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



January 8, 2017
The Epiphany of the Lord



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

The Epiphany of the Lord

With great joy we celebrated the birth of Jesus which was made known by the Angels to the lowly shepherds and who witnessed what was revealed in the message by going to Bethlehem. **Now, when the Church celebrates the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord what does it proclaim or reveal by this celebration?** It does manifest the birth of Jesus to the whole world, by the very presence of the Magi who proceeded to Bethlehem to pay homage to the new born King. It means that God came to dwell in the midst of human kind and he has come to bring salvation and peace to all mankind. The appearance of the wise men from the East include the Gentiles in the saving mystery. We see that God's son Jesus born in Bethlehem but revealed himself to the whole world in the presence of a star that guided them to the Savior. The Magi has been seen as the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation.

What implication can this celebration have in my life? How many people out in the world have been wondering and searching, to know whether God does exist? If so, why don't I see him or He manifests himself to me? Both the feasts, the birth and the visit of the Wise Men is a revelation of the existence of God becoming men and this has been made known to those who seek him, like the shepherds and the Magi? Why then do I not find him? Am I a seeker of God or like King Herald who said to the wise men "Go and search diligently for the child and when you have found him, bring me a word, that I too may go and do him homage."

We will never find God and He won't reveal himself to each of us, if we don't have a desire to seek Him. We won't find him. He reveals himself in the Eucharist when we listen to His word. He reveals himself to us when he shares His Body and Blood to us as our food and drink. Do we realize that Jesus keeps revealing himself constantly? Are we ready then, to pay him homage like the Shepherds and the wise Men from the East? When we do that, it brings joy and the result of it is, we offer our gift to him of surrendering our life, promising God to walk in His ways.

Let us keep manifesting Jesus to the world around us especially to those who have heard about Him but have moved away and might be seeking him where He cannot be found. To them we need to make known His message of salvation and peace as to Him we owe everything. Let us manifest then the God we worship to those around us.

-Fr. Mario

**OVER
1400
SOLD!**

**GET YOUR
2017 RAFFLE
BOOKLETS.**



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 and
begin work on the roof in 2017!***

St. Isaac Jogues News

Upcoming Meetings / Events

MONTHLY BIBLE TALK

Join us 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



The Birthday of a King

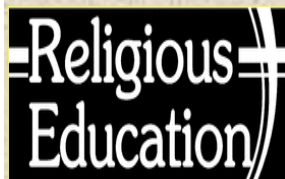
Our Music Ministry will present a concert of holiday music on Sunday, January 8 at 3:00pm in the church. Our adult choir, youth choir, praise singers, bell choir and cantor ensemble will provide you with an entertaining and joyous afternoon of beautiful music and a bit of laughter, too. This is a concert 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!

AFTER THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT THIS AFTERNOON...

Join us for refreshments in the Holy Family Room.

We welcome your favorite Christmas-time snack foods/cookies/desserts. Please bring them to the Holy Family Room by 2:45 p.m.



*Monday night RE, Grs. 1-Confirmation II, resumes Monday at 6:45 p.m. Students should come directly to the Holy Family Room where we will have a brief prayer and dessert. They will then go to class until 8 p.m.

*RE Catechists and Assistants are reminded of the Cluster Morning of Reflection at Our Lady of Ransom Church this Saturday, Jan. 14th. Mass is at 8:15 a.m. followed by the reflection, 9 a.m. -- 1 p.m. Breakfast is included.

*There will be a First Communion preparation meeting at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 16th, for the families of Ms. Bello and Ms. Nowak's classes. Please make every effort to attend. Home materials and calendars will be distributed.

*We congratulate the children who celebrated the Lord's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on December 12, 2016. May the Lord's grace help them as they grow in their faith!

Ethan Ebreo
William Foster, Jr.
Sasuke Judi

Myla Angeline Laroza
Jelyn Napata
Alannah Sabanal

Jason Lambert

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.

2017 Replace the Roof Raffle "Winners Corner" CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST WINNERS! DID YOU GET YOUR BOOKLETS YET?



Sunday, January 01, 2017	\$500	461	Betsy Garcia	Morton Grove, IL
Monday, January 02, 2017	\$50	1919	Monika & Jony Rodriguez	Westmont, IL
Tuesday, January 03, 2017	\$50	600	Kathy & Joe Brady	Eden Prairie, MN
Wednesday, January 04, 2017	\$50	1028	Jean Minelli	Niles, IL
Thursday, January 05, 2017	\$50	531	Ann Linstrom	Mt. Prospect, IL
Friday, January 06, 2017	\$50	831	Felix & Astrio Dospil	Niles, IL
Saturday, January 07, 2017	\$100	962	Geri Johansen	Glenview, IL
Sunday, January 08, 2017	\$100	7	Rev. Camillus Janas	Chicago, IL



FROM YOUR OUTREACH MINISTRY

We have so much to be thankful for!

Thank you for allowing us to help 19 families this Thanksgiving! Every November, our tradition has been to donate and deliver Thanksgiving dinners to needy families in our community. This year, on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we were able to feed families with baskets of Thanksgiving bounty, including turkey, green bean casseroles, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, rolls and pies! We supplemented these dinners with additional boxes of food from our pantry. Thanks to your food donations, we ensured that every family had leftovers!



We give thanks to the groups within our parish whose unwavering support uplifts and sustains us: The Men's Club, The Women's Club Guild #5, and the R.E. families. We give thanks to the donors who sponsored Thanksgiving baskets; thanks to those who left boxes of canned goods on the rectory steps; and a warm thank you to the Rectory Administration and Staff, without those help we would be lost.

Thank you to the many parishioners and friends who participated in this year's Giving Tree events at the Glenbridge and Niles Nursing Homes. You brought the gifts of music and joy to the residents, administration and staff. Thank you to Lisa Hall and Betsy Garcia who joyfully accompanied our Christmas carols with such gusto!



Thank you all for your generous contributions to the Giving Tree this year. You never forget the nursing home residents of our community. Thank you to the Morton Grove Fire Department who partnered with us to give a memorable Christmas to 18 families in our community. They donated food, toys and a \$50 Jewel/Osco gift card to each family. The members of our ministry picked up and delivered these wonderful gifts. The toys for the children, in many cases, were the only gifts that they received this Christmas. Most important, we give thanks to God for this wonderful opportunity to help so many families in need.

Amen I say to you:

Whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren you did it for me.

Matthew 25:40

Your Outreach Ministry



**Family
Game
Night**

St. Isaac Jogues
Women's Club Hosts

GAME NITE

Friday, January 27th
7:30pm
Holy Family Room

Watch the bulletin for more information!

SAVE THE DATE

**COMING
UP**

The Christian Unity Prayer Service, sponsored by the John 17 Fellowship, will be hosted here at St. Isaac Jogues Church on Sunday, January 22nd, at 3 p.m.

Hospitality will follow in the Holy Family Room. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors as we celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ!



St. Isaac Jogues shares Christmas Joy with residents of Glenbridge Nursing Home

... and St. Isaac Jogues shares Christmas Joy with Niles Nursing Home Residents



A cause you can really get behind.



Diapers cannot be purchased with food stamps

BABY ITEMS & DIAPER DRIVE

As we pray for the legal protection of the unborn on Jan. 23rd, the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion, we will show our support for the gift of life and have a Diaper and Baby Items Drive. It will be held the weekend of Jan. 21 – 22 in the Holy Family Room and assist The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. Please support this effort as best as you are able. Thank you!



Women's Club Annual Bake Sale
February 11th & 12th
After all Masses

Calling all bakers!!!!
Bring your sweets, cakes, cookies,
breakfast breads and anything you like to bake!
All are welcome to participate.
Please help us make this fund raiser a successful event.

If you have any questions, please call Barbara Napravnik - 847 699-7445

2016 Replace the Roof Raffle "Winners Corner"

Here's the Winners from Christmas week - which didn't get published due to early bulletin date requirements. Congratulations to all our 2016 Winners!



Monday, December 19	\$50	897	George Flenge	Mundelein, Il
Tuesday, December 20	\$50	940	Chrissy Durec	Des Plaines, Il
Wednesday, December 21	\$50	33	Carl Stocking	Rolling Meadows, Il
Thursday, December 22	\$50	2416	Gina Tello	Chicago, Il
Friday, December 23	\$50	2371	Carol Coulter	Schaumburg, Il
Saturday, December 24	\$50	948	Anna Urbina	Morton Grove, Il
Sunday, December 25	\$100	446	JoAnn Faso	Park Ridge, Il

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;
Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34

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

Gospel — Magi from the east arrive looking for
the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Friday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

**LET US PRAY...**

Dear Lord, please watch over all who protect our nation and our communities through their service in the various branches of the military or as 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 ReserveS	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 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

Monday, January 9, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Jess Mon Thomas (Special Intention)
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Tuesday, January 10, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Joe De Sario
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Wednesday, January 11, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Jess Mon Thomas (Special Intention)
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Thursday, January 12, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Ann Maloney
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Friday, January 13, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Holly Koz
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Saturday, January 14, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Richard Noble
5:00 p.m.	Maryamma Joseph

Sunday, January 15, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Richard Arendt
10:00 a.m.	June Carsello
12:00 p.m.	Ingrid Badilla Mary Dijitha

Liturgy Next Weekend January 14th & 15th

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



January 14th & 15th

5:00 p.m.	Trisha Bonto Matthew Bonto Jonathan Magboo, Jr.
8:00 a.m.	Kevin Thomas Jonathan Piska Thomas Striblen
10:00 a.m.	Khayla Santiago Athena Lasco Imani Garner
12:00 p.m.	Eugene Villarino Alena Joseph Angelina Joseph

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

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

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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THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH . . .

Your heartwarming support helps to keep us going! There's just a few items we are still very short of. Please help with the following items:



Jelly, hot chocolate, cereal

Thank you for sharing your gifts!

SIJ Outreach Ministry

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.

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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