

I wish I had a way to connect with the women I see across the pews on Sunday.

I wish our parish had more of a social life.

I wish I had more contact with the SI moms I used to know.

I wish I could grow spiritually with other women.

What do you wish?



iWISSH

Ignatian Women in Spirit, Service, and Hospitality

A new women's organization for our parish

Ignatian Women in Spirit, Service, and Hospitality (iWISSH) is a new ministry of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in Sacramento. Our mission is to foster community and commitment by helping our parish women get to know one another and participate in fun and meaningful experiences consistent with Jesuit Catholic tradition.

Each month, iWISSH members host at least one spiritual, one service, and one social activity. Each iWISSH member is asked to host one event per year. To host an event, simply pledge to attend with your iWISSH nametag, and introduce yourself to any other iWISSH members who show up. That's it. Your event can be something already on the church calendar (such as, a daily Mass) or you can organize your own event at church, in your home, around town--anywhere!

Join at [Meetup.com/iWISSH-St-Ignatius-Loyola-Parish](https://www.meetup.com/iWISSH-St-Ignatius-Loyola-Parish)

(If you do not have a Meetup.com login, you'll need to create a free account.

Event calendar, event RSVPs, and communications will all go through the Meetup.

Questions? Ask the iWISSH Steering Committee

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iWISSH Membership

- Open to all registered parishioners
- All members get an iWISSH magnetic nametag (optional donation of \$5 to cover expense)

Activities

- iWISSH will lead from the bottom-up, not top-down: all events proposed and “hosted” by members
 - Each member is obligated to “host” a minimum of one event per year
- iWISSH events will be approved by the steering committee and then posted on the iWISSH MeetUp.
 - RSVPs will also be online
- iWISSH events must be open to all members
 - Events with a limited number of participants shall be open to all members until the maximum number of RSVPs is reached
- Every month, iWISSH will strive to “host” a minimum of three activities, one in each of our categories: *Spirituality, Service, Hospitality/Social*

FAQ

What does it mean to “host” an event?

Simple: you agree to show up, wear your nametag, and introduce yourself to any other members who show up with their nametags too. That’s it. Anything beyond this is up to you. You can “host” an existing event in the parish, or you can plan something yourself.

Examples:

Spirituality: host a day of the Lenten novena of grace, a Java Jazz and Jesus night (yes, we will cross promote with existing parish ministries), a prayer practicum session, one of Fr. Art’s lectures, or simply a particular 8 AM Mass on a weekday. Or arrange a spiritual event. How about a discussion of the week’s scripture readings over coffee at Panera?

Service: Host an existing parish service activity (declare yourself an iWISSH host for a Sharing God’s Bounty, or Loaves & Fishes Saturday; volunteer for a fundraising event). Or get creative--schedule a service event and let iWISSH invite Ignatian women to come. Maybe a group volunteer morning at Sacramento Food Bank?

Hospitality: Our just-for-fun category, hospitality events can be anything consistent with Ignatian values. As with the other categories, you can host an existing parish social event (Amazing Grapes! Viva SI!), or you can do your own thing. Game night in the Garden Room? Potluck brunch at your house? Happy hour at a restaurant? Book club? Morning walk meetup along the American River trail?

Other than “host” one event per year, what do members have to do?

Keep an eye on the calendar and RSVP for any events that interest you. Wear your nametag at all events, and why not wear it to Mass, too? Say hello to the iWISSH members around you.

How do I become a member of iWISSH?

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**Official iWISSH launch weekend
September 22-23**