



# Sts. Martha & Isaac Jogues Parish

St. Isaac Jogues Church

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**Weekend Mass Celebrant:**

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**Masses:** **Monday - Friday, 8AM**  
**Saturday, 5PM**  
**Sunday, 8AM & 10AM**

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**Parish Office Hours: Closed until further notice - please call the rectory number for assistance.**

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**Parish School:** St. John Brebeuf School  
847-966-3266 or [sjbschool.org](http://sjbschool.org)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 11AM - 12:00PM

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation.

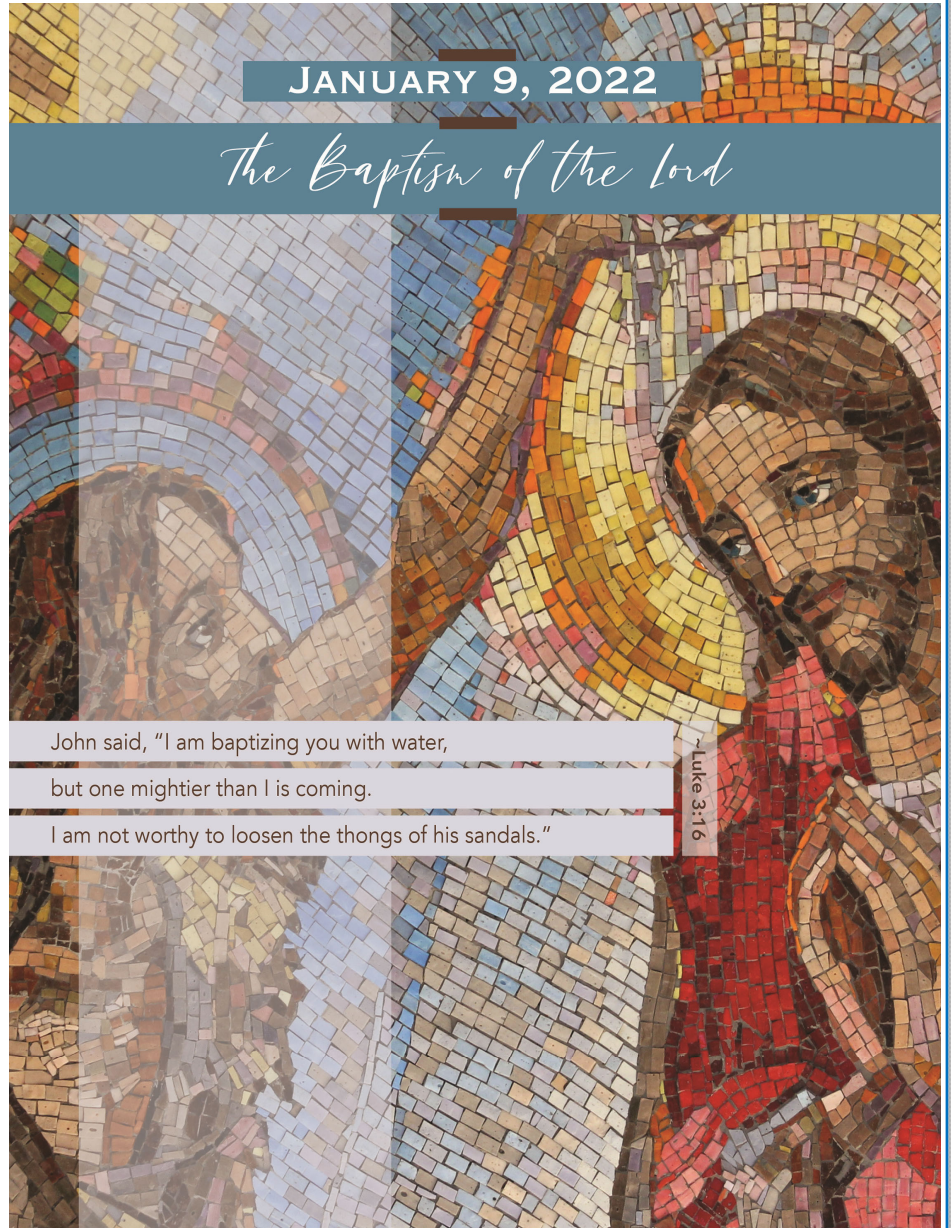
Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

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.



John said, "I am baptizing you with water,  
but one mightier than I is coming.  
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals."

~ Luke 3:16

**ST ISAAC JOGUES - Leaders**

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
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<b>Women's Club Chairperson – Louella Preston</b>				
<b>Men's Club Chairperson – Don Baron</b>				
<b>Fil-Am Chairperson – TBD</b>				

SPECIAL HYMN/PRAYER: TE DEUM  
(For Sundays, the octave of Christmas,  
solemnities and feasts)

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father;  
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims  
you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not spurn the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death,  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believ-  
ers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will com, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.



### FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS

Blessings upon all who helped with last month's distribution! This month's distribution will be on Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 6 p.m., here in the SIJ parking lot. Please share this information with people who would benefit from additional food support right now. If they have a Greater Chicago Food Depository pantry card, please ask them to bring it with as it will move the check in process along. We are in need of about 35 volunteers for the first time frame of 2:45 – 4:15 p.m. and about 20 for the second time frame, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. which includes clean up. Volunteers need to be in good health with no underlying conditions. Check in takes place inside and distribution is outside. Even though we are outside, we do wear masks and gloves (which are provided). To volunteer please contact the Religious Education Office by Wednesday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 847-966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com). or respond via Flocknote. Your assistance to our brothers and sisters of the surrounding communities is greatly appreciated!



### St. Isaac Jogues Upcoming Events

**Monday** – Take down of Christmas Decorations after 8 a.m. Mass – volunteers appreciated;  
First Communion Meeting w/Parents or Guardians, 6:45 p.m., church  
**Tuesday** – Spiritual Life Commission, 7 p.m., HFR  
**Wednesday** – Morning Bible Study resumes, 9:30 a.m.

## Reflections from Fr. Dennis

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners:

There is a story about three old buddies who go out on a lake early in the morning for a day of leisurely fishing. Not long after they reach the middle of the lake, their creaky wooden rowboat springs a rather serious leak. The two fellows in the back of the boat grab their recently emptied paper coffee cups to bail the water out of the bottom of the boat. As they furiously toss cupful after cupful of water over the side, they notice that their companion is simply sitting unperturbed in front of the boat with his fishing line still in the water. In exasperation, they angrily demand: "Why are you just sitting there? Why don't you grab your cup and start bailing too?" Their friend calmly replies, "But the hole is in your end of the boat."

Imagine if Jesus had adopted that attitude when it came to his acceptance of John's baptism of repentance. He could have said, in effect: "Sin is a problem on your end, not mine. It is my prerogative as the sinless one, the Son of God, to skip this ritual that doesn't really apply to me." By accepting the baptism of John, Jesus resists "pulling back" and remaining aloof from the messiness of human sin; instead, he puts himself "in the same boat" as the rest of humanity. In so doing, Jesus reveals his full humanity even as the "voice from heaven" affirms his unity with the Father and the Spirit.

In the beginning of his ministry, Jesus receives a ringing endorsement of what he discerns as the vocation "to which He must fully commit himself." That Jesus submitted to John's penitential baptism must have struck the evangelists as scandalous. Yet they report it. This is a significant and distinctly "human moment" in Jesus' ministry. The event affirms that Jesus was "like us" in that he came to an awareness of his life's purpose and committed himself to it wholeheartedly. It does not diminish the divinity of Jesus to say that he could have "grown into" his life's mission as He interacted with those around him – even as He was the very image of God in the flesh.

Jesus does not wield the "sonship" affirmed at his baptism to exalt himself but instead accepts it as his call to humble service. Think of the stereotypical "boss's son" who can make life miserable for workers in the family business as he manipulates and lords it over them. Jesus eschews this kind of status and chooses sympathy and service. Shortly after his baptism, Jesus is tempted and taunted: "If you are the Son of God, prove it." Yet he resists this temptation to a power play and thus proves his relationship to God through obedience and trust. Theologian Heinz Zahrnt says, "Jesus Christ is the Son because He alone allows God really to be his Father."

Our Gospel today "theologizes" this event in the life of Jesus, making it a public revelation of his unity with the Father and the Spirit. Unlike the other evangelists, Luke makes it clear that the presence of Father (in an audible voice) and the Spirit (in a visible dove) is a public experience – not simply an interior moment for Jesus alone. In numerous artistic renderings of this scene, the Father is depicted overlooking the scene, as it were, while the Spirit descends upon Jesus. Prior to any complicated formulas describing the Incarnation and the Trinity, this moment in the life of Jesus hints at his divinity and unity with the Father and the Spirit. Equally significantly, this scene shows us a Jesus who puts himself "in the same boat" with the rest of humanity.

Sometimes Catholics are criticized for baptizing babies, who cannot speak for themselves. But infant baptism can be a powerful demonstration of the generosity and kindness of God's saving love. What sort of righteous deeds can an infant do to earn grace? How temperately and devoutly can a baby behave? None of that matters. The fact is that none of us can do anything to EARN grace. Grace is not for those who earn it, it is for those on whom God bestows it, and God often prefers the most vulnerable, most humble, and most needy to bless. So let us celebrate this feast by giving thanks for the grace of the sacrament and the never-to-be outdone, eternal generosity with which it is given to all of us.

**-Fr. Dennis**

*ACT OF SPIRITUAL  
COMMUNION*



*Even if we are unable to physically receive Holy Communion at times we can enter into spiritual Communion with the Lord by praying:*

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul. I am sorry for ever having offended you.

Since I am unable now to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never, never permit me to be separated from You.

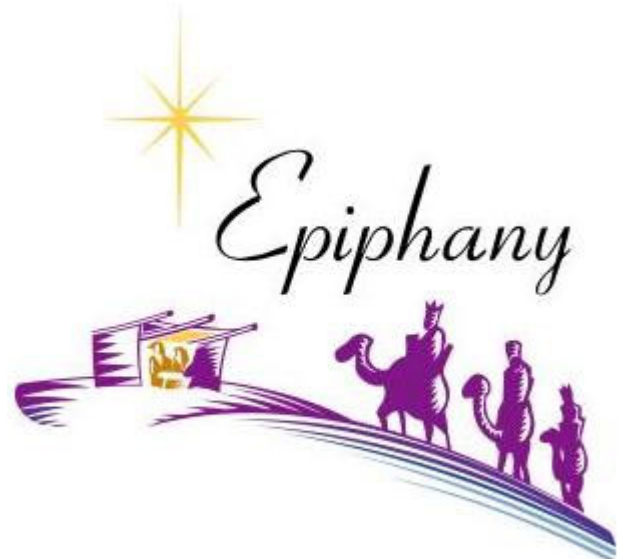
Amen.



**Outreach Pantry  
Wish List**

The following would be helpful: stews/hash, canned veggies, canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, jelly, crackers;

soups that eat like meals, rice, shampoo, tooth paste, and deodorant. We are unable to accept fresh foods, packages that are open and partially used or items that are out of date. Please bring donations to Mass or call the Rectory to set up a time to drop them off during the week. Thank you!



*Epiphany*



**Attention Men's Club Members..**

***Our next general meeting will be held January 19 at 5:00 pm in the Holy Family Room. We will be serving Wendy's Chili, Crackers, Dessert and Open Bar! Members are free. New Members \$20 for Membership and Dinner.***

***Come join us for a fun filled evening!***

***Questions please call 847-456-9887.***

**THE BIRTHDAY OF A KING  
RESCHEDULED TO:**

The music ministry of St. Isaac Jogues will present a concert of holiday music on Sunday, January 9 at 3:00pm in the church. Our adult choir, youth ensemble, praise singers and cantor ensemble will provide you with an entertaining and joyous afternoon of music and laughter. After the rush of preparations, sit back and let the peace of the Christmas season and its music surround you.



## Religious Education

\*First Communion Preparation Meeting for Ms. Bello’s class on Monday at 6:45 p.m., in church. At least one parent/guardian is to attend.

\*Confirmation Yr. I Preparation Meeting for Mr. Foote’s class on Monday, Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m. in church. At least one parent/guardian is to attend.

\*Confirmation Year II Candidates will go to St. Martha’s Church for class on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. Father Dennis will talk about the Shrine of All Saints and the relics. Parents are to bring the Candidates to St. Martha and pick them up from there. Mr. Lenart will meet them there at 6:45 p.m. and be with them the whole time. Please be on time. Attendance will be taken.

\*First Reconciliation was celebrated on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, by our First Communion Candidates. They were a little nervous but had a good experience with Fr. Carlos. We congratulate them and their families and pray that they will always be filled with joy whenever they celebrate the Lord’s mercy, forgiveness and love. Thank you to Ms. Bello for sharing her faith, time, and love for the Lord and Church with them. God bless you all!

Addison Buendia

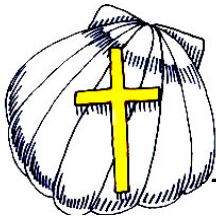
Maira Hernandez

August Buendia

Chance Loquellano

Sada Giorgis

Viktoria Grzelak



## Baptisms

Vivian Faye Hidalgo

Daughter of John Hidalgo & Savannah O'Hara



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

William & Mary Close

### THANK YOU

On behalf of the entire Maryville Community I extend our deep and heartfelt thanks to St. Isaac Jogues Church for your generous donation of gifts for the children of Maryville. Your donation will ensure that the children will have a wonderful Christmas. Words cannot adequately express my appreciation to you for the kindness and support you have shown to Maryville and the children in our care. For many of our children and families the road they have traveled before arriving at Maryville has been challenging and traumatic. Some need temporary support while others require more complex assistance. All deserve attention, guidance, and compassion. However, we cannot do our beautiful ministry alone. Together with our friends and partners like you, we make significant differences in the lives of disadvantaged children and families in our community....On behalf of the children who are benefiting from your kindness and generosity, thank you for your unwavering support and trust. Wishing you health and happiness in the new year.

Peace and All Good,  
Sr. Catherine M. Ryan O.S.F.  
Executive Director



## Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	TONY LIVORSI
MICHAEL NOBLE	JOHN ROMANO
JULIE HIGGINS	AUDREY JANS
CARL AFFATATI	DAVID FORST
EMILY SITKOWSKI	KIMBERLY KNOX
CYNTHIA MELNICK	NONA YOAKUM
MICHAEL FOLISI	ROBERT STEPHENSON
DOROTHY BEZDON	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
LORNA ALBA	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
CINDY NOLAN	MATTHEW PONDER
MARTHA DEMKO	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY	BRAD BOWER
TIM DENDOR	LAURA & DANNY MORA
CAROLYN BEIL	SHARON KILIKEVICE
NELSON PETINES	PELAGIA SAJULGA
TERRY GAZDZIAK	PATTY ZEMAN
FR. DAN FALLON	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA
CURT NAPRAVNIK	NORBERT FLOREK
JOHN FOLISI	IRENE LINGAYA
DAVID NUCCIO	CATHY FORST
ALISON TOLSON LORD	BERNITA DEL ROSARIO
GARZA	ROSE SIMPSON
	KATHY EGLOFF
	JOSEPH WHITE

Father of grace and mercy, be with our loved ones and friends as they serve and protect our nation and communities. Bless them and fill them with newness of life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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, Violet Ennis

**United States Marines** - Patrick Edward Echavez  
Joseph John Zimmerman III  
Lance Renner, Kyle Franklin  
Gian Patrick Reyes  
Christopher Pruden

**United States Navy** - David Perez,  
Paul Matthew Ledesma

**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](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com).



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations

(Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*.

**Psalm** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Psalm 104*.

**Second Reading** — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

**Gospel** — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased

(Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;

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: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;

Jn 2:1-11



## Mass Intentions

Sunday - January 9, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Shirley Allio Bucci
10:00 a.m.	Stanley Jezior

Monday - January 10, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Stanislaw & Emilia Biernacki Bronislaw Protas
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Tuesday - January 11, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Egidio Aranas
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Wednesday - January 12, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Clarence Turek Sr. Ursula Agaton Corral
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Thursday - January 13, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Joseph Putherickal
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Friday - January 14, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Jeev Babu - Special Intention
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Saturday - January 15, 2022

5:00 p.m.	Adolph & Alice Zalatoris
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Sunday - January 16, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Melchor Paliza Purificacion Rodriguez & Eduardo Rodriguez
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Frank Igoe & Barbara O'Brien

## Next Week Liturgy Schedule January 15th & 16th

Reconciliation 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos

### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM: MONTH THREE

“Your baby is quite active in the womb now – although his/her mother won’t feel him/her for another couple of months. If his/her mother’s womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move his/her tongue. He/she can make a tight fist if you touch his/her palm. He/she is breathing fluid which continues until birth. He/she obtains the oxygen his/her body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce.

The Spiritual Adoption Program saves the lives of unborn children at risk of abortion. This is accomplished through intercessory prayer. Individuals pledge to pray daily for nine months for the life of an unborn baby to be spared from abortion. Although the child is unknown to the person praying, God knows the identity of the child and protects the unborn child from abortion. You may never meet the baby you spiritually adopted while you are on earth, but you surely will in Heaven!

### Spiritual Adoption Prayer

“Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg of you to spare the life of (*give the baby a name*), the unborn baby I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion. Amen.”

—Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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