

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 Ronczka, Business Manager
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Masses: Cancelled until further notice

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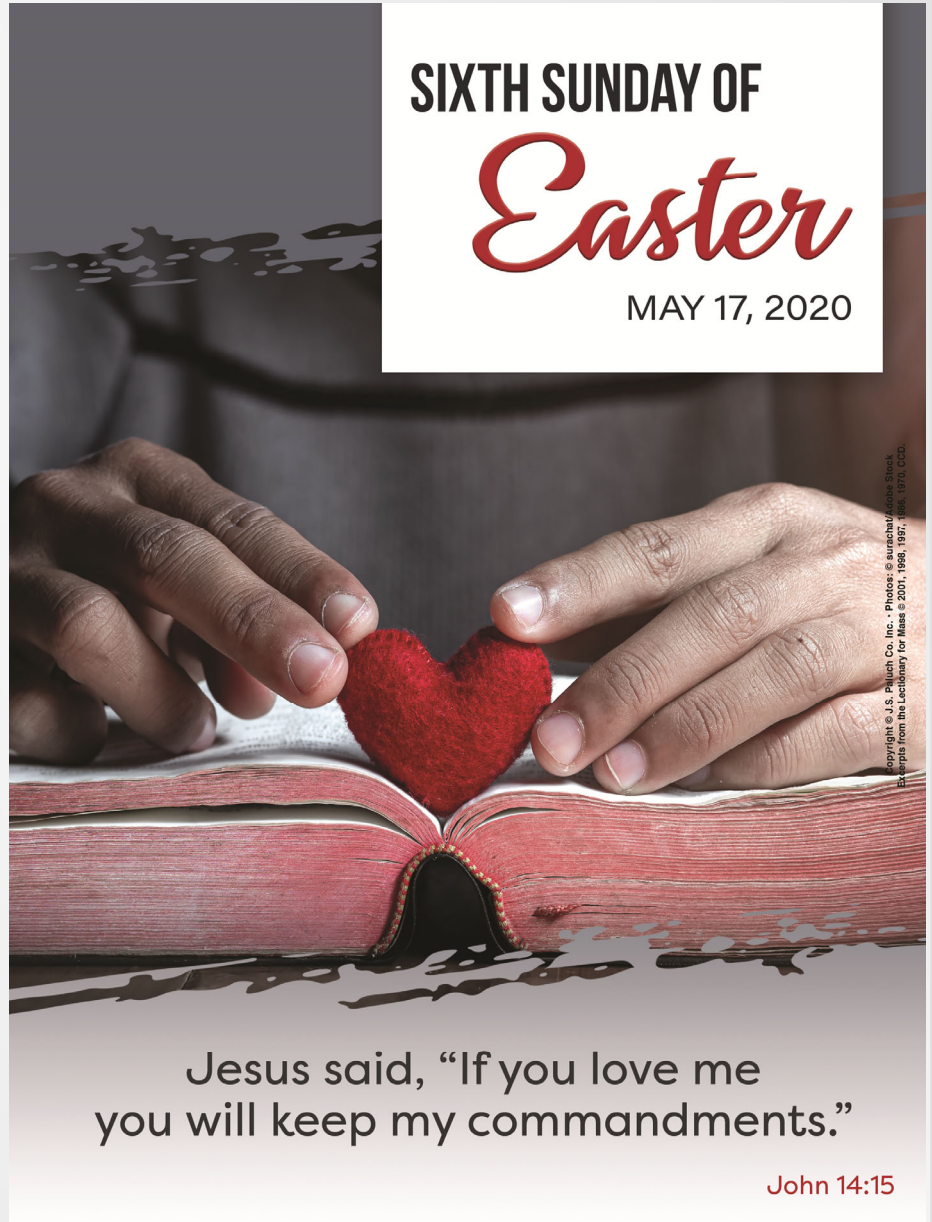
Religious Education: 847-966-1180
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Parish School: St. John Brebeuf School
 847-966-3266 or sjschool.org

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.



Jesus said, "If you love me
 you will keep my commandments."

John 14:15

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

DOES LOVING GOD MEAN KEEPING HIS COMMANDMENTS?

Right from the time we come into existence we have experienced love and are being loved. Our parents, dear and near ones showered their love upon us and that is how we know what love is; and that we need to love in return. As growing up if you are the only child in the family everything centers on the child and the child begins to think and assumes that he or she is the only recipient of love. Then under the guidance of the parents, teachers and elders, learns that love means sharing with another.

In the gospel of John 14:15 Jesus says **"If you love me you will keep my commandments."** The Jews believed that this was an Old Testament command and they need not follow it, but Jesus during his farewell discourse specifically after Judas Iscariot left the scene of the last supper addressed his Apostles with these words. That alone shows the importance that he attributes to his message of love.

Love is a four letter magical word; if used rightly, it can yield wonderful results in the process. What does loving God means then? It simply calls one to abide the commandments and live in righteousness and respect towards ourselves, others and God. Love comes from God and knows God because God is love. He who abides in God lives in love. Sin destroys this relationship of love as it always hurts someone, separates us from ourselves, others and God. The very fact we try to keep the commandments of Jesus shows our love and that we belong to Him. When we keep his commandments, God loves us back and grants us His blessings; and when we make this a way of life and walk according to God's Commandments daily, we live in peace and joy, and rest in Him.

So, does God demand from us such a commandment so that He could be in charge? Many of us might think rightly so. Let us remember that God is the creator of the universe and He has created us freely. Through his Son Jesus, we are invited to follow the commandment of love which has been the focal point of Jesus' teaching and the mission that God the Father gave to his Son Jesus. By obeying the command which is placed before us we would always be in a relationship with Jesus and by that others would know that we are his followers as we carry out his command.

There is a deeper purpose behind this command which the apostle John mentions as the correlation between love and obedience as they relate to our relationship with God and others. 1John 5:2-3 says: "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome." Just as the child obeys the Father, so too we ought to obey the commandments of God and when we do that God resides in us.

We can begin in a small way if we have not been doing it by putting the command into practice. During this time of pandemic we could be inquiring about others through phone calls, praying for the needs of world, reaching out in charity and many other ways and by doing it we would be fulfilling the commandment of God and loving God by loving our neighbor. Keep well, stay safe & healthy.

-Fr. Mario

Re: Parish Financial Update

Dear St. Isaac Jogues Parish Family,

It is encouraging to see so many people engaged in the life of our parish, supporting one another during this difficult time. From our Flocknote communications and phone call support groups to the numbers connecting to livestreamed Masses and our continued efforts to support SIJ Outreach Ministry and the dozens of homeless and unemployed who have come to our doors for help, our parish family remains united as we bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our community.

The Finance Council and I want to ensure you have a clear understanding of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on parish operating income and expenses. We are projecting a \$60,000 shortfall in this year's budget due in large part to decreased weekly offertory. Shelter in Place orders and social distancing make it impossible to safely hold fundraising events like the Pasta Dinner and Buddy Concert and perhaps others scheduled for the fall. The Sunday offertory since March 15 including Easter is 40-50% below the amount for the same period last year.

While we have been able to lower some expenses, the wages and benefits of our employees continue to represent the largest share of our operating costs. The parish staff are working hard to maintain the life of our parish and address the needs of our more than 700 parishioner families and our dozens of Religious Education families and students.

We are prepared to use our parish savings to meet our expenses; however, even with that there is a long-term impact of the decreased offertory and net fundraising income on operating income. With the assistance of the Archdiocese of Chicago, our parish applied for and received a CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program loan. In accordance with the provisions of the Act we must only use these funds to pay payroll and utility expenses over the next two months. We expect the full loan amount will be used for payroll and utility payments. In addition, we believe that the CARES Act loan will be forgiven.

The Finance Council and I understand that this is a time of economic uncertainty and are truly grateful to those who have been able to continue supporting our parish. We remain one family of faith and everyone's contributions of time, talent and treasure are vital to the life of our parish.

May God bless you, your loved ones and our entire St. Isaac Jogues family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Mario Pereira
Pastor

Finance Committee Members:

Gerry Zeller
Barbara Watson
Kathy Denning

Lori Ronczka
Irene Baron
Conce Mesquita



Our parish hosts events each year in which we take great pride. Several of them bring the community together in a spirit of celebration and at the same time help raise funds (along with Sunday collections) for the church's ordinary expenses. Due to important and necessary guidelines to keep people safe and healthy as the State of Illinois and the Archdiocese of Chicago work to re-open, we will not be able to have the Pasta Dinner, the Buddy Concert nor a Parish Gala, which would have been held in the next few months.

So you're invited to take part in the **SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE**, a fun and safe way for the parish to celebrate, raise needed funds for our ordinary expenses, and observe social distancing. A mailing went out at the end of this past week to each registered parishioner. If you would like to be part of the raffle, but did not receive the mailing, contact the Rectory, 847-967-1060 or office@sj-parish.com, to make arrangements to pick it up or have it emailed to you.

First Prize is 15% of the total pot; Second Prize is 10%, and Third Prize, 5%. Your support is requested and needed, as best as you are able, for the good of our parish and its mission. Remember that the greater the participation, the bigger the prizes!

Tickets are one for \$5 and five for \$20. Buy tickets and/or invite your family, friends and neighbors to purchase one or more from you to join in the fun and hopefully the winning! Fill out your tickets, include your check payable to St. Isaac Jogues Church or cash, and return both your tickets and payment in the enclosed envelope. Don't worry about cutting them, we will take care of that. Stamp and mail it or drop it in the Rectory mail slot, which is at the top of the stairs on the right side wall, by **Monday, June 1st**. If you need more tickets, contact the Rectory to make arrangements.

The **drawing will be held Monday, June 8th**, with Fathers Mario and Carlos pulling the winning tickets. Winners will be contacted by phone or email and their names announced in a Flocknote and in the June 14th bulletin. Join in the excitement from the comfort of your home and find reward in knowing that you are making a difference in the life of your faith community! Good luck and God bless you for your generous support.



Religious Education

+Our end-of-the-season Prayer Service via ZOOM is Monday at 7 p.m. Please be on time.

Info was sent on REMIND. All RE families are to participate.

+Families who have tuition, book fee and/or sacrament fee balances are asked to send their payments by June 1st. If you are able to pay only a part of the balance, please do so and thank you. If you are unable to pay any of your balance, please contact Mrs. Stanton, 847/966-1180 or sjre2004@yahoo.com to let her know. Thank you.

2020 - 2021 RE REGISTRATION

Whether in person, e-learning, or a combination we'll look forward to a new season of religious education and faith formation beginning at the end of August! Growing in faith is a lifelong process. Please allow us to help you help your child create a firm foundation in faith and send them each year for religious education! If there might be something that would keep you from having your family participate (finances, schedule conflict, etc.), please contact Mrs. Stanton to discuss your concerns. Everyone is welcome!

Registration for the 2020-2021 RE Program for families with children in Kindergarten – Confirmation Year II (Gr. 8 or early high school) as of September, 2020 will be done by mail for the time being. **Please note:** Students must participate in religious education the immediate two years prior to receiving sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation). Forms were mailed out at the end of this past week to families currently in the program. If you do not receive it by the end of this week, please **contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or sjre2004@yahoo.com** and let us know.

New families are most welcome and can obtain a registration packet by calling or emailing the RE Office as indicated above. In addition to the provided, and completed, family and student forms a copy of each new child's baptismal certificate, the dates of any other sacraments he/she has received, and/or a letter from the Catholic school or Religious Education Program they previously attended are requested. **Families with children who have special needs and/or older children who have not yet celebrated First Reconciliation or First Communion or are not yet baptized** are encouraged to contact Dolores Stanton to discuss options for learning and preparation.

Sessions for Grs. 1 – Confirmation Yr. II meet Monday evenings, 6:45 – 8:00 p.m., the Kindergarten class meets on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and all are held in the school.



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.



Log in to givecentral.org and register today!

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Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	TONY LIVORSI
MICHAEL NOBLE	JOHN ROMANO
JULIE HIGGINS	AUDREY JANS
CARL AFFATATI	DAVID FORST
RICHARD VAIL	CHRISTINA WALD
KATIE KIRWAN	KIMBERLY KNOX
BETTY LANDON	DIANE BAUER
EMILY SITKOWSKI	NONA YOAKUM
CYNTHIA MELNICK	KATHY EGLOFF
MICHAEL FOLISI	ROBERT STEPHENSON
DOROTHY BEZDON	SUE TUREK
MATTHEW PONDER	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
FELICITA BAYANI	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
EMILY CABRERA	HILDA DALY
	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
	JUDY CABRERA
	YUL VENTURA

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 Zalewski

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 — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66)

Second Reading — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16.

Gospel — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or Jn 17:1-11a.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;
Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension)
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20



Wanda Smizinski
Gloria Cabacugan
Angelina Catala
In Memoriam

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 17, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik
10:00 a.m.	Giuseppe & Angelina Pighetti
12:00 p.m.	Joana M. Cardozo
Monday - May 18, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Deceased Members of the Anthony Family
Tuesday - May 19, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Mani Choramakal
Wednesday - May 20, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	John Affatati
Thursday - May 21, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	John Areno
Friday - May 22, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Saturday - May 23, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Charito Thomas Cabreara
5:00 p.m.	John Areno Dolores Chmielewski & Richard Jr. Boleswa & Josephine Chmielewski Family
Sunday, May 24, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ
10:00 a.m.	Bernard Kennedy Sr.
12:00 p.m.	Nellie Fitzpatrick



We want to help...If you need assistance (picking up groceries or meds; food, etc.), please call the Rectory, 847/967-1060. If we are not here, calls are forwarded 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday – Saturday.



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VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ACTION IF NEEDED

+Please pray for the Confirmation Candidates of our parish, as well as those of St. Martha and St. Peter Parishes. They would have celebrated their Confirmation this afternoon and are unsure when that will now happen.

+Please mail, email or phone the Rectory, 847/967-1060 or lori@sij-parish.com with **your update** of address, phone numbers and/or email. Include whether or not you want your info in the Parish Directory.

+Sign up to receive parish communications on Flocknote which now includes a link to our parish YouTube channel. On it now are messages from the Pastoral Staff. Next weekend will have a Memorial Day prayer.

+Sign up to GiveCentral to make your parish contributions.

+Due to COVID-19, anxiety and depression are on the rise; however, resources are available:

**Catholic Charities
Counseling Resources**
312.655.7725

NAMI Chicago - 833.626.4244
Mental Illness Ministries of the AOC
773.525.0453, x221

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