



# 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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**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.

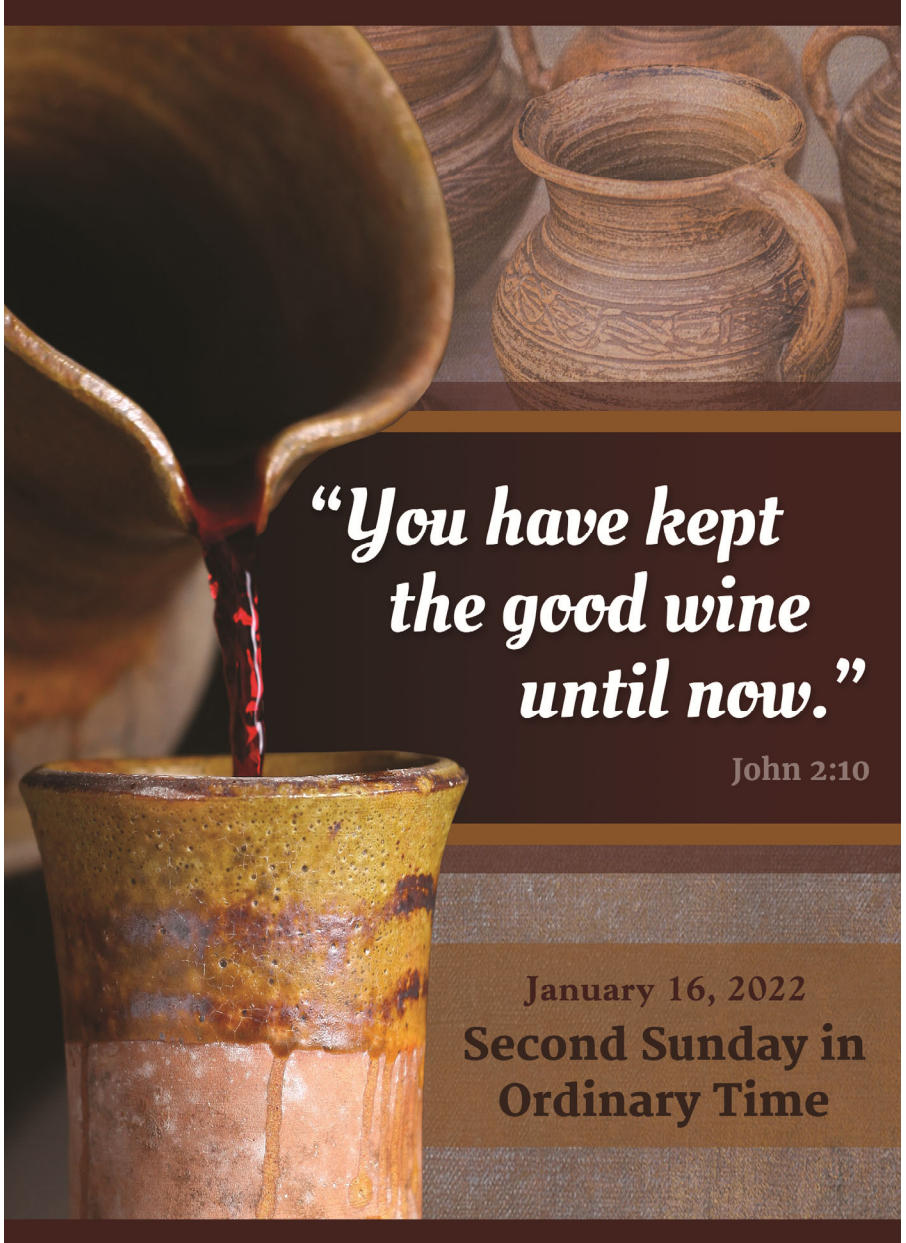
Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

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.



*“You have kept  
the good wine  
until now.”*

John 2:10

January 16, 2022  
**Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**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>				

## Reflections from Fr. Dennis

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners:

In a desperate attempt to give her overactive five-year-old son something engaging and constructive to do, Jonathan Larson's mother gave him a crochet hook and several balls of yarn, and sat him in front of a You Tube video on how to crochet a dish cloth. From the start, Jonathan was a crocheting "whiz kid". He soon founded Jonathan's Hands, a charitable organization through which he sold his many crocheted creations to raise money for Ethiopian children in need. Because Jonathan, who was born in Ethiopia, couldn't keep up with the orders, he began instead to teach crochet on You Tube. Now a young teen, he has used the monies from his tutorials and public appearances to build a library for the Ethiopian children in his hometown – and to build a science and technology lab for students there.

We are never too young to be part of God's plan, to be a sign of God's love, to make a difference in this world. We are never too old to put our gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, and healing to use for the good of others and for the building up of God's kingdom on earth.

Let's remember who we are. Many of us remember the children's rhyme, "Sticks and stones may break by bones, but words will never harm me." Yet words CAN and DO harm us. Many of us here today bear the scars of being called names that have made us feel less than beautiful, useless, and unloved. These names stay with us, in our minds and hearts, sometimes for years. Today, God is inviting us to leave the names of the past behind and to accept a new name: "my delight." My joy, my happiness. This name is not reserved for the sinless and perfect it is for every one of us, wherever we are on the journey of life and faith – right now, today. It is a name that invites us to change the way we see ourselves – and perhaps the way we see God.

Let's use our gifts. Even as a five-year-old, Jonathan Larson used his talent for crocheting to put to use the spiritual gift of mighty deeds. He continues to make a lasting difference in the lives of Ethiopian children. His story stirs in our hearts the spiritual gift of faith, for it reminds us that still today, it is possible to do mighty works with simple tools like a crochet hook and yarn. What talents do we have that we can use to serve the Lord? Some of you visit and bring Holy Communion to the homebound. You extend your gifts of faith and healing. Some of you are catechists. Who put to use your spiritual gifts of wisdom and knowledge. Some of you lead us in singing. Some in praying. The list is endless.

Let's look for opportunities. In today's Gospel, Jesus did not attend the wedding at Cana, intending to be a sign of God's power. But the opportunity to do so presented itself, and He supplied what was needed in that moment. Each day is full of little moments that offer us opportunities to live up to the name of "My Delight". When we use our spiritual gifts in the service of the Lord, we extend that delight, joy, and happiness to others. And when we seize the opportunities to serve others by being signs of God's love and power, we do indeed help God's kingdom to unfold on earth.

**-Fr. Dennis**

### 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!



Altar flowers are a lovely way to remember a loved one or a special occasion. Flower arrangements are \$55 each and two can be purchased each weekend before Lent and again after Pentecost. Your intention and name will be placed in the bulletin each weekend. If you would like to purchase an arrangement, please call the rectory. Available dates go quickly, so you may want to reserve your date soon.





### FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS

This month's distribution will be 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 10 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, 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!



### COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA NEXT WEEKEND

For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support of the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good news of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

### St. Isaac Jogues Upcoming Events

**Monday** – RE Classes, 6:45 p.m.

**Wednesday** – Morning Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., HFR; SPRED Zoom Session, 3 p.m.; Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m., HFR.

**Thursday** – Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m., HFR, if you enjoy knitting or crocheting, we hope you will come.

**Saturday** – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**Weekend of Jan. 22 – 23** – Baby toiletries and formula collected in HFR to assist pro-life work of The Women's Center. Monetary donations also appreciated and we'll do the shopping. Second collection during Mass for the Church in Latin America.

**Tuesday, Jan. 25** – Liturgy Board Meeting on Zoom, 7 p.m.

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,  
who governs all things,  
both in heaven and on earth,  
mercifully hear the pleading of your people  
and bestow your peace on our times.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

### PRAYER FOR SOLIDARITY

Merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we ask you to help us grow in unity and solidarity with the faithful around the world, especially those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Grant us the grace to give generously of our time, treasure, and talent to those in need. May we learn from the example of St. Junipero Serra, St. Rose of Lima, St. Oscar Romero, and all the saints from the Americas, and share our faith with humility and love. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

SUPER BOWL squares game

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St Isaac Jogues Men's Club Super Bowl Squares Fundraiser \$25/Square (20 percent will be donated to Sts. Martha & Isaac Jogues Parish) Call Lekë Brisku or Don Baron to purchase squares or if you see them at the parish just stop and ask them. Call Lekë at (773) 882-1171 or Don at (847) 456-9887 The squares are going fast so get yours asap.

Let Us Sing With Glee

Our Christmas concert was a success despite a snow storm postponement and freezing rain the night before the performance. Thank you to those who came out to see the show despite the weather. Much appreciation to the Youth Ensemble, the Praise Singers, the Cantors and the Adult Choir for their wonderful singing. \$286 was donated and will be used to purchase new music for Lent and Easter. Thank you again to our wonderful music ministry.





## Religious Education

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

\*Families who are choosing to make Baptism Welcome cards, Congratulations cards for engaged couples or cards to other area Christian Churches telling them we are praying for them during the week of Prayer for Christian unity are asked to have their children bring them to class this Monday, 1/17.

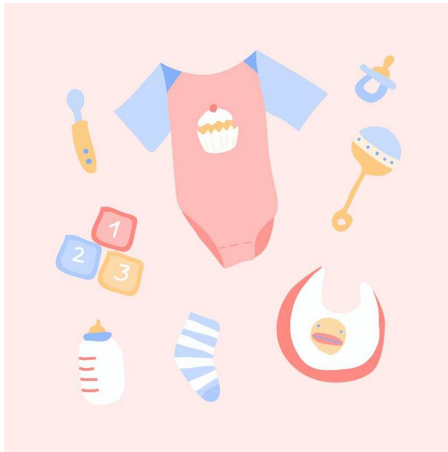
\*Progress notes will be given to students on Monday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>. Tests for Confirmation Yr. I & II will also be given that evening.

\*Group interviews for the Confirmation Yr. II Candidates will be held on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Holy Family Room. All candidates are asked to be on time.

\*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. Candidates will join us during the meeting.

\*Permission slips for the Confirmation Year II Class at St. Martha's Church on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> are due by Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>. They were given out in class last week and sent out on Remind on Tuesday.

### DONATIONS FOR THE WOMEN'S CENTER



Later this week we will solemnly mark with prayer the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in our nation. In support of the importance of life from the moment of conception we are holding a drive to assist the pro-life efforts of The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland. Donations of baby formula, wipes, toiletries (shampoo, bath soap, lotion, baby combs/brushes, diaper ointment, towels & wash cloths), onesies, blankets, and toddler training pants will be greatly appreciated. They just received a large donation of diapers so said they did not need those at the present time. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, please place it in the marked boxes at the doors of the church and we will do the shopping for you. Please make the checks out to St. Isaac Jogues Church. Please pray for pregnant women and for their unborn children. May God bless them with all they need for grace-filled, healthy and growing lives!



*ALTAR FLOWERS  
THIS WEEKEND*

*"IN GRATITUDE"  
ZENON & TERESA LOPEZ*



## 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
VICENTE F. CASTILLO	KATHY EGLOFF
	JOSEPH WHITE
	CORNELIO NATIFIDAD II
	BRENDA WHITEHEAD

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** — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem. (Isaiah 62:1-5).

**Psalm** — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

**Second Reading** — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

**Gospel** — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;  
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;  
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11;  
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



*Richard Chmielewski*

*In Memoriam*

## Mass Intentions

## Next Week Liturgy Schedule January 22nd & 23rd

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
Monday - January 17, 2022	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Antonietta Limjoco Antonio
Tuesday - January 18, 2022	
8:00 a.m.	John Affatati, Jr.
Wednesday - January 19, 2022	
8:00 a.m.	Sue Arndt
Thursday - January 20, 2022	
8:00 a.m.	Health & safety of all students & teachers
Friday - January 21, 2022	
8:00 a.m.	Helma Drag
Saturday - January 22, 2022	
5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Deacon Paul & Dolores Stanton - Special Intention
Sunday - January 23, 2022	
8:00 a.m.	Stanislawa & Stanislaw Sikora
10:00 a.m.	Minnie Kremer Erlinda Maliwanag

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

**GOD’S LAW**

Scripture has always held God’s law to be the path to human happiness. In today’s first reading, Ezra the priest reads the scroll of the law to the people returned from exile. They weep—then are joyful. Israel’s relationship with God had always been defined by how they kept and lived God’s law. The author of Psalm 96 likewise praises the law of God as the source of wisdom, joy and enlightenment, purity and justice.

In his advice to the bickering Corinthians, Paul points out that, just as God has made all parts of a human body essential for the health of the whole, living as “Christ’s body” requires that each member be recognized as necessary for the good of all. Finally, in Luke’s Gospel Jesus claims that the Spirit is sending him to relieve human suffering. Like Ezra, he is reading from a scroll, proclaiming God’s “law” of mercy to those in need.



You can safely make your Annual Catholic Appeal & church donations electronically by logging into [givecentral.org](http://givecentral.org) register today!  
Sign up for Flocknote to receive the most current Church information.

Due to alarming COVID infection numbers and a desire to help keep everyone safe, the Men’s Club meeting scheduled for January 19th has been cancelled. More information will be released soon about upcoming dates.



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