

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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Weekend Mass Celebrant:

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Masses: Cancelled until further notice

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Parish School: St. John Brebeuf School

847-966-3266 or sjbschool.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, by appointment.

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:

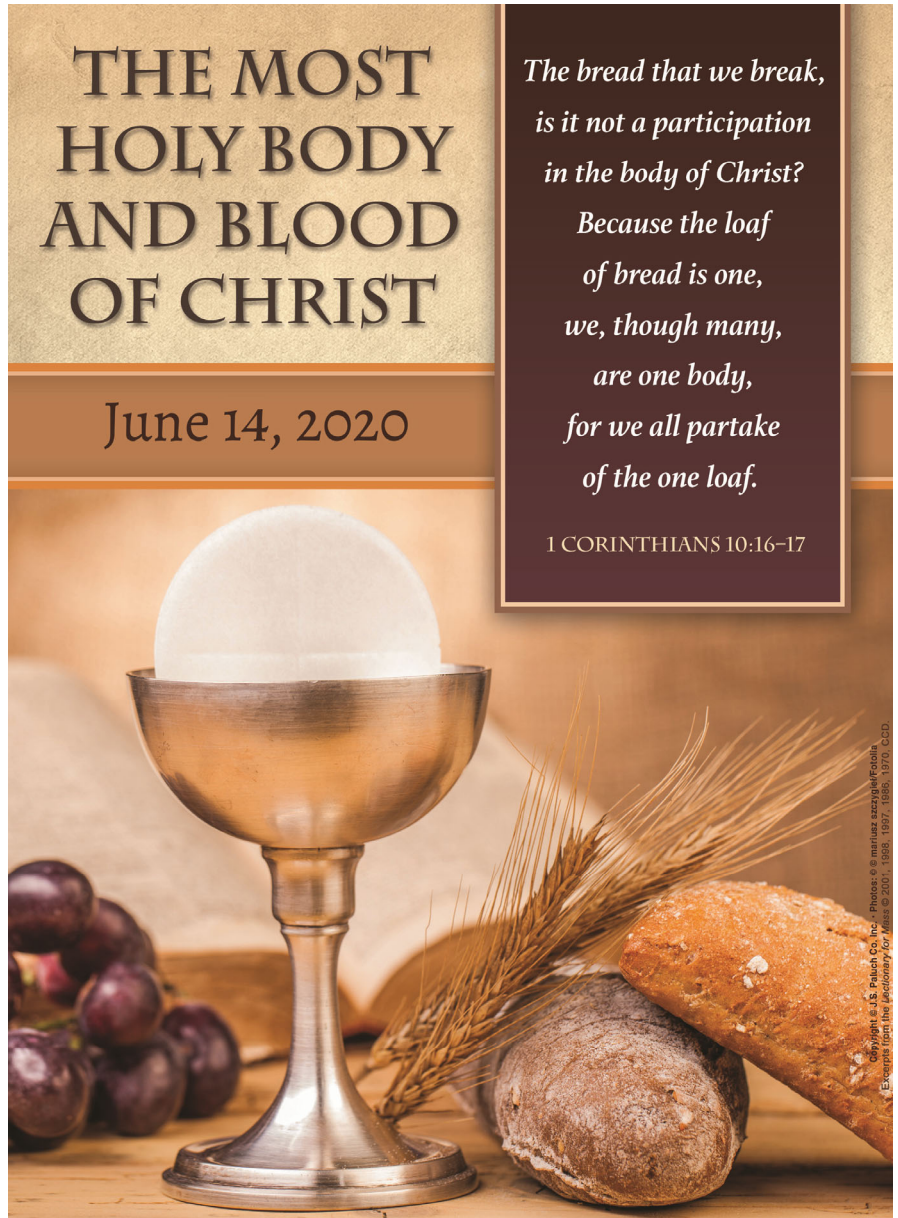
Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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 - 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
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FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

I AM THE LIVING BREAD

This has been the core of Jesus' teaching that He is the bread that came down from heaven. Jesus said to the Jews of his time when they were looking for more bread, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." John the evangelists tells us that the Jews quarreled at this saying of Jesus 'How can this man give us his **flesh** to eat?

What was Jesus trying to tell them? The awaited Messiah has come, the one sent by the Father. The one who existed from the beginning has come and is in their midst. He is the bread of life. Just as bread is essential to survive as in the agrarian culture of the first century Jews, without bread there was no life. Unless Jesus dies they can have no life in themselves. Just as animals, fish and plants become our food and give us life as they die so that we may have life; so too Jesus has come to elevate us from the sinful world to give us an everlasting life. We can live only through Him. For that to happen we need to eat of his body and drink of his blood.

"I am the Bread of Life" is another way of saying: "Without My death, you cannot live," Jesus says that He Himself is the foundation for spiritual life. Without His death, no one else can live. Those who come to Him will never again be hungry. Those who believe in Him will never again thirst. Through His death, we live. How hard it has been for some people who listened to his words to accept Jesus as the "Bread of Life." John the evangelist says that after listening to Jesus' words many dissented him and would not follow him anymore.

Are we different today when we hear these same words of Jesus being said to us "I am the living bread that came down from heaven, whoever eats this bread will live forever"? It will be hard for many to swallow and more so when at mass we receive the bread which has transformed into the body of Christ and wine into the blood of Christ as we believe in the "Transubstantiation" of the sacred species. The church teaches us that when the priest at the time of the consecration of the bread and wine invokes upon the Holy Spirit to turn the species into the Body and Blood of Christ by holding his hands over the sacred species. This is possible because God desired it for human kind as in John 3:16 it says "God loved the world so much that he gave his only son so that all those who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life."

The greatest gift Jesus gave us is his own body as food and blood as drink to sustain our spiritual life. When we believe in him, He becomes the life giving bread for us, so that we become one with him as he wants to share his life with us. Let us with due reverence realize the mystery that takes place at the Eucharistic celebration every time we gather to worship. These four things remind us of the presence of Christ.

- 1) Christ is present first in the community which has assembled for worship.
- 2) He is present in the person of the minister who presides in his name.
- 3) He is present in the Biblical Word which is proclaimed.
- 4) Finally he is present in a uniquely sacramental way in the sacred species themselves.

Let every Eucharistic celebration be then for us a life giving experience. Happy Feast of "The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ" (Corpus Christi)

-Fr. Mario

REOPENING FOR LIMITED WEEKEND MASSES

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.

Next Sunday, June 21st, we will slowly begin to return to our spiritual home for the celebration of the Eucharist. Two Masses will be held here in the church – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. The following weekend, June 27 – 28 there will be three Masses: Saturday, 5 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. **Only 50 people** will be able to register **for each Mass** using our new online reservation system. A link has been sent out on Flocknote and posted to our SIJ website. If you do not have access to a computer, you may call the Rectory at 847/967-1060, and we will help you make a reservation. You may reserve spaces only for the people who live in your household and who will be coming. You will also be able to sit with them in church. **To give access to everyone who would like to attend a Mass, you are asked to sign up for only one weekend Mass a month for the time being.**

To our brothers and sisters who are 65 years or older and/or who have an underlying medical condition that would put them at greater risk for infection you are reminded that you are not bound by the obligation to attend Mass at this time. You can still watch the televised Masses on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on WLS Channel 7 (with Cardinal Cupich) and on WGN Channel 9 (Mass at Mercy Home).

Before coming to church on the day of your reservation, please check your temperature and make sure you are feeling well. We also ask that you use the facilities at home, as we would like to have the only bathroom in the church used for urgent needs only. If you have a fever or are not feeling well, we respectfully request that you stay home for your well being and that of others. If you feel well and come to the church, please come wearing a mask. You will need to wear it the entire time.

The **only entrance door** is off the main parking lot at the stairs with the white railing and will open 15 minutes prior to the start of each Mass. We will greet you, check you in, invite you into the church, spray your hands with hand sanitizer, and walk you to your seat observing social distancing. You are to remain in this seat for the entire time you are in the church. Only a few of the Ushers will be standing around the church in case there is someone or something to attend to. Everyone else must be seated.

It is important that you are on time and enter the church during those 15 minutes. Our volunteers will also be participating in the Mass and may not be at the locked door to let you in, even if you have a reservation. For everyone's health and well being people cannot just walk in without going through the above arrival process. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please note: Due to the sanitizing guidelines we have taped up the kneelers. So there will be no kneeling (we will stand for the Eucharistic Prayer). There will also be no singing at this time by the Assembly, but we will recite Mass responses. The collection basket will not be passed. Please place your offering in the alms box as you enter or later leave the church. We will continue to wish each other the Sign of Peace with words or a bow, but no physical contact.

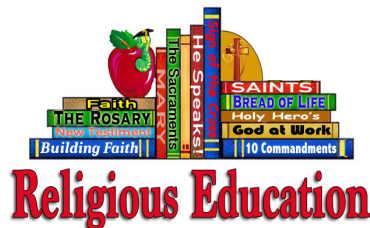
Regarding the reception of Holy Communion: Reminders will be given prior to Communion beginning. Father and Deacon will take off their masks and put on face shields for everyone's protection. Then they will sanitize their hands. Only hosts will be distributed. Ushers will invite you into the aisle socially distanced on the blue tape markers on the floor. There will be a single line in the aisles going up for Communion. When you are about 2-3 people away from the front, the Usher will again spray your hands with hand sanitizer. From this point forward you are not to touch your face or anything else.

When you get up to Father/Deacon, please do not remove your face mask. Extend your non-dominant hand out. Bow your head and respond "Amen" to "The Body of Christ". The host will be put in your hand. Move sideways to the next blue tape marker. With your other hand you will remove one side of your mask, place the host in your mouth, put one side back up and then return to your seat. **Please note that you are to return to your seat and not leave the church as you must be led out by an Usher. We respectfully remind you that Mass is over when Father leaves.**

At the end of Mass the Ushers will guide each row out beginning with the back. While maintaining social distance everyone in that row will be escorted to the **only exit door**, which is the narthex door by Golf Road (long ramp). The Usher will either fix the door so it stays open or will hold it open for you. Please do not touch the doors. Should an emergency arise and we need to move everyone out of the church (i.e. fire alarm goes off) we will use every available exit but ask that you follow Usher directions and keep some distance from person in front of you.

Once in the parking lot you are to go straight to your cars. There is to be no congregating outside. A wave to others or a hello from six feet away is fine, but no physical contact and no groups.

As the plan moves forward and we see how things are working, there could be some changes. Your patience, cooperation, and prayers are truly appreciated. Thank you.



2020 - 2021 RE PROGRAM 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 is being 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 have been mailed out to families currently in the program. If you have not received it, 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.



Split the Pot

The Spring SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE is history! Thank you to everyone who supported this important parish fundraiser. The total pot came to \$10,725! Prizes amounted to \$3,217.50 and \$7,507.50 came to the parish.

Congratulations to our winners:

First Prize -	Jacob Borkowski	\$1,608.75
Second Prize -	Marie Wilson	\$1,072.50
Third Prize -	Michael Serrano	\$ 536.25

But wait...there's more! \$1304 of prize money was donated back to St. Isaac Jogues Parish for a grand total of \$8,811.50 to help our faith community.

God bless everyone for your generosity!



PRAYER TO OVERCOME RACISM



Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other. We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another. We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society. We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person. Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen. (www.usccb.org/racism)



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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PHASE 2 OF REOPENING PLAN

As we prepare to enter Phase 2 next weekend for Mass, we are still in need of more volunteers. For the current time we **must** have volunteers for every Mass, Sacrament, Funeral, church event, etc. that the parish holds. Volunteers are to be 18 - 65 years old, have no underlying medical condition, and are available weekdays and/or weekends.

There is a Greeting Team, Usher Team, and a Cleaning Team. Each has 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 or need more information, please contact Dee Stanton by calling 847/967-1060 or 966-1180 or email her at sijre2004@yahoo.com this week.** A training will then be set up. Please help your parish community!



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
JOE AUTH	HILDA DALY
	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
	JUDY CABRERA
	YUL VENTURA

O Lord, give protection and safety to our Troops, National Guard, and First Responders. May they find guidance and strength in you as they serve our country and its people and further justice and peace. 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 — Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Because the loaf of bread is one, who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

Gospel — Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51-58).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

FOOD FROM HEAVEN

God sustained the people of Israel for forty years in the desert with manna sent down from heaven, and Moses doesn't want them to forget it. God brought forth water from stone for them to drink, and Moses doesn't want them to forget this, either. And Moses tells them—twice—that the food that God sent was a food that neither they nor their ancestors before them had ever experienced before.

Jesus too speaks of food come down from heaven, food that the Jewish people had never experienced before. Recalling the manna in the desert, Jesus doesn't want them to forget it either, explaining that he is the food and drink of eternal life. And Paul reiterates to the Corinthians and to all of us that in the bread and in the cup, we share in the body and blood of Christ.



*Ricardo Lopez
Thaddeus Zupinski
Mary Bong Reamer*

In Memoriam

Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 14, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Dijitha
10:00 a.m.	Guiseppe Mandredini
12:00 p.m.	Anton Schallmoser
Monday - June 15, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Joseph Puherickal
Tuesday - June 16, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik
Wednesday - June 17, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Gaudyn Family
Thursday - June 18, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Ann Affatati & John Affatati
Friday - June 19, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Luke Chierayil Tony Schallmoser Trinidad Alihan
Saturday - June 20, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Igoe & Burke Families
5:00 p.m.	David Olzeski Peter Miscinski Antony Mathai Frank Eichinger Tony Schallmoser John Areno Banu Siva - Birthday Blessings
Sunday, June 21, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Helene Kowalik
10:00 a.m.	Carlo Galassini
12:00 p.m.	Mark Duval



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VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

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TO 84576**

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For additional information about church reopening, please refer to the Archdiocese of Chicago website at archchicago.org. On the first page, click on the picture for Archdiocese announces a reopening plan.

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