Good evening. My name is Ann Edwards, and I'm grateful to be part of the St. Ignatius parish community.

When I first came here, I felt welcome right away. I appreciated the hospitality at the church doors, the chance to greet Father Tom or the priest who celebrated Mass, and the friendliness of fellow parishioners in the pews. Over time, I came to see that this welcome reflects something deeper: St. Ignatius truly cares for its parishioners and the wider community.

After giving presentations on mental health, I was invited to join the mental health ministry. It has been a real blessing. Our ministry focuses on education, advocacy, and accompaniment. I'm one of the facilitators of an accompaniment group for parishioners who have a loved one experiencing mental health challenges.

This work is close to my heart because two members of my own family live with serious mental health conditions. I know how difficult it can be to support someone you love—and how important it is not to feel alone.

I also support St. Ignatius financially. This is the first parish where I've truly felt at home in my faith. I'm grateful for our commitment to community and for Father Tom's leadership. And as someone who has led an organization, I understand that the work of a parish needs resources.

Our contributions help care for this beautiful church, support the liturgies we cherish, serve our neighbors, and support our dedicated staff. St. Ignatius does a great deal of good, and I'm proud to help sustain that work.

This parish means so much to me. That is why I give. Thank you and God bless you!