

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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Pastoral Staff:

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

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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Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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

Sunday - Closed

Religious Education: 847-966-1180

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Parish School: St. John Brebeuf School

847-966-3266

sjbschool.org

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.

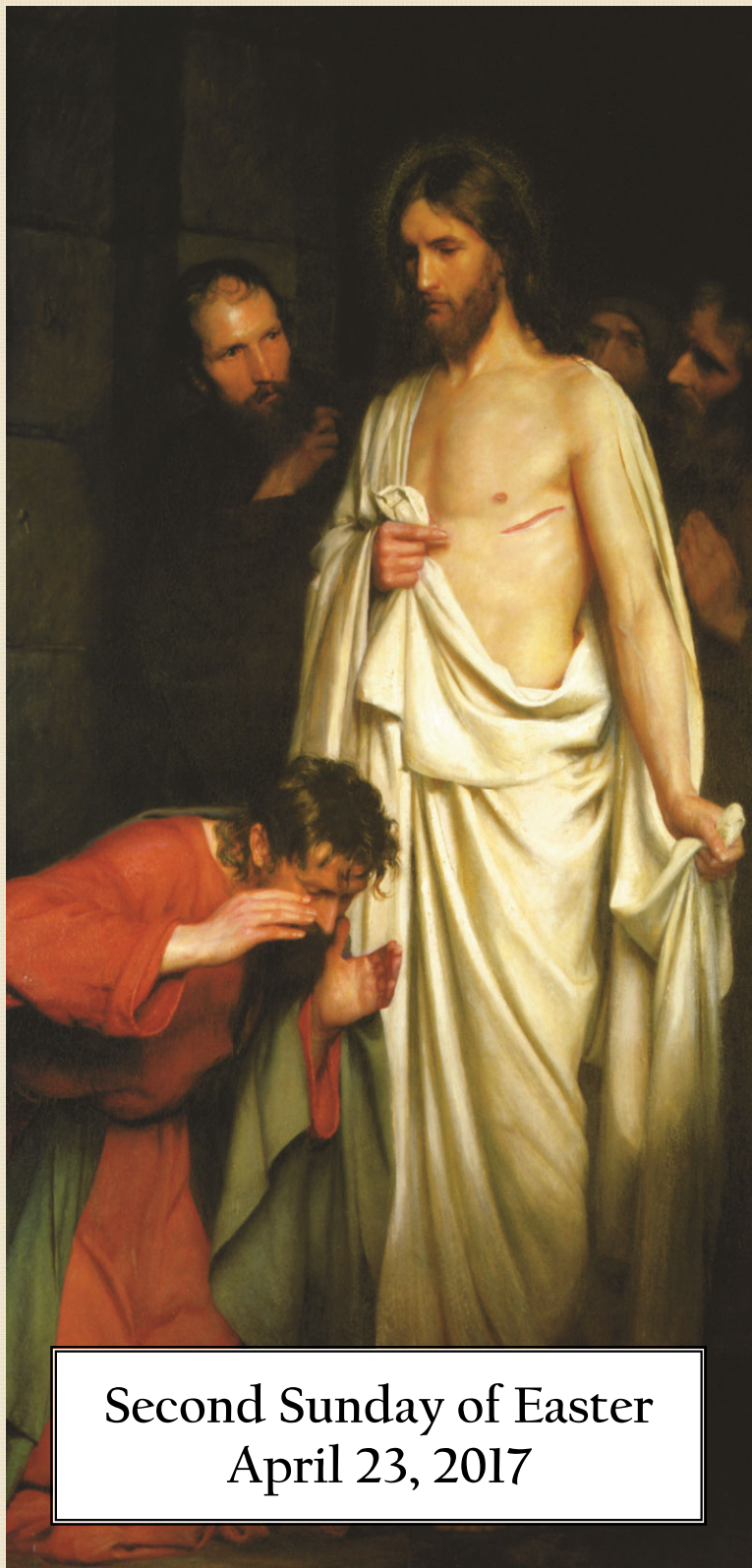
Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

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.



Second Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2017



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

Do you doubt to believe?

I begin to ask this very important question to myself. Do I doubt in order to believe? Pondering on the very word doubt, what does it mean to doubt? What do we doubt that we have a difficulty in believing? We find a number of people in the Bible who had doubts in their mind beginning from Abraham in (Gen 17/17), Sarah (Gen18/12) in the OT and John the Baptist (Mt 11/3) & St. Thomas the Apostle (Jn 20/25-29) in the New Testament. This shows in the Bible that there were also people who experienced doubts in their life. I know sincere Christians who have been believers for years and still struggle. Doubt does not do away with our faith but there are times when doubt will hold us back from God. Doubting your faith is not necessarily a bad thing, either. In fact, it can lead to spiritual growth and maturity. It can be a time when you move from your family's faith to actually owning your beliefs in a deep and real way.

But one must know that it's not something you have to fear or resent. Your doubts are only thoughts, not your future. Sure, something may go wrong. But if you never try, you're losing an opportunity to improve your life. When you doubt your power, you give power to your doubt, you know that voice in your head says, you can't do it, you are not good enough or you are going to fail. Every one of us goes through this sort of transitory period and it depends on how we handle our situation. You know you shouldn't let self-doubt bother you. You try to remove self-doubt by forcing yourself to "Think Positive" which usually doesn't work as well as you think it should.

One needs to find out the source of one's doubt, from where it is coming from. Basically it could come from two core sources. First: Intellectual and secondly from Emotional questions. It turns out that for some belief in God is vital for people to experience and know God. The intellectual question could come in this form about the existence of God. Does God exist? And so on... and then the emotional questions arise due to the hurt or grief that a person goes through and the question constantly asked "Why does God allow suffering?"

In Mk (9/2) we find that immediately after the cure of his son by Jesus the man exclaimed "I believe; help my unbelief?" What we find in this account when facing the challenge of faith, the father asserts his strength first and only then acknowledges his limitation. I would say to all who wish for more faith, remember this man!

In moments of fear or doubt or troubling times, hold the ground you have already won, even if that ground is limited. When those moments come and issues surface, the resolution of which is not immediately forthcoming, hold fast to what you already know and stand. It is the integrity you demonstrate toward the faith you do have and the truth you already know.

-Fr. Mario

PARISH TRANSFORMATION PROCESS

We invite you and encourage you to prayerfully consider being part of the Parish Transformation Process team to discuss the building blocks necessary for a vibrant, vital parish; to celebrate the ones in which we are strong and to select the ones we most want to work on; and then create a vision out of which to plan within the parish and beyond with our grouping parishes of St. Martha and St. John Brebeuf.

Meetings will be weekly until early June. The first team meeting is this Thursday, April 27 beginning with a light dinner at 6:30 p.m. and followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. **You are wanted and needed to help further the life and vitality of our parish community!** To assist our preparation for the meal and materials, please try to let us know by Tuesday if you are coming by contacting the Rectory, at office@sij-parish.com or 847/967-1060, or the RE Office, 847/966-1180.

Be part of this time of new life for your parish, our parish!

Religious Education

+RE students are reminded to bring their donations in their rice bowls Monday night if they did not bring them last class. Thank you!

+Practice for Confirmation Year II Candidates and their Sponsors is this Monday night at 6:45 p.m. here in St. Isaac Jogues Church. If your sponsor cannot attend, a parent/adult guardian is to come with you.

+Bishop Joseph Perry will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation during Mass next Sunday, April 30th, at 3 p.m. Please pray for the 40 Candidates who are from St. Martha, St. John Brebeuf, St. John the Evangelist, Queen of All Saints, and St. Isaac Jogues Parishes.

"Works of Mercy in Our Daily Life"

Lecture /discussion with Fr. Pawel Komperda; Associate Pastor of Incarnation Parish, Palos Hts., Adjunct Spiritual Dir. at USML Seminary & Bishop Abramowicz Formation Program. Explore practical works of mercy as a school of discipleship, and holiness as the imitation of Christ. Sunday April 30. Noon to 1:30PM.

St. Catherine Laboure Parish Rec Room.
3535 Thornwood Glenview, IL.
No charge. Free-will offering.
Refreshments served.
847-826-4704

LET'S GET TO WORK ON 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



THERE'S STILL MORE THAN 200 CHANCES TO WIN!

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

DANCING FOR THE ROOFTOP!

ST. ISAAC JOGUES DINNER & DANCE FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, JULY 21ST
LONE TREE MANOR
6:30PM - 12:00AM
DINNER AT 7:30PM
LIVE MUSIC - CASH BAR
ATTIRE: CASUAL/SUMMER

TICKETS ARE \$50 PER PERSON
(NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOORS)

Watch the bulletin for more information!



Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day

No one should know the pain of losing a child to violence or the darkness of gang life. Struggling families have the right to raise healthy children, safely. Catholic Charities brings grace and dignity to the most troubled neighborhoods in the city and suburbs, healing deep-seated wounds and providing alternatives for a better way of life.

Your Mother's Day gift will help people live productive, secure, and fulfilling lives. Catholic Charities has provided hope for 100 years. Learn more at www.catholiccharities.net.





Congratulations!!!

+to Paul Matthew Ledesma and Jude Jimmychan who received awards from Bishop Kane at the Vicariate II Youth Ministry Luncheon in March. We thank them for their years of service as Altar Servers and their families for their support and encouragement of them in ministry.

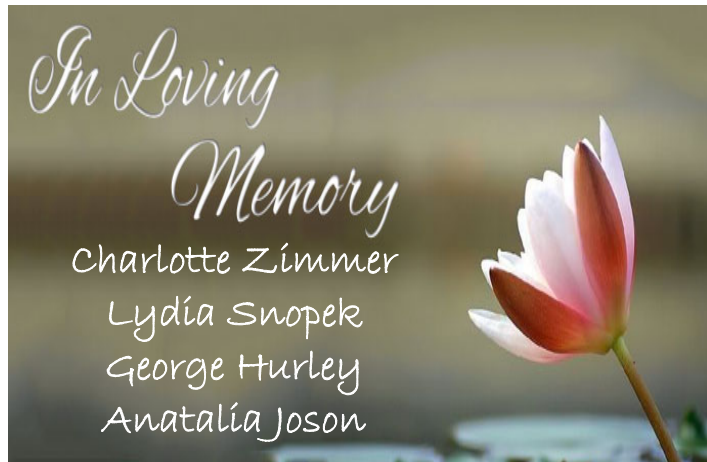


**ST.ISAAC JOGUES WOMEN'S CLUB
GUILD SEVEN**

PEPPER AND EGG SANDWICH WORKERS WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE LOYAL PEPPER AND EGG EATERS, SOME WHO CAME ALMOST EVERY FRIDAY FOR SIX WEEKS TO ORDER AND EAT OUR SANDWICHES.

WE HAD A GOOD TIME AND IT WAS OUR PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU.

IRENE, MARY ELLEN, SR. JOYCE, TERESITA, JOHN & MARY



**POLSKA SZKOŁA
IM. I.J. PADEREWSKIEGO**

Congratulations to the children of the Ignacy Paderewski Polish School who will celebrate their First Communion on Saturday at 1 p.m.



PARKING LOT CONCERNS

Vehicles are not to be parked in fire lanes nor by the islands at any time! Lanes must be kept open in case emergency vehicles need to get to the buildings. Thank you for your cooperation for the safety and protection of all!



2017 Replace the Roof Raffle “Winners Corner”

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!

Monday, April 17	\$50	1881	Lillian Nunez	Wheeling, Il
Tuesday, April 18	\$50	1152	Rosita Danguilan	Skokie, Il
Wednesday, April 19	\$50	65	Evelyn Nagario	Chicago, Il
Thursday, April 20	\$50	489	Zeny De Guzman	Glenview, Il
Friday, April 21	\$50	670	Teresita Sitjar	Niles, Il
Saturday, April 22	\$50	1951	Don Baron	Morton Grove, Il
Sunday, April 23	\$100	1685	Nada Pedersen	Chicago, Il



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Faustina wrote, "While I was saying the chaplet, I heard a voice which said, ***"Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this chaplet; the very depths of My tender mercy are stirred for the sake of those who say the chaplet. Write down these words, My daughter. Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy; let them profit from the Blood and Water which gushed forth for them."*** (#848, Diary)

The Feast of Mercy Mass will be at Noon today followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 p.m. Confessions will be heard in English 2-3 p.m. and the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at 3 p.m. followed by Benediction. All are invited to continue the celebration of Easter by participation in all or some part of this feast day!

St. Isaac Jogues News

LITURGY BOARD

TUESDAY, 7PM in the RE Office

Please share any comments or suggestions regarding Holy Week with Frs. Mario or Carlos or Board Members Bill Dexter, Lisa Hall, Julie Higgins, Dan Sobieski or Dee Stanton via email to sijre2004@yahoo.com before the meeting.

SPRED

Our SPRED friends thank everyone for the love, support, and encouragement received during the year and for the opportunity to share their love, presence, and gifts with the rest of the parish. Please continue to pray for Ronald, Patrick, Jack, Christopher, Brenda and Bobby – may the Lord bless them and grant them a good and safe summer. We thank the SPRED Team who walked with them this year in faith and friendship – Zenie Bendicio, Mary Burke, Marie DeMeo, Julie Higgins, Theresa Jedziniak, and Adrian Mikeska.

God bless you for your generosity of spirit, service, and love!

LET US PRAY...

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
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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

AN EASTER REFLECTION...

from St. Catherine of Siena

“By this light I shall come to know that you, eternal Trinity, are table and food and waiter for us. You, eternal Father, are the table that offers us as food the Lamb, your only-begotten Son. He is the most exquisite of foods for us, both in his teaching, which nourishes us in your will, and in the sacrament that we receive in holy communion, which feeds and strengthens us while we are pilgrim travelers in this life. And the Holy Spirit is indeed a waiter for us, for he serves us this teaching by enlightening our mind’s eye with it and inspiring us to follow it. And he serves us charity for our neighbors and hunger to have as our food souls and the salvation of the whole world for the Father’s honor.”

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
(or of Divine Mercy)

Monday: Yom Ha-Shoa
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Tuesday: St. Mark

Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day

Friday: St. Peter Chanel;
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort; Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Catherine of Siena



St. Catherine of Siena

**Pray
for...**

JIMMY RANCICH
BERNARD KENNEDY, SR.
DELAINE KENNEDY
MARCY SANTIAGO
JAMES MAXWELL PASCALE
MIA DOOLEY
PASTOR LYNNE MORROW
PASTOR MARK WIBERG
JULIE HIGGINS
NICK VARGAS
GERTRUD EDER BRUNNER
TONY KOZA
WILLIAM PARRILLO
MARGARET SAVIEO
MARIA LADD
CECILE SEGRAVES
FR. DENNIES CALLAN
BEN LOVELESS
MARIA LADD



Mass Intentions

April 23, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Eduardo Rodriguez Jeffery Musni Margaret Savieo - Special Intention
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ David Olzeski
12:00 p.m.	Philip Selker
April 24, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Joseph Idiyaliel
April 25, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Rosa Di Franco
April 26, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	John Burke
April 27, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Tom Banner
April 28, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Atancia Mallari Henry Gazdziak Shilpa Thomas
April 29, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Janet Grant
5:00 p.m.	Helen Polinski
April 30, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Arlene Forneck
10:00 a.m.	Deacon Robert O'Keefe Mark Duval David Acoba Jose, Nicefora & Vicente Rodriguez
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Mark Duval

Liturgy Next Weekend - April 29th & 30th

11:00 a.m. Confessions	Fr. Mario
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos
3:00 p.m. Confirmation	Bishop Perry/Concelebrants Deacons Paul & Tony



April 29th & 30th

5:00 p.m.	Lawrence Escarez Matthew Ledesma Nathan Ledesma
8:00 a.m.	Steve Livingston T. J. Striblen Nelson Perumpel
10:00 a.m.	Lawson Mathew Red Reyes Imani Garner
12:00 p.m.	Athena Lasco Jude Jimmychan Eugene Villarino

Sacristans

Theresa Noble, Francis Martel,
Arlene Turek

Hope you enjoy new, shorter bulletin with color pages. We're working to improve our communications with you and encourage everyone to read the bulletin for important updates and events. Please send any suggestions you may have to loriherbert@sij-parish.com

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