

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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**Masses: Saturday, 5PM
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 11AM - 12:30PM, BY RESERVATION

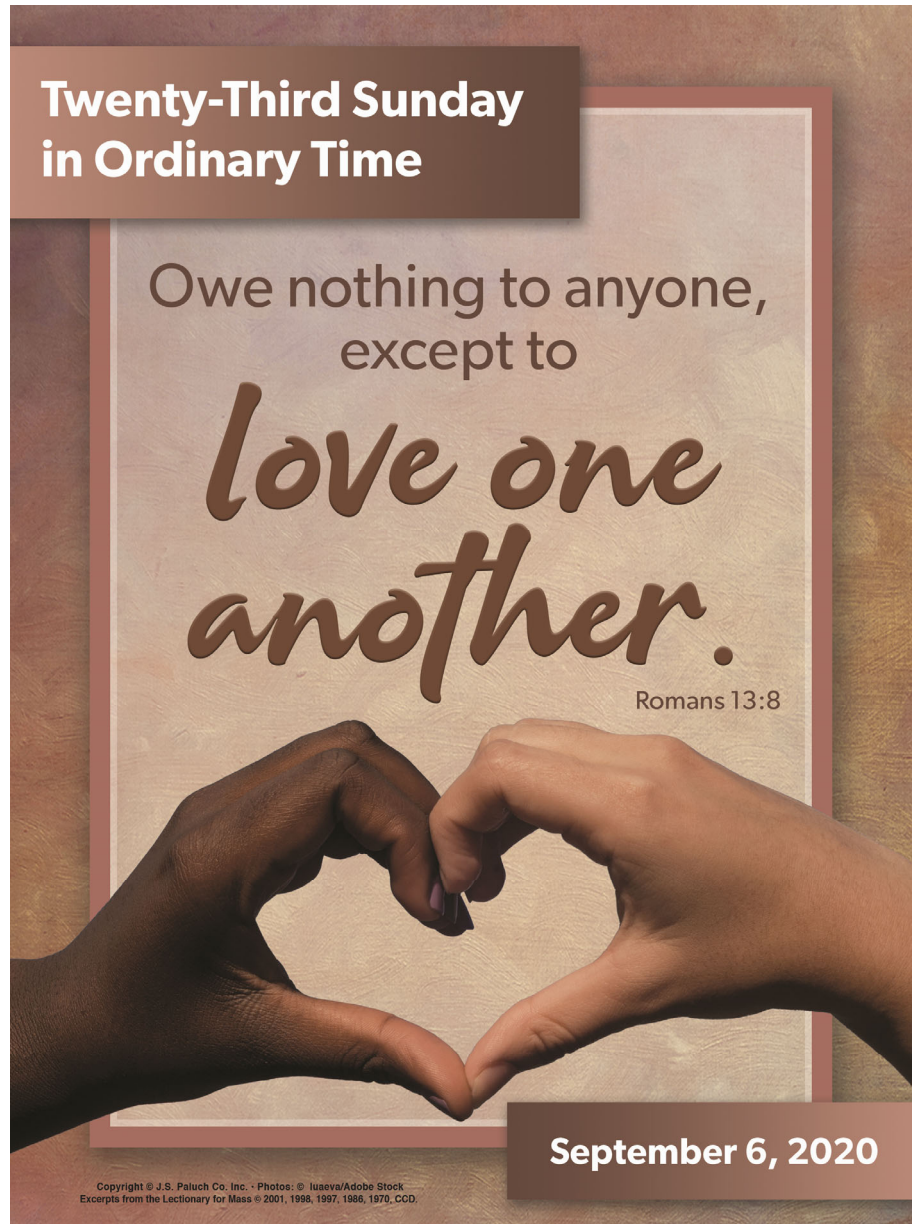
Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation.
Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

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				
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FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

Love your neighbor as yourself

The teaching of Jesus in regards to the Commandment and whatever other commandment there may be is summed up as loving God with all your heart, mind and soul. Following this commandment is the key Jesus Christ gave us for loving others as God loves us. Love your neighbor as yourself is the second great commandment of Jesus. *In other words no one should seek their own good, but the good of others.* (1Corinthians 10:24) There is no commandment greater than these, because all the precepts of the Divine Law are included in them. So that our Lord here teaches us that we ought continually to have these two precepts in our minds and before our eyes, and direct all our thoughts and words and actions by them, and regulate our whole life according to them.

The focal point of Jesus' teaching is **Love** which we preach in our Christianity. For **God is love**. Often we would respond to a question if we were asked "**Do you love God?**" Our immediate response would be yes, I love God. If you want to know for yourself whether you really love God then see what the scripture says about it. *"If anyone says, 'I love God, but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God, whom he has not seen.* (1John 4:20)

Reflecting deeply on this one commandment of God, I began thinking within, why did Jesus speak about love? It is because we are rational human beings that we need the company of each other as we cannot

live on an island but in a community; therefore we need to live in love...! There is something much deeper in the teachings of Jesus. At the time of our birth God loaded us with many good things and if we make use of them our life will take a different turn than what it is today. There is a chemical in our body called oxytocin. It is Mother Nature's way to fill us with more and more oxytocin every time we genuinely reach out to another, and the more we reach out the more oxytocin gets released thereby inviting us to be generous in return. If those who receive our favors in turn may thank us then there is the release of oxytocin in our body. Being kind, genuinely loving another brings about wellness in our body. Let me assure you the more acts of kindness you carry out; the better your health will be. That is why God showed us the way to a healthy living, seek the good of others; other than your own. The very fact that when we genuinely think of reaching out to another in love, then you start growing in personal holiness thereby it serves as an anecdote to correcting all negative behaviors towards others.

God is to be loved above everything - above all angels, or men, or any created thing. But after God, amongst created things, our neighbor is above all to be loved. And we are to extend to our neighbor that kind of love with which we love ourselves. So love your neighbor and be filled with his goodness which itself is a source of blessing for a better living.

-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 MESSAGE OF LOVE

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).

OUTREACH MINISTRY GOES ON WITH OUR EXTREMELY GENEROUS DONORS. FROM APRIL THROUGH JULY WE HAVE HELPED 58 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH DOZENS OF BAGS AND BOXES OF FOOD AND \$2400 IN GIFT CARDS ENABLING THEM TO PURCHASE NECESSITIES LIKE MILK, BREAD, EGGS, CHEESE AND PROTEIN. SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF COVID AND LOCK DOWN, THE NEEDS ARE EVEN GREATER THAN BEFORE. EVERY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION WE SPEAK TO SHARES THE SAME STORIES. UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT CONTINUES AND HOMELESSNESS GROWS. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE GOD'S GOOD WORKS. THE SIJ OUTREACH PANTRY IS RUNNING LOW ON THE FOLLOWING:

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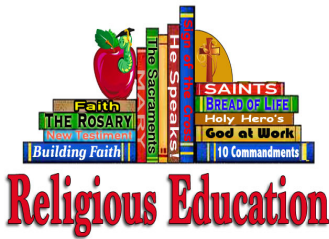


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Altar flowers can be a wonderful way to remember a loved one or a special event. Arrangements are \$55 each and we can have 2 per weekend. Your name and intention will be mentioned in the bulletin. Arrangements are available until end of November - but dates go quickly.

Please call the rectory if you are interested in purchasing flowers for upcoming weekends.



It was wonderful to see the children and their families last Monday night! Fathers Mario and Carlos were with us, along with Ms. Hall and the RE Catechists and Assistants. It was a joyful time together, to pick up books and to catch up a little at a social distance.

Virtual classes for Grs. 1 – Con. Yr. II begin September 14th at 7 p.m. Links will be sent out at the end of the week. Students should be appropriately dressed and be prepared by having their crosses, books, folders, Bibles, and other supplies with them in an appropriate room of their home. If you have not yet registered, please contact the RE Office this week.



SIJ TO HOST A POP-UP PANTRY

St. Isaac Jogues Parish, in collaboration with Catholic Charities, the Archdiocese, and the Greater Chicago Food Depository, will host a pop-up pantry on Wednesday, September 23rd, 4:30-6:00 p.m. in our parking lot. This event allows us to help provide an emergency response to increasing food insecurity in the surrounding communities of Niles, Morton Grove and Glenview and beyond, especially by providing fresh produce. A flier regarding this event will be, if not already, sent out on

Flocknote. Please pass the information along to neighbors who might be served by this opportunity. One will only have to give their name, address and number in the household.

We are in need of 20-30 volunteers for that day. You would be asked to arrive at 3 p.m. for instructions and to help pack the produce and other set up tasks. We particularly encourage younger families, teens, and adults under 65 years of age to help. Everyone needs to be in good health, with no underlying conditions, and will have to wear a mask and gloves (which we will provide). If you want to volunteer but are over 65 and have no underlying medical conditions, you may contact us to discuss your involvement. There would be some sitting tasks without contact with the public. Folks are needed to pack produce, direct traffic in parking lot, get names from people in cars or walkers, help put food in trunks or put in carts, and clean up. If you could only come for prep (3-4:30 p.m.) or only for distribution and clean up, that can be worked out as well (4:30-6:30 p.m.).

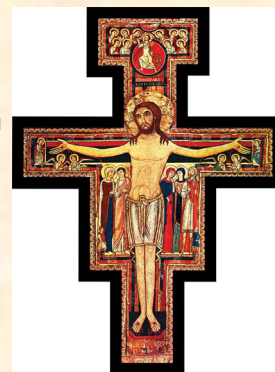
To volunteer please contact the Rectory, Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 847-967-1060, the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or email sijre2004@yahoo.com, by Monday, September 14th. If we do not have enough volunteers by that day, we will reach out to other volunteer pools through Catholic Charities and Notre Dame High School for Boys. This is a great family project and a way for individuals and families to reach out to the community in this time of greater need. Thank you for your prayers for this event and for those who will benefit from it, as well as for your consideration to help.



RENEW MY CHURCH

Many thanks to those who attended Thursday evening's meeting and for sharing your thoughts, questions and concerns. For those who were unable to attend, a couple of information sheets were given out. They have been sent out on Flocknote and are available as you leave Mass today. If you are not on Flocknote and were not here for Mass, please contact the Rectory for us to either email it to you or to have us leave it on the Rectory door for you to pick up at a particular time.

For the next few weeks we will put some of the frequently asked questions and answers regarding the Renew My Church process. We hope you will find it helpful. The next Renew My Church Parish Session will be on Sunday, October 4, at 1 p.m. in the Church. Reservations will be necessary. The link will be sent out in a couple of weeks.



***What is the objective of the parish grouping process?** To create and renew vital and sustainable parishes that have the appropriate vision, leadership and resources to create an effective culture of evangelization that makes disciples, build communities and inspires witness.

***What is the objective of the Discernment & Decisions phase (which we are currently in)?** For communities, equipped with a clear understanding of the current realities, strengths and challenges of their grouping parishes (St. John Brebeuf, St. Lambert, St. Martha, St. Peter), to prayerfully discern the right parish structures for future vitality, and to share their feedback with their local vicariate bishop (Bishop Bartosic) and Cardinal Cupich.

***What is discernment?** "A decision-making process that honors the place of God's will in our lives. It is an interior search that seeks to align our own will with the will of God in order to learn what God is calling us to." Joe Paprocki, D.Min.

***What is the role of discernment in Renew My Church?** As part of a group team charged with reflecting upon current parish realities and providing Cardinal Cupich and the Archdiocese feedback on potential scenarios for the parish structures in your grouping, discernment is about cooperating in the interest of the whole. It is an invitation to listen deeply to another by asking clarifying questions and engaging to determine what is happening in the group. The power of discernment rests on faith, the ability to pray, reflect and journey together to discover the collective truth of those gathered.

COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND

Since the collection for the Holy Land could not be taken up on Good Friday, there will be a specially marked alms box for your Holy Land donations in the narthex as you leave Mass next weekend. If you gave your donation back in April, thank you!

This weekend you will hear three hymns woven together. The first is Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, written by Henry Francis Lyte and published in 1834. This hymn was used at the wedding of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip. It was also used as the opening hymn at the 2018 funeral of George H. W. Bush.

The next two hymns are woven together in this sweet arrangement by Michael Larkin. All Things Bright and Beautiful with For the Beauty of the Earth, which can be found in our hymnal. Both pieces are soft and meditative. *Enjoy.*

Our cantors for the 10:00 Mass on Sunday are Rachel and Leah Baquial, members of the youth choir.



VOLUNTEERS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
SIGN UP TODAY!

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED

Greeters/Ushers/Cleaners are necessary for every Mass, Reconciliation session and other Church event. Training is provided. If you are 18 – 64 years old with no underlying health issues that put you at greater risk, **please give serious consideration to volunteering** to assist our faith community. For more information please contact Dee Stanton, 847/966-1180.



Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	MARY JANE PIKULA
MICHAEL NOBLE	TONY LIVORSI
JULIE HIGGINS	JOHN ROMANO
CARL AFFATATI	AUDREY JANS
RICHARD VAIL	DAVID FORST
BETTY LANDON	CHRISTINA WALD
EMILY SITKOWSKI	KIMBERLY KNOX
CYNTHIA MELNICK	DIANE BAUER
MICHAEL FOLISI	NONA YOAKUM
DOROTHY BEZDON	KATHY EGLOFF
MATTHEW PONDER	ROBERT STEPHENSON
FELICITA BAYANI	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
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JOE AUTH	HILDA DALY
LORNA ALBA	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
RICHARD DRAG	JUDY CABRERA
MARIE DE MEO	YUL VENTURA
	MARY LERPS
	SHARON KILIKEVIC
	PELAGIA SAJULGA
	SANDY OLDERSHAW

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, Vilot Ennis

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.

REOPEN REMINDERS

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 is taking appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities and per the policies of the Archdiocese of Chicago, 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.

Those who are 65 years or older and/or who have an underlying medical condition that would put them at greater risk for infection 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. **If you choose to come to Mass you are welcome!**

Only 50 people are able to attend any Mass or meeting and you must make a reservation using the online system. If you do not have access to a computer, call the Rectory at 847/967-1060, and we will be happy to help you. To give access to everyone who would like to attend a Mass, please sign up for only one weekend Mass and/or one Reconciliation time a month. You may sign up for weekday Masses as often as you want. You may check reservations on Fridays after 1 p.m. for the coming weekend for availability and sign up if you want to come. **NEW CHANGE: Reservations for Reconciliation and weekend Masses will be closed as of 11 p.m. Friday night each week.** If you show up for Reconciliation or Mass without a reservation, you will have to wait until we check if you can be accommodated.

If you or someone from your family unfortunately test positive for COVID-19, please contact the Rectory. While your privacy will be maintained, others who were at the same Mass, day of Reconciliation, etc. will be contacted to monitor for symptoms.

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. It is important that you are on time and enter the church during those 15 minutes. The doors are closed soon after Mass begins and, for everyone's health and well being, latecomers may not come in even if they have a reservation.

At the end of Mass please be seated. Ushers will guide each row out to the **only exit door**, which is the narthex door by Golf Road (long ramp). Please maintain social distance and do not touch the doors. They are fixed to stay open or an Usher holds it open for you. **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 you to follow Usher directions and keep some distance from the person in front of you. Once in the parking lot please go to your cars. There is to be no gathering outside. A wave to others or a hello from six feet away is fine, but no physical contact and no groups. Thank you for your cooperation and care for everyone's safety and health.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 6 2020

8:00 a.m.	Carol & Ed Lisowski - Spec. Intention
10:00 a.m.	Herman Stephenson
12:00 p.m.	Donna Ostrega - Spec Intention Mary & Joseph Timko Marguerite Lennon Emerenciana Tamondong

Monday - September 7, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Tony Schallmoser
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Tuesday - September 8, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Len & Jean Minelli
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Wednesday - September 9, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Wladyslawa & Wladyslaw Mulka
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Thursday - September 10, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik
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Friday - September 11, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Joana Cardozo
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Saturday - September 12, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Edward Kulig
5:00 p.m.	John Areno Tony Schallmoser Loretta Agnes O'Dowd Roland Schlabowski Lilia Bermundo & Elmo Bermundo

Sunday, September 13, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Arlene Forneck
10:00 a.m.	Carlos Galassini
12:00 p.m.	Purificacion Rodriguez Agustina Bait

Liturgy Next Weekend September 12th & 13th

Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos




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Renato Dysangco*

In Memoriam

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