

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.



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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FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

Creating a culture of care

We are living in a fast paced world constantly on the move and a time has come to confine to our own dwelling places. None of us ever imagined that a situation like this would arise and we would be told that it's a time to shut down. Fear and panic has gripped us to learn more about the outcome of the virus. I look at this situation with a vision of hope that from COVID-19. We can draw many good things from it.

It's a time to create a culture of care. There have been moments in our lives that we are so busy that we don't have time in our own families for its members. Everyone is busy with their own work, schooling, or engaged in other activities; thereby living with very little margin for interaction with members of the family and being there for another.

As a priest how do I go about during this season of lent when churches are closed? I look back into my own life and feel that as a priest or as priests we were busy organizing spiritual growth for our faithful. This year, the Lord is calling us to make LENT OUR OWN. Churches are designated holy places but we fail to realize that God looks at our intentions and therefore he needs not our sacrifices but our hearts. This is the moment where we are called for inner silence as public services are suspended for the moment. We need a renewal of our self and the world at large. Be still and know that I am God.

In our age when technology is at its best, we are brought to our knees. We were so engrossed with the latest things that human touch and care for another has been sidelined. We are now reminded that God has reminded us that we should not forget our creator for its gifts. It's a moment to think, feel and care for another. At the parish level some of our parishioners through phone calls from the parish rectory have been inquiring about the wellbeing of our people and our people have been so grateful for it and if they need any help to let us know as we are here to help.

It's a time to unite families at table, family prayers like rosary, scripture reading, devotions of Divine Mercy and building family bonds of togetherness by showing love and respect as we have plenty of time now at our disposal in our homes. How are we going to organize our time now which has been granted to us? We might have wealth but what good will that do if we are not loved and understood? We were moving in a direction of being a selfish society mainly concerned about what "I" need. It should now be what "We" need. For "I" means "Illness" and "We" means "wellness." This virus is making us realize that when we think and care for another not just in our homes, or in our country and world at large, we will be a transformed society by creating a culture of care.

Remember God is still in charge and therefore have no fear. Put your faith in God and let's pray for each other; support one another through prayers and if you have contact of some people, be the one to call them and inquire about their wellbeing. We have planned how to help you during this season of lent specially during the Holy Week and Easter as you will see them in our bulletin. You are not alone; we are with you and let's storm heaven with our prayers and good deeds of mercy. God bless you. Keep safe.

-Fr. Mario

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

"My Jesus, I believe that You are
present in the most
Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I
desire to receive You into my soul.

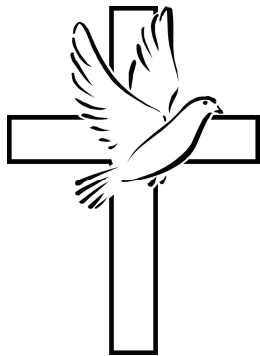
Since I cannot now receive You
sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually
into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were
already there,

And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated
from You. Amen.

**PRAY ALWAYS**

Cardinal Cupich has asked the faithful to pray five times a day for the intentions listed below. Some area churches will ring their bells at the appointed times. You might want to set your alarm or timer to remind you to join in the prayer.

9 a.m. – Prayer for those infected with the virus and all who are ill: Lord, place your healing hand on those who suffer illness. Bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. May our prayer and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary encourage them that they are not alone. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

12 Noon – Prayer for health care workers and those attending to the sick: Lord, we are ennobled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

3 p.m. – Prayer for first responders and essential workers: Lord, we pray for those who run to danger to keep us safe and those who serve the common good. Embrace them with your mantle of protection and comfort the fears of their families. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

6 p.m. – Prayer for people of every nation and their leaders: Lord, the pandemic opens our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters in one human family. We pray for people of every nation and their leaders, asking that they be inspired to seek the good of all and quell the voices of division. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

9 p.m. – Prayer for those who have died today: Lord, we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died this day. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

TOP TEN BIBLE VERSES TO FIGHT FEAR

II Timothy 1:7 -- "For God had not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and sound mind."

Psalms 56:3 -- "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

Deuteronomy 31:8 -- "He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

John 14:27 -- "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

Isaiah 41:10 -- "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Psalms 34:4 -- "I sought the Lord, and he answered me: he delivered me from all my fears."

Deuteronomy 31:6 -- "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you: he will never leave you nor forsake you."

John 4:18 -- "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear."

Psalms 118:6 -- "The Lord is with me: I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

Psalms 23:4 -- "even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."



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If you have problems, please call the rectory. Leave a message and someone will return your call.



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day!



In this time of great personal sacrifice, please remember St. Isaac Jogues. Our weekend collections help support the ordinary expenses of our church. We are here and ready to help. We are working to contact everyone and updating the website with online bulletins and flocknote to keep lines of communication open.

FEAR NOT
for I am with you
BE NOT DISMAYED
for I am your God
I will strengthen you
Yes, I will help you
I will uphold you with
My righteous right hand.



SAVE THE DATE...JUST IN CASE

Mark your calendar for the annual Pasta Dinner, co-sponsored by the Women's and Men's Clubs, on Saturday, April 25th, at 6 p.m. in the Holy Family Room. At this time we are not sure it will be able to take place, but in case it can, we want you to be ready for a fun evening of delicious food and great company. Watch for more information!

ALMSGIVING

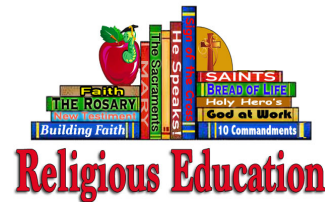
We continue to collect monetary donations for our Lenten alms recipients. Please mail your donation or drop it off in the rectory mail slot. Next weekend's alms recipient is Heifer International, whose mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. Providing gifts of livestock and training they help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. Each family commits to giving one of its animal's offspring to another family in need. It is called Passing On the Gift and it creates an ever-expanding network of hope and peace.

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

Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, you have power over life and death. You know what is uncertain and obscure, and our thoughts and feelings are no secret from you. Cleanse me from my hidden faults, for I have done evil and you have seen it. Day by day my life draws nearer to its end. You know how frail I am, in soul and in body. Give me strength, Lord, in my weakness and uphold me in my sufferings. Amen. *St. Ephrem the Syrian*

Reflect: Read the Gospel of the Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45). Is there a situation in your life where you felt that "Lord, if you had been here," something would not have happened. As you consider that situation now, do you see how Jesus has brought life in some new way to those involved in it? Imagine yourself with the Lord and he says to you, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" What and how do you respond?

Act: Plant some seeds in a cup or pot and care for it. After the shelter in order perhaps give it as a gift to someone or plant it outside for all to enjoy. Pray for those who grieve and those who have died. Think of a way to bring hope and joy to someone who may be lonely or anxious and then carry it out. Choose a Bible verse to fight fear (a form of death) and memorize it. Send other of the fight fear verses to friends and neighbors or call and leave on their voice mail if they don't answer.



+RE Catechists will contact families each week with what the class is to work on during the week to continue their faith formation and/or sacrament preparation.

+Please remember to watch and participate in Sunday Mass via TV (Sunday Mass at Mercy Home, 9:30 a.m. Sunday, WGN) or internet (archchicago.org for Mass from Cathedral)

+Pray each day using the intentions from Cardinal Cupich and/or by reading the Gospel for the day and talk about it with family or friends (in person or call them), and/or praying the Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet or the Stations of the Cross.

+Start preparing to observe Holy Week at home. Set up an area with a cloth, a candle, a crucifix, your Bible. Next weekend's bulletin will include activities to do at home for Holy Week since churches will not be having public services, even if the state order to shelter in is lifted.



Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	GLORIA CABACUNGAN
MICHAEL NOBLE	TONY LIVORSI
JULIE HIGGINS	JOHN ROMANO
CARL AFFATATI	AUDREY JANS
RICHARD VAIL	DAVID FORST
KATIE KIRWAN	CHRISTINA WALD
BETTY LANDON	KIMBERLY KNOX
EMILY SITKOWSKI	DIANE BAUER
CYNTHIA MELNICK	NONA YOAKUM
MACI BAPPLE	KATHY EGLOFF
	ROBERT STEPHENSON
	MAREQUINA CARDOZO
	SUE TUREK
	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
	HENRIETTA SAGARIO



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 Zaleski

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 — Thus says the Lord GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 29, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Helene Kowalik
10:00 a.m.	John Affatati
12:00 p.m.	Lydia Luz
Monday - March 30, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Andres Zollner
Tuesday - March 31, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	John Affatati Allister Laurel (Special Intention)
Wednesday - April 1, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Renato Vega-Aजार
Thursday - April 2, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Rosey Thuruthikara
Friday - April 3, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Hiermann Family (Special Intention)
Saturday - April 4, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
5:00 p.m.	John Areno
Sunday, April 5, 2020 PALM SUNDAY	
8:00 a.m.	Arlene Forneck Gloria Zisman Jenny Ponder
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Ray Wilde
12:00 p.m.	Bernard Kennedy Sr.

St. Isaac Jogues News

+The parish bulletin is online each week with updates, prayers, etc.

+In accord with the shelter in place order for the State of IL the church is not open for personal prayer and will not be opened until the order is lifted by the Governor.

+The Parish Office is not open either during this time. However, we want to be of help to you. If you need the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or assistance with grocery shopping, picking up medications, etc., please call the Parish Office at 847/967-1060. If no one answers, please leave a message and we will get back to you that day or the next.

+Fathers Mario and Carlos are fulfilling Mass intentions each day.

+In this time of uncertainty **your Sunday donations are critically important** for ordinary expenses of the church. Kindly send your contributions by mail, drop them in the Rectory mail slot or use Give Central. Every gift is needed and appreciated.

+Funerals will be held as necessary but can only be held at the funeral home with a service, not a Mass, being held and with not more than 10 people able to attend.

+Due to the State order our church supplier had to close. All palm orders were cancelled.

+Start preparing to observe Holy Week at home. Set up an area with a cloth, a candle, a crucifix, your Bible. Next weekend's bulletin will include activities to do at home for Holy Week since churches will not be having public services, even if the state order to shelter in is lifted.

+Pray for one another and for all the world. Trust in the Lord and be not afraid!

Sacristans
Theresa Noble, Francis Martel,
Arlene Turek, Louise Burdi

A THOUGHT FROM 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.

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