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CSA Updates

Thank you for joining us for the four week Fall Share. There's one more Fall Share pick up!
Tuesday Dec 3 & Friday Dec 6

CSA members and friends: please review the newsletter sent out last Friday [found here](#). Please join us this Sunday, November 24 for the CSA Community Gathering to discuss this decision, provide more information, express our gratitude for the CSA's impact, and reflect on the journey ahead.

2025 Community Garden Registration is open!

It's time to sign up for 2025 Community Garden plots!

For 3% off use discount code 2025EB.
Available until December 31, 2024.



Sign up today!

**Community Garden
information**

Ignatius Farm Mini Market

Tuesday December 17, 3-5:30pm

Join us for hot drinks while you browse the last of the year's produce!

Ignatius Farm **Holiday Gift Baskets** are back filled with delicious vegetables from our Farm, Tuckamore Honey and local maple syrup.



Sample Holiday gift basket

NEW this year, **Holiday veggie Share**. Let us pack a share for you of all your Farm favourites. Includes carrots, potatoes, beets, onion, squash, herbs and a few others.



Sample Holiday Share

Place your order by noon, Dec 13 for pick up on Dec 17 at the Farm.



Also at the Mini Market:

Ignatius Farm Produce sales - market style

Piccolo Farm Organics will be on site with frozen sauces and more!

Honey & Ignatius gift cards

Pre-order Holiday Gift Baskets & Veggie Share here

Small Plot Agriculture farm rental openings

The Request for Proposals (RFP) is now open for Ignatius Farm Small Plot Agriculture farm rentals.

The diversity of enterprises on IJC lands is full of synergies! The RFP seeks entrepreneurial

individuals, groups, or organizations to rent available acreages for complementary ecological, regenerative agricultural projects at Ignatius Farm. Proposals are invited for small businesses, research, education, indigenous land care, food security, and service projects, from enterprises that will augment this place of peace in values and practice.

For 2025, proposals will be accepted for rental of the farmhouse, adjacent barn and pasture, field parcels of 6 acres or less, and 1/4 acre sections with water access.

[Review Land RPF here](#)



Application Deadline for spring 2025 land access is January 15. Early proposal submission is encouraged.

For further information, proposals of interest, and the full Request for Proposals, go to: <https://ignatiusguelph.ca/ignatius-farm/acreage-rentals/>

Please share this unique land access opportunity widely.

New Farmer Training Program

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Ignatius Farm New Farmer Training Program this year! We had over 150 participants, ran 42 online events, 10 field trips, and 8 in person workshops. Lisa and Kajal wish everyone luck on their farming journeys!

Have you participated in the Ignatius Farm New Farmer Training Program? We want to hear from you! Please fill out this short survey if you took any part of the program over the last five years.

[New Farmer Training Program Survey](#)

Ignatius Community Orchard



The Ignatius Community Orchard is a thriving, managed ecosystem where we grow perennial food crops, learn together, and share the harvest. It is maintained collectively by volunteers, with support from Ignatius staff.

Our orchard includes established apple, pear, and sour cherry trees, and a variety of young nut and fruit tree saplings, including hazelnut, American chestnut, Buart Nut, Korean pine, elderberry, serviceberry, currants, goji berries, and gooseberry.

This year, the community orchard has seen remarkable success achieving our goal to build people power. In 2024, we welcomed 22 volunteers, who collectively contributed over 600 hours of work - a 60% increase from 2023. We harvested approximately 890 pounds of apples, and pressed 500 pounds into delicious cider. The remaining apples were enjoyed by volunteers or donated to those in need.

Learning Opportunities and Work-bees

In 2024, we held five work-bees to learn about pruning, disease identification and management, mulching, mowing, and other orchard care. We launched a dedicated Gmail account for the orchard collective to share educational resources throughout the season, covering pruning, pest and disease scouting, fall webworm identification and control, fruit thinning, understory planting, harvest, and post-harvest operations. We now have a community of 76 people learning together!

Interested?

Would you like to volunteer or learn more about holistic orchard care, planting, and harvesting? Join the collective for planning, hands-on workshops, work-bees, or weekly volunteer days. The collective needs lead volunteers, weekly volunteers and occasional volunteers starting mid-winter. Everyone who contributes to the orchard enjoys its fruits, with the harvest shared first with learners and those in need.

To get involved, please contact us at farmoutreach@ignatiusguelph.ca or call 519-824-1250 x244.

Loyola House – Featured Events

Cedar Circle Sunday

December 15, 2:30-4pm

Loyola House: Art therapist Marilyn Clarke offers creative practices with the land



Contemplative Activism Retreat

January 31-February 2, 2025

Bringing contemplation and compassion into social and ecological activism.

Farm Fresh Photos



Farmer Don!



Rainbow carrots for CSA members



Farmer Alex working on seed inventory



Farmer Lisa with an amazing head of broccoli

IJC Welcomes ALL to their Open House!

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**YOU are invited to a celebration of Advent
or anything else you want to celebrate and be merry with us!**

Sunday, December 1 from 3-5 pm

**Welcome and Salutations at 3:45pm
Light snacks & beverages**

**At Ignatius Jesuit Centre's Loyola House
5420 Highway 6 North, Guelph**

See you then!

Fallow

the land rests
the land resists
in between stands the "is"
the only way to sleep
passes through the prior need
to come of rising up.



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