

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

Administrator: Rev. Carlos Pereira, S.F.X.

Pastoral Staff:

Deacon Paul M. Stanton (Dolores)
Lori Ronczka, Business Manager
Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education
Lisa Hall, Director of Music

Weekend Mass Celebrant:

Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

Masses: Saturday, 5PM

Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Parish Office: 8149 Golf Road, Niles, IL. 60714

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Marlene Garber (A/R, Calendar Coordinator)

Parish Office Hours: Closed until further notice per Archdiocesan mandate

Religious Education: 847-966-1180

Email: sijre2004@yahoo.com

Parish School: St. John Brebeuf School

847-966-3266 or sjbschool.org

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:

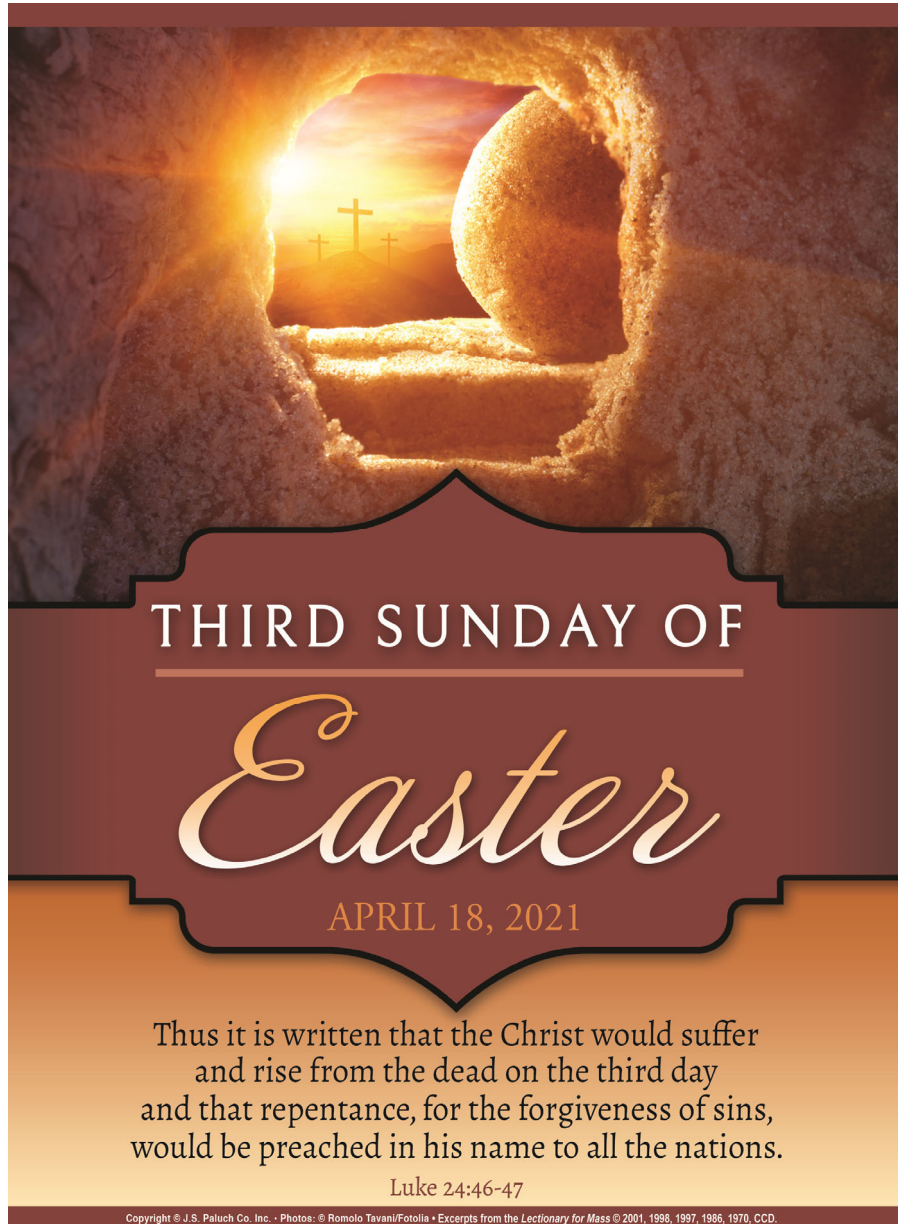
Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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.



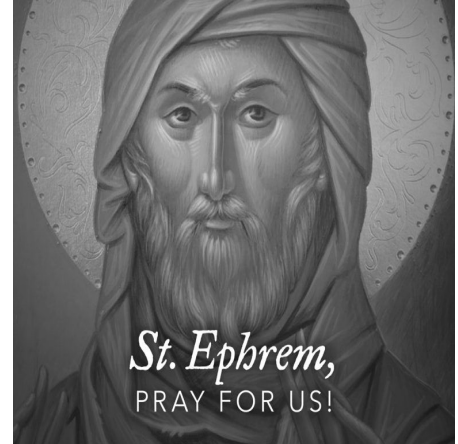
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ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
Kathy Lord, Vice Chairperson	Lori Ronczka	Dolores Stanton	Gerry Zeller	Irene Baron
Debbie Dexter	Fernando Bonto	Maria Swidzinski	Lori Ronczka	
John Kadiri	Irene Baron			
Women's Club Chairperson – Louella Preston				
Men's Club Chairperson – Don Baron				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				

EASTER REFLECTION: From a sermon by St. Ephrem, deacon

"Death trampled our Lord underfoot, but he in his turn treated death as a highroad for his own feet. He submitted to it, enduring it willingly, because by this means he would be able to destroy death in spite of itself. Death had its own way when our Lord went out from Jerusalem carrying his cross; but when by a loud cry from that cross he summoned the dead from the underworld, death was powerless to prevent it. Death slew him by means of the body which he had assumed, but that same body proved to be the weapon with which he conquered death. Concealed beneath the cloak of his manhood, his godhead engaged death in combat; but in slaying our Lord, death itself was slain. It was able to kill natural human life, but was itself killed by the life that is above the nature of man.



"Death could not devour our Lord unless he possessed a body, neither could hell swallow him up unless he bore our flesh; and so he came in search of a chariot in which to ride to the underworld. This chariot was the body which he received from the Virgin; in it he invaded death's fortress, broke open its strongroom and scattered all its treasure. At length he came upon Eve, the mother of all the living. She was that vineyard whose enclosure her own hands had enabled death to violate, so that she could taste its fruit; thus the mother of all the living became the source of death for every living creature. But in her stead Mary grew up, a new vine in place of the old. Christ, the new life, dwelt within her. When death, with its customary impudence, came foraging for her mortal fruit, it encountered its own destruction in the hidden life that fruit contained. All unsuspecting, it swallowed him up, and in so doing released life itself and set free a multitude of men.

"He who was also the carpenter's glorious son set up his cross above death's all-consuming jaws, and led the human race into the dwelling place of life. Since a tree had brought about the downfall of mankind, it was upon a tree that mankind crossed over to the realm of life. Bitter was the branch that had once been grafted upon that ancient tree, but sweet the young shoot that has now been grafted in, the shot in which we are meant to recognize the Lord whom no creature can resist.

"We give glory to you, Lord, who raised up your cross to span the jaws of death like a bridge by which souls might pass from the region of the dead to the land of the living. We give glory to you who put on the body of a single mortal man and made it the source of life for every other mortal man. You are incontestably alive. Your murderers sowed your living body in the earth as farmers sow grain, but it sprang up and yielded an abundant harvest of men raised from the dead. Come then, my brothers and sisters, let us offer our Lord the great and all-embracing sacrifice of our love, pouring out our treasury of hymns and prayers before him who offered his cross in sacrifice to God for the enrichment of us all."



Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

You alone, O LORD,

bring security to my dwelling.

— *Psalms 4:9*

APRIL FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thanks to those who helped with the March food distribution we served 281 households which totaled 970 people! The next distribution will be here Wed., Apr. 28, 4:00-6:00 p.m. If weather is good we will pack outside. The distribution is outside, no matter what. Thirty (30) volunteers are needed for each time frame. The first time frame is 2:15 – 4:30 p.m. and the second is 4:15 - 6:30 p.m. We especially need people who can help carry heavy items including families, teens, and adults under 65 years of age. Everyone needs to be in good health, no underlying conditions, and will have to wear a mask and gloves (which we will provide). Those over 65, and have no underlying medical conditions, who choose to volunteer, are welcome to contact us. To volunteer please call the Rectory, Monday – Friday, 9 a. m. – 4 p.m. at 847-967-1060, the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or email sijre2004@yahoo.com, by Monday afternoon. This is a special way to share the new life of the Easter season! Thank you for your consideration!

**2021 Annual Catholic Appeal Update**

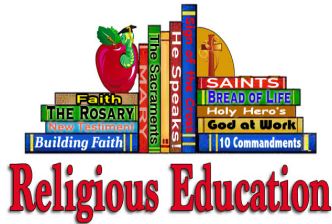
Donors	90
Goal	\$31,972
Pledged	\$22,909
Paid	\$15,609

We're on our way. Half of our goal paid in the first quarter of 2021! Remember, every dollar over our goal comes right back to St. Isaac Jogues. There's still plenty of time to participate & pledge materials are available. Ask the ushers or call the rectory.

FEAST OF FAITH**The Second Reading**

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—"A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us.



Religious Education

+Confirmation Year II Candidates are asked to remind your Sponsors that the completed response forms are to be returned to the RE Office by April 19th.
 +First Communion Candidates will have a short gathering followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation Thursday at 6:30 p.m. An adult is to accompany each child for the whole time. The doors of the church will open at 6:15 for check in, hands sanitized, etc. Everyone is to be wearing a mask.

+Service Opportunity for Confirmation Year I & II Candidates and other interested RE families on Saturday, 9 a.m. – Noon. Clean up of the grounds of the parish. Masks necessary and social distancing observed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com by Monday night so we can send you a permission slip via REMIND.

+The parish community is asked to pray for the five children who will receive their First Communion next Sunday. Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement and good example.



MAY CROWNING

During the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 1st, we will honor our Blessed Mother with a May Crowning assisted by a few of our First Communicants and/or RE students. As it will be part of the Mass, you will need to make a reservation to come for the Mass. The links will be sent out and up on the website later this week.



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a lovely way to remember a loved one or a special occasion. Flower arrangements are \$55 each and two can be purchased each weekend before Lent and again after Pentecost. Your intention and name will be placed in the bulletin each weekend. If you would like to purchase an arrangement, please call the rectory. Available dates go quickly, so you may want to reserve your date soon.



SIJ OUTREACH PANTRY

The Outreach Ministry Pantry needs some restocking. The following items would be very helpful at this time:

pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, stews, canned fruit, rice, beans (kidney, black, garbanzo), small bottles of detergent (dollar store), shampoo, tooth paste, deodorant (that can be used by a male or female).

Items may be brought to church when you come for Mass during the week or on the weekend, or contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or 967-1060, to set up a time to drop them off.

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.

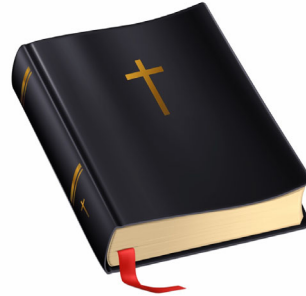
I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul. I am sorry for ever having offended You.

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.

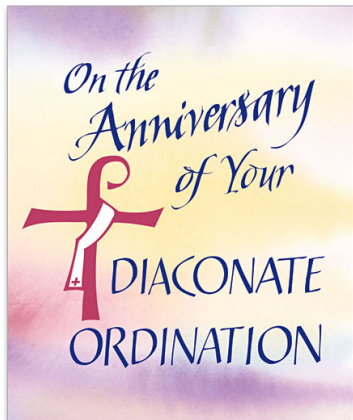
Never, never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



A NEW EIGHT TO NINE WEEK STUDY BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A.M. IN THE HOLY FAMILY ROOM. ALL PROTOCOLS ARE FOLLOWED. THE GROUP WILL BE STUDYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION. COST FOR

THE STUDY BOOK IS \$10. IF FINANCES ARE DIFFICULT, COME ANYWAY AND WE'LL WORK IT OUT. ALL ARE WELCOME WHETHER YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN BIBLE STUDY BEFORE OR THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME. BRING YOUR BIBLE IF YOU HAVE ONE. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SIGN UP PLEASE CONTACT THE RE OFFICE, 847-966-1180 OR SIJRE2004@YAHOO.COM BY TUESDAY.



BLESSINGS & PRAYERS...

to Deacon Paul who today celebrates his 23rd Deacon Ordination Anniversary. We thank him for his love and ministry for the Lord, our parish, and the Church! May Christ ever be his strength and hope.

St. Martha's Church
Baby Shower
APRIL 2021

Your gifts help babies in need—
 and give moms encouragement when they need it most.
 NEW baby items, unwrapped, should be placed in the baby crib in Church

Items needed include:

- INFANT Carseats • Baby Clothing 0 to 12 months
- Diapers Sizes 4, 5 & 6 • Baby Socks • Bibs
- Baby shampoo, Baby Towels, Baby Powder, Lotion, Oil
- Teether Toys, Pacifiers • Baby Bottles • Baby Utensils

Special Need for BABY BATH ITEMS

The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland
 Offices in Chicago, Des Plaines, Evergreen Park
 Mobile Ultrasound Clinic and Resource Centers

Items or monetary donations can be dropped at the SIJ rec-tory and we will get them to St. Martha. Thanks so much!



Pray for

MICHAEL NOBLE	TONY LIVORSI
JULIE HIGGINS	JOHN ROMANO
CARL AFFATATI	AUDREY JANS
RICHARD VAIL	DAVID FORST
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	SHARON KILIKEVIC
MARTHA DEMKO	PELAGIA SAJULGA
REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY	PATTY ZEMAN
LAURA MORA	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA
TIM DENDOR	NORBERT FLOREK
	IRENE LINGAYA
	CATHY FORST
	LEOFORD DE GUZMAN

FULFILLMENT

It is interesting that during the Easter season, when we do not hear a reading from the Old Testament, it becomes so important. This is particularly true today. Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "The God of Abraham . . ." (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "Holy and Righteous One" and "mouth of all the prophets" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures" were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world. The Latin *Missa*, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ.

Father of grace and mercy, be with our loved ones and friends as they serve and protect our nation and communities. Bless them and fill them with newness of life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ the 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, 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.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalms — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Mass Intentions

Sunday - April 18, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Luke & Philomena Moran Living & Deceased Members of SIJ
10:00 a.m.	John Affatati Grace Malatesta Amelia Nicelli
12:00 p.m.	Aleyamma Joseph

Monday - April 19, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Sylvia Murphy - Spec. Intention
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Tuesday - April 20, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Members of the Rancich & Alber Family - Spec. Intention
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Wednesday - April 21, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Gabe Barnett - Spec. Intention
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Thursday - April 22, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Shantella Hackl - Spec. Intention
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Friday - April 23, 2021

8:00 a.m.	A. T. Abraham Nena Talle - In Thanksgiving for all Blessings received Erlinda Valera
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Saturday - April 24, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Gabe Barnett - Spec. Intention
5:00 p.m.	Edward C. O'Keefe

Sunday - April 25, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Joseph Thomas
10:00 a.m.	Rosa Di Franco Living & Deceased Members of SIJ
12:00 p.m.	Lizzette Jose - Spec. Intention

Next Week Liturgy Schedule April 24th & 25th

Confession - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Jose
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Jose/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Jose
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Jose
First Communion Mass Noon	Fr. Ron/Deacon Paul



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