

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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Pastoral Staff:

Deacon Paul M. Stanton (Dolores)
Lori Ronczka, Business Manager
Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education
Lisa Hall, Director of Music

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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Sunday - Closed

Religious Education: 847-966-1180

Email: sijre2004@yahoo.com

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847-966-3266 or sjschool.org

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.



Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

The Epiphany of the Lord

ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
Kathy Lord, Vice Chairperson	Lori Ronczka	Dolores Stanton	Gerry Zeller	Irene Baron
Debbie Dexter	Fernando Bonto	Maria Swidzinski	Lori Ronczka	Concy Mesquita
John Kadiri	Irene Baron			
Women's Club Chairperson – Louella Preston				
Men's Club Chairperson – TBD				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

Something to think about!

As we have herald in the New Year, I am sure new ideas come to our minds. Although I am away on vacation for a while, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I pray each day for St. Isaac Jogues and feel a need to communicate with our parish community.

Our plan was to start the interior work of the church in early January of 2020, but we hit a snag with the interior project - possible asbestos in the church.

I have been informed that testing has been completed and it is confirmed that we do have asbestos in the flooring under the carpet underneath the pews and chairs. We have received bids from Archdiocesan approved contractors which indicate that the abatement will add \$35,000-\$40,000 to our interior project costs and will take an additional 2-3 weeks to complete including state required inspections and occupancy approval.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO DANGER WITH THE ASBESTOS AT THIS POINT. IT IS ENCAPSULATED UNDER THE CARPET AND NOT AN ISSUE UNTIL IT IS DISTURBED DURING CONSTRUCTION.

Since the asbestos was discovered, the added work to the project timeline makes it impossible for us to complete the work before Easter. After discussing options with the Renovation Committee, Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee members, it was decided our best option is to delay the interior renovation until after Easter. There are several obstacles including moving and storing the pews, particularly over the winter months during the abatement process.

- We continue to accumulate funds. We have \$927,244 pledged and \$510,001 paid through mid-December.
- The exterior church front final cost will be \$282,000.
- The cross and caps were finally installed in time for Christmas!
- The architect is ready to apply for permits and bid the final interior design as specified by the committee. We project the interior project to cost around \$350,000 including the asbestos treatments.

We are all anxious to proceed, but need to continue to try to make the best possible decisions for the parish. If you have any questions, please direct them to Fr. Carlos or members of the Parish Pastoral Council in my absence.

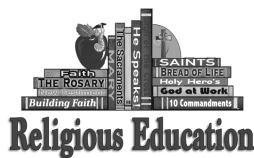
Another quick update, as you know we are scheduled to begin the Renew My Church process this year with our grouping parishes St. Martha and St. John Brebeuf. We just learned that two additional churches may be added, St. Peters and St. Lambert in Skokie may be coming into our grouping. Pastors of grouping parishes meet with Cardinal Cupich in March to begin discussions on how best to proceed. I will certainly have more to share with you later.

While I'm away I ask that you pray for me, our projects, our campaign, our parish and each other.

-Fr. Mario

A PARISH "OPLATEK"

We extend a heartfelt invitation to ALL parishioners to break the oplatek (Christmas wafer) next Sunday, January 12, 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, 847/414-5421, if you would like to help or provide food for the celebration.



- +Religious Education Classes resume Monday at 6:45 p.m. Please be on time.
- +RE family members and interested parishioners are invited to join with the students and faculty for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 7 p.m. Monday followed by a holiday celebration.
- +Gr. 3 and Con. Yr. II Families are asked to send treats for the celebration Monday. Ice Cream will be provided.
- +First Communion Preparation Meeting, Monday, Jan. 13, 6:45 p.m.

THANK YOU for all of your help and support over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Outreach Ministry provided 15+ turkey dinners to families in need for Thanksgiving along with many more bags of groceries to help feed the families for additional days.

Working with the Morton Grove Police Department, Outreach Ministry provided 15+ Christmas dinners with toys and gifts to families who may not have had much for Christmas.

Thanks to our elves, Dee Stanton and Pat Grant, your generosity for Santa Sunday sent 2 car loads of toys & gifts to our sharing parish for kids and families who had a chance to experience their own Christmas joy.

Thanks to all of the organizers, sponsors, decorators, music ministers, ministers of care, ushers, EM'S, lectors, altar servers, Religious Ed families, and everyone who supported our Holiday activities.

Your gift of service is truly a blessing to St. Isaac Jogues!

St. Isaac Jogues News

UPCOMING EVENTS

+Music Ministry Concert
Today, 3 p.m.

+OLPH Novena
Wednesday after Mass;
Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

+Holy Hour & Benediction
Friday, 7 p.m.

+Sharing of Oplatki
Sunday, 1/12, 1 p.m.

+Spiritual Life Commission
Tuesday, 1/14, 7 p.m.

+Bible Timelines returns
Monday, 1/20, 7 p.m. &
Tuesday, 1/21, 8:30 a.m.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

AN EPIPHANY THOUGHT

"O God, who by the leading of a star did manifest your only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth; Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may behold your glory face to face."



ST. ISAAC JOGUES CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE REPORT

Cookies	\$2,353.00
50/50 \$647 Gross	324.00
Raffle	146.00
50/50 return	150.00
Total - Net Profit	\$3,173.00

THANK YOU - Due to the generosity of some of our Cookie Committee Members, we incurred no expenses! Everything was donated!

THANK YOU - Special thanks to parishioners, friends and family members that donated cookies to fill **over 425 one pound boxes** ! In addition, multiple bags of homemade candy and other items were also donated.

THANK YOU to our **Raffle** donors, Fil-Am Members, Men's Club, Ed Lisowski, Leke Brisku, Dorothy Gawne and Women's Club!

THANK YOU to those who set up on Friday, on Saturday, our cookie collectors, those who boxed and weighed cookies, those who tied the boxes, cookie sellers after the liturgies, 50/50 team and our Raffle team.

THANK YOU to parishioners and friends who supported our Fund Raiser with purchases, raffle, 50/50 and extra donations!

Congratulations to our **50/50 Winner of "split the pot", Rajesh Punoose, who won \$323.00**, and **wall hanging winner, Blandina Brisku ...our basket winners, Luc Langer, Dorothy Gawne, Arlene Turek and Home Depot Gift certificate and Snow Salt won by Louella Preston.**

Once again, your generosity and support was overwhelming! God Bless you!
Irene Baron and the Christmas Cookie Sale Committee
 December 2019



Sing Gloria, Sing Noel!

**Our Music Ministry will present a concert of holiday music on
Sunday, January 5, at 3:00pm in the church.**

**Our Adult Choir, Youth Choir, Praise Singers, and Cantor Ensemble will provide you with
an entertaining and joyous afternoon of beautiful music and a bit of laughter, too.**

This is a concert the whole family will enjoy.

**Now that the rush of preparation is over, sit back and let the peace of the Christmas
season and its music surround you. Come one, come all!**

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Lord Teach Me To Pray A Program offering for Women Starts January 15, 2020

Women of St. Martha invite women of St. Isaac Jogues to join them in "Lord Teach Me to Pray." The series introduces Ignatian prayer and spirituality in the way that St. Ignatius himself introduced prayer by structuring their initial prayer experience around the Christian Virtues.

LADIES come to an introduction and first session of LTMTMP at 12 Noon at St. Martha in the café.

Call Arlene at 847-329-0191 eves. For more info & questions



Pray for

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MICHAEL NOBLE

JULIE HIGGINS

JOSEPH WHITE

RICHARD VAIL

KATIE KIRWAN

BETTY LANDON

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DIANE BAUER

NONA YOAKUM

KATHY EGLOFF

ROBERT STEPHENSON

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SUE TUREK

LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE



Lord, open the eyes of our servicemen and women, reservists, first responders and loved ones so that they may know the hope to which You have called them and Your incomparably great power for those who believe. Root and establish them in love so that they may grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Do more than we can ask or imagine in their lives. Amen.

First Responders - Shane Long, Brad Markovich,
Greg Zalewski

United States Air Force - Joshua Aujero
Mason Janzen

United States Army - Brian Caplin, Gale Renner,
Jordan Irving

U.S. Army Reserves - Christopher Dexter

United States Marines - Patrick Edward Echavez
Joseph John Zimmerman III
Lance Renner
Gian Patrick Reyes

United States Navy - Timothy Kelly, David Perez,
Paul Matthew Ledesma

U.S. Navy Reserves - William B. Dexter

Illinois National Guard - Nathaniel Janzen

To add a name to the prayer list please
contact the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or
sijre2004@yahoo.com.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10;
Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17



Maligayang Pasko

Come & Celebrate!
Simbang Gabi



**From the Simbang Gabi Committee & the
Filipino American Parishioners of
St. Isaac Jogues Parish, we send warm
thanks to everyone who donated, volunteered
and participated in our 25th celebration.**

**We send special thanks to Bishop Mark
Bartosic for celebrating with us and so
graciously sharing his time with our parish
community.**

Mass Intentions

Sunday - January 5, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Arlene Forneck
10:00 a.m.	Daniel & Ramiro Corrales
12:00 p.m.	Rosa De Franco
Monday - January 6, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Helene Kowalik
Tuesday - January 7, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Clarence Turek Angela Rendak John Areno
Wednesday - January 8, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Guillerma Ranola
Thursday - January 9, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik
Friday - January 10, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik
Saturday - January 11, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	John Affatati
5:00 p.m.	John Areno
Sunday, January 12, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	John Affatati Lidia Martiri Willa Drislane Winifred & Ralph Chor
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ John Affatati
12:00 p.m.	Diane Whitaker

Sacristans
Theresa Noble, Francis Martel, Arlene Turek,
Nina Nissan, Louise Burdi

Liturgy Next Weekend January 11th & 12th

Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
Baptisms - 11:00 a.m.	Deacon Paul
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/ Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Bernard/ Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/ Deacon Paul
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/ Deacon Paul
1:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos Sharing of Oplatki

5:00 p.m.	Kristine Roque Athraa Yona Arlyne Tanghal
8:00 a.m.	Mark Magno Leah Baquial Mark Laza
10:00 a.m.	Rafael Cedric Ortin, Jr. A.J. Cordero Raymond Ortin
12:00 p.m.	Remi Dalangin Eya Dalangin Ayen Dalangin



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