



# Sts. Martha & Isaac Jogues Parish

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**Saturday, 5PM**  
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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.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

*February 20, 2022*

**Give, and gifts will be given to you;  
a good measure, packed together,  
shaken down, and overflowing,  
will be poured into your lap.**

*Luke 6:38*

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## Reflections from Fr. Dennis

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners:

A refusal to forgive tends to hollow out a person, turning that refusal into this person's defining characteristic, the most important thing anyone needs to understand about this individual. Is "Never Forgive" something to chisel into our own tombstone or anyone else's?

We would not be terribly surprised in someone who heard Jesus preach what we have just heard and responded: "Get real! Nobody's going to push me around like that! I'm not going to be someone else's doormat, always being taken advantage of! Let's be practical about life. Who's with me on this?" Are you tempted to make the very same objection right now? Jesus' message to love one's enemies was as counter-cultural in his day as it is in ours. Loving those who love us is our natural inclination. The opposite approach is very difficult and offers no guarantee of success. Hence it is, to quote Robert Frost, "the road less travelled."

Today's first reading shows David as a strong leader. His soldier Abishai says that David should show strength by killing King Saul, who is asleep. David still recognized that Saul is still the Lord's anointed. David later makes sure Saul realizes that David spared his life. David wasn't always wise, but this day he was. Several future kings of Judah and Israel will, in fact, be assassinated.

Jesus in the Gospel says that God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. We are tempted to repeat Jonah's complaint after God forgave the people of Nineveh. Jonah said, "I knew you were a merciful God!" Forgiveness hardly seems a good game plan. "That ought to teach them a lesson," is our easier – and more likely – response. Refusing to forgive rarely causes the guilty party to change for the better. He or she may well die clueless about the need to be forgiven. If that happens, was forgiving that person a mistake, a waste of time and energy? Not at all. Whoever puts down the burden of unforgiveness benefits from that decision.

Was Jesus in today's teaching being hopelessly idealistic, completely out of touch with reality? Not at all. Forgiveness always rewards the one who forgives more than the person being forgiven because it sets down a heavy burden. Our natural instinct is to spend little time with or energy on people who constantly nurse grudges. We do that to avoid being sucked into the negative energy that they apparently enjoy and constantly exude. Eva Kors, a Holocaust survivor, said that she eventually forgave the Nazis not because THEY deserved it but because SHE did. In the long run, forgiveness is more practical, realistic – and difficult – than any other option. We can forgive and still take steps to insure our safety.

Every Eucharist connects us to Jesus, who affirms that forgiveness is a sign of strength and not weakness. The grace of this Eucharist enables us to live out that teaching.



## FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS

There is a free food distribution in the SIJ parking lot this Wednesday, 4 – 6 p.m. Please remember that you need to park your car. You'll then be directed inside by door #12, given a number and then called to register when your number is called. Please bring your Greater Chicago Food Depository pantry card if you have one. If you do not have one, we will ask you some questions and give one to you. You will then walk down the hallway and go outside. One of our volunteers will walk around with you with a cart as you choose the produce/foods you want. It will be placed in the cart and when you have finished, the volunteer will walk the cart to your car so you can load it in and bring it home. The volunteer will then bring the cart back to use with the next person. If you can benefit from this food support, please come. Or please share this information with others who could use a food bridge at this time. Thank you.



## LOVE AS GOD LOVES

Our Gospel today continues Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, in which we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes. This week, Jesus gives us new "commandments," telling us how to live and act in the world as his disciples, rooted in the radical love of God for humanity. It reminds us of his later speech about loving one another as he loves us, in other words with a God-like love, the kind we see in today's psalm about God's mercy. How else could we do as Jesus tells us by loving our enemies, which seems impossible, until we remember that God gave us the example of Jesus, who is like God but also like us? David understands this merciful love when he spares the life of his enemy in the first reading. Finally, Paul tells us that we will become like Jesus if we act as he did, as God does.

## St. Isaac Jogues Upcoming Events

**Monday** – No Youth Choir practice nor RE Classes tonight.

**Tuesday** – Liturgy Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Zoom link and agenda sent. Please review Sourcebook sections and readings for Palm Sunday and Triduum.

**Wednesday** – Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Food Distribution, 4 – 6 p.m. in SIJ lot.

**Weekend of Feb. 26-27:** Be sure to take home a Lent Overview as you leave Mass. It will also be sent out on Flocknote. If you have not yet responded to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please see an Usher for a response form and fill it out.

**Mar. 2** – Ash Wednesday, Day of Fast and Abstinence, Here at St. Isaac Jogues Church ashes will be distributed during the 8 a.m. & 7 p.m. Masses and during the Word Service held at Noon. At St. Martha Church ashes will be distributed during three Masses: 6:30 a.m. (small church); Noon and 6:30 p.m. (large church)

**Mar. 4** – First Friday Adoration from end of 8 a.m. Mass until 9:30 a.m. (including Benediction); Stations of the Cross at St. Martha Church, 3 p.m.; Stations of the Cross at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 7 p.m.

**Mar. 6 – 8:** Parish Lent Mission, *Our Church on Mission: Our Identity and Our Future*, led by Fr. Paul Adaja, hosted here at St. Isaac Jogues Church. More info in next weekend's Lent overview.

### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM: MONTH FOUR

“Well, your little baby now weighs six ounces. He/she has fingernails and eyelashes. He/she has his/her own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same until he/she dies. His/her taste buds are working. His/her sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All he/she needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong. What a miracle he/she is!”

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

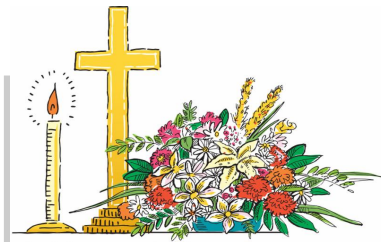
### ADULT CONFIRMATION OPPORTUNITIES

+Adult Confirmation preparation sessions for a limited number of participants will take place at Holy Name Cathedral Feb. 17 & 24, March 3, 10, 17, & 24 and April 7. Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 27, at 7 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral. To register go to <https://holyname.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/267/responses/new>

+Zoom Classes led by the Archdiocese on Tuesdays, March 22, 29; April 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 7 – 9 p.m. Virtual retreat will be May 14, 9 – 11 a.m. The Confirmation Mass will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>, site to be determined.

Go to [archchicago.org](http://archchicago.org) (Parish Vitality and Mission)

+If you are over 18 and have been baptized and made your First Communion but are not confirmed, please contact St. Isaac Jogues RE Office, 847/966-1180, to discuss preparation that will work with your schedule. Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m. at St. Martha Church, with Bishop Francis Kane. Completing your initiation is needed to be a godparent for Baptism, a sponsor for Confirmation, to celebrate your marriage as a sacrament of the Church and especially to strengthen the gift of the Holy Spirit to grow in relationship with Jesus and live your Catholic faith.



## Altar Flowers

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.

Altar flowers are a lovely way to remember a loved one or a special occasion.



**Thanks for your care and concern for others!** The following would be helpful: pasta sauce, rice, shampoo, deodorant, laundry detergent. **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!

## Making all things new...

God's promise and our responsibility



## 2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: it is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments. Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of "Making all things new... God's promise and our responsibility."

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back soon. If you did not fill out the pledge form during Mass, please fill it out and return it in next weekend's collection. We also encourage you to make your ACA gift online at [annualcatholicappeal.com](http://annualcatholicappeal.com).

Please remember that our Sts. Martha – Isaac Jogues Parish goal for this year's ACA is over \$58,000. Once we have fulfilled our goal with cash in hand, every dollar over the amount will be returned to the parish for use in our various ministries. Please give prayerful consideration and donate as generously as your circumstances allow. Thank you!

### 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.

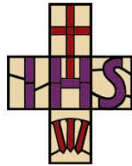


# Religious Education

\*RE Classes will not meet on Monday due to President's Day. Classes resume Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

\*Confirmation Year II Candidates are reminded that their Gifts of the Spirit Journal Part II is due when the return to class on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. Be sure you are getting your service completed.

\*Confirmation Yr. I Candidates who have not yet turned in the Confirmation Commitment form need to do so by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. Be working on your service!



**BELLARMINE**  
Jesuit Retreat House

March 2, 2022  
9:00AM - 3:00PM



What a Friend We Have in Jesus:  
Getting to Know Jesus On Our Lenten Journey

ASH WEDNESDAY DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MEN & WOMEN  
with Fr. Doug Leonhardt, SJ

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## Pray for

|                     |                       |
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| 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      | HENRIETTA SAGARIO     |
| LORNA ALBA          | MATTHEW PONDER        |
| CINDY NOLAN         | MARY SUNSHINE PONDER  |
| MARTHA DEMKO        | BRAD BOWER            |
| REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY  | LAURA & DANNY MORA    |
| TIM DENDOR          | SHARON KILIKEVICE     |
| CAROLYN BEIL        | PELAGIA SAJULGA       |
| NELSON PETINES      | PATTY ZEMAN           |
| TERRY GAZDZIAK      | ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA    |
| FR. DAN FALLON      | NORBERT FLOREK        |
| CURT NAPRAVNIK      | IRENE LINGAYA         |
| JOHN FOLISI         | CATHY FORST           |
| DAVID NUCCIO        | BERNITA DEL ROSARIO   |
| ALISON TOLSON LORD  | ROSE SIMPSON          |
| GARZA               | KATHY EGLOFF          |
| VICENTE F. CASTILLO | JOSEPH WHITE          |
| FR BERNARD KENNEDY  | CORNELIO NATIFIDAD II |
|                     | BRENDA WHITEHEAD      |
|                     | CHERYL HEYDENBURG     |

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

**Gospel** — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

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).



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

**Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50

**Friday:** Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45



Betty Landon

*In Memoriam*

## Mass Intentions

Sunday - February 20, 2022

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| 8:00 a.m.  | Living & Deceased Members of SIJ<br>Art Even<br>Clyde Podraza |
| 10:00 a.m. | Frank Mc Nally  |

Monday - February 21, 2022

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| 8:00 a.m. | Purgatorial Society<br>Janina Kuglin |
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Tuesday - February 22, 2022

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| 8:00 a.m. | Agaton Corral<br>Epifania Espiritu<br>Basilides Obre Ray |
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Wednesday - February 23, 2022

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| 8:00 a.m. | Felicito Baut |
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Thursday - February 24, 2022

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| 8:00 a.m. | Baby Jacob |
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Friday - February 25, 2022

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| 8:00 a.m. | Harriet & Chester Guban<br>Galilee Mac Flores |
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Saturday - February 26, 2022

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| 5:00 p.m. | Tony Irmen |
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Sunday - February 27, 2022

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| 8:00 a.m.  | John Affatati<br>Jim Kveton                              |
| 10:00 a.m. | Living & Deceased Members of SIJ<br>Bob & Mary Chernesky |

## Next Week Liturgy Schedule February 26th & 27th

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

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

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, always pondering spiritual things,  
we may carry out in both word and deed  
that which is pleasing to you.  
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.

#### Reflection question:

What can I do this week that is pleasing to God?



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