



October 8, 2023 | Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Checkerboard of Community and Culture on the Cheyenne River Reservation

Where do I begin?

To speak of community, we imagine our church, neighborhood of city blocks, schools, clubs, and so on. For the Lakota people, community is much more encompassing than buildings or lines drawn on a map. The Lakota way is more comprehensive. Their community includes outlying areas, farms, and homesteads of rural dwellers and those living outside modern technology's limits. For the Lakota, community is the people and the total environment, regardless of the closeness or distance from the city center.

In 1890, The Lakota were the last Indigenous People to retreat to a Reservation. What happened? The Massacre at Wounded Knee in Pine Ridge in December 1890 killed 150 women and children. This horrific massacre, thought to be retribution for "Chief" Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse winning the Battle of Little Big Horn with General Custer and his calvary, compelled the Lakota to resign themselves to a Reservation or face extinction from the U.S. Calvary that would not let them live in peace on their Spiritual land.

The Cheyenne Agency was established, and every month, rations were distributed at designated sites to be picked up by each family. This action forever changed Lakota social and family structure. They were hunters of the American bison or buffalo, not farmers. From 1870-1900, federal policies changed. "It was reasoned that if a person adopted "White" clothing and ways and was responsible for their farm, they would gradually drop their "Indian-ness" and be assimilated into White American culture. Then it would no longer be necessary for the government to oversee Indian welfare in the paternalistic ways it had previously done, including providing meager annuities, with American Indians treated as dependents." (Dawes Act 1887, National Archives)

St. Ignatius' recent service trip to build Tiny Homes with the National Y Alumni on the Reservation, Dana Dupris, an elder, described his ordeal of boarding school. "First thing they do is they make you form lines, and then they cut all your hair off. Then they pour powder on you because they say we've got bugs. Next line, they pour kerosene on you to kill all the, whatever, bugs. Then they give you a brush, and they tell you, "Go take a shower, scrub your elbows and knees, ankles, wherever there's dirt," or I guess darkness because they want to scrub Indian off us. Then when we're done scrubbing ourselves, we get inspected, and if they find some dark area, we'll have to go and scrub. A lot of times, you scrubbed until you're bloody. Your elbows or knees are bloody because that was the whole idea: control."

In 1887, the Dawes Act allowed non-Native people to purchase land on the Cheyenne River Reservation. The U.S. government allotted 160 acres of communal land to individual Lakota tribe members and sold the "excess" to white homesteaders. The trust land allotted to Lakota became a "fee patent" holding subject to property tax. Land was sold off once more by the Lakota land trust holders because they could not keep up with the payment of property taxes. They were forced to sell their land to white settlers, which led to the widespread loss of Lakota land.

Loss of land has inhibited the Lakota from creating a sustainable economy and accessing resources (such as water) necessary for survival and growth. Today, the greater part of land suitable for commerce and most fertile for agriculture and ranching is not in trust for the Lakota. This land is owned by the white cattle ranchers, who benefit from the best parcels of land. Recently, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe gained majority control (51 percent) of the land within the Reservation. They were able to purchase 24,000 acres of deeded land.

We are a nation of immigrants who brought traditions, cultural foods, and religion to the "New World." We have forgotten the indigenous people were before the white European explorers and who also had traditions, culture, food, and spirituality woven into their lives...into their world.

What would this "New World" look like if the white settlers had adapted the Indigenous culture, traditions, and spirituality of the land? In celebration of Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day, let us Remember.

— Jean Santopatre
Pastoral Associate

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8th

Community Coffee Hour.
Following the 11 AM Masses.
Outside the Parish House.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10th

The Sage and the Skeptic – Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.
7 PM. Parish House & Zoom.
Details at right.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting.
7 PM. Gonzaga Meeting Room.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12th

Courageous Women of Faith.
7 PM. Church.
Details at right.

Blessing of the Sneakers

Saturday, November 4th
5:30 PM in the Church

Before running the New York City Marathon on Sunday, November 5th, join us the day before at our 5:30 PM Mass for a special blessing for runners and all who are participating in the Marathon.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?



Do you have a friend, family member, or a loved one who is considering becoming Catholic? Encourage them to reach out to us to inquire about our parish program designed to initiate adults into the Catholic faith.

A group will meet here during the year to inquire into the Catholic faith, to come to know Jesus through the Gospels, and to pray & to prepare for the Easter Sacraments.

For more information,
contact Maureen Fullam at 212-288-3588
or email church@stignatiusloyola.org.

Sign-up for Our Weekly E-Newsletter!

We invite you to join our email mailing list to receive updates on parish news and events.



To sign-up, scan the QR code at left
or visit ignatius.nyc.

Courageous Women of Faith

Thursday, October 12th at 7 PM
Church

Join us as we present our second annual *Courageous Women of Faith*, where we will honor environmental activist **Molly Burhans**, human rights activist **Sr. Jeannine Gramick**, civil rights activist **Diane Nash**, and immigration advocate **Sr. Norma Pimentel**.

We will commemorate their extraordinary work with the conferral of the Mary Magdalene Award to each honoree and the unveiling of large-scale banners of the women, created by artist Julie Lonneman.

The Sage and the Skeptic – Proverbs and Ecclesiastes

Tuesdays, through October 24th
7 PM

Parish House & Zoom

How does one live well while finding peace, meaning, and contentment? Ancient Israel's wisdom handbook, Proverbs, sought to answer these questions, while the book of Ecclesiastes articulated skepticism about Proverbs' traditional theology. Course presentations and discussions will explore the history, interpretation, and wisdom in these divergent, fascinating texts.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To register, email brianbpinter@protonmail.com.

End-of-Life Spirituality - Reflections on Healthcare Choices

Wednesday, November 15th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall & Livestreamed

End-of-life healthcare decisions can be complicated and anxiety-provoking. Our presentation and discussion will explore Catholic teaching on topics including the distinction between extraordinary and ordinary means, medical futility, "Do Not Resuscitate" orders, pain management, palliative and hospice care, and the role of spirituality in end-of-life care.

Brian B. Pinter, Pastoral Associate, will present.

To RSVP, email brianbpinter@protonmail.com.

Low-Gluten Hosts

For parishioners wishing to receive a low-gluten host at the distribution of Holy Communion, please speak with a Hospitality Minister.

Ignatian Social Justice

Winter Clothing Drive for Migrant Families

Drop off through October 15th at the Parish House

Needs: New or gently used laundered winter clothing—infant to adult sizes.

Any monetary donations will be used to buy necessities, including boots, socks, and undergarments.

Note: Checks made out to St. Ignatius Loyola should have *Migrant Accompaniment* on the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity.

Snow Ball Dance

Saturday, December 2nd at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

Please save the date and a few places on your dance card for our 5th annual Snow Ball Dance.

Join us for what promises to be a very merry evening. Come eat, drink, and dance to live music by The Morris Brothers Band with your friends and fellow adult (21+) parishioners.

Tickets are \$75 per person/\$65 for seniors (age 60+). Premium Tables for 10 guests are available for \$1,000.



To purchase, visit ignatius.nyc/snow-ball-dance or scan the QR code at left.

The Mary Project

Beginning Sunday, October 29th at 2 PM
Wallace Hall

Presented by the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry and the Peace Islands Institute

Join the Ignatian Interfaith Ministry as they partner with our Muslim friends from the Peace Islands Institute to embark on an in-depth exploration of Mary in both faith traditions.

Subsequent sessions include:

- Wednesday, November 29th, 7 PM to 8:30 PM (Zoom)
- Wednesday, January 10th, 7 PM to 8:30 PM (Zoom)
- Thursday, February 8th, 7 PM to 8:30 PM (Zoom)
- Sunday, May 26th, 2 PM to 4 PM (in person/Wallace Hall)



Registration is required. To register, scan the QR code at left or visit ignatius.nyc/the-mary-project.

The Bollandists: Historians of the Impossible

Friday, October 27th at 7 PM
Wallace Hall

SPEAKER: PROFESSOR CARLOS EIRE

Founded in 1607, The Bollandists are a discreet group of scholars who have applied their intellectual rigor to the study of the saints in a systematic, in-depth, scrupulous, disinterested research and are considered the pioneers of documenting the impossible in the lives of saints.

About the Presenter

Professor Carlos Eire is the T. Lawrason Riggs Professor of History and Religious Studies at Yale University. He is the author of *A Very Brief History of Eternity*, *Reformations: The Early Modern World*, *The Life of Saint Teresa of Avila: A Biography*, and *They Flew: A History of the Impossible*.

War & Peace Discussion Group

Viewing of the Film *Threads* | Part 1

Friday, October 27th at 7 PM
Parish Lounge

This powerful 1983 movie explores the events leading up to and the aftermath of a nuclear attack on the UK following a confrontation between nuclear powers subsequent to fighting in a third country which flares up into full-scale war.

The Amazing Race

New Date! Sunday, November 12th
Noon to 2:30 PM

Starting Point: McKinnon Hall
(48 East 84th Street)

Hosted by LGBT Catholics & Friends, Interparish Religious Education Program, Ignatian Social Justice & the Family Ministry

The Amazing Race returns to St. Ignatius! Part race, part scavenger hunt, this year, the event starts and ends in McKinnon Hall, with the route covering the Upper East Side. It's open to all parishioners and friends, adults and children. Sign up with your team, or be assigned to a team the day of the race and meet some fellow parishioners.

Fee: \$10/adult, \$5/child



To register individually or as a team, scan the QR code at left or visit ignatius.nyc/amazingrace.

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Weekday Masses (Monday – Friday)

8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

Masses for the Weekend of October 15th

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Fr. Hallinan

Sunday: 8:00 AM Fr. Ferus

9:30 AM Fr. Ferus

Solemn 11:00 AM Fr. Bergen

Wallace Hall Family 11:00 AM Fr. Yesalonia

7:30 PM Fr. Bergen

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Confessions

4:30 PM Saturday or by appointment.

Baptisms

Please contact Maureen Haley at
baptisms@saintignatiusloyola.org
to arrange for a Baptism and
the preparation given prior to Baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Contact Maureen Fullam, M.A.,
Director, at the Parish House.

Marriages

The Bride or Groom should contact
Maureen Haley at
weddings@saintignatiusloyola.org
to begin preparation for Marriage,
normally one year in advance.

Visits to the Sick

Please contact the Parish House
between the hours of
9:00 AM and 9:00 PM.

Ignatian Young Adults (IYA)

For more information about our IYA
ministry, email Jean Santopatre at
santopatrej@saintignatiusloyola.org.

Announced Masses and Readings for the Week

Monday, October 9th

(27th Monday in Ordinary Time)

Jonah 1:1–2:1, 11 Jonah 2

Luke 10:25–37

8:30 MEM Paul Choix

Tuesday, October 10th

(27th Tuesday in Ordinary Time)

Jonah 3:1–10 Psalm 130

Luke 10:38–42

8:30 MEM Simona Saracino
Fendi

12:10 MEM Valentino Mazzia

5:30 MEM Deceased Members
of the Scanlon & McLoughlin
Families

Wednesday, October 11th

(27th Wednesday in Ordinary Time)

Jonah 4:1–11 Psalm 86

Luke 11:1–4

8:30 MEM Arthur Murphy

12:10 MEM Cookie Ong

5:30 MEM Ann Nawn

Thursday, October 12th

(27th Thursday in Ordinary Time)

Malachi 3:13–20b Psalm 1

Luke 11:5–13

8:30 MEM Robert L. Cahill

12:10 ANN Stephen Bepler

5:30 MEM Bill Hassett

Friday, October 13th

(27th Friday in Ordinary Time)

Joel 1:13–15; 2:1–2 Psalm 9

Luke 11:15–26

8:30 MEM Ronald Adee

12:10 MEM Sherry Farrell

5:30 MEM Elizabeth Troilo

Saturday, October 14th

(27th Saturday in Ordinary Time)

Joel 4:12–21 Psalm 97

Luke 11:27–28

8:30 MEM Donald Melanson

Sunday, October 15th

(27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 5:1–7 Psalm 80

Philippians 4:6–9

Matthew 21:33–43