

# SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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**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.

**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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 Sunday - Closed

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**Parish School:** St. John Brebeuf School  
 847-966-3266 or [sjschool.org](http://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.

August 18, 2019 | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



I HAVE COME  
 TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE,  
 AND HOW I WISH

*it were already blazing!*

~ Luke 12:49

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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				
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<b>Fil-Am Chairperson</b> – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				



FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk

## Overview of the Parish

As I was getting settled to write my Pastors column, a number of thoughts kept coming to my mind. I said why not just give an overview of the parish? I will be completing five years in November, since I stepped into this parish. I could see the urgency people had to get the work of the church done as it has been delayed for many reasons and for some years resulting in damage to the structure due to leakage.

I walked into the church when the timings of the Sunday masses were reschedule eliminating one mass from the normal Sunday schedule. I knew from then on many more responsibilities were looming large on my shoulders and after my installation as a "New Pastor" of St. Isaac Jogues parish, the responsibilities kept growing.

I could hear the voices of people saying to me "we need to get the church fixed" as the roof is in bad shape of the church and school as well and to get people to contribute, I knew it would take an enormous effort. Many other issues kept cropping up as the months rolled by. I began thinking how to begin. But with God's grace and assistance, we have been sailing well in the process of a "Capital Campaign." The renovation of the church began with the support and dedication of the staff and committee members that made it easier for us to carry out this task together. Besides, I had to look into the finances of the parish and felt the need to undertake many fund raisers to meet our ordinary expenses.

As you can see, the exterior work of the church is being carried out and due to the generosity of our parishioners and donors, the realization has taken place, our dream is carried into a reality. But I have been grappling with the problem of why the remaining 450 registered families have not yet joined us and come to our rescue to get the work completed? I could visualize the lacuna. I do understand people face financial problems, medical issues and other commitments. But if everyone shares in whatever their mite to God to protect the place of worship, we can succeed. Every dollar counts and in your difficult times when you accept the challenge to support such a divine cause, I assure you, God will see to it that your needs are taken care of. It would be like the poor widow of Zarephath who shared her food with Elijah, God's prophet in 1Kings 17/14. For this is what the **LORD**, the God of Israel, says: "The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the **LORD** sends rain on the land." We all believe in a God of plenty for he never fails in his promises.

As your pastor, I have accepted my responsibility to provide a safe structure of worship and I know how we all wish to offer God the best. Let us then join hands to get the work completed. Once the exterior work is over, we would be beginning with the second phase of the interior of the Church in early 2020. Let's make this dream a reality too. We would be carrying out the interior work based on the funds we have as every dollar given would be spent sparingly.

I look forward to your support in getting the work completed so that we have a better place of worship. This is my prayer that our patron St. Isaac Jogues be our guide and support in our hour of need.

-Fr. Mario

## *Assure Our Future* Campaign & Project Update

Through end of July, 2019 we have the following:

297 donors  
\$895K pledged  
\$410K paid

The outside project which started in July is expected to be completed by end of August or early September. The total cost is projected to be slightly under \$300K.

We will also be continuing some tree removal & trimming and some landscaping over the next several weeks.

A church interior project is underway with an anticipated start soon after Epiphany, 2020. The project will include new flooring, patching and painting, pew refinishing, new cushions and kneelers and much more. We are just developing a plan and pictures based on parish priorities.

First, **thank you** to everyone for your patience through the construction!

Secondly, we are thrilled to have over \$400,000 paid in less than 1 year! Sincere **thank you** to those who are participating. We need everyone's help to get all this work done. There's still plenty of time and need for everyone to do what they can.

Pledge materials are available in the Holy Family Room or in the rectory.

Lastly, we understand that there have been some air conditioning issues over the past few very hot weeks. The church air conditioning system is almost 30 years old and will need replacement. We do have a few contractors coming for inspections to prepare bids for that project as well.

Please pray for our church and our projects!

## CHURCH FIRE PLAN

In an effort to be ready for the possibility of a fire, fire drills will be conducted in the coming months, one for each weekend Mass. If the alarm **ever** goes off, it will be accompanied by flashing lights. The Presider or Deacon will make an announcement that it is the fire alarm and to please follow the directions of the Ushers and other helpers with **orange flags**. You will be directed out row by row starting from the back. Be sure that kneelers are up for ease of movement out of the pew. Remember that not all three doors may be accessible in the event of a fire so you need to pay attention as to which door you are being led.

Once you get out the doors, go to where the orange flags are in the middle of the parking lots so as to be out of the way of emergency vehicles. Please move quickly and quietly in case other announcements need to be made. Those who may need some help will be assisted by Ushers or other helpers. If you see people who might need some help, please offer it, and if they accept, move as fast as the person is able. **It is important that everyone take a fire alarm seriously – you don't know if it is a drill or an actual fire and your actions could save your life and/or that of others. Calm and patience are necessary from everyone and cooperation greatly appreciated.**

As we have the drills we may find it necessary to alter the plan slightly, but we will make you aware of any changes. Thank you.

## St. Isaac Jogues News

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**+Gala Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, 7 p.m., Rm. 26, enter by RE Office.

**+Parish Life Commission Meeting**  
Thursday, 8 p.m., Rm. 26

**+Holy Hour & Benediction**  
Friday, 7 p.m., Church

**+Teen Group Popcorn Sale**, Weekend of August 24 – 25, \$1 per bag. Confirmation Yr. I & II Candidates welcome to help for service. Contact RE Office, 847/966-1180 this week!

**+Annual Family Peace Fest** for Hope and Harmony, 8/24, activities 10 a.m. – Noon and **Peace Fest Rally**, Noon – 1 p.m., Harrer Park in Morton Grove, including Phil Andrew, Director of Violence Prevention from the Archdiocese of Chicago. For more info, contact Rev. Elizabeth Jones, Pastor of St. Luke's Christian Community Church, elizajon@aol.com.

**+Bible Study**  
Wednesday, 9/4, 9:30 a.m., Rm. 6, Gospel of St. Luke, \$15 for materials.

## SHARE YOUR CULTURE AND YOUR FOOD

**Would you be willing to donate, prepare and serve food from your culture/ethnicity at the Taste of St. Isaac Jogues, which will be held on our actual feast day, Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>? An entrée and/or a side (80-100 small tastes of either or both) is requested. You would cook the food at home. We would have trays, racks, and sterno cans available to keep the food warm. We provide the flag for your country, bowls and/or plates for serving, set up your table with a tablecloth (color is your choice, usually based on country's flag). You would also serve and clean your area at the end of the Taste before going upstairs to enjoy entertainment, music and dancing. Invite a family member or friend or two to help you.**

**We are currently contacting food providers from last year. We want to have as many countries represented as possible for this parish fundraiser to show our diversity and our unity. A very special guest is coming for the 5 p.m. Mass and the Taste and we know our guest is excited to be joining with us.**

**There is one organizational meeting with the Parish Life Commission on Thursday, September 19. All monies raised will help our parish. If you are interested in participating in this year's Taste of SIJ, please contact Dee Stanton, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com this week.**





**YOU'RE INVITED!**

***St. Isaac Jogues Parish Gala...  
An Evening to Remember Fundraiser***

***Come enjoy dinner, music, dancing,  
door prizes, raffles & more.***

***Friday, September 6, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.***  
***Lone Tree Manor***  
***7730 North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles***  
***\$50 per person***  
***Cash bar***

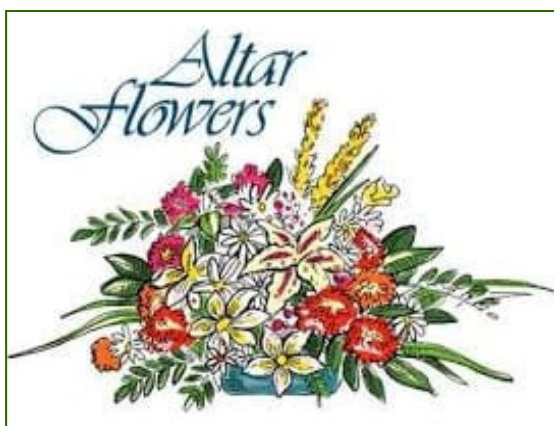
***Invite your families, friends, and neighbors  
to save this date for an evening of great fun.  
All proceeds will benefit the parish.***

#### INFORMATION FROM THE GALA COMMITTEE

\*Have you purchased your Gala tickets yet? **Plan to attend the Gala and invite relatives, friends and neighbors** to join you (tables of 10). **Tickets are \$50** and can be purchased in the HFR today and next weekend or during the week at the Rectory. **Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.** **No tickets will be sold at the doors the night of the Gala.** Please remember to provide a list of whom you want to sit with once all have purchased tickets.

\***Buy Gala raffle tickets (\$5 each or 5 for \$20).** Extra sheets of tickets for the Gala Raffle (\$500 – 1<sup>st</sup> prize) are at the doors of the church or at the Rectory.

\***We are asking for donations for the raffles.** Items include gift cards, bottles of wine (particularly white wine) valued at \$10 or more, and other new items. Please drop your donations off in the sacristy marked for the Gala. Questions? Please call Nancy, 847-727-3307, or Dee, 847-967-1060, ext. 211 or email [sjire2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sjire2004@yahoo.com).



DEAR MOTHER,

INTERCEDE FOR US  
THE GRACE TO REALIZE  
THAT THE GREATEST GIFT FROM GOD TO US  
IS YOUR BELOVED SON AND THROUGH HIM  
WE MIGHT ENJOY FULLY ALL OTHER GIFTS FROM  
GOD, KNOWING THEIR NATURE AND VALUE

PUTERICKAL FAMILY



### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you seeking a new or deeper relationship with Jesus and with the Catholic Church? Never been baptized and wanting to learn about the initiation process? A baptized Christian seeking to learn more about the Catholic Church? A baptized Catholic who has not participated in religious education classes nor completed the other sacraments of initiation (First Communion and Confirmation)? If you answer yes to any of these questions, please contact Dee Stanton, 847/966-1180 or [sijr2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijr2004@yahoo.com) to learn more about this process of prayer, study, and service. If you know someone who might be open to this invitation, please share it with them.

**\*Catechists and Assistants Dinner and Meeting, Monday at 6:30 p.m., Rm. 26.** Enter by RE Office. Please bring your three completed forms. I also need RSVP for the Aug. 24 Cluster Catechists/Assistants Mass and Morning of Reflection at St. Martha. (8 a.m. - Noon)

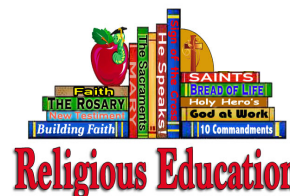
**\*Families who have not yet registered their children for the 2019-2020 Religious Education Program, please try to take care of this important task this week!**

**\*The new year begins Monday, August 26, with Mass at 6:30 p.m. in church. All students are to be accompanied by at least one adult family member.** After Mass the children will go to their classes and the family members will be in church for presentation/meeting. Then we'll join together again in the Holy Family Room to meet Catechists and Assistants and enjoy refreshments. The evening will end between 8:00 and 8:15 p.m.

**\*Calendars and class assignments were mailed out. If you registered and have not received this important mailing, please contact the RE Office this week.**

**\*If you have questions or need more information please contact Dolores Stanton, 847/966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com).**

**\*Please pray for blessings upon this year of faith formation and religious education!**



### *SING UNTO THE LORD!*



It's time for our choirs to begin the new season. Come join the Praise Singers or the Adult Choir.

Praise Singers include students in high school and college. We sing all kinds of music from traditional to contemporary Christian. The Praise Singers practice on Wednesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. and sing the 10:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday. Our Adult Choir is for people of any age who love to sing. We sing all styles of music and share laughs as well as great music. Adult Choir practices on Wednesdays from 7:15 - 9:15 p.m. and we sing the 8:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday. We are the early birds!

Come on out to share your talents and to make new friends.

Rehearsals start this Wednesday, August 21st.

## LOOKING TO SHARE YOUR TIME?

Our SPRED Community, comprised of adults who are challenged and team members from the parish, is seeking an individual or two who would value being part of this special ministry of faith formation and friendship. If you would like to be part of a small faith community, help others grow in their faith and friendship with Jesus, be comfortable with adults with special needs, and could make a commitment to attend team meetings and community sessions, along with a couple Masses during the year. Training is provided. To discuss your possible involvement please contact Dee Stanton, 847/966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com).

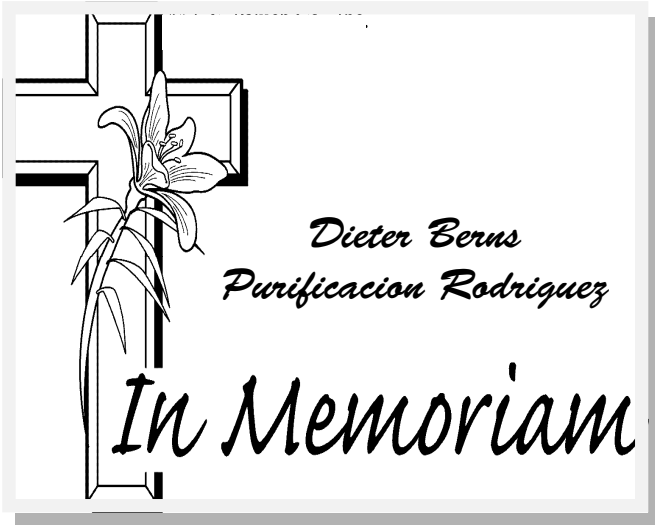
## SPRED



## SPRED MEETING

\*The SPRED Team will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 1 p.m. off grounds.

\*Please bring your three completed forms if you have not already turned them in.



## Pray for

	GLORIA CABACUNGAN
	STACI VINCENT
	TONY LIVORSI
	JOHN ROMANO
KERMIT TURNER	AUDREY JANS
ERIK JOHANSEN	RENEE VEGA
TONY KOZA	DAVID FORST
MICHAEL NOBLE	CHRISTINA WALD
JULIE HIGGINS	HELMA DRAG
JOSEPH WHITE	NONA YOAKUM
RICHARD VAIL	KATHY EGLOFF
KATIE KIRWAN	CLARIBEL KLAWITTER

Lord, hold our troops and first responders in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. 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** - Timothy Kelly, David Perez,  
Paul Matthew Ledesma

**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](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com).



Our Outreach Ministry continues to provide food to those in need. Many people have come to our doors who were flooded out in the spring rains, have lost jobs or are suffering through homelessness & medical issues.

Please help to *restock our pantry shelves* with the following items:

can soup & stew, fruit & vegetables, can meat & chicken, instant or can potatoes

Thank you for your help! SIJ Outreach Ministry

## Mass Intentions

Sunday - August 18, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Joisy and George Mathai John Areno
10:00 a.m.	Brenda Affatati
12:00 p.m.	Joseph Stilling

Monday - August 19, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Angel Oscar Diaz
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Tuesday - August 20, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Jan & Janina Chrzaszcz (Special Intention)
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Wednesday - August 21, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Virginia DeSario
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Thursday - August 22, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Janet and Stephen Grant
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Friday - August 23, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Pedro Linang Victoria Parker Sathi Thakral
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Saturday - August 24, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Kurian Job
5:00 p.m.	Sara Koz

Sunday, August 25, 2019

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Maria & Ignacy Starzec
10:00 a.m.	Betty Becker Lisa Bauer Vivian Gaffney Rustico Mallari John Kadiri - Birthday
12:00 p.m.	Pedro Linang Nolando Linang

## Liturgy Next Weekend August 24th & 25th

Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Bernard/ Deacon Paul
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/ Deacon Paul
Baptisms - 1:30 p.m.	Deacon Paul



5:00 p.m.	Remi Dalangin Ayen Dalangin Eya Dalangin
8:00 a.m.	Michael Lucas Mark Lucas
10:00 a.m.	Alec Sayson Abby Sayson
12:00 p.m.	Jonathan Magboo, Jr. A. Aaron Banez Alessandra Banez

## Sacristans

Theresa Noble, Francis Martel,  
Arlene Turek, Nina Nissan, Louise Burdi



**CLASS OF 1969  
CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!**

The St Isaac Jogues, Class of 1969  
is having our 50th Reunion,  
Saturday August 31st. Please contact  
Ruth Bialek at 847-331-9032 or  
email [rabktoo@gmail.com](mailto:rabktoo@gmail.com) or  
Tom Koziol at 847 344-6267 or email  
[tckoziol@hotmail.com](mailto:tckoziol@hotmail.com)  
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