

WELCOME TO IGNATIUS FARM

COMMUNITY SHARED AGRICULTURE

Ignatius Farm - A core part of the Ignatius Jesuit Centre since its beginnings in 1913. Though it was initially purposed with supporting the formation of Jesuit priests, Ignatius Farm has evolved to address the ecological and agricultural challenges of our times and now operates as a community oriented organic training farm. The vegetable operation supplies produce to farmers markets, restaurant sales, service agencies and the Farm's key supporters - the CSA members.

About Ignatius Farm CSA

Ignatius Farm provides Small and Regular CSA shares to over 200 households. A prepackaged option is available, where your share is packed by the farm staff for a fee. Neighbourhood drop-off sites around Guelph offer more convenient access to your share. In a lean growing season, CSA members are prioritized since they have prepaid for their portion of the harvest. Small CSA shares average \$25 of organic produce in weekly value and Regular CSA shares average \$40 in value. An extra week's worth of harvest is included in the Late Summer Share.

Here is the produce you can expect in a typical season:

Early Summer	Strawberries, spinach, salad greens, radishes, peas, broccoli, ...
Mid-Summer	Tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, beans, broccoli, beets, carrots, cucumbers ...
Late Summer	Potatoes, garlic, onions, beets, carrots, parsnips, leeks, spinach, pumpkin ...
Winter	Beets, potatoes, garlic, onions, carrots, leeks, winter squash, rutabaga ...

All produce is certified organic



The principle farmers are Mike Smith and Donald Bowyer. Heather Lekx is the Farm Manager. Each year the farmers are assisted by countless volunteers, by a number of energetic interns learning organic farming, and by seasonal staff as funding permits.

Working shares are available in exchange for produce. Please see below for details.

How do I get my food?

On Farm Pickups

- Come to the farmstore in the Farm Workshop on your pickup day
- Read chalkboards which indicate share allotments. You pack your own bag or box
- Items are allotted by volume or weight i.e. 2 lbs carrots, 1 head lettuce.
- Occasionally options are offered (beets vs carrots)
- Take advantage of member only u-pick areas
- Enjoy the trails at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre

Summer

Tuesday 3:30 - 7pm

Friday 3:30 - 6pm

Winter

Wednesday

2:30-6:30

Summer Shares at a Neighbourhood Drop Site

- We pack your share in a closed crate
- Come to your designated site within the pick-up time
- Put your vegetables into your own bags and leave the crate
- Keep abreast of farm updates via newsletters, Facebook, and coming to Farm events

Tuesday

St Georges Park 4:30-5:45pm

Planet Bean Downtown 4:30-6:30pm

Friday

Holy Rosary Parish Hall 4:15-5:15pm

Planet Bean – Gordon St. 4:30-6:30pm

Can I change my on-farm pickup day?

Yes, you may change your pickup day **once** during the season.

- Call the farm line or email farmregistration@ignatiusguelph.ca
- Change deadline for each week is Monday at 12 noon.

If you are away on vacation, you can have a friend or relative pick up your share. It's a fun activity that allows you to share your farm experience with others.

All shares that are not picked up are donated to a local service organization and will no longer be available for pickup.

You-Pick Items!

- Complimentary cut flowers are on offer as part of the CSA membership.
- Some crops, such as peas, beans, hot peppers and tomatoes may be available complimentary if it is a bountiful year.
- Strawberry you-pick is available for charge.
- There will be emails and signage at the pickup when you-pick options are available.

Can I buy extra vegetables?

Depending on the season we may have extra vegetables for sale. For information contact 519-824-1250 ext. 275 or farmsales@ignatiusguelph.ca.

Want to get more involved in your CSA?

We're always interested in meeting you and building spirit within our CSA community.

See our website for up and coming events, such as:
Local Food Fest – 4th Sunday in June
Open Farm Days – 3rd week of August
Fall Harvest Celebration – end of September

How to reach us

Member phone number: (519) 824-1250 ext. 245
Member email: farmregistration@ignatiusguelph.ca
Website: ignatiusguelph.ca/ignatius-farm/

Field Volunteers and Workshares

If you are more of a "hands-on" type, members and their family and friends are always welcome to assist with field work. Volunteers can join us mid-April to end of October, Tuesday and Friday from 9am-12:30, and Thursday from 9 am-12:30 and 2pm-5:30. Workshares are also available to exchange your time and energy for a share of the harvest.

For more information, contact our volunteer coordinator at csaoutreach@ignatiusguelph.ca .

We look forward to meeting you and hope that you enjoy being a member of the CSA!



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