

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Carlos Pereira, S.F.X.

Pastoral Staff:

Deacon Paul M. Stanton (Dolores)
Lori Ronczka, Business Manager
Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education
Lisa Hall, Director of Music

Weekend Mass Celebrant:

Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

Masses: Saturday, 5PM

Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

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Parish School: St. John Brebeuf School

847-966-3266 or sjbschool.org

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:

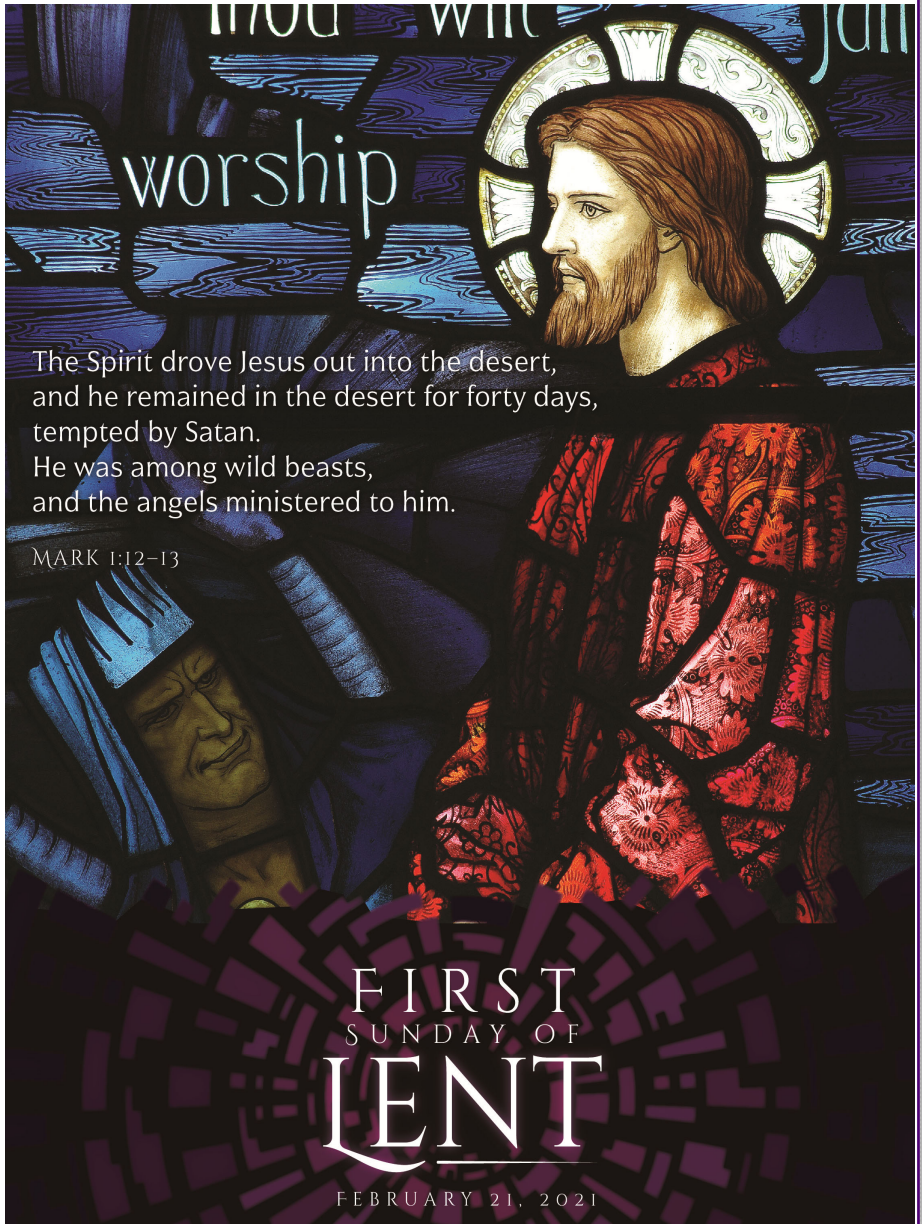
Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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.



ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders				
Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
Kathy Lord, Vice Chairperson	Lori Ronczka	Dolores Stanton	Gerry Zeller	Irene Baron
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Fil-Am Chairperson – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				

A LENTEN REFLECTION: From a homily by St. Asterius of Amasea, bishop

“You were made in the image of God. If then you wish to resemble him, follow his example. Since the very name you bear as Christians is a profession of love for men, imitate the love of Christ. Reflect for a moment on the wealth of his kindness. Before he came as a man to be among men, he sent John the Baptist to preach repentance and lead men to practice it. John himself was preceded by the prophets, who were to teach the people to repent, to return to God and to amend their lives. Then Christ came himself, and with his own lips cried out: *Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.* How did he receive those who listened to his call? He readily forgave them their sins; he freed them instantly from all that troubled them. The Word made them holy; the Spirit set his seal on them. The old Adam was buried in the waters of baptism; the new man was reborn to the vigor of grace.

What was the result? Those who had been God’s enemies became his friends, those estranged from him became his sons, those who did not know him came to worship and love him. Let us then be shepherds like the Lord. We must meditate on the Gospel, and as we see in this mirror the example of zeal and loving kindness, we should become thoroughly schooled in these virtues.

For there, obscurely, in the form of a parable, we see a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. When one of them was separated from the flock and lost its way, that shepherd did not remain with the sheep who kept together at pasture. No, he went off to look for the stray. He crossed many valleys and thickets, he climbed great and towering mountains, he spent much time and labor in wandering through solitary places until at last he found his sheep. When he found it, he did not chastise it; he did not use rough blows to drive it back, but gently placed it on his own shoulders and carried it back to the flock. He took greater joy in this one sheep, lost and found, than in all the others.

Let us look more closely at the hidden meaning of this parable. The sheep is more than a sheep, the shepherd more than a shepherd. They are examples enshrining holy truths. They teach us that we should not look on men as lost or beyond hope; we should not abandon them when they are in danger or be slow to come to their help. When they turn away from the right path and wander, we must lead them back, and rejoice at their return, welcoming them back into the company of those who lead good and holy lives.”

A LENT PRAYER:

St. Augustine of Hippo

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my work, too may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
so that I love only what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
that I may always be holy.

**Food
Pantry****St. Isaac Jogues
Outreach Ministry**

The Outreach Ministry thanks all who have been so generous in supplying the food pantry. We do remind

you, however, that **we can only take non-perishable foods**. The following items would be helpful as we assist those coming to our doors for food: stews, chili, hash, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, canned vegetables, pasta sauce, cereal, rice, shampoo, small bottles of laundry detergent, 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!

LENT OVERVIEW



The Parish Lent Overview was sent out on Flocknote for you to print off a copy. If you do not have access to a computer and would like a copy, please contact the Rectory to make arrangements to pick up a copy.

THIS WEEK'S LENT SCHEDULE: Please remember to make reservations for Masses, Reconciliation, devotions and other activities in the church via Flocknote or by calling the Rectory, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday for all Masses and activities unless another way to make a reservation is noted.

***Sunday, Feb. 21 – Alms recipient is The Well of Mercy** – Located in the West Ridge area of Chicago, it was founded in 2010 by Mary Zeien, who has visited SIJ Parish during another Lenten season. The Chicago Tribune wrote that The Well of Mercy is “a home for women and their children when they need one most – when they’ve been abused, when they’ve been abandoned, when they’re broke and broken.” Over 300 single women, pregnant or with their children, have found refuge, renewal and rebirth and a family. Assistance is given through a safe shelter, education, mentoring, employment support, spirituality and more.

***Monday** – Mass at 8 a.m.

***Wednesday** – Mass at 8 a.m.; Free Food Distribution in SIJ parking lot, 4 – 6 p.m. for those who could use the extra support in these difficult times.

***Friday** – A day of abstinence: No meat or poultry products on the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday, by those ages 14 & older; Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m., in church.

***Saturday** – Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. by reservation. Link was sent on Flocknote and is on parish website. FYI – There will be no Parish Lent Reconciliation Service w/individual confessions this year. Plan ahead and make your reservation early for the Saturdays. Twelve appointments will be available the last two weekends of March with six in the church and six in the HFR.

***Weekend of Feb. 27 – 28:** Second Sunday of Lent; Extra collection to Aid the Church in Central & Eastern Europe; **Almsgiving recipient: Sunday Mass at Mercy Home**, which airs each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on WGN Chicago. The televised Mass, begun at the request of Cardinal Bernardin in 1992, allow 60,000 faithful viewers (and more since the pandemic began) to share in the Eucharist each Sunday morning. It is a source of spiritual nourishment for those who are unable to leave their homes because of age, ailment, or COVID concerns to attend Mass. Mercy Home must pay for all the air time it uses so your support is needed.

Please note: We request that checks for any of the weeks’ almsgiving be made out to St. Isaac Jogues Parish and one check for the total amount collected will be sent. If you are not coming to church but would like to support a particular almsgiving recipient, please mail or drop off your donation during the week. On the envelope or in the memo line please indicate to which ministry(ies)/organization(s) the alms are to be given. Thank you.

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today’s readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter’s letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: “Repent, and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.



Religious Education

+RE families who do not yet have their rice bowls for the Catholic Relief Services project are to stop by the RE Office this Monday, 5:00-6:30 p.m. to do so. Confirmation Yr. I Candidates are also to pick up their retreat materials. We realize the snow storm last Monday made it hard for everyone to come.

+Families are to drop off the homemade bookmarks for the Lutheran General's Children's Hospital and Confirmation Yr. II Candidates may bring their Gifts of the Spirit Journal Part II on Monday during the same time frame. Otherwise both these items are due to the RE Office by Monday (via email, put in Rectory mail slot, or place in envelope taped to outside door #9.)

+Confirmation Yr. I Candidates will have their retreat next Sunday, Feb. 28th, beginning by participating in the televised Mass w/Cardinal Cupich at 9:30 a.m. on WLS Channel 7. The retreat will then be on Zoom until 11:30.



MARDI GRAS SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE

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Thank you to everyone who participated in our parish Mardi Gras Split the Pot Raffle and helped support the parish. The Raffle Pot was \$7,060 with the parish receiving \$4,952. Congratulations to our three winners, drawn by Fr. Carlos this past Tuesday afternoon:

- 1st Prize -- \$1,059 – Lorraine Variny
- 2nd Prize -- \$ 706 – Bernard Nells
- 3rd Prize -- \$ 353 – Carolyn Napoleon

Thanks also to Irene, Mary, Vicky, Lori & Dee for their help with securing supplies and/or preparing the mailing and tracking the funds weekly.

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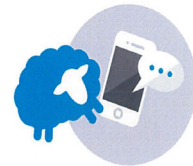
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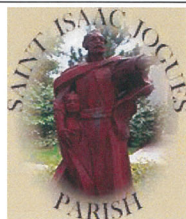
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**GREATER
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FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Free 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, February 24, 2021

4:30pm – 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. 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

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."



Return

the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and
compassionate,
slow to anger and
abounding in love.

Save the Dates: The unified parishes of St. Isaac Jogues and St. Martha again offer multiple Lenten opportunities to safely come together in prayer and reflection this Lenten season.

The lent series is hosted by St. Isaac Jogues via Zoom. Links will be provided. Beth White presents "Encountering Jesus In a Year Like No Other." **Thursdays, Mar. 11th, 18th, 25th at 7PM.** For those who do not have computers or are unsure how to work with Zoom, we will access Zoom with a computer and projector in St. Isaac Jogues Church and show all the above events on the dates and times listed. Those choosing to come to the church will need to make a reservation and all protocols will be followed. Watch for further information regarding sign ups to get the Zoom link or to make a reservation for church.

The parish mission is hosted by St. Martha. Links will be provided. Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson, presents "Running the Paschal Mystery" on **Sunday, Mar 21 at 4PM and Monday & Tuesday, Mar 22nd & 23rd at 7PM.** St. Martha is exploring the possibility of in-church sessions following Covid protocols and will advise shortly.



Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	TONY LIVORSI
MICHAEL NOBLE	JOHN ROMANO
JULIE HIGGINS	AUDREY JANS
CARL AFFATATI	DAVID FORST
RICHARD VAIL	CHRISTINA WALD
BETTY LANDON	KIMBERLY KNOX
EMILY SITKOWSKI	DIANE BAUER
CYNTHIA MELNICK	NONA YOAKUM
MICHAEL FOLISI	KATHY EGLOFF
DOROTHY BEZDON	ROBERT STEPHENSON
MATTHEW PONDER	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
FELICITA BAYANI	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
EMILY CABRERA	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
LORNA ALBA	JUDY CABRERA
SUSAN ARENDT	YUL VENTURA
CINDY NOLAN	MARY LERPS
FR. BERNARD KENNEDY	SHARON KILIKEVICE
MARTHA DEMKO	PELAGIA SAJULGA
REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY	JOHN OLDERSHAW
LAURA MORA	COLLEEN KING
TIM DENDOR	PATTY ZEMAN
	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA
	NORBERT FLOREK
	IRENE LINGAYA

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (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 — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

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 sijre2004@yahoo.com.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
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:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 21, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Members of the Alber & Rancich Families - Special Intention
10:00 a.m.	Michael Mac Donald
12:00 p.m.	Mark Duval Margarita M. Viloría Lucero S. Viloría

Monday - February 22, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Piotr Mlynarczyk
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Tuesday - February 23, 2021

8:00 a.m.	All Teachers & Staff
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Wednesday - February 24, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Baby Jacob
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Thursday - February 25, 2021

8:00 a.m.	All Students
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Friday - February 26, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Homeless & Hungry
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Saturday - February 27, 2021

8:00 a.m.	All Priests & Religious
5:00 p.m.	John Arenó

Sunday, February 28, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Steve Brisku
10:00 a.m.	Christine Wolf
12:00 p.m.	John Affatati

Liturgy Next Weekend February 27th & 28th

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

FEAST OF FAITH

Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. “Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below,” says an eleventh-century hymn. “Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow” (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.).

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing “Alleluia” once again when Easter returns.



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