

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

Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

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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)

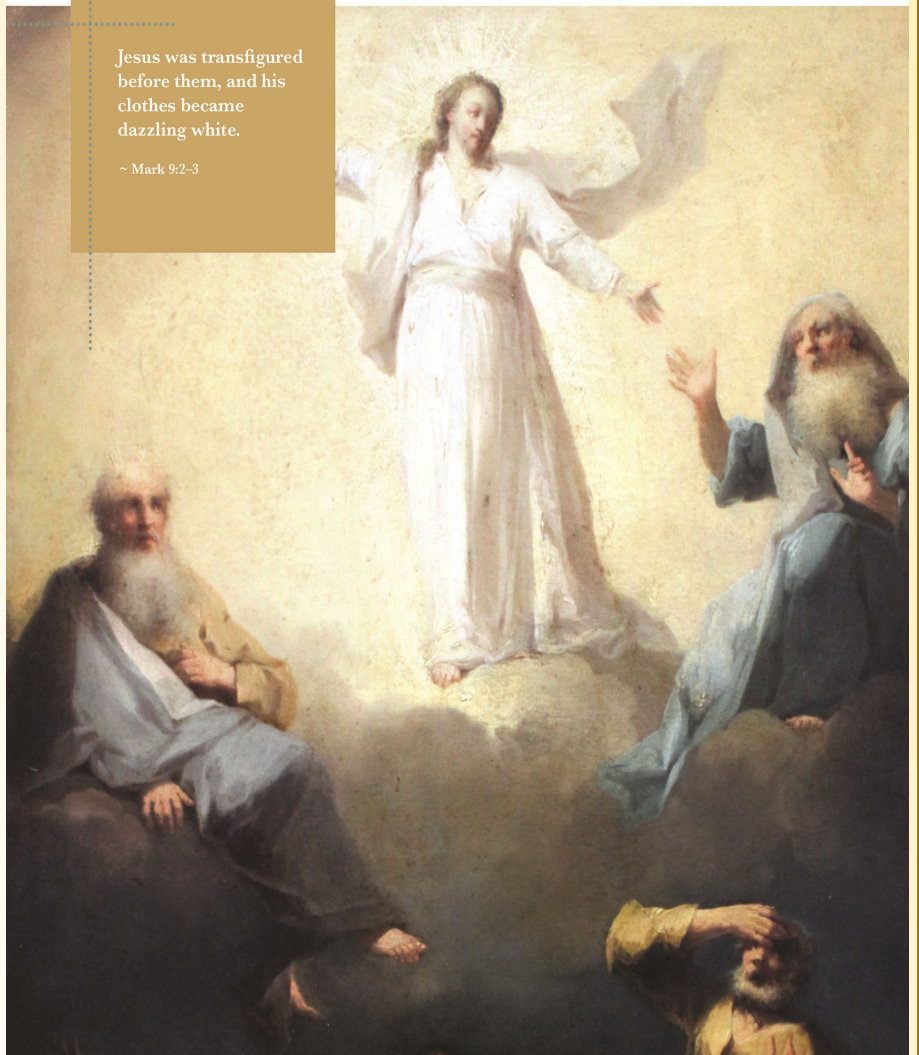
Sacrament of Baptism: Second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Baptism Preparation Session must be completed before Baptism.

Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for details.

FEBRUARY 28, 2021 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.

~ Mark 9:2-3



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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Men's Club Chairperson – Don Baron				
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REFLECTIONS FROM FR. CARLOS

Listening to God: Key to Experience Blessings

The Season of Lent is a time of grace. The Church provides us three pillars on our Lenten journey: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Prayer helps us to come close to God. We fast to avoid the distractions – sinful behaviors – that keep us away from God. After experiencing the mercy of God through prayer and fasting, we give alms to the less fortunate. Our primary aim while giving alms is that the poor may experience the compassion of God as we are in the presence of God.

Lent is the time we seek the face of God. We journey through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Word of God and Sacraments nourish us. Our Lenten devotions, like the stations of the cross, allow us the opportunity to reflect on our struggle to stand up for faith, hold on to hope, and spread love amid difficult moments.

With St. Paul, we express a deep faith experience: Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? (Romans 8:31-37). Such a profound faith statement derives from our relationship with God. Abraham had faith in God. Abraham believed in the promise of God. Abraham obeyed the voice of God amid the danger of losing his only son.

The key to obedience is confidence in God's promises. God is ever faithful to fulfill His promises. In the Gospel reading, God invites us to listen to His beloved Son. Why? The three apostles saw the glory of Jesus. Listening to God is our way to reach eternal life – and experience the glory of the resurrection.

The sacrifices our Lenten observance demand is nothing as compared to the blessing God bestows on us. We need the grace to give up things that keep us away from God. We need God's assistance to add healthy behaviors

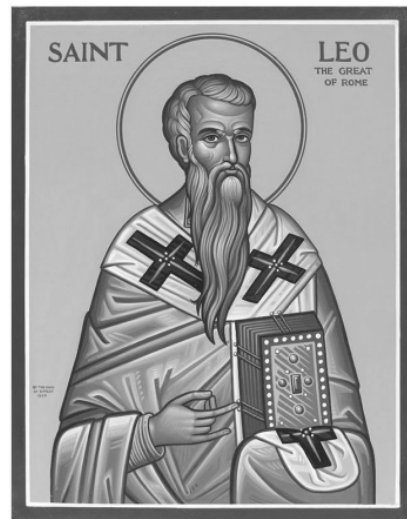
A LENTEN REFLECTION: From a sermon by St. Leo the Great, pope

“The Lord reveals his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses. His body is like that of the rest of mankind, but he makes it shine with such splendor that this face becomes like the sun in glory, and his garments as white as snow. The great reason for this transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of his disciples, and to prevent the humiliation of his voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed.

“With no less forethought he was also providing a firm foundation for the hope of holy Church. The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as his gift. The members of that body were to look forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head. The Lord had himself spoken of this when he foretold the splendor of his coming: *Then the just will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.* Saint Paul the apostle bore witness to this same truth when he said: *I consider that the sufferings of the present time are not to be compared with the future glory that is to be revealed in us.* In another place he says: *You are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.*

“This marvel of the transfiguration contains another lesson for the apostles, to strengthen them and lead them into the fullness of knowledge. Moses and Elijah, the law and the prophets, appeared with the Lord in conversation with him. This was in order to fulfill exactly through the presence of these five me, the text which says: *Before two or three witnesses every word is ratified.* What word could be more firmly established, more securely based, than the word which is proclaimed by the trumpets of both old and new testaments, sounding in harmony, and by the utterances of ancient prophecy and the teaching of the Gospel, in full agreement with each other?

“The writings of the two testaments support each other. The radiance of the transfiguration reveals clearly and unmistakably the one who had been promised by signs foretelling him under the veils of mystery. As Saint John says: *The law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.* In him the promise made through the shadows of prophecy stands revealed, along with the full meaning of the precepts of the law.



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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. 28** – Our alms recipient is **Sunday Mass at Mercy Home**, which airs each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on WGN, Channel 9. At the request of Cardinal Bernardin Mercy Home began its televised Mass in 1992 that now allows 60,000 faithful viewers (and more since the pandemic) to share in the Mass each Sunday morning. They also provide an hour-long Mass on Christmas Day and Easter Sunday. 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. They must pay for the TV time each week, so your donations will be of great assistance to them. .

***Monday** – Mass at 8 a.m.

***Wednesday** – Mass at 8 a.m.; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena at end of 8 a.m. Mass. Please pray for the Confirmation Candidates of Ignacy Paderewski Polish School who will be confirmed this evening in our church.

***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 Mar. 5 – 6:** Third Sunday of Lent; Extra collection to help reduce the parish deficit. **Almsgiving recipient will continue to be Sunday Mass at Mercy Home.** It costs thousands of dollars for each half hour Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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He is the one who teaches the truth of prophecy through his presence, and makes obedience to the commandments possible through grace. In the preaching of the holy Gospel all should receive a strengthening of their faith. No one should be ashamed of the cross of Christ, through which the world has been redeemed.

“No one should fear to suffer for the sake of justice; no one should lose confidence in the reward that has been promised. The way to rest is through toil, the way to life is through death. Christ has taken on himself the whole weakness of our lowly human nature. If then we are steadfast in our faith in him and in our love for him, we win the victory that he has won, we receive what he has promised. When it comes to obeying the commands or enduring adversity, the words uttered by the Father should always echo in our ears: *This is my Son, the beloved, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*”

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

+**Confirmation Yr. I** Candidates will have their **retreat today** beginning with the televised Mass / Cardinal Cupich at 9:30 a.m. on WLS Channel 7. The retreat is then on Zoom. Parents should join

with their Candidates at 11:15 for a brief meeting with Mrs. Stanton and closing prayer.

+**RE Family Event Monday at 7 p.m. on Zoom.** Link has been sent out. Bring some pretzels to eat or another favorite Lent food. Our Saint of the Month is St. Joseph and we'll also talk about the importance of Passover to our spiritual ancestors and to the Catholic Community.

+The **March RE Newsletter** has been sent out on Remind. We will review service opportunities during Monday evening's Family Event.

+Please note that the **second Family Event** for March, **originally scheduled for March 29, has been moved to March 22nd** so that families can participate in the Joint Parish Mission with St. Martha. It will be on Zoom. More info will be found in the March newsletter. Students will have class on March 29th via Zoom.



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. More information regarding registration will follow.**

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.

FY 21 7/1/20 - 6/30/21 INCOME SUMMARY			
January, 2021			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Week 1	\$9,585	\$10,500	(\$915)
Week 2	\$9,041	\$8,500	\$541
Week 3	\$3,976	\$8,100	(\$4,124)
Week 4	\$4,437	\$8,500	(\$4,063)
Week 5	\$6,791	\$7,000	(\$209)
JAN TOTAL	\$33,830	\$42,600	(\$8,770)
YEAR TO DATE	\$213,950	\$284,000	(\$70,050)

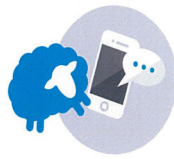
As you can see, we continue to suffer the financial impact of Covid in our parish. We pray for those of you who have experienced loss of income and for all who are struggling with the daily burdens of staying safe & healthy, while caring for your families, friends and neighbors. To our many, many donors, we THANK YOU for your continued support. Every donation matters! God Bless!

we ♥ love
 HAVING YOU AS PART OF OUR FLOCK



Keep in touch with us this Lent via email and text!

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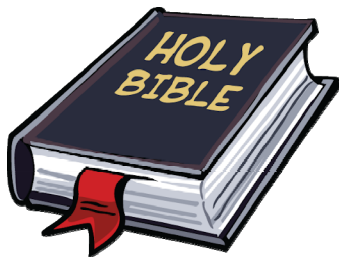
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BIBLE STUDY

An in-person Bible study will be held on Wednesdays, beginning March 10, 9:30 a.m. in the Holy Family Room. We will wear masks and be socially distanced. It will focus on the Passion and Resurrection Accounts of all four Gospels. Cost for materials is \$15. To register please contact the RE Office early this week so materials can be purchased, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to all who have responded so far to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you did not make a pledge/gift yet, it is not too late. If you would like to support ACA, you are strongly encouraged to use the online giving form found at www.annualcatholicappeal.com. You may also use the response card you may have received in the mail or contact the Rectory to make arrangements to pick up an ACA envelope. Please note that you can no longer give via the text-to-give option.

Remember that **our parish's ACA goal this year is \$31,972.** It is important to indicate that you are from St. Isaac Jogues Parish so your pledge/donation is credited to us. When we have that amount in hand, everything given beyond that amount will be returned to St. Isaac Jogues Parish to continue the mission of evangelization, spiritual formation, religious education, outreach to those in need and more. Every gift is important and makes a difference. It expresses gratitude to God for our many blessings and is one way to give witness to Jesus and to the mission He entrusted to the Church. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

A LENT PRAYER:

St. Julian of Norwich

*I know that at times
 I will be troubled,
 I know that at times
 I will be belabored,
 I know that at times
 I will be disquieted,
 But I believe that
 I will not be overcome.*



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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
	Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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.



*Buenaventura
Bunanig*

In Memoriam

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

Mass Intentions

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

Monday - March 1, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Stanley Jezior
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Tuesday - March 2, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Colleen Bruhn - Special Intention Marco Di Franco
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Wednesday - March 3, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Helena Metelski & The Metelski Family - Special Intention
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Thursday - March 4, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Ronald Salazar
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Friday - March 5, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Wisdom for Political Leaders
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Saturday - March 6, 2021

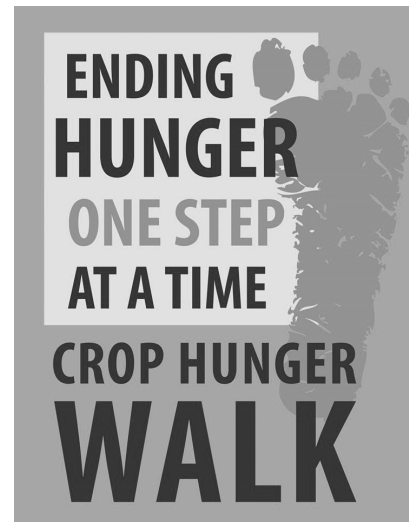
8:00 a.m.	First Responders
5:00 p.m.	Eduardo Jose - Special Intention

Sunday, March 7, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Pjeter Brisku Magdalen Dexter
10:00 a.m.	Purificacion Rodriguez Serafin Rodriguez
12:00 p.m.	Florentina del Rosario

Liturgy Next Weekend March 6th & 7th

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



CROP WALK UPDATE

The Niles-Park Ridge CROP Hunger Walk, which took place in small groups in October, 2020, raised almost **\$34,000** despite COVID. During the week team leaders found out that the **Niles-Park Ridge CROP Hunger Walk ranked #33** in the country out of nearly 600 walks! Thanks again to everyone from SIJ Parish and other churches of the two communities who walked in rainy weather that day, and for those who supported the walk with their donations and prayers.



You can safely make your Annual Catholic Appeal & parish donations electronically by logging into givecentral.org - register today!

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