, and 26th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

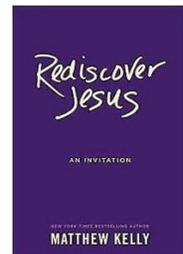
Email Joshua Strope at JStrope@Ignatius.net for more details.

St. Ignatius Parish is offering a Book Club style discussion group in August and September, on *Rediscover Jesus*, by Matthew Kelly.

Share your thoughts of the book with others on five Tuesday mornings, Aug 13th, 20th, 27th, Sep 10th, 17th (no class on Sep 3rd) at 10 a.m -12 p.m. in classroom 1 of the Life Center.

For the 1st session, we will discuss from the Introduction thru Chapter 8.

If you need a copy of the book, a few copies are available for \$5 each or it can be ordered online, contact Terri St. George at 727-773-5004.



Life Teen



Life Nights

Every Sunday our Life Teen group meets for a night filled with food and friends.

We get to do this with Jesus in our presence!! We explore our Faith, Life, and being the Sons and Daughters of God. Join us at our 6 p.m. Life Teen Mass and then for our exciting Life Night!!!

Bible at the Beach!

Wednesday nights we meet at Sunset Beach! Have fun and dive into the Bible, from 6-8 p.m.

Recharge Thursdays

Join us Thursday mornings for 9 a.m. Mass and then Breakfast and Conversation!!!

All activities away from parish grounds require one of Bart's permission slips! No Slip, No Go! Download a permission slip from our website.

For more information our Youth Ministry Director Bart at ext. 250

Edge

Our grades 6-8 ministry, **EDGE**, is a dynamic middle school youth ministry program designed to meet the education, spiritual, and social needs of middle school youth.

The ministry provides an opportunity to grow in faith by developing a meaningful relationship with Jesus through EDGE Nights and social activities.

It is about making a difference in their hearts and empowering them to seek Christ on their own.

All Middle School Youth are Invited!
Join us Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.



Meet up with your fellow teens for a night filled with snacks, Jesus, and a fun time....

Join us Thursday, August 8th in our Hall!

Rosary Makers

Rosary Makers meets every Monday morning from 9:30 a.m. - noon in the hall. All are Welcome to join in.



Brothers in Christ

All men of the parish are invited on **Wednesdays at 6 a.m. in the hall.**

For more info contact Geoff at 813-728-2082.



Patriotic Rosary



Join in praying the Patriotic Rosary on Wednesday mornings after the 9 a.m. Mass.

Comeback Catholics

Please Join us for our next meeting on August 7th. Been away from the Church?



Come join us - You are welcome here!
We meet in the Life Center Office on the first Wednesday of the month August 7th at 7 p.m.

Or call Terri at 727-773-5004 or make an appointment at Comeback@ignatius.net

Scouts



Boy Scouts meet this Friday in classrooms 2,3,4 of the Life Center.

Girls Scouts meet this Friday in classrooms 6 & 7 of the Life Center.



DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG**Office of the Bishop****Statement on the Immigration Crisis in the U.S.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Church recognizes the right of sovereign nations to control their borders and our Church also teaches that the basic human rights of each person should never be violated. That is why the images we have seen and the stories we have heard recently about immigrants arriving in our country, shock and sadden us to our core. There must be a better and more humane way to care for the migrants who are seeking refuge in our nation.

One year ago, I wrote about the border crisis in an op-ed that appeared in the Tampa Bay Times. What I said then, still rings true today: “Families are being traumatized in the name of border security, serving as pawns in a political game devoid of humanity and compassion. The country that they believed would protect them has torn their family apart and left them in a more perilous position than before.”

If you are an immigrant who lives in fear, regardless of your legal status, I want you to know that I stand in solidarity with you. You are my family in Christ. You are my neighbor whom Jesus has commanded me to love in the story of the Good Samaritan. All people, regardless of their country of origin or legal status, are made in the image of God and should be treated with dignity and respect. Recent reports of overcrowded and unsanitary conditions are appalling and unacceptable for any person in U.S. custody, but particularly for children, who are uniquely vulnerable. Such conditions cannot be used as tools of deterrence. We can and must remain a country that provides refuge for children and families fleeing violence, persecution, and acute poverty.

Pope Francis recently said, “The key of Christian life, is in one’s capacity to show compassion.” This calling to be compassionate is so relevant to us, as we witness the tragic immigration crisis unfolding at our southern border. We are called to act with compassion and courage. Our social teachings have long proclaimed the dignity of the human person and call us to a special solidarity with the most vulnerable. It is our sacred duty to protect and give voice to the defenseless - the unborn, the elderly, the disabled, the imprisoned, the immigrant, and the refugee.

Let us pray for those on a journey to live in freedom and peace, without fear of violence, persecution or hunger. Let us call on our elected officials to move beyond political posturing and work together on comprehensive immigration reform that respects due process. Measures should be taken to keep families together in the least restrictive environment possible. Congress must act swiftly to protect the dignity and basic human rights of men, women and children who have suffered so much. The Administration, likewise, should not attempt to force the hand of legislators through threats of enforcement actions (raids). Such actions do little if anything to protect American society and instead wreak fear in the hearts of undocumented persons and destabilize families and communities. Arbitrary and inhumane enforcement procedures exacerbate a humanitarian crisis and are beneath our nation’s dignity.

As a nation, we must choose to work together to enact just laws that will reform a broken system and protect the vulnerable.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory Parkes Bishop of St. Petersburg

St. Ignatius Children and Youth Faith Formation

(formerly known as Religious Education or C.C.D.)



Upcoming Events:

New and Returning Families Open Registration Weekends:
Sunday, August 18th or 25th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
in the Parish Life Center rooms 2 and 3.

Registration forms have been mailed out to our families that were enrolled in last year's religious education program.

Please mail them back in or come visit us on the weekends that we have Open Registration. If you did not receive one, please contact the Faith Formation office.

***First Eucharist (First Communion)** – 2 years of sacramental preparation

If your child is entering 1st grade this coming school year, it's time to start preparing for First Communion, which is then received in 2nd grade. Ordinarily a child will participate for at least one year in our parish's religious education program, then the following year entering into the immediate catechesis for the Sacrament.

***Confirmation** – 2 years of sacramental preparation

If your child is entering 8th grade this coming school year, it's time to start preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which is then received in 9th grade. Ordinarily a child will participate for at least one year in our parish's religious education program, then the following year entering into the immediate catechesis for the Sacrament.

****Children 5 years of age and older who are in need of Baptism** please contact Fran Morin.

****Children 9 years of age and older who are in need of 1st Communion or Teens 14 years of age and older who are in need of Confirmation** please contact Fran Morin.

We offer many opportunities for your children to grow in their faith.
Sessions for Pre K through 5th grade children on Sunday mornings 10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Continuing Faith Formation sessions for 6th through 8th grades on
Tuesday or Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m – 8 p.m.

Please contact the **Faith Formation Office** for more details.

Fran Morin 937-4050 ext. 220 or fmorin@ignatius.net

Marie Day 937-4050 ext.223 or mday@ignatius.net



Dear Partners in Faith and Education,

Partners in Faith and Education program partners business, industry, civic and church organizations with our school in a financial function. The monies received will be used in our classrooms for educational materials and for the continuing education of our staff.

Another way of donating is our scholarship program, which is a continuing fund to be used by families in need of financial aid. Simply complete the attached form and the donation amount of your choice and it will be used for needed scholarship. Note that these types of donations are eligible for matching gift monies through many of our partners' places of employment.

Our goal is to have a quick turnaround from our partners so that we can give our teachers the opportunity to utilize funds early in the school year. If we can provide any further information about these worthwhile programs, please contact the school at (727) 937-5427.

God bless you for your generosity. Our children benefit a great deal from these particular programs, and I am confident you'll want to be a part of their enhanced learning. With the promise of our prayers and best wishes for the year, we remain,

Your Partners in Faith and Education,

Sharon Nease
Administrator

Monsignor Joseph Pellegrino
Parish Pastor

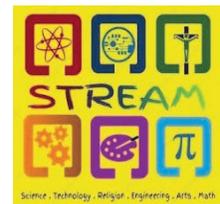
"Catholic Schools: Where Faith and Knowledge Meet"

Guardian Angels Catholic School

A Wonderful STREAM program! Classrooms are filled with excellent, faithful teachers and staff working with our precious students.

Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts & Math

Interested parents may pick up applications for enrollment in the parish office.





This week's Altar Flowers were donated in Thanksgiving for the 50th Anniversary of Clark & Kathy Beurlen

Bethany Shop

Summer Hours:

Sundays Only: August 4th & 18th
From 8:30 a.m.—11 a.m.
Weekly schedule resumes September 15th.

Hurricane Season

Be Prepared!
It is the beginning of the hurricane season. Please take note of our hurricane procedures.



Mass will not be celebrated if the government restricts travel to emergency vehicles and/or orders an evacuation of the Tarpon Springs area. Eucharistic Ministers will not distribute communion to the homebound or hospitals. Parishioners with special needs should call Laura at ext. 221 for forms for shelters.

A Big Thank You to all who Shared A Pint last Week!
Your donations will save/sustain 36 lives!



Andrea Miller, Connie Hale,
James Zlotto, John Lieberz,
Linda Cantu, Pat White,
Charles Northrup, Dave Cuffe,
Janice Nugent, Kevin Jajuga,
Linda Glasgow,
Tara Ansty & Robert Ansty

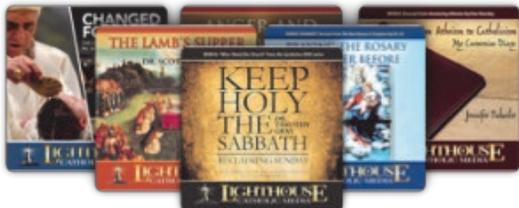
Divine Mercy Cenacle



The Divine Mercy Cenacle will not meet during the summer. Monthly Saturday meetings will resume on September 14th.



Lord, grant eternal rest to the souls of our dearly departed, especially for
NINA LAVIOLA & REV. JAMES TOAL
and for all those we hold in our hearts who have died, may they rest in the arms of God.



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<i>DATE</i>	<i>MASS INTENTIONS</i>	<i>EVENTS</i>
Saturday, August 3	4:00 p.m. Special Intentions of St. Ignatius Women's Council 6:30 p.m. + Alma Sammartano	4:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Court of Honor in the hall
Sunday, August 4 <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Ecclesiastics 1:2-23</i> <i>Colossians 3:1-11</i> <i>Luke 12:13-21</i>	7:30 a.m. + John Petko 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + Robert Coulson 6:00 p.m. + Giuseppe Romagnuolo	Bethany Shop Open this Sunday from 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. 7:30 p.m. Life Teen Night in the hall
Monday, August 5 <i>Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i> <i>Numbers 11:4-15</i> <i>Matthew 14:13-21</i>	7:00 a.m. + Gladys Scherrer 9:00 a.m. + Roberto Annoni	9:30 a.m. Rosary Makers in the hall 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders in rooms 7,8 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Leaders in rooms 9,10
Tuesday, August 6 <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i> <i>Deuteronomy 7: 9-14</i> <i>2 Peter 1:16-19</i> <i>Luke 9:28-36</i>	7:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Ann Swital 9:00 a.m. + Alice Tancredi 10:30 a.m. + John & Verna Yankouskas	8:00 a.m. Early Childhood Staff Meeting in room 6
Wednesday, August 7 <i>Sts. Sixtus II & Cajetan</i> <i>Numbers 13:1 - 14:35</i> <i>Matthew 15:21-28</i>	7:00 a.m. For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life 9:00 a.m. + Maria Jocelyn Carreon	6:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ in the hall 9:30 a.m. Patriotic Rosary in the Church 7:00 p.m. Comeback Catholics in the Life Center Office
Thursday, August 8 <i>St. Dominic</i> <i>Numbers 20:1-13</i> <i>Matthew 16:13-23</i>	7:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Ed & Marlene Schenk 9:00 a.m. + Dan Scenna	6:30 p.m. Edge in the hall
Friday, August 9 <i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i> <i>Deuteronomy 4:32-40</i> <i>Matthew 16:24-28</i>	7:00 a.m. + Robert Barsic 9:00 a.m. + Richard Carl Ragnitt	6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts in rooms 6,7 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in rooms 2,3,4
Saturday, August 10 <i>St. Lawrence</i> <i>2 Corinthians 9:6-10</i> <i>John 12:24-26</i>	9:00 a.m. + Arthur Sieracki	
Saturday, August 10	4:00 p.m. + Frank & Mary Pergola 6:30 p.m. + Deceased Members of the Sawyer & Wilczynski Families	
Sunday, August 11 <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Wisdom 18:6-9</i> <i>Hebrews 11:1-19</i> <i>Luke 12:32-48</i>	7:30 a.m. For An End to Abortions 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + Mary Rose Morley 6:00 p.m. + Donald Appel	7:30 p.m. Life Teen Night in the hall

**If you wish to have a Mass said for special intentions
or for deceased family members or friends,
please stop by the parish office between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekdays.**