

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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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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Sunday - Closed

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847-966-3266 or sjbschool.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon or anytime by request.

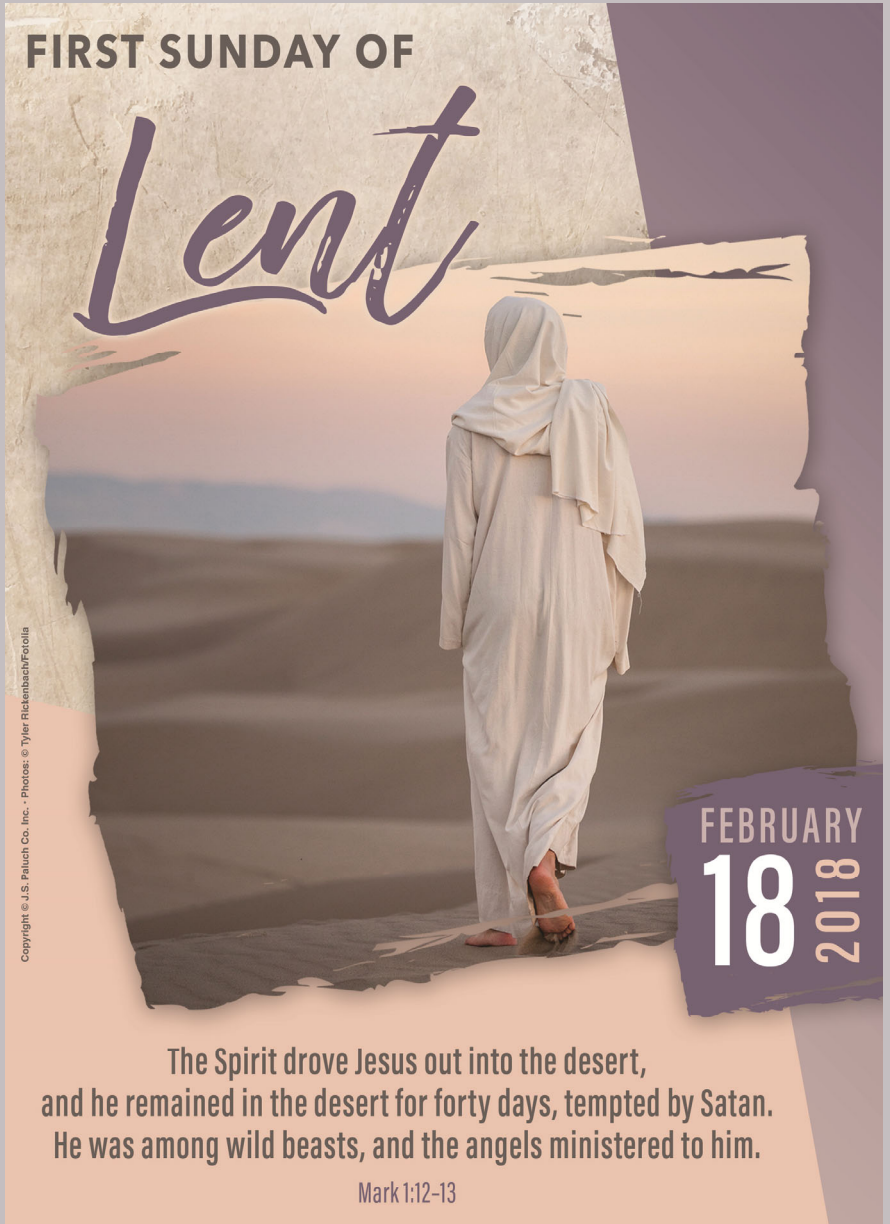
Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation.

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.



ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
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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

Returns next week.

THIS WEEK'S LENT SCHEDULE

- +Sunday: Rite of Election for Kevin at Holy Name Cathedral, Cookie Donations or monetary donations for The Night Ministry.
- +Wednesday: Bible Study on Gospel of St. John, 9:30 a.m., Rm. 6.
- +Friday: Day of abstinence; Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m., church
- +Saturday: Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11 a.m. – Noon, Reconciliation Room
- +Weekend of Feb. 24 – 25: Alms recipient – Heifer International

Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. Providing gifts of livestock and training they help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. Each family commits to giving one of its animal's offspring to another family in need. It is called *Passing On the Gift* and it creates an ever-expanding network of hope and peace. Please place your donations in the almsgiving boxes at the doors of the church. Thank you!

**ST ISAAC JOGUES MEN'S CLUB
WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 21, 2018
@ 6:30PM, CHURCH HALL**

The Lisowski brothers, Ed & Frank will host the Polish Night meeting. At this meeting we ask members to submit names for the MAN OF THE YEAR award and volunteer to be an officer for the upcoming year. So step up and help the Club out.

The cost to join the club for the remainder of the year is \$25. The cost for this meeting is \$10. All men of the Parish are invited to join us!

St. Isaac Jogues News

SAVE THE DATES

PARISH LENTEN MISSION: GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE

Each Sunday, after we have been nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist, we are sent from the Mass and *charged to do something*. No matter what Dismissal is used (*Go forth the Mass is ended* or *Go in peace, etc.*) all of them are very specific about how we should live our lives now that we have participated in this profound mystery that is the Mass. This year's Mission will explore how the Mass shapes us and molds us to live our lives as Missionary Disciples of Christ.

St. Isaac Jogues & St. Martha of Bethany Parishes invite you to our joint our Lent Mission, led by Mr. Todd Williamson, Director of the Office for Divine Worship of the Archdiocese of Chicago, **Sunday – Tuesday, March, 4 – 6, 7:00-8:30 p.m. here at St. Isaac Jogues Church.** Hospitality will follow each session. If you prefer a **morning session**, we will have a video of Todd's presentation each of the following mornings **at 8:30 a.m. here in the Holy Family Room (Monday – Wednesday, March 5 – 7).** Come, bring family members, friends and neighbors (Gr. 5 – senior citizens) for an energizing, inspiring faith experience that we know will assist your preparation for Holy Week and beyond!

St. Isaac Jogues and St. Martha of Bethany Parishes invite you to join us for **Lent Soup Suppers followed by the Lent series, *Inspired by the Relics in the Shrine of All Saints: From My Own Background.*** The suppers and series will be on **Thursdays, March 8, 15, & 22 with soup from 6 – 7 p.m.** and the talks beginning at 7 p.m. They will be held at St. Martha's big church on Georgiana in Morton Grove. Speakers include Fr. Edward Udovic, CM, Fr. Joseph Mastardi, OSA, and Fr. Richard Fragomeni.

An RSVP is helpful for planning but not necessary. You can sign up in the Holy Family Room or contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com

A LENTEN REFLECTON ON FASTING

by Rev. Daniel Merz

In the early Church and, to a lesser extent still today, there were two fasts. There was the "total fast" that preceded all major feasts or sacramental events. The ancient name for this fast was "statio" from the verb "sto, stare" to stand watch, on guard or in vigil. The second fast was a fast of abstinence from certain foods, e.g., meats or fats. This was more an act of self-discipline and self-control. The *statio* fast was total and a means of watching and waiting...i.e. *for* something. The fast of abstinence was more general and personal, to help oneself be more disciplined or self-controlled. The total fast is still kept today prior to reception of Holy Communion. Following Holy Communion, the total fast ceases because Jesus had explicitly stated that we don't fast when the bridegroom is here, in other words, what we're keeping vigil for has arrived, the wait is over. On the other hand, the fast of abstinence was allowed on Sundays because the continuity of abstinence can be important for it to be effective.

These initial observations, then, teach us that the Eucharist is always the end of a preparation. It is always the fulfillment of an expectation. In the Orthodox Church during Lent, they have Eucharist only on Saturday and Sunday. But because Wednesdays and Fridays are total fast days, those two days are also days for the Communion service (Liturgy of the PreSanctified) which are held in the evening, i.e., after the day of preparation. Fasting is always *preparatory*.

But how did *fasting* become such an important means of preparing for the Eucharist and of learning virtue through self-discipline? Christian fasting is revealed in an interdependence between two events in the Bible: the "breaking of the fast" by Adam and Eve; and the "keeping of the fast" by Christ at the beginning of his ministry.

Humanity's "Fall" away from God and into sin began with eating. God had proclaimed a fast from the fruit of only one tree, the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17), and Adam and Eve broke it. Fasting is here connected with the very mystery of life and death, of salvation and damnation. Food perpetuates life in this physical world, which is subject to decay and death. But God "created no death." (Wis. 1:13) Humanity, in Adam and Eve, rejected a life dependent on God alone for one that was dependent rather on "bread alone." (Dt. 8:3; Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) The whole world was given to man as a kind of food, as a means to life, but "life" is meant as communion with God, not as food. ("Their god is their belly." Phil. 3:19) The tragedy is not so much that Adam ate food, but that he ate the food for its own sake, "apart" from God and to be independent of Him. Believing that food had life in itself and thus he could be "like God."

And he put his faith in food. This kind of existence seems to be built on the principle that man does indeed live "by bread alone."

Christ, however, is the new Adam. At the beginning of his ministry in the Gospel of Matthew, we read, "When He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, He became hungry." Hunger is that state in which we realize our dependence on something else—when we face the ultimate question: "on what does my life depend?" Satan tempted both Adam and Christ, saying: Eat, for your hunger is proof that you depend entirely on food, that your life is in food. Adam believed and ate. Christ said, "Man does NOT live by bread alone." (Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) This liberates us from total dependence on food, on matter, on the world. Thus, for the Christian, fasting is the only means by which man recovers his true spiritual nature. In order for fasting to be effective, then, the spirit must be a part of it. Christian fasting is not concerned with losing weight. It is a matter of prayer and the spirit. And because of that, because it is truly a place of the spirit, true fasting may well lead to temptation, and weakness and doubt and irritation. In other words, it will be a real fight between good and evil, and very likely we shall fail many times in these battles. But the very discovery of the Christian life as "fight" and "effort" is an essential aspect of fasting.

Christian tradition can name at least seven reasons for fasting:

1. From the beginning, God commanded some fasting, and sin entered into the world because Adam and Eve broke the fast.
2. For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin.
3. Fasting reveals our dependence on God and not the resources of this world.
4. Fasting is an ancient way of preparing for the Eucharist—the truest of foods.
5. Fasting is preparation for baptism (and all the sacraments)—for the reception of grace.
6. Fasting is a means of saving resources to give to the poor.
7. Fasting is a means of self-discipline, chastity, and the restraining of the appetites.

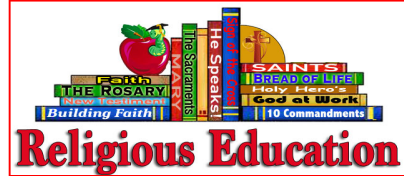


The St. Issac Jogues Women's Club would like to thank all the bakers and workers at the Bake Sale and those who contributed to create the raffle baskets. Winners of the raffle baskets were: Kathy Denning, Arlene Turek, Dottie Castignetti and Carol Lisowski. We hope all our purchasers enjoyed their goodies as they helped make our Bake Sale a success.



COMMUNITYDAYS2018
Thursday, March 1 – Saturday, March 3

Carson Pirie Scott's Community Days are coming. The Women's Club will be selling booklets for \$5 each in the Holy Family Room and in church on Feb. 17th and 18th and Feb. 24th & 25th. Inside the booklet is a \$10 coupon plus many other coupons for a variety of sales. You get double your money back! All proceeds benefit St. Isaac Jogues and your support is deeply appreciated.



Religious Education

- *Response forms for the RE Family Event on March 11th are to be returned to the RE Office or your child's catechist by Feb 26th for planning purposes.
- *First Communion Candidates are to bring their practice plate designs Monday to make the final version at the beginning of class. A family member is welcome to come assist them.
- *Ms. Bello's Class is to have Chs. 1-3 of *Gift of Eucharist Book* completed for Monday. Please bring the book to class.
- *Grade 1 will have a Forgiveness Service in church at 7:30 p.m. Family members welcome.

MINI-MINISTRY FAIR AND HOSPITALITY

We have many ministries and organizations active here at the parish! Sometimes it can be overwhelming to talk about them or learn about them all at once. So the **second of our three Mini-Ministry Fairs and Hospitality Weekends will be next weekend, Feb. 24 – 25** to give everyone a chance to learn more about what's happening here in the parish in the areas of Spiritual Life and Education.

It will be **after all the Masses in the Holy Family Room**. Stop in to learn more about our Spiritual Life Ministries, including all the Liturgical Ministries and our Education Ministries, including Bible Study, SPRED, the upcoming Parish Mission and Soup Super Series.

There will be written materials available and/or the opportunity to speak with representatives from the various ministries if you desire. Someone from the Parish Pastoral Council will also be available and forms to register for St. Isaac Jogues Parish will be out for your convenience. Refreshments will be available for all to enjoy whether you plan to seek information about Spiritual Life & Education Ministries or not. All are welcome to come! We look forward to being with you!



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To those who haven't yet, there's still time! Envelopes are available in the Holy Family Room or the rectory. Please take a moment to reflect on the best way to support the ministries who receive your funds throughout the Archdiocese. And remember, every dollar in excess of our goal of \$31,752 comes right back to us. Let's make this our best year ever!



SAVE THE DATE!

HORSESHOE CASINO TRIP

All parishioners, friends and family 21 years or older are invited to join us on a trip to the Horseshoe Casino **Tuesday, MARCH 13**
Bus Only - \$10 per person

The bus departs St. Isaac Jogues Parking lot **10:30 am**.
The return bus will leave the Horseshoe Casino at **3:00 pm** and return to St Isaac Jogues Parking Lot.
Watch the bulletin for details!!!

FY 2018 SUNDAY & HOLY DAY COLLECTION SUMMARY

First Sunday of February, 2018

	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Last Yr.	Difference
Sunday	\$9,380	\$11,000	(\$1,620)	\$9,380	\$10,343	(\$963)
Year to Date	\$296,141	\$306,300	(\$10,159)	\$296,141	\$305,983	(\$9,842)



ST. MARTHA'S 20TH ANNUAL
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY
FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018
LARGE CHURCH

TICKETS ARE \$40 - CASH BAR

COCKTAILS 6:30
DINNER 7:30

RAY HARRINGTON'S CORNED BEEF &
CABBAGE

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**Senior Club Field Trip!**

The Senior Club of the Catholic Community of Northbrook will be taking a Field Trip in April to the *St. Joseph Convent Chapel* in Milwaukee. This beautiful building is the home of the School Sisters of St. Francis, who have been teachers for a long time in our area. We will tour the 100-year-old Chapel, visit the Alfons Art Gallery and have lunch with the Sisters. The date of the trip is **April 16**, but we need reservations by March 1. The fee is \$35, including bus, tour and lunch. Please plan to join us! Open to all. To sign up, contact Mona Lukas and she will send you a form. Email mlukas@stnorbertparish.org or call and leave a message at (847) 513-6708. The form can also be downloaded from www.olbparish.org.

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
- Monday: Presidents' Day; Julian Calendar Lent
- Wednesday: St. Peter Damian
- Thursday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington's Birthday
- Friday: St. Polycarp; Abstinence

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



Pray for

SR. JOYCE ROEHL	
JIMMY RANCICH	
MARCY SANTIAGO	
PASTOR LYNNE MORROW	
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TONY KOZA	JAMES MAXWELL PASCALE
ROSE ANN NOWAK	JULIE HIGGINS
CANDY GENERAL	CECILIA JARA
MARIA LADD	JIM CLAYTON
RICHARD DRAG	HELMA DRAG
WALLY LANG	PRADEEP JOSE
STAN ZABOROWSKI	MICHAEL NOBLE
PATRICIA CRESSY	JOSEPH WHITE



Rosaleen Navilio
In Memoriam

PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

Please help to *restock our pantry shelves* with the following items:
fruit & vegetables,
cereal & oatmeal



Thank you for your help!
SIJ Outreach Ministry



Join St. Martha for
St. Joseph Table
Sunday, March 18th
Noon - 3PM
Large church

Free meatless buffet
and auction.
Free-will offerings
appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

February 18, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Marian Grzebien
10:00 a.m.	Mike Zirko
12:00 p.m.	Mark Duval Benjamin Sr. & Irene Vioria Anthony Cornejo Joy Vinasoy Orlando Tiu
February 19, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Joshua & Justin (Special Intention)
February 20, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Frank Mc Nally Edmund Zalewski
February 21, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Shawn Thomas - In Thanksgiving
February 22, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Jane Polinski
February 23, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Baby Jacob
February 24, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Mary & Bob Chernesky
5:00 p.m.	Mario Feijoo
February 25, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Dorothy Knaack
10:00 a.m.	Yusuf Suleiman
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Ramiro & Daniel Corrales

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

Liturgy Next Week February 24th & 25th

Time	Celebrant	Servers
Confessions 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario	
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos	Red Reyes Rylee Reyes Lawrence Escarez
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario	Eugene Villarino Engell Villarino Rhenz Mangurali
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario/ Deacon Paul	Julia Jaroslowski Michael Lucas Mark Lucas
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos	Khayla Santiago Angelika Dacpano Jude Jimmychan



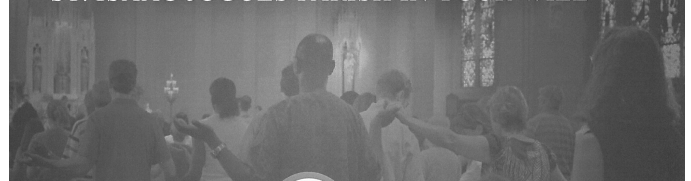
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