

# SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

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

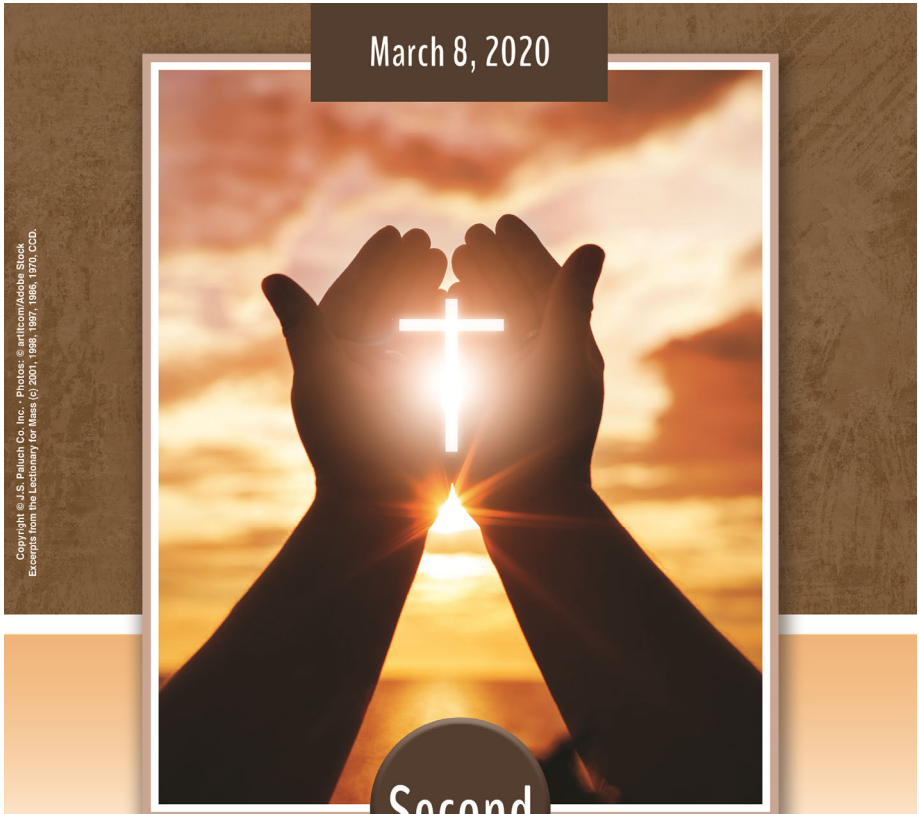
**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation.

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.



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## Sunday of Lent

From the cloud came a voice that said,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him."

Matthew 17:5

**ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders**

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FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk

## Are you God's chosen one?

In the gospel of Mathew for the second Sunday in Lent, we come across the words in the scripture "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (Mt17:5) Jesus is the chosen one sent by the Father and we are reminded by a voice from heaven to listen to him. Jesus has been faithful to his calling and so the Father is well pleased with him. What does it mean? It means that we are all God's children chosen from the beginning of the world that we should be holy and without blemish before him. (Ephesians 1:4) The Father sent his son to us as chosen people of God so that when we listen to Jesus, he will lead us to the path of holiness. In other words, Jesus came to redeem us from sin. He is obedient to the Father in carrying out the mission. In listening to Jesus we in turn become obedient to the Father.

Jesus has the spirit of truth and when we try to listen to his voice and walk the path of holiness, we are putting aside bad tendencies that cause us to sin. To commit sin is to consciously do something that you know goes against God's will. Jesus came to save us, but when we struggle with our faults we ask ourselves "*Can I really be a Christian and still struggle in Sin? Well, we have to understand that God chose us not because of our goodness; we are chosen because he is all good and forgiving.*"

The problem we might face as Christians is how to overcome our sinful nature or those tendencies of addictions to pornography, or how to fix the problems in marriage? How can I grow in my faith? We should not be the ones looking to fix these problems in our life; for we have a mediator, Jesus Christ whom God has already decreed and supplied with the power for it. We try to walk the path of righteousness, but, that does not mean we won't fail. It is when we get back up and trust in the Lord for we know and believe, he is always there for us.

God chose us because he wants to choose others. Jesus said, "*It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.*" (Jn15:16) The scriptures tell us how God chose people in the course of time. God chose Saul to be the first King of Israel (1Samuel 10:24-27). God chose David to replace Saul as the king of Israel. (1Samuel 16: 10-12) God chose Christ in the flesh to be the Savior of the World. (Mathew 12:18) Jesus chose the Apostles. (John 6:70)

When we allow God to do his work in us, the Spirit contains the power you need to overcome sin and to do something about the things the Spirit shows you. The process of transformation takes its effect resulting in goodness and mercy. As previously you would react with anger to a situation now you exhibit patience. In a nut shell you become more like Jesus.

As chosen ones we all have a mission to leave the sinful world and move to the realm of God's kingdom as we listen to the voice of Jesus.

-Fr. Mario

## RENEW MY CHURCH

Dear parishioners,

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are also starting to prepare for the Renew My Church parish grouping process. In the first phase, called Discernment & Decisions, we will be asked to begin discernment of our path to spiritual renewal, which includes a thoughtful discussion on what physical and organizational structures will best support the efforts across our grouping to make disciples, build communities and inspire witness.

St. Isaac Jogues, together with St. John Brebeuf, St. Lambert, St. Martha, and St. Peter, will reflect on the spiritual and structural realities impacting ministry across our communities. Over the next ~10 months, we will consider potential organizational and structural changes that may be needed to support ministry for the future and offer our feedback to Cardinal Cupich to inform the final decision he will make.

A team of five leaders and the priests from each grouping parish will gather through the summer and fall as a Grouping Feedback and Discernment Team. The pastors of each parish in the grouping will soon gather to learn more about the role of this team and to consider whom to invite to participate.

### What to expect

As your pastor, I am committed to communicating as best I can throughout the process. The next few months are mostly preparation. I join other grouping pastors for dinner & discussion with Cardinal Cupich on March 9th. Priests gather on March 18th to frame meeting dates, times and locations. The grouping priests also come together for a three-day preparation session in May. The Grouping team members gather for prayer, retreat and dialogue with Cardinal Cupich on June 13th. Between August and November, we will also have 2-3 parish town hall meetings to share the substance of our grouping team conversations and to gather feedback from all parishioners. We anticipate submitting our grouping's feedback about any proposed changes to Cardinal Cupich in November / December 2020, with a final decision on the grouping's structure in mid-to-late January 2021.

### What does this mean for St. Isaacs?

At the current time, we do not know what potential organizational and physical structural changes need to be considered for our grouping. The potential changes the grouping will consider could include scenarios in which St. Isaac Jogues unites with one or more other parishes to form a new parish. There could also be scenarios in which our parish remains in our current structure and does not formally unite with another parish. The scenarios could include asking us to consider what a future parish structure looks like with either our church remaining an active worship site or if our church building were to close. Until we complete the process and receive the Cardinal's final decision in January 2021, we cannot be sure of the outcome. What we do know is that no decisions about parish structures in our grouping have been made.

### Why potential structural changes to renew the Church?

Any and all changes are intended to establish a more secure and sustainable foundation for ministerial renewal and vitality. In this regard, structural and spiritual renewal are linked. We must look at better ways to organize our parishes, so that each has the resources needed to invest in the mission ... not simply in the upkeep of physical structures, but rather to invest in what will achieve our Lord's commission to "go make disciples" (Matthew 28:19).

### What does this mean specifically for our interior renovation project and Pledge Campaign?

To exercise prudence and be best prepared for the future, we have received guidance from the archdiocese to hold off on spending money for the interior renovation project until we have a defined structure in January 2021. All **non-essential** projects should be put on hold through the process. So we are positioned to proceed with the renovation work if St. Isaac Jogues continues as an active worship site, we have also received guidance from the archdiocese to continue our Pledge Campaign. If the final structural decision includes St. Isaac Jogues remaining as an active site, the funds would then be used to continue our targeted projects. If St. Isaac Jogues is united with another parish, our campaign funds would be allocated to that new united parish. If St. Isaac Jogues closes, the campaign funds would be allocated to the new parish. Donors can request a refund of their remaining Pledge Campaign donations. (*balance available after completion of the exterior project - note: there could be tax implications.*)

### Let us hold each other in prayer

Please pray for me, my fellow pastors in the grouping, and the staffs and parishioners of all five parishes as we prepare for the upcoming process. We will all have ideas, concerns, frustrations and hopes about what renewal can look like for our parish communities in the future. Let us pray that, above all, we allow the Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts, our words and our actions in this important work.

-Fr. Mario





### LENTEN PRAYER, REFLECTION AND ACTION FOR THE WEEK

**Pray:** O most gentle Jesus, by your precious blood, deliver us from all evils. By your most bitter death give us a lively faith, firm hope and perfect charity, so that with our whole hearts we may love you with all our soul and strength. Make us persevere in your service, firm and steadfast in good works, so that we may be always able to please you. *St. Clare of Assisi*

**Reflect:** Reread the Gospel of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9). What “transfiguration moment” of your life do you turn to in dark or difficult times to keep your hope and trust in Jesus strong. Are you willing to share your story with someone else to help them?

**Act:** Attend this week’s Soup Supper and Talk at St. Martha. Turn off your cell phone, computer or TV for a set amount of time and spend time with family and/or with relationships that need to be strengthened. Write “praying for you” notes to be given by Kolbe House Prison Ministry to anyone to whom they minister.



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### ST. CATHERINE LABOURE

Fr. Thomas Loya, STB, MA  
**“How the Church Can Cope with Hot-Button Issues”**

Fr. Loya is Pastor of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish in Homer Glen, IL. He has degrees in both Art and Theology. Fr. Loya is dedicated to evangelization through media. He hosts a regular EWTN radio program, “Light of the East”, and is a frequent guest on other EWTN and AVE MARIA radio programs.

While in Seminary in Rome, Fr. Loya attended the weekly audiences of St. John Paul II on the human person—now known as *The Theology of the Body*. Through this experience and with his background in both Art and Theology, Fr. Loya uncovers the potential of the Sacramental Worldview as a uniquely Catholic perspective on today’s controversial issues.

**What is the “Sacramental Worldview”?  
 How does it ground us in reality?  
 How does it guard against Gnosticism?  
 What perspective does it lend to “hot-button” issues in the world and in the Church?**

**How can we put on the mind of Christ and keep the peace of Christ**

St. Catherine Laboure 3535 Thornwood, Glenview. Free-Will Offering - call 847-729-1414 for more information

+Gr. 1 will have a Forgiveness Service in church at 7 p.m.  
 +Confirmation Yr. II Candidates are to turn in their retreat permission slips Monday night. The retreat is this Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 9 p.m. in the Holy Family Room. We will have dinner first and then Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA, will lead the evening.  
 +Response forms for the March 23 RE Dinner and Class night are due by March 16<sup>th</sup>.



**PARISHIONERS OF ST. ISAAC JOGUES ARE INVITED TO JOIN ST MARTHA FOR THEIR ST. JOSEPH TABLE AND AUCTION! COME SHARE A MEATLESS MEAL AND ALL OF THE EXCITEMENT OF A LIVE AUCTION. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE LARGE CHURCH ON SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND AT NOON AND WILL END WHEN ALL OF THE AUCTION ITEMS ARE GONE. NO RESERVATIONS OR TICKETS NECESSARY. IF YOU MIGHT WANT TO DONATE A DISH, PLEASE EMAIL ANN SIMKINS AT [Asimkins4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Asimkins4@sbcglobal.net).**

**ALL ARE WELCOME - COME SHARE THE FUN!**



## ST. PATRICK DINNER FUNDRAISER

You won't want to miss this! Purchase your tickets now for our St. Patrick Dinner fundraiser, to be held on **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 6 - 10 p.m.** here at St. Isaac Jogues Parish. There's a cash bar, Harrington's corn beef dinner served family style (w/ water, coffee, and tea included), entertainment by the Sheila Tully Academy of Irish Dance and singer Kathy Cowen, basket raffles w/Irish goodies, Split the Pot o' Gold, and an evening of fun and friendship! Tickets are \$40 per person and are available today and next weekend, Mar. 14 - 15, or at the Rectory through March 14. **Please note tickets must be purchased by Mar. 15**, as we need to give the caterer a final count. **No tickets will be sold the night of the event.** Invite your family, friends, and neighbors for a great evening and help make this a really successful fundraiser.



## St. Isaac Jogues News

+**Purchase your tickets** for the St. Patrick Dinner today after Mass or during the week at the Rectory. Tickets must be purchased by Mar. 15.

+**Teen Group** with help from others will **pack 200 sack lunches for the homeless** at 11 a.m. in the HFR.

+**Alms recipient today** is Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Project. Please place donations in boxes at church doors.

+**Bible Timeline**, Monday, 7 p.m., HFR, Session 18 will bring us into the New Testament and catch us up to the Tuesday morning group. Sessions for both days will resume in mid-April

+**Bible Study** resumes, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Rm. 6

+**Soup Supper** at St. Martha Church, Morton Grove, 6 - 7 p.m. followed by talk.

+**Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations of the Cross**, Friday, 7 p.m., church

+Weekend of Mar. 15: Last day to purchase tickets for the St. Patrick Dinner fundraiser; **Alms recipient**: Kolbe House

## ALMSGIVING

**Kolbe House is the Archdiocesan Prison Ministry** and works out of Assumption Parish next door to Cook County Jail. It serves individuals & families affected by the criminal justice system (the incarcerated & their families, victims and their families, the community). They promote restoration & reconciliation through outreach, support & accompaniment. **Suggested items to bring to the Holy Family Room are new paperback Bibles, new socks, underwear and tee shirt for men and women, all sizes.** Or you can place a monetary donation in one of the alms boxes at the doors of the church. As an added work of charity **stop in the Holy Family Room to write a "praying for you" general note to be share with anyone to whom they minister** (incarcerated, their families, victims and their families, etc.)

## SOUP SUPPERS AND LENT SERIES

Our joint parish **Soup Supper & Lent Series**, *Encountering Jesus in Me, Others and Our Community*, will be three Thursdays beginning this week and will be hosted at St. Martha Church in Morton Grove. On **Thursdays, March 12, 19, and 26** soup will be served 6 - 7 p.m. and the talk will begin at 7 p.m.

Elizabeth White, Director of the Office for Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship will be our series speaker. This Thursday Beth will talk about "Where Is Jesus In My Story?" You are welcome for one, two, or all three sessions. Free will offerings appreciated. An RSVP is helpful but not necessary. If possible sign up on the sheets in the Holy Family Room.

In support of the food, we are looking for **one soup for each of the three weeks and two desserts for each of the three weeks.** If you are willing to help, please contact the Religious Education Office, 847/966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com) or sign up on the sheet in the Holy Family Room.



# Pray for

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JOSEPH WHITE	AUDREY JANS
RICHARD VAIL	DAVID FORST
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BETTY LANDON	KIMBERLY KNOX
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DOROTHY BEZDON	KATHY EGLOFF
THERESA NOBLE	ROBERT STEPHENSON
MARY SUNSHINE PONDER	MAREQUINA CARDOZO
	SUE TUREK
	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
	MORGAN MULROE
	BOB LAVIN



Almighty and everlasting God, grant our loved ones, troops, reservists, and first responders, the strength to carry out their duties. Give them courage and endurance each day as they use their skills to overcome challenges and obstacles. May they ever place their trust in you, 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

**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** - Timothy Kelly, 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.



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

## 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 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]



*Jenny Ponder*

*In Memoriam*

## AROUND TOWN

### WOMEN'S CENTER

**Volunteer opportunities:** Main office at 5116 N. Cicero Avenue, is looking for volunteers to answer phones and other tasks, call Terry Jones at 773-794-4771 or email [tjones@gotwc.org](mailto:tjones@gotwc.org).

**CAN'T MAKE IT TO OUR VOLUNTEER EVENTS? We can come to you!** Host a baby bottle party at your parish, school or home! We will bring all the supplies and instructions you need to do a remote volunteer project. For information contact Dolores Pribble at [dpribble@gotwc.org](mailto:dpribble@gotwc.org)

## Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 8, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Purificacion Rodriguez Serafin Rodriguez Fortunato De Gracia, Jr. Luke John (Special Intention) Ernesto Winters
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Margerita Lazzara
12:00 p.m.	Fran Zimmerman

Monday - March 9, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Purificacion Rodriguez Eduardo Rodriguez
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Tuesday - March 10, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Arlene Turek (Special Intention)
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Wednesday - March 11, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Vito Cataldo Sebastian Chierayil Marian Rutkowski Gloria Zisman
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Thursday - March 12, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Gertrude Powers
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Friday - March 13, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Peter De Sario
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Saturday - March 14, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Joseph Putherickal
5:00 p.m.	John Areno

Sunday, March 15, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Franzie Bleiziffer
10:00 a.m.	Richard Doyle Victoria Parker Gloria Zisman
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Deceased Members of the Bello Family

## Liturgy Next Weekend March 14th & 15th

Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
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5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos
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8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario
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10:00 a.m.	Fr. Bernard
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12:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos
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5:00 p.m.	Remi Dalangin Ayen Dalangin Eya Dalangin
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8:00 a.m.	Matthew Bonto Mark Lazo Athraa Yona
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10:00 a.m.	Mark Magno Leah Baquial Rhenz Mangurali
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12:00 p.m.	Shaydon Pinto Jonathan Magboo, Jr. Savion Pinto
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