

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PARISH  
PARROQUIA SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Quarto Domingo de Pascua  
April 26, 2026



Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears,  
from death into life.

Pastoréame Señor, más allá de mis necesidades, más allá de mis miedos,  
de la muerte a la vida.

Marty Haugen

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

Acts 2:14a, 36–41 • 1 Peter 2:20b–25 •  
John 10:1–10

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 4pm

**Sunday:**

9am Children's Mass | 10:30am | 12:30pm Español | 5pm

**Weekday:**

5:30pm Monday–Friday

(Lannon Chapel, followed by the Rosary)

8am Monday-Sunday (St. Mary's Chapel, BC)

**Confession**

**Saturday:** before Mass, 3–3:45pm

**Adoration**

**Thursday:** before Mass, 4:15–5:15pm

**Please keep in your prayers:**

*Saturday, April 25*

4pm Carol-Ann Cincotta

*Sunday, April 26*

10:30am Margaret and Donald Kolb

12:30pm Victor M. and Maria Pereira de Quintero

5pm Katherine F. & Patrick J. Bowdring, and  
James & May Bowdring

*Monday, April 27*

5:30pm Mark R. Sullivan

*Tuesday, April 28*

5:30pm Paul O'Leary

*Wednesday, April 29*

5:30pm Alice Jost

*Thursday, April 30*

5:30pm Russell S. Broad

*Friday, May 1*

5:30pm Mark R. Sullivan

*If you have an intention at a weekend Mass and would like to process with the gifts, please speak with a Greeter when you arrive.*

**I came so that they might have life  
and have it more abundantly.**

John 10:10

## Reflection on the Reading

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Using this metaphor, Jesus tells his listeners that those who follow him will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. Although the flocks mingle overnight, when each shepherd returns, the sheep know which to follow. A good shepherd knows their sheep, and the sheep know their shepherd in turn.



*Follow the True Shepherd's Voice, Jared Boggess.*

## Catholic Appeal 2026

Thank you for your ongoing support of the 2026 Catholic Appeal! As of April 26, our parish has raised \$85,286! **There's still time to beat our goal of \$110,000—we're 78% of the way there. 118 parishioners have donated to the Appeal. Will you be one more?** You can give online using the QR Code, and be sure to select St. Ignatius as your home parish so your gift goes toward our goal!

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**one**

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## Carta del Párroco

Queridos amigos en el Señor:

Me gustaría expresar mi más sincero agradecimiento a toda la comunidad parroquial por sus oraciones y condolencias tras el fallecimiento de mi padre, Richard J. Wronski. Durante la última semana he recibido cientos de correos electrónicos, mensajes de texto, notas, mensajes de voz y tarjetas en las que me han expresado su apoyo en estos momentos de duelo. Estoy especialmente agradecido a todos los que pudieron asistir al velatorio en Chelsea y al funeral en San Ignacio el 17 de abril. ¡Mi padre se despidió por todo lo alto, con un coro al completo, una procesión de concelebrantes jesuitas y una iglesia bellamente decorada y repleta de familiares y amigos! Toda la familia Wronski se sintió consolada por la cálida acogida que recibió en la parroquia durante la misa. Estoy profundamente agradecido.

Los preparativos del funeral de la semana pasada me retrasaron en la planificación de la primera sesión de los Jueves de Teología. Sé que varios feligreses esperan con interés este nuevo programa, así que espero que no los decepcione demasiado que se haya cancelado la sesión del 23 de abril para darme algo de tiempo para ponerme al día tras el funeral. La primera sesión de los Jueves de Teología será el 7 de mayo.

Este domingo, 26 de abril, es el Domingo del Buen Pastor y la Jornada Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones. Aunque aprecia todas las vocaciones, la Iglesia centra su atención este día en las vocaciones al ministerio ordenado (sacerdocio y diaconado), a la vida consagrada en todas sus formas (vida religiosa masculina y femenina, sociedades de vida apostólica, virginidad consagrada, institutos seculares) y a la vida misionera. El propósito de este día es cumplir públicamente la instrucción del Señor: “Ruegen, pues, al Dueño de la mies que envíe obreros a su mies” (Mt 9, 38; Lc 10, 2). ¡Oremos para que los jóvenes, hombres y mujeres, escuchen y respondan generosamente a la llamada del Señor!

Bendiciones,  
P. John

## Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in the Lord,

I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to the whole parish community for your prayers and kind expressions of sympathy following the passing of my father, Richard J. Wronski. Over the past week I have received hundreds of emails, texts, notes, voicemails, and cards expressing your support during this time of loss. I'm especially grateful for all who were able to attend the wake in Chelsea and the funeral Mass at St. Ignatius on April 17. My Dad went out in style with a full choir, a parade of Jesuit concelebrants, and a beautifully decorated church packed with family and friends! The whole Wronski family was consoled by your warm welcome to the parish for the funeral Mass. I am deeply grateful.

The funeral preparations last week set me back in my planning for the first session of Theology Thursdays. I know that a number of parishioners are looking forward to this new program, so I hope you're not too disappointed that the April 23 session has been canceled to give me some time to catch up after the funeral. The first session of Theology Thursdays will now be on May 7.

This Sunday, April 26, is Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes), and to the missionary life. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Let us pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call!

Blessings,  
Fr. John



## Project Bread Walk for Hunger

**The Walk for Hunger is Almost Here!**  
*Sunday, May 3*

**It's not too late to register!**  
You can do it—just three miles around  
Boston Common.

**TEAM IGNATIUS** is set up and ready to add members and/or accept donations.

*There are also options to register on your own or as a family, or to walk-your-own-way.*



Go to [projectbread.org](https://projectbread.org) and select the **Walk for Hunger** tab in the upper right hand corner for 2026 event information. **Questions? Call Sr. Diane.**

## St. Francis House Clothing Drive

**It's on its way**—our spring clothing drive for the adult clients of St. Francis House Day Shelter, Boston. SFH welcomes gently used (or new) clothing. **Our drive will be on May 16–17.**

The list of what's presently needed (**NO out-of-season clothing, please**) is:

- jeans and other durable pants
- T-shirts
- sweatshirts and sweatpants
- shorts
- jackets
- shoes (sneakers or boots)
- backpacks

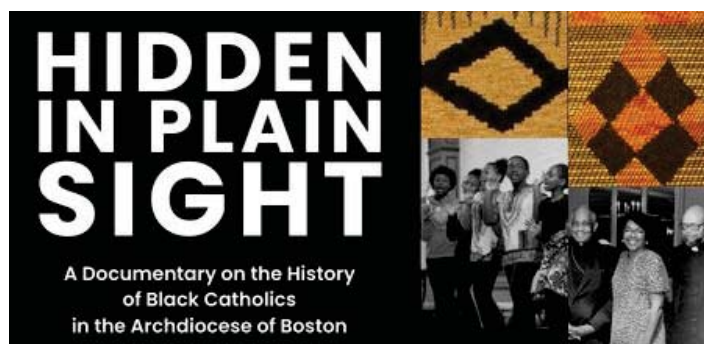


Additionally, SFH is always looking for socks and underwear, but they must be new and in the original packaging.

**Please Note:** Primarily adult men visit St. Francis House, but adult women's clothing is appreciated, as well.

**4** 4th Sunday of Easter

## Film Screening: *Hidden in Plain Sight*



**Sunday, May 3 @ 6:30pm**  
*Rescheduled Date!*

The Racial Justice Committee's rescheduled screening of the film *Hidden in Plain Sight: The History of Black Catholics in Boston* will take place on May 3. The film sheds light on the history of Black Catholics through insightful interviews with members of Boston's Black Catholic community. There will be time for Q&A, and a light supper will be offered.

**To help the Racial Justice Committee plan seating and food, please RSVP at this link:**

<https://bit.ly/HiddenInPlainSightScreenings>

## Shattuck Fourth Tuesday

**April 28**

Shattuck Fourth Tuesday is here, so let's treat the Guests at Shattuck Shelter and the Stabilization Unit! Drop off **your cookies and brownies (no nuts or alcohol, please!) and mandarin oranges** in the bins at the front and parking lot side doors of the Parish Office **by 2:30pm on Tuesday, April 28.**

## CRS Rice Bowls

**Please make your Rice Bowl returns this weekend!**

The large rice bowl, into which you can drop your family rice bowl, is on the table in the upper church Gathering Space.

**Other ways to donate**

**Online:** [crsricebowl.org/change-lives](https://crsricebowl.org/change-lives)

**Phone:** 877-435-7277

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PO Box 5278, Tipton, IA 52772-0517

## Theology Thursdays

May 7 & May 21 @ 7pm

Fr. John invites you to **Theology Thursdays**, a new program that will bring together adult parishioners who would like to explore their faith in way that goes deeper than a 7-minute Sunday homily. Stay tuned for more details on topics for these events.

## Immigration Committee

Our next meeting will take place on  
**Tuesday, May 5 at 7pm via Zoom**  
*Everybody is invited to participate.*

To obtain the agenda and link, contact  
Rita M. Rodriguez through the Parish Office.

## Coffee After Mass

**Join us for coffee, conversation, and community after the 10:30am Mass every other Sunday!**

*Upcoming dates: April 26, May 10, May 24, June 7*

## Tree of Life *Planting a Centennial Tree*

As St. Ignatius celebrates its centennial year, we reflect on the life of the parish and look forward to what lies ahead.

We look back on the row of beech trees that stood for decades along the fence behind St. Ignatius' parish office, before they were removed due to beech leaf disease. Their removal has left a void in many ways. Those noble trees were a rich green backdrop for parish life—they sheltered birds and shaded us, bringing beauty to our grounds and consuming carbon dioxide to produce the oxygen that we depend upon. Trees are the heart of the life cycle of our planet. By planting a centennial tree to mark 100 years, we can honor those wonderful beeches and look ahead to the future with new life.

**The St. Ignatius Green Team wants to hear YOUR voice!** They have narrowed it down to three choices—for the next few weeks, you can learn more about these trees in the Gathering Space before we vote on the selection in May.

## Comunidad Hispana Ignaciana (CHI)

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**GENTE NUEVA:  
PUEBLO DE LA RESURRECCIÓN**

*Martes 28 de abril a las 7pm*

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**Pueden traer algo de comer para compartir**

## Annual Beach Clean-Up

**NEW DATE: May 16 | 9am–1pm**

*Eastern Point Jesuit Retreat Center, Gloucester*

Rain or shine, the Green Team and others interested will be heading to Eastern Point **at 9am on May 16 from the St. Ignatius parking lot** to to join the clean-up group at 10am. It will be followed by a cookout lunch with the folks from Eastern Point. Transportation will be provided. Join us! If you are interested and able, please contact: [ignatius@bc.edu](mailto:ignatius@bc.edu) and ask for Debbie Packard by April 30.

## Congratulations!

**Last weekend, over 80 teens and adults were confirmed at St. Ignatius, between our Faith Formation program and our joint OCIA program with Boston College!**

Let's keep all these faithful in our prayers over the Easter season, that the Holy Spirit may continue to strengthen them to walk in the footsteps of our Good Shepherd.

A special “Thank You!” to Archbishop Henning for visiting St. Ignatius and shepherding these confirmandi with care.



# Welcome!

## Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** Monday - Friday: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 4pm; Closed Saturdays and Sundays

### Sacraments

### St. Ignatius Parish Team

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 3-3:45pm in the Upper Church/Lower Church or by appointment.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA):**  
For adults seeking Baptism, and/or Confirmation, contact the Parish Office.

**Baptism:** For infant and young child Baptisms, contact Sr. Diane Vallerio.

**First Communion:** Preparation begins in grade 1 and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Communion in grade 2. For further information, contact Liz Turnwald.

**Confirmation:** Preparation begins in 7th grade; students are confirmed after their second year of Confirmation prep. For further information, contact Liz Turnwald.

**Matrimony/Wedding:** Parishioners, BC Alumni, and non-parishioners are welcome to be married at St. Ignatius. Contact our Office Manager, Carol Russo, for available dates and details.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the parish office.

### Sacramental Forms/Letters

Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent/sponsor letters, or permission for marriage, baptism, or confirmation in another parish.

### Creating a Safe Environment at St. Ignatius

[stignatiuschestnuthill.org/creating-a-safe-environment](http://stignatiuschestnuthill.org/creating-a-safe-environment)

#### Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

Liz Turnwald | Kathy Maher  
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Following Archdiocesan online security guidelines, we have removed email addresses from our parish bulletin to avoid the danger of potential phishing scams. If you need a staff member's email address or contact information for a parish group or ministry, please contact the Parish Office and we will be happy to share the appropriate information!

**Contact the Parish Office for more information about anything in today's bulletin.**

### Get Involved!

*The many St. Ignatius commissions, committees, and volunteer roles always welcome new members!*

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation

*Green Team*

*Racial Justice Committee*

*Immigration Committee*

*LGBTQ+ Committee*

Liturgy Commission

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*Contact the Parish Office for more information!*



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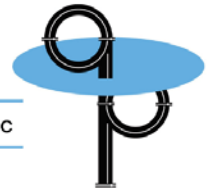


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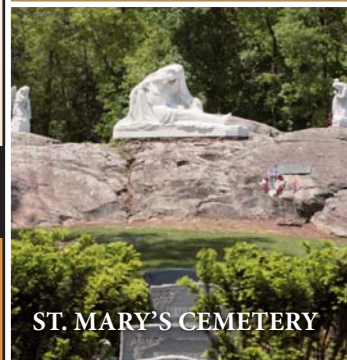


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