

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

PASTOR: Rev. Mario Pereira, S.F.X.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: 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: Cancelled until further notice

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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:

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.



Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

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	Concy Mesquita
John Kadiri	Irene Baron			
Women's Club Chairperson – Louella Preston				
Men's Club Chairperson – Chuck Napravnik				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES.....

As we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord it brings to my mind the mandate of Jesus to his Apostles before he ascended into heaven "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." The Ascension of Jesus into heaven is a mystery of hope. Where He, the head has gone, we His members hope to follow. The Ascension teaches us that heaven is our real homeland, our final destination. We are pilgrims in this world, passengers in transit. We need to travel light and make sure that we collect and cling to only that which we can take with us into eternity.

The Apostles carried forward the mandate of Jesus to the ends of the world and in the process laid down their life shedding their blood for Christ. We as followers of the Lord Jesus have been carrying forward the banner of Christ as being handed on to us through the centuries. We would gather in Churches to worship and adore God and pay our respect to Him.

Over the last two months, we have been struck with a pandemic that has taken lives of thousands of people resulting in closure of Church buildings, suspension of liturgical celebrations, distancing six feet from each other. We can see the trajectory of this virus that has cast a deadly invisible shadow on the very places where we would gather to praise and give due worship to God. It has also forced the closure of schools and businesses and brought the nations of the world to a halt and isolation. No facet of life is left untouched.

How do we go about then in the present scenario in fulfillment of the Lord's command to go and make disciples? We are invited to think beyond the conventional way of doing things during this time of the pandemics. Churches responded to the new dispensation by moving online with impressive alacrity, imagination and creativity, while continuing to support the most vulnerable through food banks and other practical means.

We have to find ways and create an opportunity for our people to hear the story of Jesus and preach to them about the "Resurrected Christ" who died to save us. Make the gospel audible so as they can understand and respond. Knowing well we are situated in a secular society and the younger generations are more inclined to reason than in the areas of spirituality. We have to find ways to pasture our flock and for that to happen we have to be people who are drawn to be passionate in Christ.

Due to coronavirus, families are struggling, we need to care for those who grieve. Also there is a challenge of those who are already following Christ, to be nurtured and given sustenance that will carry them through. At SIJ in our parish every call is monitored so as to attend to the needs of the other. As Christians we are called to be the most generous people in our society, the way we deal and carry ourselves in the service of the other. The command to make disciples is simply to bestow love on to the other; for the sake of the other. In trying to carry forward the mission of the Lord a two day food drive was carried out bringing in plenty of food to support the works of Catholic Charities. Jesus says "By that they will know you are my disciples".

Though our doors are closed we need to plan how we can plant new churches and this is where the Archdiocese of Chicago has a pilot project "Renew my church" Let us be ready for our renewal in this process.

Happy Memorial Day, Fr. Mario



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.

A PRAYER FOR THE ASCENSION

*Look on us, Lord, and let all the darkness of our
souls disappear before the beams of your brightness.
Fill us with your holy love, and open to us the treas-
ures of your wisdom. We seek your face, turn your
face to us and show us your glory. Then our longing
will be satisfied and our peace will be complete.
Amen. (St. Augustine of Hippo)*

St. Isaac Jogues Information

+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.

+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
Archdiocese of Chicago

773.525.0453, x221



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VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

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TO 84576

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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.

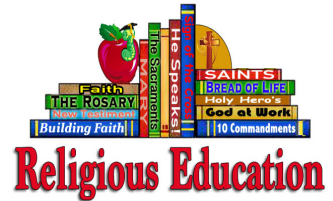
So you're invited to take part in the **SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE**, a fun and safe way for the parish to celebrate, raise needed funds for our ordinary expenses, and observe social distancing. A mailing went out at the end of this past week to each registered parishioner. If you would like to be part of 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.

+Thank you to all the families who joined in the Zoom prayer service Monday night! We missed those who could not participate. **Thank you, parents and guardians,** for carrying on the religious education and faith formation of your children and for giving us the privilege of supporting you in this most important work. Keep praying together, attending Mass (via TV, computer and/or in church when ready), doing service for others and strengthening your relationship with Jesus and the Church. May the Holy Spirit fill you and help you carry on the mission of the Risen Christ.



+Heartfelt gratitude to those who served as catechists, assistants, substitutes, and interviewers this past year in the Religious Education and SPRED ministries: Irene Baron, Angie Bello, Zeni Bendicio, Louise Burdi, Mary Burke, Marie De Meo, JoAnn Faso (retiring after 45 years as an RE catechist), Dorothy Gawne, Patrick Grant, Alfonso Hansen, Julie Higgins, Theresa Jedziniak, Joana Koziol, Teresa Krywko, Joyce Lenart, Ted Lenart, Adriean Mikeska, Deacon Paul, Catherine Sanders, Tom Simmons, Nancy Winans, We extend appreciation as well to Frs. Carlos and Mario, and the Staff. The faith, hope, and love you all shared and the help you all gave so others could grow in holiness, better understand the faith, and live more fully their discipleship are special blessings to our RE and SPRED families and parish. Many blessings upon you and may much good fruit come forth from your service to the glory of God!

+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 sijre2004@yahoo.com to let her know. Thank you.

+As soon as we get direction from the Archdiocese regarding scheduling sacrament celebrations (First Communion and Confirmation) we will contact 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. 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. **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 sijre2004@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. 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 will be needed. **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.



JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY... If you need assistance with picking up groceries or meds, etc., please call the Rectory, 847/967-1060. If we are not here, calls are forwarded 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday – Saturday. Messages are also picked up usually once a day. We will contact you as quickly as possible.



Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	MARY JANE PIKULA
MICHAEL NOBLE	TONY LIVORSI
JULIE HIGGINS	JOHN ROMANO
CARL AFFATATI	AUDREY JANS
RICHARD VAIL	DAVID FORST
KATIE KIRWAN	CHRISTINA WALD
BETTY LANDON	KIMBERLY KNOX
EMILY SITKOWSKI	DIANE BAUER
CYNTHIA MELNICK	NONA YOAKUM
MICHAEL FOLISI	KATHY EGLOFF
DOROTHY BEZDON	ROBERT STEPHENSON
MATTHEW PONDER	SUE TUREK
FELICITA BAYANI	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
EMILY CABRERA	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
	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 — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19


Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19- 20ab; Jn
21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER



**God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and
put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from
our midst and
wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve
to be called your sons
and daughters.
Keep in your mercy
those men and women
who have died in the
cause of freedom and
bring them safely
into your kingdom of
justice and peace.
We ask this through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

- Prayer from Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

Mass Intentions

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
Monday - May 25, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society John & Mary Puisis
Tuesday - May 26, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Virginia De Sario
Wednesday - May 27, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik
Thursday - May 28, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Pietro Di Franco
Friday - May 29, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	John Kremer
Saturday - May 30, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Tatiana Zajac
5:00 p.m.	John Areno
Sunday, May 31, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Tony Schallmoser
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ John Affatati
12:00 p.m.	Isaac Bolano Benilda I. Bolano Lorraine Fernandez

REOPENING PLAN AMID COVID-19

Cardinal Cupich recently shared a multi-phased plan for reopening churches (including ours) in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Phase I allows for Baptism, Reconciliation, Weddings and Funerals with a limit of 10 attendees, no exception. Necessary ministers not part of the 10. Phase IA allows parishes to reopen for private prayer and adoration with a limit of 10 attendees (again no exception). Phase II allows for reopening for weekday and weekend Masses for larger groups depending on the guidelines from the State of IL and the church's capacity (social distancing must be adhered to).

First and foremost it is important for everyone to understand that our efforts will prioritize the safety and wellbeing of all while maintaining due respect and reverence for the sacraments and liturgical norms of our faith. While our parish will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

A Reopening Leadership Team has been formed and they virtually attended required training to ensure that our parish plan conforms to the guidelines developed by the Archdiocese in collaboration with civil and healthcare authorities and approved by the dioceses of the State of IL. We have received a starter kit of protective and cleaning supplies, as well as guidance on purchasing/maintaining supplies ongoing.

What we need at this point to further our progress are volunteers to assist with various aspects of the plan. **Volunteers must be 18 – 65 years old and have no underlying medical condition. If you meet those requirements, it would also be very helpful that you can help during the day one or more times during the week.** Some have come forward to help on a day of the weekend but during the week is our particular need right now. There is a Greeting Team and a Cleaning Team. Each will have very specific tasks and procedures to follow in carrying out those tasks. Training, protective equipment and necessary supplies will be provided. If you are willing and able to volunteer, please contact Dee Stanton, 847/967-1060 or 966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com by **Tuesday morning, May 26th**. Training would then be later in the week. If you know of people who do not receive Flocknote nor have access to the bulletin online, and you think they might be willing and able to help, please contact them with all this information.

Once we have more volunteers, complete the tasks assigned to all parishes, submit our documentation for the certification process to the Archdiocese, and receive the necessary approval to go ahead, we will then reopen in Phase I and possibly Phase IA. Please pray for these efforts to safely reopen our parish. Thank you!



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