

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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Mission: "A Catholic Parish sharing experiences of the Kingdom of God"



JANUARY 1, 2017
MARY,
HOLY MOTHER
OF GOD



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

Are you Amazed....?

Often in our lives we are perplexed, confused, or amazed at the turn of events that take place around us or shape our lives and we try as best as we can to look for answers. No matter how hard we may look for those answers, the answer evades us in our findings and we are left with no other option but to look for Divine intervention.

We begin the start of the New Year 2017, with the celebration of the feast in honor of Virgin Mary, as "Mary Mother of God." Aren't you amazed that such an honor is bestowed to Mary that her womb bore the Son of God in the person of Jesus Christ human and divine? That the Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of God means that the child—conceived in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit, carried in her body for nine months, and born into this world—is God. As such, this celebration highlights the pivotal truth of the Church's Faith—that God has, in Jesus Christ, accepted a human nature, chosen to be born into this world as we have all been born into this world, and has lived a real, human life.

In doing so, God has accepted the full implication of what it means to be human, including the experiences of suffering and death. "Why" God did this is what the Scriptures are all about -- from start to finish, from Genesis to Revelation. In fact, the Bible is not just some kind of spiritual "self-help" book or just a collection of ancient literature -- the Bible is the story of why God accepts a human nature in Christ.

The most amazing thing is that God revealed himself to us in his son Jesus who became a man like us as the scripture says in all things but sin. On the other hand we find the human side of Jesus that marveled at the centurion who had come to him with a request to cure his servant and when Jesus agreed to do so, he said to Jesus, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof but only say a word and my servant shall be healed (Luke 6/7-9). Jesus was amazed to see the display of faith from a Roman soldier.

God can perform amazing things in your life as an individual and as a family. There is nothing that is impossible for God. As the New Year 2017 begins, let us be persons of faith so that mighty works are performed through us and in us. The year begins with the invocation of Virgin Mary the Mother Jesus, who is our mother. Let us seek her intercession as we march into the New Year 2017 to accomplish the amazing plan that God has for us in our lives. Wish you a fruitful "Happy New Year 2017."

-Fr. Mario

OVER 1200 SOLD!

HURRY TO GET YOUR 2017 RAFFLE BOOKLETS BEFORE THE NEW YEAR. DRAWINGS BEGIN IN EARLY JANUARY.

Booklets are available at Masses, in the Rectory or from any of the Captains listed below.

Don Baron	Kathy Denning
Teresita Sitjar	Ed Mikeska
Dee Stanton	Barbara Dary
	Sr. Joyce
Mary Burke	Dolly Bellissimo
Loretta Falco	Diane Lazzeretti
Hilde Koziol	John & Mary Affatati
Barb Watson	Dean & Geri Johansen

Lets sell these books so we can begin the roof work early in 2017!



St. Isaac Jogues News

Upcoming Meetings / Events

MONTHLY BIBLE TALK

Join us next Sunday, Jan. 8, for the monthly Bible talk, which will be at 9 a.m. in the Holy Family Room. We'll be wrapping up the Christmas season and look to Ordinary Time readings. All are welcome.

+Spiritual Life Commission:
Tuesday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m., RE Office

+Bible Study:
Wednesday, Jan. 11, 9:30 a.m.
Rm. 6 (Gospel of Matthew)

+Parish Life Commission:
Thursday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m., Rm. 26



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Religious Education

*Kindergarten RE will resume next Sunday, January 8, at 10 a.m.

*Monday night RE, Grs. 1-Confirmation II, will not meet tomorrow, January 2nd. They will return on Monday, January 9, 2017.

*RE Catechists and Assistants are reminded to RSVP to Dee regarding the Cluster Morning of Reflection (if you have not already done so) which will be held at Our Lady of Ransom Church on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Mass is at 8:15 a.m. followed by the reflection, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Breakfast is included. Please call the RE Office or email sijre2004@yahoo.com by this Wednesday, Jan. 4th.

ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CHRISTMAS 2016

ADDITIONAL CELEBRATIONS

MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Sunday January 8, 2017, 3:00 pm – Church

SHARING OF OPLATKI (bi-lingual)
Sunday, January 15, 2017, 1:00 pm - Holy Family Room

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS (AND THE NEW YEAR)

*Lord of light shine on us;
Lord of peace, dwell in us;
Lord of might, protect us;
Lord of love, enfold us;
Lord of wisdom, enlighten us.*

*Then, Lord, let us
go out as your witnesses,
in obedience to your command;
to share the good news
of your mighty love for us
in the gift of your son,
our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

--11th century Latin Hymn

2016 Replace the Roof Raffle “Winners Corner”

Final Week of 2016. Congratulations to all our winners!

Watch next week for our new 2017 winners.

Monday, December 26	\$50	67	Kim Volk	Gurnee, Il
Tuesday, December 27	\$50	3130	Tim Monahan	Park Ridge, Il
Wednesday, December 28	\$50	1626	Steve Auth	Glenview, Il
Thursday, December 29	\$50	1601	Bill Preston	Lexington Park, Md
Friday, December 30	\$50	1013	Naty Tolentino	Las Vegas, Nv
Saturday, December 31	\$50	1241	Audrey De La Cruz	Morton Grove, Il





The Music Ministry of
St Isaac Jogues presents Our
Annual Epiphany Concert

Please come rest and enjoy
beautiful music at our concert on
Sunday, January 8, at 3:00pm in the church.
You'll hear the choirs and bells ring out
a wonderful close to the Christmas
season and share a few laughs.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

On First Friday, Jan. 6th, devotions will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the 8 a.m. Mass and ten minutes of silent prayer. Then the Rosary Group will lead the rosary. Quiet adoration will continue until 3:00 p.m. At that time we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction. In addition to listening to what the Lord has to say to us, we are asked to pray for our Parish Finance Council and Administration and for the U.S. Supreme Court.

Come away and spend some time with Jesus present in the
Blessed Sacrament!



THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH . . .

for your inspiring support restocking the pantry after the Thanksgiving Holiday. Your response has been humbling and overwhelming. There's just a few items we are still very short of. Please help with the following items:

Jelly, hot chocolate, cereal

Personal items such as
soap, tooth brushes, tooth
paste, shampoo,
hand & body lotion, deodorant

Thank you for sharing your gifts!

SIJ Outreach Ministry



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Octave" comes from the Latin word for "eight," and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the "eighth day," since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord's Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn't claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

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EPIPHANY WEEKEND

*NEXT WEEKEND THE SOLEMN EPIPHANY CELEBRATION WILL BE AT THE 10 A.M. MASS **SUNDAY, JAN. 8TH** AND WILL INCLUDE PETITIONS OFFERED IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES AS WE RECALL CHRIST'S MANIFESTATION TO THE NATIONS THROUGH THE PRESENCE OF THE MAGI. YOU ARE INVITED TO WEAR TRADITIONAL CLOTHING OR COLORS OF YOUR ETHNIC/ NATIONAL HERITAGE.

*WE WILL ALSO ADD THE MAGI FIGURES TO THE NATIVITY SCENE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 5 P.M. MASS ON SATURDAY, JAN. 7TH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE IN THE PROCESSION AND BRING THE FIGURES TO THE NATIVITY SCENE, PLEASE CALL THE RE OFFICE THIS WEEK, 847/966-1180.

*THERE WILL BE REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE MUSIC MINISTRY CONCERT THAT AFTERNOON. WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMASTIME SNACK FOODS/COOKIES/ DESSERTS. PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE HOLY FAMILY ROOM BY 2:45 P.M. THAT SUNDAY.

ST. JOSEPH TABLE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The St. Joseph Table Planning Committee will meet this Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Holy Family Room. We will distribute letters to seek donations and begin sign up for workers. If you would like to be part of the planning committee, you are welcome! Other parishioners interested in helping with the St. Joseph Table the weekend of March 17-19 are asked to sign up beginning Jan. 8th.

This beautiful tradition of our parish depends on the generosity and assistance of many people – We invite you to come and share in the experience with us! For more information contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or anyone on the committee.



A PARISH "OPLATEK"

We extend a heartfelt invitation to ALL parishioners to break the oplatek (Christmas wafer) on **Sunday, January 15**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room

The afternoon includes prayer, food, and singing of Christmas carols in Polish and English.





Please contact Maria Swidzinski or Danuta Ellsworth if you would like to provide food for the celebration.



St. Isaac Jogues would like to welcome our new Parishioners

Mr. & Mrs. Lemuel & Glenne Loquellano
Mr. & Mrs. Fred & Paula Rodriguez

ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CALENDAR – JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Liturgies: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 pm NO Kindergarten Class</p>	<p>2 Youth Choir practice 6:45 am - 8:00 pm - Church NO RE Classes PARISH OFFICES CLOSED</p>	<p>3 Baptism Preparation - 7:00 pm Deacon Couple's Home Women's Club - Board Mtg. 7:30 pm - HFRM</p>	<p>4 Combined choir dress rehearsal - 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Church St. Joseph Table Mtg. 7:00 pm - HFRM</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 First Friday Devotions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the 8:00 am Mass - 3:00 pm 3:00 pm - DM Chaplet and Benediction - Church</p>	<p>7 OLPH Novena/Prayer Mtg. 2:00 pm - Church/HFRM</p>
<p>8 EPIPHANY Bible Talk - 9:00 am - HFRM Kindergarten RE 10:00 am - Rm. 29  Christmas Concert Music Ministry Christmas Concert — 3:00 pm Church/HFRM</p>	<p>9 BAPTISM OF THE LORD Youth Choir - Concert Celebration Party - 5:30 pm - HFRM Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm - Church, HFRM, Hall, School</p>	<p>10 Spiritual Life Comm. Mtg. 7:00 pm - RE Office</p>	<p>11 Bible Study - 9:30 am - Rm. 6 The Praise Singers/SJ Choir Concert Celebration Party 7:00 pm - HFRM</p>	<p>12 Parish Life Comm. Mtg. 7:00 pm - Rm. 26</p>	<p>13 Holy Hour Prayer and Benediction 7:00 pm - Church</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 Kindergarten RE 10:00 am - Rm. 29 Opalaki Celebration 1:00 pm - HFRM</p>	<p>16 Youth Choir - 5:30 pm - Church First Communion Preparation Mtg. 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm - HFRM Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm - Church, HFRM, Hall, School</p>	<p>17 Women's Club Quarterly Mass/Dinner - 6:30 pm Church/HFRM</p>	<p>18 Bible Study - 9:30 am - Rm. 6 The Praise Singers - 6:00 pm Adult Choir - 7:15 pm (both rehearsals in church) SPRED Team Meeting 7:00 pm - Off Grounds Men's Club - Tex-Mex Nite Dinner/Mtg. - 7:00 pm - Hall</p>	<p>19 Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg. 10:00 am - Rm. 6</p>	<p>20 Holy Hour Prayer and Benediction 7:00 pm - Church</p>	<p>21 Baby Items and Diaper Drive for Women's Center (before/after 5:00 pm Mass)</p>
<p>22 Baby Items and Diaper Drive for Women's Center (before/after all Masses) Kindergarten RE 10:00 am - Rm. 29  Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service - 3:00 pm Church/HFRM</p>	<p>23 Youth Choir - 5:30 pm - Church Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm - Church, HFRM, Hall, School</p>	<p>24 Liturgy Board Mtg. 7:00 pm - RE Office Women's Club - Bridge 7:00 pm - HFRM Small Faith Group 7:00 pm - Min. Cent. Kitchen</p>	<p>25 Bible Study - 9:30 am - Rm. 6 The Praise Singers - 6:00 pm Adult Choir - 7:15 pm (both rehearsals in church) SPRED Community 7:00 pm - HFRM Men's Club - Board Mtg. 7:00 pm - Room 26</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Holy Hour Prayer and Benediction 7:00 pm - Church Women's Club (Guild 7) Game Night - 7:00 pm - HFRM </p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Kindergarten RE 10:00 am - Rm. 29</p>	<p>30 Youth Choir - 5:30 pm - Church Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm - Church, HFRM, Hall, School</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Winter Fun  © T.E. Pank Co., Inc.</p>	<p>Winter Fun</p>	<p>Winter Fun</p>	<p>Winter Fun</p>

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Christmas 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Peace be with you and with all people of good will in this holy season.

After observing the Jubilee Year of Mercy and as we begin a journey of renewal in the Archdiocese of Chicago, we have come to know fresh hope in our hearts. We do not find the source of our hope in our own strength. With the Blessed Virgin Mary we recognize that our hope comes from God. As her son took flesh within her womb, she proclaimed, "God has remembered his promise of mercy." The birth of her son Jesus is also the birth of our true and lasting hope.

In this moment, we find ourselves challenged in so many ways. Together, we face the plague of war, violence, and a lack of respect for life and for the dignity of all people. On a personal level, we all struggle in different ways, whether with family issues or work or illness or in trying to do the right thing. Still, we hope, because "God has visited his people."

Pray with me that our celebration of the birth of Jesus may truly renew our hope in God, the only hope that can sustain us on the journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Card. Blase J. Cupich".

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
The Octave Day of the Nativity
of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for
Peace; New Year's Day

Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday: St. John Neumann

Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday

Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
First Saturday; Julian Calendar Christmas

St. John
Neumann

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6;
Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28
[23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b;
Jn 2:1-11

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

LET US PRAY...

In gratitude for freedom and for those who protect us and serve us in the various branches of military service and first responders:

First Responders	Shane Long, Brad Markovich, Greg Zalewski
United States Air Force	Joshua Aujero, Mason Janzen
U. S. Air Force Reserves	Breanna Dexter
United States Army	Brian Caplin, Gale Renner
U.S. Army Reserves	Christopher Dexter
United States Marines	Patrick Edward Echavez, Joseph John Zimmerman III, Lance Renner, Gian Patrick Reyes
United States Navy	Justin Pascoe, Timothy Kelly, David Perez
U.S. Navy Reserve	William B. Dexter
Illinois National Guard	Nathaniel Janzen



If you have a family member or friend you would like to add to our prayer list, either because they serve in the military or as a first responder (police, firefighter, paramedic/EMT), please contact the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 1, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Jess Mon Thomas (Special Intention)
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Anthony Zourkas
12:00 p.m.	Gloria Cristino
Monday, January 2, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Jess Mon Thomas (Special Intention)
Tuesday, January 3, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Jess Mon Thomas (Special Intention) Eusebio Mallari
Wednesday, January 4, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Joe De Sario
Thursday, January 5, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Rosa Di Franco
Friday, January 6, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Helen Polinski
Saturday, January 7, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Cheryl Klein
5:00 p.m.	Rudy Pikula
Sunday, January 8, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Zeny Vergara
10:00 a.m.	Michael Stachura Anthony Zourkas Besanio Fontanilla
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Reynaldo Del Rosario

Liturgy Next Weekend January 7th & 8th

11:00 am Confessions	Fr. Mario
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Bernard/Deacon Paul
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Bernard/Deacon Paul
1:00 p.m. Baptisms	Deacon Paul



January 7th & 8th

5:00 p.m.	Steve Livingston Jude Jimmychan Matthew Ledesma Nathan Ledesma
8:00 a.m.	Lawson Matthew Michael Lucas Mark Lucas Lynelle Napata
10:00 a.m.	Maya Gherman Matthew Magno Mark Magno Julia Jaroslowski
12:00 p.m.	Mark Mangurali Colleen Oribello Lawrence Escarez Gabriel Carandang

Sacristans

Theresa Noble, Francis Martel, Arlene Turek

Pray for...



JIMMY RANCICH
 BERNARD KENNEDY, SR.
 MARY ANN CASTAGNA
 DELAINE KENNEDY
 MARCY SANTIAGO
 JAMES MAXWELL PASCALE
 MIA DOOLEY
 PASTOR LYNNE MORROW
 PASTOR MARK WIBERG
 SISTER AGNES MARTINKA, SLW
 MARIE DE MEO
 JULIE HIGGINS
 TED LENART
 CATHY & DICK MORRETTI

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Carlos Pereira, S.F.X.

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Lori Herbert, Business Manager
 Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education
 Lisa Hall, Director of Music

DEACONS:

Deacon Robert C. O'Keefe, retired (Joan)
 Deacon Paul M. Stanton (Dolores)

WEEKEND MASS CELEBRANT:

Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

Eucharistic Masses:

Monday - Saturday: 8:00 AM
 Saturday: - 5:00 PM
 Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon or anytime by request.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation. Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Sunday at 3:00 p.m. (Ceremony only)

Sacrament of Baptism: Second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Baptism Preparation Session must be completed before Baptism. Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for details.



CARLO GALASSINI
 ENRIQUETA BORJA
 MARYANN CASTAGNA
 VIRGINIA GIOVANONI
 CAMILLE LA MONICA

In Memoriam

Rectory office hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

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