

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

PASTOR: Rev. Mario Pereira, S.F.X.

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

Pastoral Staff:

Deacon Paul M. Stanton (Dolores)
Lori Herbert, 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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Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - Closed

Religious Education: 847-966-1180

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Parish School: St. John Brebeuf School

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.

January 7, 2018



The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2

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	Jerry Menezes	Dolores Stanton	Gerry Zeller	Al Leksander
Lorna Alba, Secretary	Debbie Dexter	Rose Santos	Lori Herbert	
Lori Herbert	Barbara Napravnik	Maria Swidzinski		
Women's Club Chairperson – Kathy Denning				
Men's Club Chairperson – John Affatati				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Lorna Alba				



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

The Arrival of the Wise Men

Every year we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany signifying the arrival of the three Wise Men. Of the four canonical gospels, Mathew gives us the vivid description of their arrival by following the star rise in the East to the place Jesus was born. How many were they? From where did they come? All that we know is that they offered three gifts and so by tradition it is believed they could have been three. They travelled the parts of the desert in their caravans for safety reasons and seeing an unusual star came in search of baby Jesus who was born in Bethlehem.

The text specifies no interval between the birth and the visit, and artistic depictions and the closeness of the traditional dates of December 25 and January 6 encourage the popular assumption that the visit took place the same winter as the birth, but later traditions varied, with the visit taken up to two winters later. This maximum interval explained Herod's command in Mt 2/16-18 that the Massacre of the Innocents included boys up to two years old. More recent commentators, not tied to the traditional feast days, may suggest a variety of intervals. The wise men are mentioned twice shortly thereafter in verse 16, in reference to their avoidance of Herod after seeing Jesus, and what Herod had learned from their earlier meeting. The star which they followed has traditionally become known as the Star of Bethlehem.

The Epiphany Concert

In early January, the St. Isaac Jogues Music Ministry presents a concert to cap off the Christmas season. A reception follows immediately after. The 2018 Epiphany Concert is scheduled for Sunday, January 7th, at 3:00 pm in the Church. Your participation in the event promotes a culture of recognition of the young & the old artist alike, who have an opportunity to display their talents. Many such ministries are offered in the parish. Such opportunities help people to display their God given talent. When efforts are made to gain mastery over the concert, the people involved in it can be discouraged not to find sufficient people to enjoy the hard labor they have put in. We hope you will make it a point to be there to show you support for our musicians.

To conclude, I want you to know that I will be away on vacation from this weekend, visiting my loved ones at home. I know you might be looking for me but rest assured, I leave you in safe hands under the care of my Staff & Associate Pastor. They will take care of the Parish and your spiritual needs till I return. Let us hope for the best in the New Year 2018 and with God's blessings, we will be able to achieve our goals.

-Fr. Mario

In preparing for a Parish Pledge Campaign in 2018, we reviewed and discussed the situation with "too many envelopes." You will notice throughout the year, that several changes were made for 2018. The Archdiocese has eliminated 3 collections. The Parish has removed 6 - Flower Collections, Heat & Fuel, Air Conditioning, Snow plowing and Lawn Service. We hope the elimination of specific envelopes will allow YOU time to consider how to best serve YOUR parish. The expenses are not going away, and we must continue to meet our financial obligations when due. Your help is needed to complete the major projects still on the horizon. Please watch the bulletin for more information on the Campaign and the ongoing evaluation of Parish Projects.

The month of December was very busy for your SIJ Outreach Ministry team

We helped **18 families** with the following assistance:

- 10 bags of groceries
- A \$24.42 electric bill payment - avoiding disconnection
- 3 nights in a hotel for a man and his son while they were waiting for temporary housing
- \$440 in Walmart & Aldi cards to provide meat, dairy and other items we do not stock, along with medication and bus passes for those in need
- \$40 in gas cards for some clients who are living in their cars

In collaboration with the Morton Grove Fire Department, we also helped to distribute food bags and Christmas gifts to an additional **13 families**.

Many also joined in providing music, smiles and the gift of time to residents of Niles & Glenbridge Nursing Homes.

We can't do all of this work without YOU! Your heartwarming generosity keeps us going. Please continue to keep SIJ Outreach Ministry in your prayers in 2018. If you have any questions or would like to lend a hand please contact Alex Gairabetoff.

ST ISAAC JOGUES MEN'S CLUB

The St. Isaac Jogues Men's Club CHILI nite meeting will be held

Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30 pm in the Church hall. Bob Amend will be our host and try to heat up your tummies with his hot chili on these cold winter nights.

All of the men of the Parish are invited. The cost to join the club for the rest of the year will be \$25.

The cost for this meeting is \$10.

All members and men of the Parish are invited to come and have an enjoyable evening.

St. Isaac Jogues News

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

+Wednesday Bible Study resumes

Jan. 10, 9:30 a.m., Rm. 6


+Parish Life Commission

Jan. 10, 4 p.m., RE Office


+Oplatki Celebration

Jan. 14, 1:00 p.m., Holy Family Room

**A note of thanks from one of our
SIJ Outreach Ministry clients**

Thank you for the help you provide all year long and during the holidays, too. It lifts our holiday spirits when we know others think of us. You are so special Theresa. Thank you for being a dear friend to me. God Bless You and Your family - 

*For the kindness
you've shown.*

HAPPY Thanksgiving!
Love - 
Gina & Kids



- *As part of their RE commitment several families signed up to attend the Music Ministry Christmas/Epiphany Concert today at 3 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!
- *Religious Education Classes will resume Monday night. Parents/guardians are invited to come to view the next segment of the series on the Holy Spirit. It begins at 7 p.m. and ends when classes do. Come for some faith formation while your children are having theirs! Or come join with the classes for a time of adoration and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m. and concluding with Benediction. The Confirmation Year II Candidates will help with our prayer.
- *The First Communion Preparation Meeting for families in Ms. Bello's and Mrs. Winans' classes is Monday, Jan. 15, 6:45 p.m. in the Holy Family Room. At least one adult from each family is to attend. Home materials and calendars will be distributed.
- *Confirmation Yr. II Candidates are reminded that the Gifts of the Spirit Journal, Part I, is due on Monday, Jan. 15. You will receive Part II when you turn Part I in.



THE WILD GOOSE IS LOOSE: Series on the Holy Spirit

*"The **Wild Goose** was a term that the ancient Celts had for the **Holy Spirit**....The Wild Goose Project is a simple attempt to invite Catholic Christians into a more profound life giving relationship with the Holy Spirit...a relationship that will take us on the greatest adventure imaginable; a journey to the very Heart of God."*

All are invited to participate in one or more of the next set of sessions of this **faith formation series** that can help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit. They will be on Mondays, Jan. 8 & 22 and Feb. 5, 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The morning and evening session each day will be the same and will include viewing the segment and discussion. The next three segments include *The Spirit and Our Lady*, *Gifts of the Holy Spirit*, and *The Spirit and the Eucharist*. The session lasts **an hour and refreshments are provided**. Freewill offerings appreciated. If you have questions, please contact the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com. Feel free to invite family members and friends!

LET US PRAY...

Please pray for our military, reservists and first responders as they serve and protect our nation and our communities:

First Responders	Shane Long, Brad Markovich, Greg Zalewski
United States Air Force	Joshua Aujero, Mason Janzen
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 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS CAN BE A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE

Parishioners are invited to decorate the altar with flowers in honor or memory of a loved one.

There can be two arrangements each week until Ash Wednesday and again after Easter until Thanksgiving. Your name and intention is listed in the Bulletin. The cost of a flower arrangement is \$50.

Dates fill up quickly, so please book in advance by calling the rectory at 847-967-1060.

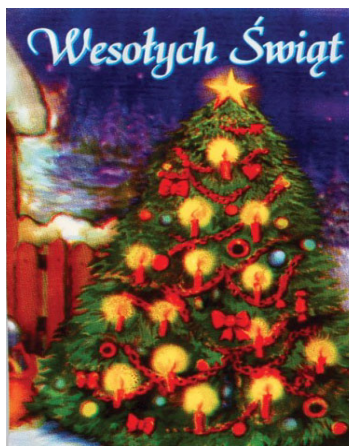


ALTAR FLOWERS
"In Loving Memory
of Inge Zajac"
Zajac Family

Sing Noel

Our Music Ministry will present a concert of holiday music on Sunday, January 7, at 3:00pm in the church. Our adult choir, youth choir, praise singers, bell choir 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!



A PARISH "OPLATEK"

We extend a heartfelt invitation to ALL parishioners to break the oplatek (Christmas wafer) next Sunday, January 14, 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.



ST. ISAAC JOGUES WOMEN'S CLUB GUILD SEVEN GAME DAY

HOLY FAMILY ROOM
THURSDAY JAN. 25TH @ 2PM
COMPLIMENTARY POPCORN, SODA,
PIE AND ICE CREAM
GAMES OF YOUR CHOICE-CASH TABLE PRIZES
MEN AND WOMEN ARE INVITED
\$10.00 DONATION
CALL-847-965-3889



CALLING ALL TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

Join in the upcoming activities!

- ⇒ Bowling on Saturday, Jan. 13, 3 p.m. (RSVP to RE Office by Jan. 10th, 847/966-1180 or siire2004@yahoo.com)
- ⇒ Teen Group Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 11 a.m. to plan service and social events
- ⇒ Popcorn Sale, weekend of Jan. 27 - 28 after all Masses. Help will be needed to bag the popcorn as well as sell it. Activities open to students in Confirmation Year II through High School.
- ⇒ Please like us on our Facebook page, too: St. Isaac Jogues Teens.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38
 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or
 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20;
 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or
 Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
 Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

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

Second Reading — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
 National Migration Week;
 Julian Calendar Christmas

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Saturday: St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary



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| MICHAEL BARON | SR. JOYCE ROEHL |
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| ELAINE ZOURKAS | BERNARD KENNEDY, SR |
| CANDY GENERAL | JAMES MAXWELL PASCALE |
| HELMA DRAG | JULIE HIGGINS |
| | WILLA DRISLANE |
| | GEORGIA HALL |
| | MARIA LADD |
| | RICHARD DRAG |

Audrey Rumsas
 Fritz Lecoín
 Mary Lou McMahon

In Memoriam



Save the date
 January 20 and 21st
 After Mass in the
 Holy Family Room

Stop in and spend some time
 with a few of
 our ministry leaders

St. Isaac Jogues would like
 to welcome our new
 Parishioners to the Parish.



Tereso & Corazon Dela Cruz

MASS INTENTIONS

January 7, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Joe DeSario Thomas Banner Richard Banner Arlene Forneck
10:00 a.m.	Daniel O'Keefe
12:00 p.m.	Daniel Corrales
January 8, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
January 9, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Kevin Kenney
January 10, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Expedito De la Cerna Vincente & Leda Serrano
January 11, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of SIJ
January 12, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	All homeless & hungry
January 13, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Holly Koz
5:00 p.m.	Richard Noble
January 14, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Joseph Putherickal
10:00 a.m.	Mariamamma Joseph Yusuf Suleiman Michael Stachura
12:00 p.m.	Gerard J. Barnicle

Liturgy Next Weekend - January 13th & 14th

Time	Celebrant	Servers
Confessions 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos	
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos	Lawrence Escarez Michael Lucas Mark Lucas
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Kennedy	Imani Garner Thomas Striblen Khayla Santiago
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Kennedy/ Deacon Paul	Red Reyes Rylee Reyes Steve Livingston
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos	Remi Dalangin Eya Dalangin Ayen Dalangin
Baptisms 1:30 p.m.	Deacon Paul	



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

NO PARKING IN THE FIRE LANES!
As we prepare for snow, it's more important to be sure that emergency vehicles are able to access the church campus. If you SEE someone violating the no parking rules, SAY SOMETHING. The life you save could be your own and your family!



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