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



**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 19, 2017**



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

Return to your God

“Return to your God.” These words resound in our ears especially during the season of Lent. When you realize that you have taken a wrong path, you make every effort to set it right. Similarly, we are reminded to forsake the thoughts, attitudes, and actions that have drawn our attention away wholeheartedly from the love of God. Receive God’s forgiveness, and renew your commitment to make every effort to be in right relationship with God.

Nothing happens without the effort on your part or without grace on God’s part. Therefore worship, prayer, Bible study, giving, fasting, and service to others are activities designed to deepen your intimate relationship with God. One of the ways that we bring glory to God and cultivate our love for Him is by worshiping Him. One thing I desired was to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life and to behold his beauty (Psalm 27/4). Giving of myself to God freely enriched my life. Giving a tithe (ten percent of your income) or more is not simply a way to financially support the Church—it is **a regular reminder that all you have belongs to God.** (See I Timothy 6:17–19.)

Here is the first step in returning to God: accepting personal responsibility for departing from him. Usually when we stumble and we have fallen on our faces, humiliated and unable to move or do anything - - it is not natural for us to say, "It's my fault." Our tendency is to blame other people or circumstances for tripping us. We end up rationalizing what God calls iniquity. But he wants us to acknowledge it, to agree with him. "You have stumbled because of your iniquity." The word iniquity means habit patterns of sin that get ingrained into someone's life and that may go on for years and years.

We all know what it's like to sense a growing distance between us and the Lord because of sin. Prayer becomes strained, life becomes increasingly stressful, and our hearts become restless. The danger is that we will get comfortable with that state. We will settle for a spiritual mediocrity. We will feel the emptiness, but seek to forget it by filling our lives with the distractions of activity - - - even religious activity. Then finally life crumbles or a crisis strikes, and we are brought face-to-face with the person we have become. We stumble and fall because we have wandered away from a trusting relationship with God.

Even the worst of sinners changed their life pattern like the Samaritan women at the well. What brought about a transformation in her life was her acceptance of the fact that she was living a life of sin. When she decided to return to the Lord and as the Lord went in search of her, God searches for us and waits for us to return to Him too. God extends His invitation so that we may turn to him. Acceptance paves the way to return to God.

There are several opportunities to “return to the Lord” this Lent including Soup Suppers and St. Joseph Table. All are wonderful opportunities to take a moment and thank God for our blessings and share our time in community and service with others. Join us Sunday afternoon for St. Joseph Table and take time to “return to our Lord.”

So are you prepared to return to your God..? God awaits your response. What is it?

-Fr. Mario

LET'S GET TO \$100,000 FOR THE ROOF!



*Help us sell the
2017 Raffle booklets.*

*Booklets are available at Masses, in the Rectory or
from any of the Captains listed below.*

*We're making progress towards
accumulating enough funds to begin
the roof. Lets get these booklets sold so
we can begin in 2017!*

Don Baron	Kathy Denning
Teresita Sitjar	Ed Mikeska
Dee Stanton	Barbara Dary
Mary Burke	Dolly Bellissimo
Loretta Falco	Diane Lazzeretti
Hilde Koziol	John & Mary Affatati
Barb Watson	Dean & Geri Johansen

St. Isaac Jogues News

THIS WEEK'S LENT SCHEDULE

Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent; St. Joseph Table begins w/
Noon Mass followed by serving of food until 4 p.m.
in HFR, free will offering

Monday

RE Reconciliation Service, Grs. 2-5 & Initiation

Tuesday

Women's Club Lent Mass, 6:30 p.m., church,
all welcome

Wednesday

Bible Study, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday

Soup Supper, 6 – 7 p.m., HFR; "Hope"
presentation by Fr. Martin Zielinski, 7 p.m. HFR,
free will offering

Friday

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Confessions, 11 a.m. – Noon

Sunday:

Fourth Sunday of Lent; Alms Recipient – The Well
of Mercy. Please see below for information about
their breads for sale and wish list

Please plan to join us:

Sunday, March 26th after the Noon Mass
in the Holy Family Room for a **Parish**

Communications Meeting. We will continue the con-
versation on *Renew My Church*, discuss the upcom-
ing Parish Transformation Project, take a high level
look at Parish Financials and our game plan to replace
the Roof along with other projects, and discuss a new
St. Isaac Jogues Roof Commitment Campaign.

The dialogue is important - and your attendance and
participation is appreciated. Help St. Isaac Jogues get
the work done so we can continue in a safe and
welcoming space.

*Important
DATE!*

THE WELL OF MERCY...

located in the West Ridge area of Chicago, supports
single and pregnant women who choose life for their
unborn children, providing a caring and stable place
as they build a poverty-free future for their fami-
lies. **They will be selling breads they have made
after Masses in the Holy Family Room next week-
end, March 25 - 26. For your alms we ask you to
provide all purpose liquid cleaners (Pinesol, Mr.
Clean), bleach, dish washing liquid, or dishwasher de-
tergent. Please bring your donations to the HFR.
Monetary donations placed in the alms boxes at the
doors of the church are also appreciated. Thank you!**

Religious Education

+Confirmation Yr. II Candidates are reminded that all work, including service hours and summary are due this Monday. Sponsor testimony forms are due back by that date as well. Also, please remember to return permission slips for the April 1 service project being held here at the parish.

+Initiation families are invited to the Lent Reconciliation Service Monday night at 6:50 p.m. as Some of the students celebrate their First Reconciliation.

+Families are reminded to keep using the Rice Bowl materials sent home to learn about those being helped by this year's sacrifices and prayers! Rice bowls w/donations are due back Monday of Holy Week.

GREEN PEPPER AND EGG SANDWICHES

SERVED IN THE HOLY FAMILY ROOM FROM 4:00 TO 6:00PM EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT EXCEPT FOR GOOD FRIDAY
DONATION \$4.00
PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE, IF POSSIBLE
WALK-INS ALSO WELCOME
JOHN-847-966-9679



HUNDREDFOLD WORKSHOPS

The Church needs more holy vocations to marriage, the priesthood and religious life. Help foster vocations!

The Archdiocese of Chicago is holding a pair of workshops for any Catholic interested in creating a culture of vocations in the parish. The workshops are free to attend. English language - Saturday, March 25th at 9AM at St. John Brebeuf.

For more information visit www.chicagopriest.com

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

We are again preparing for our Easter Basket program for needy individuals and families.

We are in need of the following:



pasta sauce, peanut butter, can fruit, rice, coffee
can protein, chicken, spam, ham, etc.

Your prayers, blessings and support keep us going!
St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry

2017 Replace the Roof Raffle "Winners Corner"

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!



Monday, March 13	\$50	1469	Rev. Edward Fialkowski	Arlington Heights, Il
Tuesday, March 14	\$50	424	Perlita Pablo	Sylmar, Ca
Wednesday, March 15	\$50	372	Michael Kennedy	Palo Alto, Ca
Thursday, March 16	\$50	653	Mary Ellen Leemputti	Glenview, Il
Friday, March 17	\$50	970	Dean Johansen	Glenview, Il
Saturday, March 18	\$50	1548	Lindsey Koziol	Denver, Co
Sunday, March 19	\$100	1511	Samantha Dexter	Des Plaines, Il



ST. JOSEPH TABLE TODAY!

All are invited to share in the **St. Joseph Table TODAY** beginning with the Noon Mass followed by the blessing of the Table and the serving of food until 4 p.m. in the Holy Family Room. This tradition gives glory to God, honors St. Joseph, and encourages community. There will be pasta, fish, salad, egg dishes, fruit, sweets, bread and beverages. All the food has been donated through the generosity of parishioners and organizations, supportive family members and friends and local businesses. **There is no charge to come and eat at the St. Joseph Table, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Be sure to bring your family, friends, and neighbors!**

Overflow seating will be in Rm. 7 of the school if needed. As a reminder no food or drink is allowed in the Church. We look forward to welcoming you to the St. Joseph Table and ask that you join us in praying for St. Joseph's intercession for this special celebration!



Parish Reconciliation Service

Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 a.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 8 & 9

Sat. 5:00 p.m. &
Sun. 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. &
12:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 13

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
9:00 p.m. - Pilgrimage to nearby parishes
9:00 p.m. - Midnight
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 14

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer
3:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
7:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 15

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer
1:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter Foods
8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil followed by Agape

Easter Sunday, April 16

Church - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m.
Holy Family Room - 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

JOINT LENT SOUP SUPPERS AND SERIES



The **Lent Soup Suppers and Faith, Hope, and Love Alive In Your Life series**, jointly sponsored by St. Isaac Jogues & St. Martha of Bethany Parishes, continues this Thursday, **March 23, here at St. Isaac Jogues in the Holy Family Room. Soup will be served from 6 – 7 p.m. This week's talk will begin at 7 p.m. and focus on the theological virtue of Hope with Fr. Martin Zielinski. It will end no later than 8:30 p.m.** Come for one,

or the other, or both. There is no cost for the evenings, but free will offerings will be appreciated.

Fr. Zielinski was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1978. He has a PhD in Church History from the Catholic University of America, is currently an Associate Professor of Church History at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary and is a managing editor of *Chicago Studies*. He assists on weekends at St. Patrick Parish in Wadsworth and has given many retreats and spoken at many adult formation events.



Our last soup supper and talk will be on March 30 with **Fr. Dominic Grassi**, Pastor of St. Gertrude in Chicago, speaking about **love**.

DOMESTIC ABUSE OUTREACH MINISTRY

*The Domestic Abuse Outreach Ministry will meet on Monday, March 20th at 7 p.m. in Rm. 26 of the school. Please enter the building through door near the Religious Education Office.

*The Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach will host the 1st Annual Gala to benefit the program on the occasion of their Director, Fr. Chuck Dahm's, 80th birthday. It will be at The Diplomat West, 681 W. North Avenue in Elmhurst (Rt. 83 & North Avenue), Friday, March 31st, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. The evening includes great food, dancing, awards and silent auction. Tickets are \$80 per person and must be purchased in advance. Go to www.archchicago.org/human-dignity-solidarity/domestic-violence-outreach for tickets or to make a donation.



St. Vincent de Paul

Our St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry works to follow the teachings of St. Vincent de Paul. He tells us:

“Go to the poor: you will find God.”

“The poor have much to teach you. You have much to learn from them.”

“Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance.”

Serving others is our way of serving God. If the ministry interests you, please contact Fr. Mario or Fr. Carlos. All are welcome and we need your help. You can give as much or as little of your time as your life circumstances permit. Please, pray for our ability to help and those who need our help.

LITURGY BOARD

The Liturgy Board meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the RE Office to discuss Triduum and Easter Season. Please contact Dee if you are unable to attend.

YOUR DONATIONS HAVE HELPED SO MANY PEOPLE!

Several homeless and unemployed, sleeping in shelters at night, but with nowhere to go during the day, have come to St. Isaac Jogues for food. We have been graced with the opportunity to help a young, single mom with triplets who just lost her job, another mom and her young son who is the caregiver for her older sister and brother, both of whom have suffered heart attack and stroke. We have helped several disabled people suffering with cancer. Some, just like many of us, living on limited incomes, need help with a utility bill or medication. We have provided temporary shelter for 2 families suffering domestic abuse. **They all have faces and names. They all have stories. They all need our help.**

Over the past few months some of the assistance we have provided:

- 60 bags of food
- Walmart cards for perishable items including milk, cheese & meat
- Cell phone minute reloads so people can continue to hunt for jobs and maintain contact with doctors and families
- Funds for medication
- Water, gas and electricity bill assistance

April 20th, we will be providing and serving meals to 100 men, women and children at Catholic Charities in Des Plaines and we are currently preparing for our annual Easter Food baskets for 17 of our neediest! If you are interested in helping us - please call the rectory. Everyone is welcome.

During this Lent, we **THANK YOU** for your generosity. Without **YOUR** donations of food and funding, none of this could happen. We know the people we assist are grateful.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent
 Monday: St. Joseph; Spring begins
 Thursday: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo
 Friday: Abstinence
 Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
 Lk 2:41-51a
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
 Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
 Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
 Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
 Lk 1:26-38
 Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

A LENTEN THOUGHT

"It joined us together, the well;
 The well led me into you.
 No one between us but light
 Deep in the well, the pupil of the eye
 Set in an orbit of stones.

Within your eyes, I,
 Drawn by the well,
 Am enclosed.

Karol Wojtyła (St. Pope John Paul II)

LET US PRAY...

Gracious Lord, hear our prayers for our family members, friends, and all others who serve and protect our country and communities. Watch over them and guide them and help them to remember your faithfulness and love. Amen.

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.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 19, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Arlene Forneck
10:00 a.m.	Richard Noble
12:00 p.m.	Gregorio & Andrea Beltran

Monday, March 20, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Alice Mc Nally
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Tuesday, March 21, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Joe De Sario
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Wednesday, March 22, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Anna Chacko
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Thursday, March 23, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Annamma Joseph
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Friday, March 24, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Sophia Laba
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Saturday, March 25, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Maggie Kiesler
5:00 p.m.	Antonio Bernabe Amanda Ruiz Adolfa Ostrega John Uribe

Sunday, March 26, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Richard Arendt Cosme Abella, Jr. Braulio Hipona, Sr. Lisowski Family
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Anthony Zourkas
12:00 p.m.	Larry Kaczmarek

Liturgy Next Weekend March 25th & 26th

11:00 am Confessions	Fr. Mario
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul



March 25th & 26th

5:00 p.m.	Jonathan Piska Colleen Oribello Gabriel Carandang
8:00 a.m.	Jalen Moraga Michael Lucas Mark Lucas
10:00 a.m.	Eugene Villarino Julia Jaroslowski Khayla Santiago
12:00 p.m.	Jonathan Magboo, Jr. Alfonso Hanson Eya Dalangin

Sacristans

Theresa Noble
Francis Martel
Arlene Turek

Pray for...



JIMMY RANCICH
 BERNARD KENNEDY, SR.
 DELAINE KENNEDY
 MARCY SANTIAGO
 JAMES MAXWELL PASCALE
 MIA DOOLEY
 PASTOR LYNNE MORROW
 PASTOR MARK WIBERG
 MARIE DE MEO
 MARY ANN EVAN
 JULIE HIGGINS
 ELLIE PEA
 EDWARD EBREO
 JAN CHRZASZCZ
 CATHERINE HODGES
 JIMMY OHM
 JAMES HODGES, JR.
 LYDIA SNOPEK
 NICK VARGAS

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Carlos Pereira, S.F.X.

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Lori Herbert, Business Manager
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Deacon Paul M. Stanton (Dolores)

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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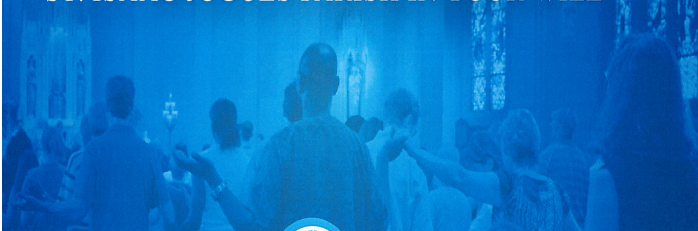
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Your Gift, Your Parish

Rectory office hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

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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