

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

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Monday - Saturday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: - 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

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Sunday - Closed

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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:

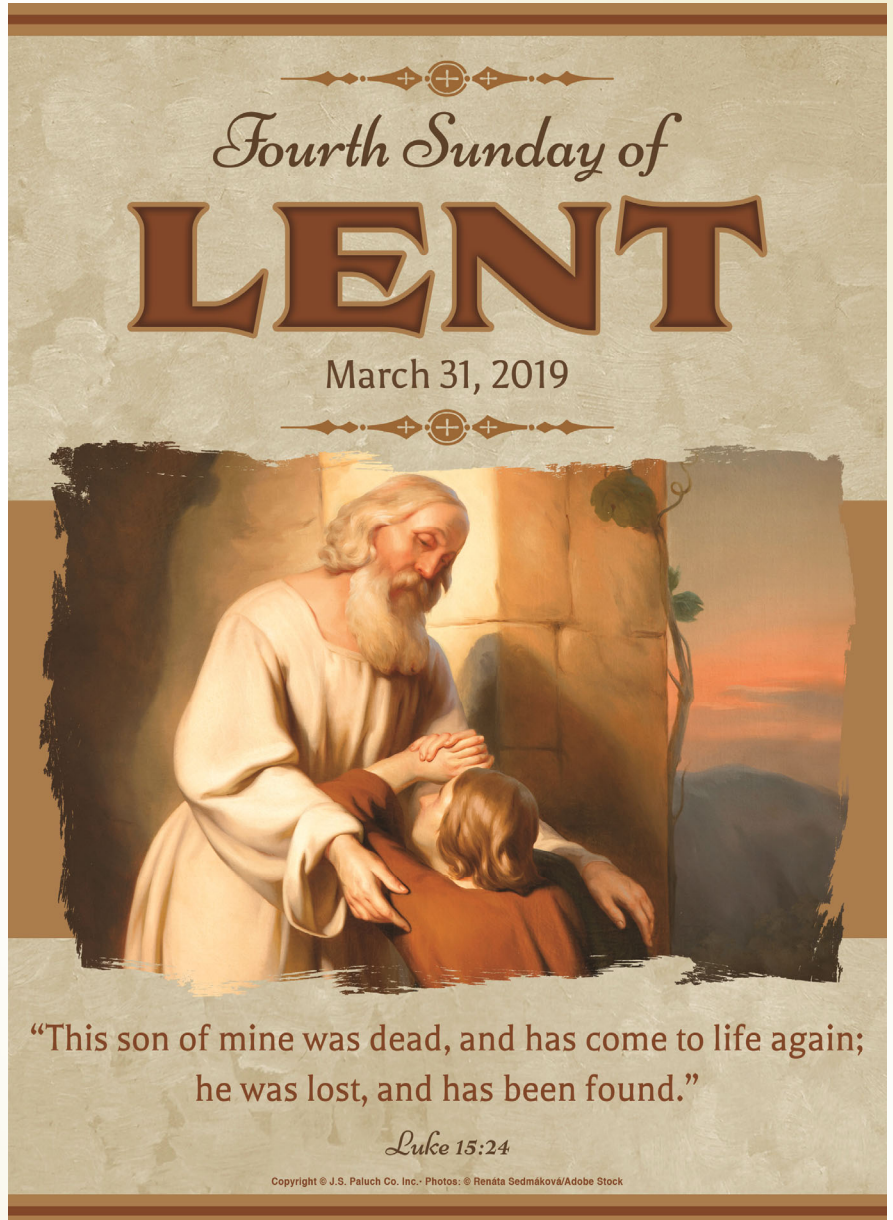
Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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	
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FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

We are half way through Lent

Every year the Catholic Church celebrates Lent. It serves as a preparation for Easter. But why do we celebrate Lent in preparation for Easter? Easter is the greatest feast for Christians for we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In order to have a joyful celebration of Easter, we celebrate Lent by putting ashes on our forehead signifying the 40 days being set aside to really examine our recurring sinful nature and make a commitment to change in any areas that we have not surrendered to the Lord.

We are half way through Lent and soon we would be celebrating Easter. The church offers us various opportunities during Lent to bring about a change in our life through the celebration of the Eucharist, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Lenten Mission, Soup Supper talks, Holy hours, Visits to the Blessed Sacrament etc. All these things should motivate us for a good examination of conscience to help bring about a change of heart. A good way to start an examination of conscience is by praying Psalm 139/23-24: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

What better way to look into your life than to hold up your life on the basis of the Ten Commandments. St. Isaac Jogues parish challenges us to reflect on the Ten Commandments this year in our soup supper series. We will examine the Ten Commandments from a biblical, moral, and practical point of view. If your Lenten preparations are in progress, or yet to begin, make the best use of the opportunity by finding your way to build your relationship with God. Confess, the ways you've sinned against God, thank Him for His forgiveness, and ask Him for the grace to change. It is good to remind ourselves that Lent is marked by fasting, both from food and festivities.

The image of the "Prodigal Son" on the bulletin cover, reminds us of the immense love of the Father towards his wavering son. Although the son chose to distance himself from the father by taking with him all his belongings, the Father did not turn his back on his son, instead longing for his son's return. God is ever merciful and forgiving. In turn he requests us as Jesus said "Be perfect as my Father is perfect." We all need to get there but from our human point of view it looks impossible. But there is nothing that is not possible for God. All that we need to do is to have faith in God who will do the rest.

Let us remember that Lenten season is a call for everyone to have a change of heart, to mend our broken relationship with God. But when we turn to him with a wounded heart for healing, He in turn makes it beautiful with his forgiving nature by accepting the person that we are and by giving us a new lease of life. Let us make Lent a great season, so that we can celebrate Easter with Joy.

-Fr. Mario

This Week's Lenten Events:

Sunday: Teen Group & Women's Club Sack Lunch Project, HFR; Today's alms recipient is **The Night Ministry**. Help pack cookies for them in HFR after Masses.

Wednesday: OLPH Novena after morning Mass; SPRED Community Reconciliation Service, 8 p.m.

Thursday: Soup Supper, 6 – 7 p.m.; Moral Perspective of the Ten Commandments w/Fr. Bernard Kennedy, OFM, 7 p.m. Come for one or the other or both; Free will offering.

First Friday: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 3 p.m. followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction & Stations of the Cross; Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m.

Saturday: Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11 a.m.; First Communion Retreat **Weekend of April 7:** Monthly Bible Talk, 9 a.m.; Family Event begins w/Noon Mass;

Alms recipient – Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl Project, which has helped transform the lives of those most in need for 40+ years. Countries focused on this year are Guatemala, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Sierra Leone, Gaza, and 25% of our parish gift will support related projects in the Archdiocese of Chicago



Pray for

ROSE LUZ	LARRY REAMER
ERIK JOHANSEN	ANTHONY MALATESTA SR.
TONY KOZA	AUDREY JANS
MICHAEL NOBLE	DEAN & GERI JOHANSEN
JULIE HIGGINS	HAN YI ZAHN
JOSEPH WHITE	MARCY SANTIAGO
STAN ZABOROWSKI	BERNARD KENNEDY, SR
PATRICIA CRESSY	JIMMY RANCICH
JIM MC CABE	DIANE & GENE KUFFEL
NINA YOAKUM	STACI VINCENT
REV. BERNARD KENNEDY	WILLIAM PARRILLO
GIANNA MARTINO	MICHAEL BEIL
JOSEPH BAUMAN	ANN LINDSTROM
SARA KOZ	AVA MIDURI
JERRY CRESSY	OM THAKRAL
	KERMIT TURNER
	CLARIBEL KLAWITTER

Merciful Father, who know every hair on our head, embrace with your blessing and protection all who serve in the Armed Forces and as First Responders, especially our family members and friends. We ask this through Christ our 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

U.S. Army Reserves - Christopher Dexter

United States Marines - Patrick Edward Echavez

Joseph John Zimmerman III

Lance Renner

Gian Patrick Reyes

United States Navy - Timothy Kelly, David Perez,

Paul Matthew Ledesma

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.



New Time –

"The **Knights of Columbus** will hold their next **business meeting on Weds., April 3, at 7:00 PM** at the St. John Brebeuf Parish Ministry Center (8305 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, IL).

Visit www.kofc4338.org for more information."





PLEASE ... SAVE THE DATE:
The next
RE Fundraiser at Culver's on
Dempster Street in
Morton Grove is Tuesday,
April 30, 5 – 8 p.m.



ST. JOSEPH TABLE

Thank you to the 200+ people who came and shared in the celebration last Sunday. We trust the Lord was pleased with the prayer, joy, sacrifices, and work given by everyone and lift up prayers of gratitude for the intercession, help and example of St. Joseph. Next weekend we will let you know the extent of the generosity of people who participated in the event. Today, though, we extend a heartfelt word of appreciation to all the donors whose gifts and support helped make the preparation of the St. Joseph Table possible. May God bless you all!

Anonymous (2) -- Baker's Square -- Barilla America, Inc. -- Brunch Café -- Chaser's Sports Bar -- Chef John Montanile & Kendall College Culinary Arts Students -- Colonial -- Wojciechowski Funeral Homes -- D'Amato Bakery -- Fr. Mario, Fr. Carlos, Parishioners and Staff of St. Isaac Jogues Parish -- Flowerville -- Jewel (Dempster St.) -- Kappy's American Grill -- Lone Tree Manor -- Fr. Andrew Luczak, Pastor Emeritus of SIJ -- Minelli's Meat & Deli -- Nancy's Pizza -- Ignacy J. Paderewski Polish School -- Rogers Park Florist -- SIJ Fil-Am Group -- SIJ Men's Club -- SIJ Women's Club -- St. Joseph Table Committee -- Skaja Terrace Funeral Homes -- Tony's Finer Foods -- Zootcuts Family Hair Center.



The **Lent Soup Suppers and Series**, hosted here at St. Isaac Jogues Parish and co-sponsored by St. Martha of Bethany Parish, continue **this Thursday, April 4**, with the last one held on April 11. Soup is served from 6 – 7 p.m. and presentations begin at 7 p.m. Come for one, the other, or both. **Perspectives on the Big 10!** will look at the Ten Commandments from a biblical, moral, and practical viewpoint. There is no cost for the evenings but free will offerings are requested. To help plan, or to make soup, RSVP on the sheets in the Holy Family Room or contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com.

This Thursday we welcome **Fr. Bernard Kenned, OFM**, who will pursue the moral perspective. Fr. Bernard is well on his way to a good recovery from his fall and looks forward to being with us. He a member of the Assumption Province of the Franciscans, the Director of Spiritual Formation for the Institute for Diaconal Studies for the Archdiocese of Chicago, a popular teacher, retreat and workshop leader, and weekend preside here at St. Isaac Jogues. Our other speaker will be Mrs. Anne Chrzan on Apr. 11. Invite your families, friends and neighbors to come, too!

+Confirmation Yr. II Candidates are to have all late work in by Monday.

Please remind your sponsors that testimony forms are due that night, too.

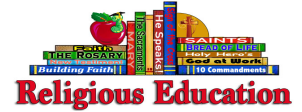
+RE Family Event response forms and First Communion Retreat permission slips are due back Monday night.

+Ms. Bello's Class is to bring their Gift of Eucharist books to class with Chs. 7 – 9 complete.

+Seder presentation w/Ms. Sloan for Deacon Paul's class, 6:45 p.m., family members welcome.

+First Communion Retreat Saturday, 1:30-4:30 p.m. down in the Church Hall.

+Family Event begins with Noon Mass followed by lunch and Holy Week activities until 2:30 p.m.



LENTEN REFLECTION: Continued from Pope Francis' *Message for Lent 2019*

"Creation urgently needs the revelation of the children of God, who have been made a 'new creation.' For 'if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come' (2 Cor 5:17). Indeed by virtue of their being revealed, *creation itself can celebrate a Pasch*, opening itself to a new heaven and a new earth (Rev. 21:1). The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery. This 'eager longing', this expectation of all creation, will be fulfilled in the revelation of the children of God, that is, when Christians and all people enter decisively into the 'travail' that conversion entails. All creation is called, with us, to go forth 'from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God' (Rom 8:21). Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion. It invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their person, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

"*Fasting*, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to 'devour' everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts. *Prayer*, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy. *Almsgiving*, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.

"Dear brothers and sisters, the 'lenten' period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the desert of creation had the goal of making it once more that garden of communion with God that it was before original sin (Mk 1:12 – 13; Is 51:3). May our Lent this year be a journey along that same path, bringing the hope of Christ also to creation, so that it may be 'set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God' (Rom 8:21). Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material good with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation."



Parish Reconciliation Service

Saturday, April 13th, 11:00 a.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 13th & 14th

Sat. 5:00 p.m. &

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

Holy Thursday, April 18th

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 19th

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 20th

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

1:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter Foods






8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil followed by Reception

Easter Sunday, April 21st

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

Holy Family Room - 10:00 a.m.

ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CALENDAR – APRIL 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>7 Fifth Sunday of Lent Bible Talk - 9:00 am - HFRM Religious Education Family Events – beginning with Noon Mass through 2:30 pm Church/HFRM</p>	<p>1 Youth Choir - 5:30 pm - Church Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm - Church, HFRM, Hall, School</p>	<p>2 Baptism Preparation - 7:00 pm Deacon Couple's Home Women's Club - Board Mtg. 7:30 pm - HFRM</p>	<p>3 OLPH Novena after am Mass Bible Study - 9:30 am - Rm. 6 The Praise Singers - 6:00 pm SJJ Choir - 7:15 pm (both rehearsals in Church) SPRED Community 7:00 pm - HFRM Men's Club - Board Mtg. 7:00 pm - Rm. 26</p>	<p>4 Lent Soup Supper Series 6:00 pm - Supper 7:00 pm - Presentation (both in HFRM)</p>	<p>5 First Friday Devotions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of 8:00 am Mass 3:00 pm - DM Chapel/Benediction / Stations of the Cross - Church Divine Mercy Chapel/ Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm - Church</p>	<p>6 Confirmation Year II Spring Cleanup on grounds of St. Isaac Jogues Church First Communion Retreat 1:30 pm - Church and Hall</p>
<p>14 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY Masses — Church 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm Good Friday Practice 1:30 pm - Church</p>	<p>15 HOLY WEEK Youth Choir - 5:30 pm - Church Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm - Church, HFRM, Hall, School Holy Thursday Practice 8:00 pm - Church</p>	<p>16 NO MEETINGS</p>	<p>17 The Praise Singers - 6:00 pm SJJ Choir - 7:15 pm (both rehearsals in Church)</p>	<p>18 HOLY THURSDAY 7:30 am - Church Open 8:00 am - Rosary 8:30 am - Morning Prayer Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm - Church Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:00 pm - Midnight Holy Family Room Pilgrimage to Churches 9:00 pm - Off Grounds</p>	<p>19 GOOD FRIDAY 7:30 am - Church Open 8:00 am - Rosary 8:30 am - Morning Prayer Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm - Church</p>	<p>20 HOLY SATURDAY 7:30 am - Church Open 8:00 am - Rosary 8:30 am - Morning Prayer 1:00 pm - Blessing of Easter Foods 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil - Church followed by Agape - HFRM</p> 
<p>21 EASTER SUNDAY MASSES CHURCH: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm HFRM: 10:00 am </p>	<p>22 NO Youth Choir rehearsal NO RE Classes</p>	<p>23 Women's Club - Bridge 7:00 pm - HFRM Small Faith Group Mtg. 7:00 pm - Ministry Center</p>	<p>24 NO Bible Study NO Choir Rehearsals SPRED Community Mass/ Celebration - 7:00 pm - HFRM</p>	<p>25 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 am - Rm. 6</p>	<p>26 Holy Hour and Benediction 7:00 pm - Church</p>	<p>27 Pasta Dinner Fundraiser sponsored by the Women's and Men's Clubs - 6:00 pm Holy Family Room </p>
<p>28 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DIVINE MERCY NOON MASS - End of Noon Mass - 3:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00 pm DM Chapel/Benediction</p>	<p>29 Youth Choir - 5:30 pm - HFRM Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm - Church, HFRM, Hall, School First Communion Practices 6:45 pm - Church</p>	<p>30 RE Program Fundraiser Culver's of Morton Grove 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Liturgy Board Mtg. 7:00 pm - RE Office</p>	 <p>C J S. Parish Co., Inc.</p>			

Mass Intentions

Sunday - March 31, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Herminia and Dominador Babas Edgarlito Reyes Maria Saludmaya Robles Remedios and Teofilo Bengson Therisamma Putherickal Antonio Bernabe
10:00 a.m.	Harold Scanlon
12:00 p.m.	Allister Laurel
Monday - April 1, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday - April 2, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Compassion for the mentally ill
Wednesday - April 3, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Angelica C. Ansay
Thursday - April 4, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Gregorio Aisporna
Friday - April 5, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Tomy & Tina Mathai (Special Intentions) Mariamma Jacob
Saturday - April 6, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Peace & health for all Deacons
5:00 p.m.	Angelica C. Ansay
Sunday - April 7, 2019	
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Betty Dexter
10:00 a.m.	Dreyfuss Family Angelica C. Ansay Ray Wilde Pelligrino & Rosina Pighetti George Hurley
12:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving (Special Intention)

Liturgy Next Weekend April 6th & 7th

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



5:00 p.m.	Trisha Bonto Kristine Roque Matthew Bonto
8:00 a.m.	Remi Dalangin Ayen Dalangin Eya Dalangin
10:00 a.m.	Thomas Striblen Jonathan Magboo, Jr. Rafael Cedrick Ortin, Jr.
12:00 p.m.	Alfonso Hanson Alessandra Banez A. Aaron Banez

LENT AND HOLY WEEK ASSISTANCE

Looking to share some time these next few busy weeks of Lent/Holy Week? We are looking for help in the following ways:

+2 - 3 people willing to **make soup** for the Soup Supper this **Thursday, Apr. 4, and next, Apr. 11.**

+A few people who know how to **make decorative palm weavings** for Palm Sunday.

+**Help decorate** Holy Family Room on Holy Thursday morning for that night.

+**Help decorate** Church & Holy Family Room on Holy Saturday morning for Easter

+**Help serve and/or clean up** at the Agape Celebration after the Easter Vigil.

Please contact the RE Office for more information and/or to sign up, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com

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