



Sts. Martha & Isaac Jogues Parish

St. Isaac Jogues Church

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Saturday, 5PM

Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

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847-966-3266 or sjbschool.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 11AM - 12:00PM

Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation.

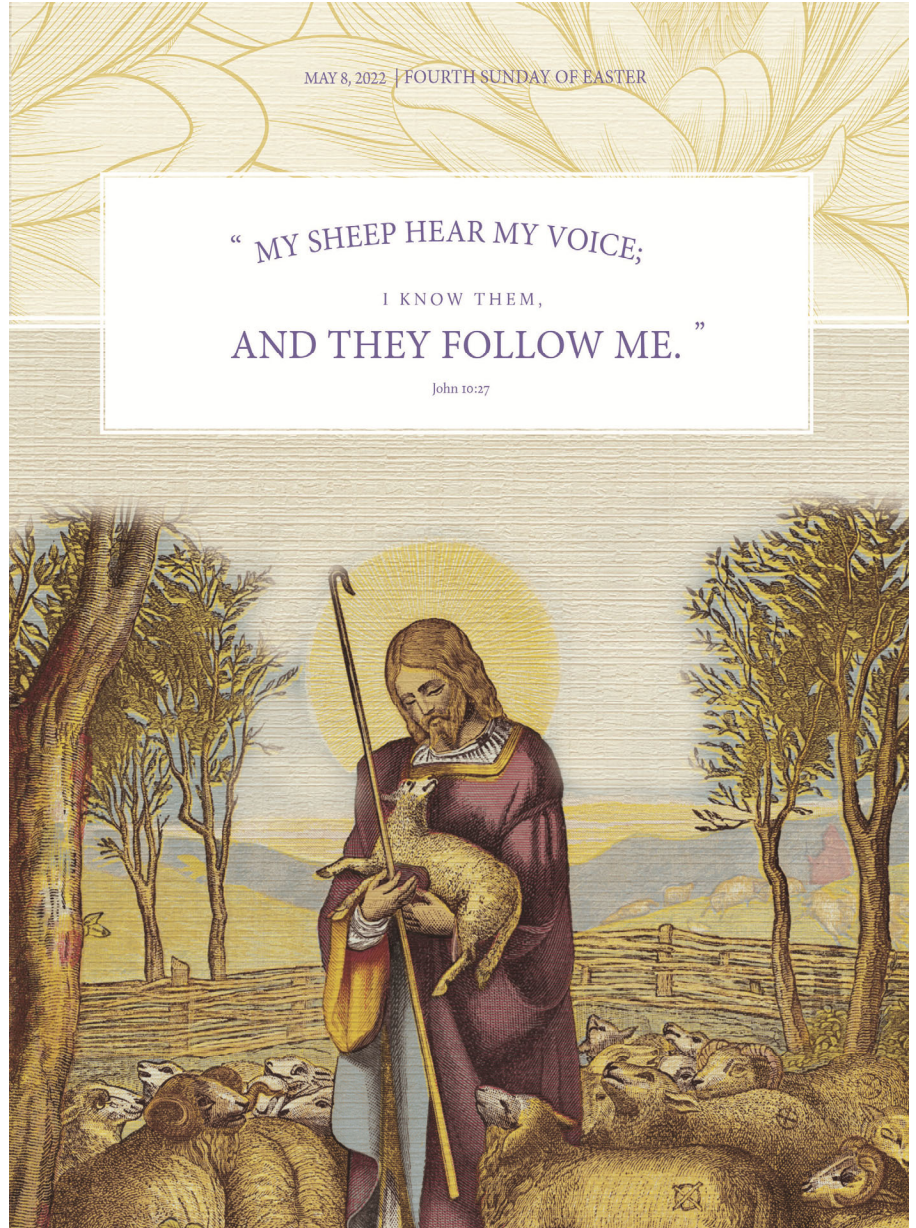
Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

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 - Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
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Reflections from Fr. Dennis

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners:

Jenny didn't quite understand what it meant to be Catholic – even though she was born into a Catholic family, was baptized a few days after her birth, and attended Catholic elementary school, high school, and college. When her relationship with her boyfriend moved from dating to possible marriage, her significant other asked her, “Jenny, are you a Christian?” Her response puzzled him. She said, “No. I'm Catholic.” We have to admit that nowhere in the New Testament is the Church called “Catholic”. It was St. Ignatius of Antioch, a first-century Church Father, who initially applied the term “catholic” to the Church. He was distinguishing the “whole Church” (or the Church at large) from a local congregation.

The term “Catholic” then took on several different meanings. If at first “catholic” meant the Church at large (an all-embracing, universal Church as a whole), it was soon used to mean “orthodox” (faithful to the Gospel it had received). For some, “catholic” implied that the Church had everything that Jesus intended the Church to have and do. Because “katholikos” in Greek can mean “universal”, the term “catholic” meant that the Church had the mission to evangelize all people on earth. Eventually, the term “Catholic” was used to distinguish the Church under the authority of the bishop of Rome from those congregations who reject the pope's leadership.

Most of us accept the title “Catholic” with pride, but today's Liturgy of the Word reminds us of the responsibility which comes with the honor. Jesus gave his disciples a mission: “Go, make disciples of all the nations” (Matthew 28:19). Judaism had not thought of itself as having a mission to make converts; it did not proselytize. Some of the Jewish Christians were uneasy with a mission to make disciples of so many gentiles; Paul reminded them that they were to be “light for the gentiles”. As disciples of Jesus, we are expected to “make disciples” to evangelize in whatever ways are appropriate to our state of life.

Like Jesus, we share the duties of a shepherd, tending with patience and love those in our care or circle of influence. The etymology of the word “congregation” is “to gather a flock” (the Latin word “grex,” the heart of the word “congregation”, means “flock”). Jesus is the ultimate Shepherd, but He shares that task with all who bear his name. We are Christians to be sure, but we identify ourselves as Catholic, and that implies we have a concern to bring the fullness of the Gospel to all the world.

We are gathered here as the local congregation of the Catholic Church. In our celebration of the Eucharist, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world to praise God and to be nourished by the heavenly bread so that we may be truly Christian – authentic followers of Christ – and authentically Catholic – conscious of our responsibility for bringing Christ and the Gospel to the world.

A FORETASTE OF PARADISE

Throughout Easter Time, the Church rejoices with Jesus, risen from the dead. Our readings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrate our instinct to come together in joy, worshiping in church. While private prayer nourishes our individual relationship with the Lord, community prayer is a foretaste of paradise. The book of Revelation depicts a “great multitude” worshiping God “day and night in his temple.” Our churches on Easter Sunday often reflect this happy multitude, filling the pews to bursting. Four Sundays into the festive season, we are encouraged to keep praising God together. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas demonstrate their instinct to worship with their faith community each Sabbath, dutifully taking their seats in the synagogue. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us his sheep and reminds us why coming together as a flock is so important: uniting in community, we imitate the unity of God.

EASTER REFLECTION

"What are the pastures of these sheep if they are not the deepest joys of the everlasting fresh pastures of paradise? For the pasture of the saints is to see God face to face; when the vision of God never fails, the soul receives its fill of the food of life for ever. And so, dear brothers and sisters, let us seek these pastures and there join in the joy of the celebrations of so many citizens of heaven. Let their happiness and rejoicing be an invitation to us. Let our hearts grow warm, let our faith be rekindled, let our desires for heavenly things grow warm; for to love like this is to be on the way." (St. Gregory the Great, 6th century)

*Thank
you*

Heartfelt thanks to all who, through their prayers, planning, fasting, time, sharing of talents, ministries, almsgiving and presence helped our faith community to have a fruitful Lent, reverent and beautiful Holy Week/Triduum, and joyful Easter. May the Risen Christ fill you with new life and many blessings as we continue to journey together through this Easter Season.

Here is what we collected here at St. Isaac Jogues Church for the recipients of our Lent/Triduum almsgiving:
 The Night Ministry -- \$756
 Well of Mercy -- \$596
 Heifer International -- \$778
 SIJ Church Easter Flowers -- \$510
 Parish Outreach Ministry
 (Holy Thursday collection) -- \$1,512
 Holy Land (Good Friday) -- \$1,384
 Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl
 (RE Classes Lent Project) -- \$598.25

St. Isaac Jogues
Upcoming Events

Monday – Pray for Fr. Carlos on this his 26th Anniversary of Priesthood. Blessings to you, Father!

Wednesday – Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., HFR; Bible Study at 6 p.m. in Rm. 26 of the school (enter by RE Office).

Thursday – Confirmation Practice at St. Martha (big) Church, 7 p.m.

Friday – Pray for Fr. Luczak on this his 52nd Anniversary of Priesthood. God bless you, Father!

Saturday – Diaconate Ordination. Pray for Leke and Blandina and their classmates.

Sunday, May 15 – Mass of Thanksgiving w/ newly ordained Deacon Leke assisting, 10 a.m., followed by reception in Holy Family Room until 12:15 p.m.; Confirmation Mass with Bishop Kane at St. Martha, 3 p.m. Please pray for all the parish Confirmation Candidates. Congratulations and blessings to all!

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.



INSTITUTE FOR
DIACONAL STUDIES



Congratulations to Leke Brisku. On May 14th, Cardinal Blase Cupich will ordain him to the Order of Deacon at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. He will be one of 20 men to be ordained as deacons.

Leke has journeyed through four years of preparation for this day, attending academic classes, formation programs, engaging in extensive theological reflection sessions, retreats, regular spiritual direction, as well as being involved in many liturgical practices and pastoral field education experiences, including an eleven-month internship.

Ordinations to the permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Chicago have taken place since 1972. There are presently nearly 500 active deacons in the Archdiocese, as well as 40 men currently in formation at the Institute for Diaconal Studies, with a new cohort beginning in the fall. The presence of deacons serving in the Archdiocese is widespread, yet still a frequently asked question is, "What or who is a deacon?"

Bishops, priests and deacons receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The diaconate is a three-fold ministry of Word, Liturgy and Charity that is in service to the bishop. Deacons are ordained to baptize, proclaim the Gospel and preach, assist at the Eucharist, witness marriages, officiate at wakes and funeral services, etc. These are the ministries most visible in the parish. The less visible aspect of diaconal ministry traditionally has its history in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 6. The Apostles laid hands on "...seven reputable men, filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom..." to care for the widows and administer the daily distribution in the early Christian community.

Thus, from the earliest days of the Church, deacons were involved in service to the bishop not only liturgically and through evangelization efforts but as administrators and representatives (the bishop's "eyes and ears") charged with caring for the poor (spiritually, emotionally, physically), the alienated, and those who, for various reasons, find themselves on the fringes of society. Therefore, deacons also minister in hospitals, prisons, shelters, soup kitchens, and within the various ministries coordinated through organizations such as Catholic Charities and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, modeling the call of *diakonia* that belongs to all the baptized in service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

And since most deacons work full-time outside the Church, deacons in their workplace (and in the world) are sacramental signs and icons of Christ the Servant visible in the community.

Please keep in your prayers Leke & Blandina, all candidates who will be ordained, their wives and families, and all those in formation, that they might continue to answer God's call in their lives.

Please note that attendance is by ticket only.



Congratulations
to our students
who received
their
First Communion
last weekend.

Please keep them
and their families
in your prayers as
they continue
their faith
journey.



Religious Education

*Confirmation Yr. I Candidates are to turn in their service logs or explanation of summer service in class Monday night if you have not yet done so. Your second test is also that night.

*Confirmation Yr. II Candidates are to meet with Deacon Paul or Mrs. Stanton at 6:15 p.m. Monday night in the Holy Family Room for discussion. Please be on time.

*Confirmation Year II Candidates and their sponsor or parent have practice in the big church at St. Martha's Thursday at 7 p.m. Mr. Lenart and Mrs. Stanton will meet you there.

*The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Francis Kane at St. Martha Church next Sunday, May 15th, at 3 p.m.

*Families who have a tuition balance or book or sacrament fees to pay are asked to do so by the end of May or to contact the RE Office by then to discuss options. Thank you.

*Once we have more guidance and information regarding the children's Religious Education Program for the unified parish, we will inform families via Remind, postal mail and the bulletin, and send out registration forms.

*We will have a faculty meeting once we have more details about next year, as well.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE



Treat the special ladies in your life and support the pro-life work (counseling, providing ultra-sounds, material goods, prayer, and more) of The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland! Beautiful bouquets of flowers are available in the Holy Family Room before and after Mass today. They range in price from \$10-\$12-\$20 per bouquet.

MARIAN DEVOTION
For May 2022
Daily at 6:00 in the Evening

At St. Peter Church
 8116 Niles Center Road, Skokie, IL
 Of Sts. Peter & Lambert Parish



Altar Flowers

"In Loving Memory of
 Helene Kowalik"
 Happy Mother's Day.
 We love you!

'In Memoriam:
 Lottie Czarnik

CELEBRATE WITH OUR NEWLY ORDAINED DEACON

Parishioner Leke Brisku will be ordained a Deacon for the Archdiocese of Chicago on Saturday. We will celebrate with the new Deacon next Sunday at the 10 a.m. Mass at which he will assist as Deacon for the first time. A reception will immediately follow the Mass until 12:15 p.m. in the Holy Family Room to offer prayers and congratulations to Leke and his wife, Blandina, and to enjoy refreshments. All are welcome for the Mass and/or reception.



Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	TONY LIVORSI
MICHAEL NOBLE	JOHN ROMANO
JULIE HIGGINS	AUDREY JANS
CARL AFFATATI	DAVID FORST
EMILY SITKOWSKI	KIMBERLY KNOX
CYNTHIA MELNICK	NONA YOAKUM
MICHAEL FOLISI	ROBERT STEPHENSON
DOROTHY BEZDON	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
LORNA ALBA	MATTHEW PONDER
CINDY NOLAN	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
MARTHA DEMKO	BRAD BOWER
REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY	LAURA & DANNY MORA
TIM DENDOR	SHARON KILIKEVICE
CAROLYN BEIL	PELAGIA SAJULGA
FRANK BEIL	PATTY ZEMAN
NELSON PETINES	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA
TERRY GAZDZIAK	IRENE LINGAYA
FR. DAN FALLON	CATHY FORST
CURT NAPRAVNIK	BERNITA DEL ROSARIO
JOHN FOLISI	ROSE SIMPSON
DAVID NUCCIO	KATHY EGLOFF
ALISON TOLSON LORD	JOSEPH WHITE
GARZA	CORNELIO NATIFIDAD II
VICENTE F. CASTILLO	BRENDA WHITEHEAD
	CHERYL HEYDENBURG
	FR BERNARD KENNEDY
	OLIVIA TARSNEY

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas' preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

Psalm — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

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, Elena McGannon

United States Air Force - Joshua Aujero
Mason Janzen

United States Army - Brian Caplin, Gale Renner, Jordan Irving, Violet Ennis

United States Marines - Patrick Edward Echavez
Joseph John Zimmerman III
Lance Renner, Kyle Franklin
Gian Patrick Reyes
Christopher Pruden

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a;
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

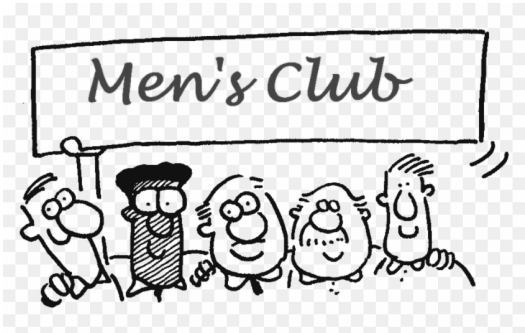
How can I listen more closely to the voice of the Good Shepherd?

Mass Intentions

Sunday - May 8, 2022	
8:00 a.m.	Susan Arendt Purificacion Rodriguez Gina Robertson Agustina Bait Helene Kowalik Virginia Vinasoy Maryann Bongkingki & Emerson Vinasoy - Special Intentions
10:00 a.m.	Janet Grant
Monday - May 9, 2022	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Helen Grahek
Tuesday - May 10, 2022	
8:00 a.m.	Maggie Kiesler
Wednesday - May 11, 2022	
8:00 a.m.	Egidio Aranas Stanley Jezior Annam Kodiyan Gloria Cabacungan Grazyna Spitek - Special Intention John Ostrega - Special Intention
Thursday - May 12, 2022	
8:00 a.m.	Stanislaw & Emilia Biernacki Bronislaw Protas
Friday - May 13, 2022	
8:00 a.m.	Vicente Castillo
Saturday - May 14, 2022	
5:00 p.m.	Joseph Putherickal - In Thanksgiving
Sunday - May 15, 2022	
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Tony Irmen
10:00 a.m.	Jose Family - In Thanksgiving Magdalena Rynduch - Spec. Intention

Next Week's Liturgy Schedule May 14th & 15th

Reconciliation 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Leke Concelebrants



Next Men's club meeting is May 17th at the Des Plaines Elk's club open bar with cocktails at 5:30 and family style dinner to follow. Cost for dinner and 2 hour open bar is \$45 dollars. All men are welcome! If you have any questions, call Don Baron.



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