

# SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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**Masses: Saturday, 5PM**  
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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 11AM - 12:30PM, BY RESERVATION

**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.



THEY ABANDONED THEIR NETS  
 AND FOLLOWED *Jesus.*  
 MARK 1:18

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FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk

## They abandoned their nets and followed Jesus

The gospel of Mark for this Sunday tells us about the call of Simon and Andrew to follow Jesus and how they immediately followed him abandoning their nets, and the other two brothers James and John did likewise leaving their father behind in the boat. What was so attractive about the person of Jesus and the call that they followed him without ever giving a second thought? There was no time to pack their things, they left behind their fishing net, their trade and their families to join a different mission altogether. Nothing was discussed about pay or where are they going to live. What would that mission fetch them?

I am fascinated by the response of the four fishermen. They responded so promptly to the call as if they knew what lies ahead. Or is it that they were tired of their fishing trade doing the same thing over and over again that they felt a call to do something different? We find Jesus choosing his disciples to collaborate in the mission work of his Father. Normally Rabbi's wait for their pupil to come to them to be their disciples but in the case of Jesus, he went out in search of people who would work with him to fulfill his Father's plan of establishing his kingdom on earth. These ordinary men received a call precisely because Jesus knew they would respond willingly. Christian discipleship demands a dramatic reorientation of one's life, redirecting one's focus from self to God changes everything.

These four fishermen Peter, Andrew, James and John left their boats and nets in pursuit of God's kingdom to be in a state of interior peace that preserved them from the noise and confusion of the world. They discovered something far more radical. The kingdom was the belief that God was present among us and that divine power was active in the lives of those who followed Jesus' example. That simple message inspired joy and wonder throughout Galilee. The power of this good news healed the sick and changed the lives of sinners. As the first apostles witnessed these wonders, they came to believe in the truth of Jesus' message of the kingdom.

Jesus relies on us to continue this ministry. It is our responsibility to proclaim that God is present and active among us. We can do this in both obvious and subtle ways. The world is full of people longing for good news. As we reflect on those moments Christ nudged us onto a path of discipleship, we find the wisdom to bring a similar transformation to another. Discipleship is costly. What is the cost of your discipleship?

I think we tend to look at this gospel in terms of '**What** can we do to follow the Lord Jesus?' What things do we have to change in order to truly be a follower of Christ? Perhaps the question needs to be asked '**Who** does God want me to become?' He wants us to enthusiastically abandon our nets and follow and be his disciple and be joyful doing it.

We are called to abandon those things that keep us from being joy-filled, Christ-filled people. What are the things that drag us down like a net filled with dead fish that keeps us from being dedicated Catholic Christians? Do we need to abandon our desire to know exactly where we're going to be in 5 or 10 years? Is it our need to be better off than everyone else is or to have more things than the people next door? What is God calling me to be? To abandon every other thing except the word of God.

-Fr. Mario

From the Detailed Rules for Monks by St. Basil the Great

“What words can adequately describe God’s gifts? They are so numerous that they defy enumeration. They are so great that any one of them demands our total gratitude in response. Yet even though we cannot speak of it worthily, there is one gift which no thoughtful man can pass over in silence. God fashioned man in his own image and likeness; he gave him knowledge of himself; he endowed him with the ability to think which raised him above all living creatures; he permitted him to delight in the unimaginable beauties of paradise, and gave him dominion over everything upon earth.

“Then, when man was deceived by the serpent and fell into sin, which led to death and to all the sufferings associated with death, God still did not forsake him. He first gave man the law to help him; he set angels over him to guard him; he sent the prophets to denounce vice and to teach virtue; he restrained man’s evil impulses by warnings and roused his desire for virtue by promises. Frequently, by way of warning, God showed him the respective ends of virtue and vice in the lives of other men. Moreover, when man continued in disobedience even after he had done all this, God did not desert him. No, we were not abandoned by the goodness of the Lord. Even the insult we offered to our Benefactor by despising his gifts did not destroy his love for us. On the contrary, although we were dead, our Lord Jesus Christ restored us to life again, and in a way even more amazing than the fact itself, *for his state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God, but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave.*

*“He bore our infirmities and endured our sorrows. He was wounded for our sake so that by his wounds we might be healed. He redeemed us from the curse by becoming a curse for our sake, and he submitted to the most ignominious death in order to exalt us to the life of glory. Nor was he content merely to summon us back from death to life; he also bestowed on us the dignity of his own divine nature and prepared for us a place of eternal rest where there will be joy so intense as to surpass all human imagination. How, then, shall we repay the Lord for all his goodness to us? He is so good that he asks no recompense except our love: that is the only payment he desires. To confess my personal feelings, when I reflect on all these blessings, I am overcome by a kind of dread and numbness at the very possibility of ceasing to love God and of bringing shame upon Christ because of my lack of recollection and my preoccupation with trivialities.”*

## St. Isaac Jogues This Week

**+Annual Catholic Appeal**  
Announcement Weekend, Jan. 30-31;  
**Annual Lent** overview will be distributed as you leave Mass and will be sent out on Flocknote. If you cannot access it one of those two ways, please contact the Rectory or RE Office to arrange to pick one up.  
**+RE Virtual Family Event**  
Monday, 2/1, 7 p.m.  
**+Blessing of Candles**  
during 8 a.m. Mass, Tuesday, 2/2  
**+General Blessing of Throats**  
at end of 8 a.m. Mass, Wednesday, 2/3; OLPH Novena after Mass  
**+Holy Hour & Benediction, First Friday, 2/4,**  
begins at end of 8 a.m. Mass

### DIAPER DRIVE

Diaper and monetary donations may still be dropped off on Monday to aid the women assisted by the Women’s Center. Please bring them to outside door #9 near the Religious Education Office, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

### A NEW DAY DAWNS

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well?



## Religious Education

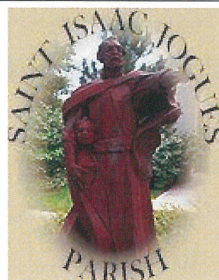
no later than 6:30 p.m. Monday evening.

+Next virtual Family Event is Monday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 p.m. on Zoom. Remember to bring your dessert as we learn about a Saint or two for the month as well as look ahead to the season of Lent and the month's service opportunities. Parents/guardians and students are to participate online.

+If you did not pick up your family file earlier in the month, please come Monday evening, 5:00-6:30 p.m. to do so.

+Still need to drop off your diaper or monetary donation for the Women's Center? You can bring them to outside door #9 (by RE Office) Monday, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Please remember to drop off your children's Praying for You cards, too, which will be given to women assisted by the Women's Center.

+Confirmation Year II Candidates are to turn in their first test at the RE Office



**GREATER  
CHICAGO  
- FOOD -  
DEPOSITORY.**

## FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

### Food and Fresh Produce for residents of Niles and the Surrounding Community.

*St. Isaac Jogues Parish along with the Greater Chicago Food Depository and Catholic Charities is organizing a Drive-Through Food Distribution*

**WHO** Open to anyone who needs the support!

**WHEN** Wednesday, January 27, 2021

**4:00pm – 6:00pm**

**WHERE** St. Isaac Jogues Parish Parking Lot  
8149 W. Golf Road Niles

**\* Be sure to clear out your trunk or bring a cart to take your food home!**

**Food will be given away FIRST-COME/FIRST-SERVED basis, until supplies last, distribution will take place "rain, snow or shine."**

*For more information about additional food resources in our community, please contact the Greater Chicago Food Depository at 773-247-FOOD or visit their website at [chicagosfoodbank.org](http://chicagosfoodbank.org). For additional Social Services in our community, please contact Catholic Charities North Regional Service Center at 1717 Rand Road - 847-376-2100 or call their Suburban Cook County Call Center at 877-426-6515*

### PRAYER FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

"May God make your year a happy one!. Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain, but by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes; not by making our path easy, but by making us sturdy to travel any path; not by taking hardships from us, but by taking fear from our heart; not by granting us unbroken sunshine, but by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows; not by making our life always pleasant, but by showing us when people and their causes need us most, and by making us anxious to be there to help. God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead."

– Author unknown; adapted by Debra Mooney



## MARDI GRAS SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE

Join us in a fun and safe Carnival celebration before Lent begins and help our parish at the same time! The Split the Pot Raffle will have three prizes -- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – 15% of total pot; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – 10% of total pot; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – 5% of total pot. Tickets are \$5 for one, \$20 for five (1 column), and \$40 for ten (whole page). Return filled out tickets and checks payable to St. Isaac Jogues Church or cash by mail or drop off in the Rectory mailbox by Wednesday, February 10. **The drawing will take place on Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.** Tickets were sent to all registered households. If you did not receive tickets or you need more for your family, friends and neighbors, please contact the Rectory, 847-967-1060 or office@sij-parish.com. Enter to win and good luck!



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021

Many households in our parish have received, or will be receiving, the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) mailing from Cardinal Cupich. Beginning next weekend we will hear more about the ACA and how it helps our parish ministries as well as those of the Archdiocese of Chicago. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The ACA offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me...and bring hope to the world." This is especially important during these trying and challenging times. Many in our parishes are affected financially by the pandemic, and we encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative. When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2021 ACA we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.



## St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry

The following items would be helpful as we assist those coming to our doors for food: stews, chili, hash, soups that eat like meals, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, canned vegetables, pork and beans (or other like kidney beans, black beans) canned fruit, pasta sauce, pasta, mac and cheese, cereal, rice, laundry detergent, shampoo, deodorant (that can be used by men or women). You may bring your donations when you come for weekday or weekend Masses or call the Rectory, 847/967-1060, M - F, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to set up a time to drop them off. Thanks!

SIJOM SENDS THANKS & BLESSINGS!

## 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."



## Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	MARY JANE PIKULA
MICHAEL NOBLE	TONY LIVORSI
JULIE HIGGINS	JOHN ROMANO
CARL AFFATATI	AUDREY JANS
RICHARD VAIL	DAVID FORST
BETTY LANDON	CHRISTINA WALD
EMILY SITKOWSKI	KIMBERLY KNOX
CYNTHIA MELNICK	DIANE BAUER
MICHAEL FOLISI	NONA YOAKUM
DOROTHY BEZDON	KATHY EGLOFF
MATTHEW PONDER	ROBERT STEPHENSON
FELICITA BAYANI	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
EMILY CABRERA	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
LORNA ALBA	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
SUSAN ARENDT	JUDY CABRERA
CINDY NOLAN	YUL VENTURA
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ANNE MARRAZZO	PELAGIA SAJULGA
LAURA MORA	JOHN OLDERSHAW
TIM DENDOR	COLLEEN KING
ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA	PATTY ZEMAN
	ROSE LUZ
	STAN JEZIOR
	REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY

Thank you, Lord, for the courage and selfless service of our troops and first responders. May our loved ones and all who serve around the world turn to you for safety and protection. Help them to not be afraid and to trust that you hold them securely at all times. 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

**U.S. Army Reserves** - Christopher Dexter

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

**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 [sjre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sjre2004@yahoo.com).



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Ninevites turn from their evil ways in response to Jonah's message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

**Psalm** — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

**Gospel** — Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

## Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 24, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Michael Mac Donald
10:00 a.m.	Frank Igoe & Barbara O'Brien
12:00 p.m.	Jones Augustin - Special Intention Diego Rene Ladera Myrna Macaso - Special Intention

Monday - January 25, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Ruth Rushton
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Tuesday - January 26, 2021

8:00 a.m.	The Homeless & Hungry
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Wednesday - January 27, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Cesar Romeo Santos
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Thursday - January 28, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Don Angelaccio
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Friday - January 29, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Job Chacko Matthew Gruszka
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Saturday - January 30, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
5:00 p.m.	Emerenciana V, Tamondong Anastacia Aisporna Maria Ladd


Sunday, January 31, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ John Burke
10:00 a.m.	Deacon Robert O'Keefe
12:00 p.m.	Pietro Di Franco

**Watch your mail -  
Tax letters will be sent the  
week of January 25th.**

## Liturgy Next Weekend January 30th & 31st

Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario



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