

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 Herbert, 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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Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

Religious Education: 847-966-1180

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Parish School: St. John Brebeuf School

847-966-3266

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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

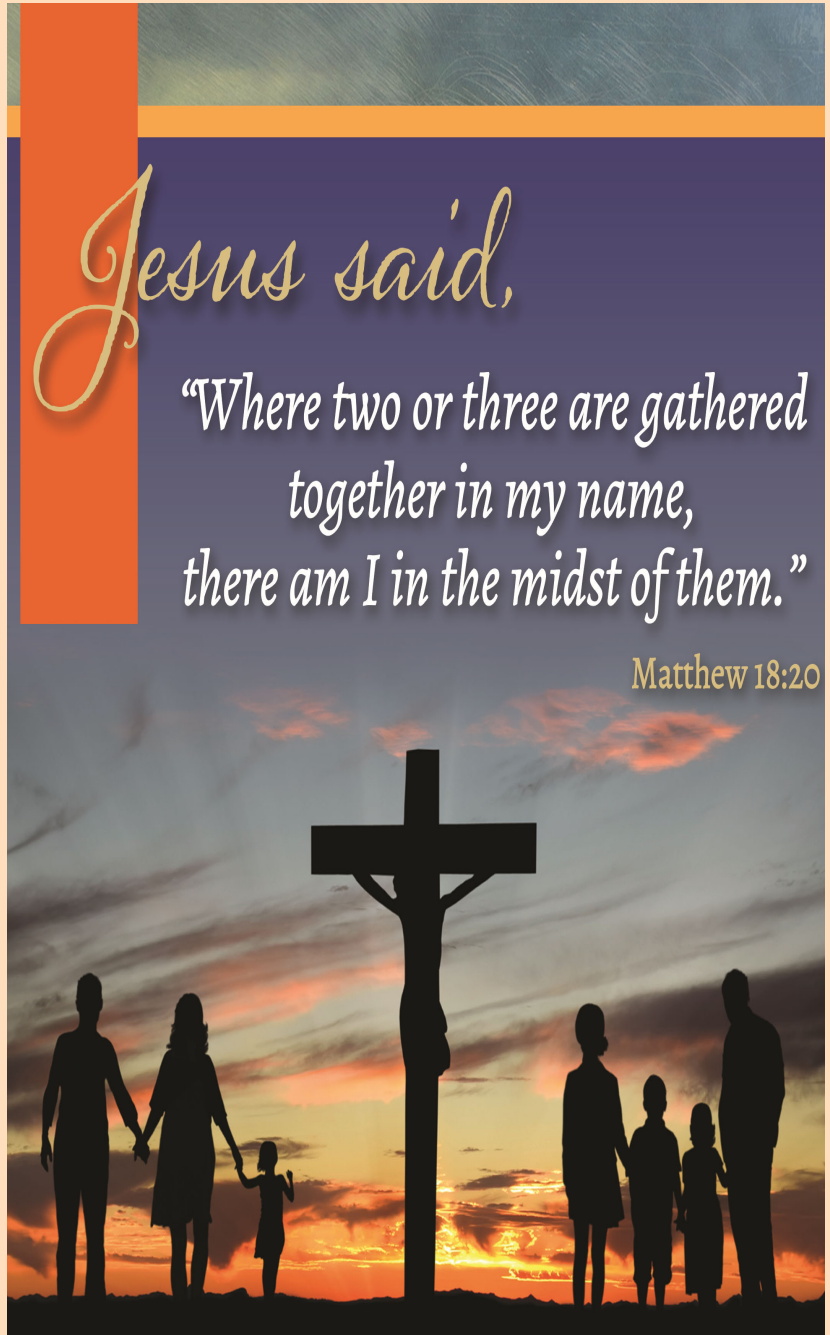
of each month at 1:30 PM. Baptism Preparation Session must be completed before Baptism.

Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for details.

Jesus said,

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20



September 10, 2017

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

I am in their midst

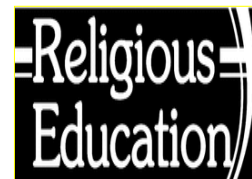
We feel good to be in the company of others or when others are in our company. These are the words of Jesus, "where two or three are gathered together in His name, He is in their midst." However, these words have been wrongly interpreted by many. The idea that is commonly promoted is that if there are two or more people gathered together who agree on something, and they ask God for it in prayer, then Jesus will be present and God will answer their request.

We need to look at the context to see what is wrong with the way many people use this verse (Mt 18/19). But, before we do that, can you see the problems with the idea that God will grant the request of those who come together and are in agreement in prayer? First of all, Jesus said "where two or three are gathered" in His name, so how could this apply to settings of four or more? Also, why would it take two or three believers to be gathered together for Jesus to be in their midst? Isn't He already present in each and every individual believer? So even if one Christian prays, isn't Jesus already there? This doesn't mean that Jesus doesn't hear our prayers when we pray alone or with two or three people etc.... He does. But it means that this particular verse is not talking about Jesus' presence in prayer, it's talking about His presence in church discipline.

If you read well the gospel text (Mt 18/15-20) you will realize that it has to do with sin and discipline in the Christian community, especially the Church. Therefore for one who errs against the Church, it was pointed out in the Old Testament in (Deuteronomy 19/15) that such legal cases needed to have two or three witnesses to establish a matter. Jesus is with us when we pray and gather. *Jesus is saying that whenever the church is pursuing and is involved in a reconciliation process with someone who has refused to repent, they can rest assured that God's blessing is with them in their efforts. In other words, as the church renders the judicial decisions on matters of right and wrong that are based on the truth of God's Word, they should be confident that they are doing the right thing and that Christ himself is right there with them, spiritually present in their midst.*

Jesus is in our midst all the time as He is present everywhere. Do you make your presence felt in His midst? Do you share your talents and gifts in the mission of the Church? We need to make His presence felt when we care for his people. For a church to grow and progress spiritually, our offering of self and its commitment play an important role. I not only allow myself to be nourished spiritually; but I make myself available for the spread of God's kingdom. Helping others to grow and evangelize those that have not heard about him or experienced him is a mission par excellence!

-Fr. Mario



***RE Classes Gr. 1 – Confirmation Yr. II resume Monday, September 11 at 6:45 p.m.** Please remember to fill out your Family Event Commitment form and return it that night to your child's catechist (one per family).

*If you have not yet registered your child (ren), please call the RE Office Monday to do so, 847/966-1180.

***First Reconciliation Family Meeting, September 18, 6:45 p.m., HFR.** At least one parent or guardian is expected from each family.



+Thinking about becoming Catholic or completing your Catholic Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? We offer a process of prayer, learning, service, and community life that will help.

+If you are 18 or older and active in the practice of your faith, but for some reason have not been confirmed, adult Confirmation Classes are available to assist you on Tuesday evenings, Sept. 19 – Nov. 21 at St. Norbert Church in Northbrook, from 7 – 9 p.m. or at St. Benedict Church, Irving Park Road in Chicago, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The Confirmation Mass will be held at Queen of Angels Church in Chicago on Tuesday, November 28th, at 7 p.m. The fee is \$75 per candidate.

+Want to prepare for Confirmation but cannot participate in the above classes? Contact us and we will do our best to work something out here at St. Isaac Jogues.

+To learn more about the RCIA or Adult Confirmation sessions, please contact Dee Stanton at 847/966-1180 or sjire2004@yahoo.com

PARISH TRANSFORMATION:
The Seven Signs of Parish Vitality

To fulfill the mission of Christ and the church, a parish must meet specific expectations to each of the Seven Signs: **Missionary Spirit, Evangelization, Catechesis, Prayer and Worship, *Communio*, Call to Holiness, Spiritual Stewardship.**

A healthy and vibrant parish is one that welcomes all who come through its doors and whose members are actively involved in the mission of Jesus. The transformation process volunteers who attended the retreat, examined new ideas and approaches to accomplishing the mission of Christ in the parish.

The **missionary spirit** is alive in our parish as evident in the care we provide to the parishioners, as well as service of charity to the poor, homeless & marginalized. We believe that there are many opportunities to **evangelize** at St. Isaac Jogues. We are all called to practice our faith without fanfare, go beyond our comfort zone to share our faith with the unchurched and inactive parishioners in and outside of our parish walls. **Faith formation and sharing** is a lifelong process of initial conversion, formation, education and ongoing conversion through RCIA and other family inclusive catechesis. We affirm that our parish is fundamentally a **worshipping community** of faith, with a healthy prayer and devotional life. **Communio** is the bond we build with each other to sustain our life in Christ. The genuine spirit of communion is evident through many parish community celebrations – The Taste of Isaac Jogues, Simbang Gabi, the Marian Festival and Corpus Christi.

The **call to holiness** is fostered in our parish and requires everyone to continuously support others to walk on the path of holiness, encourage each other through gifts and life experiences and offer daily mass. **Spiritual stewardship, leadership and administration** are vital to the culture of our parish. The spirit of Christian stewardship is taught by example by the pastor, staff and laity in other to accomplish the mission of the parish and affirms the mutual responsibility of one parishioner to another and the entire faith community.

- ◇ As a faithful member of this parish, how do you/ can you contribute to its vitality?
- ◇ What do you think is your responsibility to the parish in accomplishing the mission of Christ?

St. Isaac Jogues News

Spiritual Life Commission
 Sept. 12, 7 p.m., RE Office

Parish Life Commission
 Sept. 14, 7 p.m., Rm. 26



ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

Youth in Grs. 4 – High School are invited to experience and participate in Mass in a new way as an Altar Server! Training for the ministry will be on Mondays, October 2, 16, and 23 with an optional additional session on Oct. 30. We begin at 5:30 p.m.

and will be done in time for those who have religious education class at 6:45 p.m. Servers serve at least twice a month. If you would like a permission slip or want more information, please contact Mrs. Stanton, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com this week.



Communion for the Homebound

SEEKING NEW MINISTERS OF CARE

When our brothers and sisters cannot come to the church for Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist, we go to them – in nursing facilities, senior living residences or hospitals or in their homes. As mandated representatives we bring the parish's prayers, care and support to them.

There is a five week training coming up on Wednesday nights beginning Sept. 27th, 7 – 9 p.m. at Presence St. Benedict in Niles. For more information or to discuss your possible involvement in St. Isaac Jogues Parish Ministry of Care and registration for the training, please contact

Dee Stanton, 847/966-1180 or
sijre2004@yahoo.com or
 Deacon Paul, 847/691-8992 this week



**ST. ISAAC JOGUES
FEAST DAY WEEKEND**

***SAVE THE DATES: Saturday, October 14 - Taste of SIJ with food of 11 countries and face painting! 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Then up to the Holy Family Room for a few games for the children (7:30-8:30 p.m.) and music by Patty and the Melts and dancing, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.! All are welcome so mark your calendar for a delicious, fun and inexpensive**

evening. Bring your families, friends and neighbors!
***Sunday, October 15 - Hospitality after all Masses, HFR, and opportunity to discuss with Parish Transformation Steering Committee and/or Staff members about the SIJ Parish Narrative/Process. Please keep reading the bulletin articles on Parish Transformation and thinking about the questions!**
***The meeting for food providers for the Taste of St. Isaac Jogues is this Thursday, September 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in Rm. 26.**

POPCORN SALE

Mmm! Can you smell that freshly made popcorn? Well, you will before and after Masses the weekend of **September 16 - 17. The Teen Group is having a Popcorn Sale** to raise money to make sack lunches for the homeless and other upcoming projects. Popcorn is \$1 per bag and will be sold at all the doors of the church. If you don't eat popcorn, but would like to support their efforts, your donation will also be greatly appreciated.



**ALTAR FLOWERS CAN
BE A BEAUTIFUL
TRIBUTE**



Parishioners are invited to decorate the altar with flowers in honor or memory of a loved one.

There can be two arrangements each week. Your name and intention is listed in the Bulletin. The cost of a flower arrangement is \$50. Altar flowers are available each weekend until the weekend of November 19th.

Dates fill up quickly, so please book in advance by calling the rectory at 847-967-1060.

Please join the Filipino American Parishioners of SIJ in celebrating the **Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz Sunday, September 24th at the 12 noon mass.** All are welcome to a simple reception following the Mass in the Holy Family Room.



SHOUT OUT TO TEENS!

- +If you want to help with the Popcorn Sale, contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com by Wednesday. This can be used for Confirmation service.
- +Teen Group Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 30, 6 p.m., HFR.
- +Ice Cream and Movie Night, Saturday, Sept. 30, 6:30 p.m. gather, movie begins at 7, HFR



+Like our Facebook page:
 St. Isaac Jogues Young Adults for news and events!

2017 Replace the Roof Raffle "Winners Corner"
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!



Monday, September 4	\$50	407	Katherine Puisis	Glenview, Il
Tuesday, September 5	\$50	1039	James Fegen	Morton Grove, Il
Wednesday, September 6	\$50	1908	Mark Regas	Fox River Grove, Il
Thursday, September 7	\$50	1399	Mary Burke	Glenview, Il
Friday, September 8	\$50	269	Lolita De Guzman	Morton Grove, Il
Saturday, September 9	\$50	911	Bob & Mary Beth Varak	Hawthorne Woods, Il
Sunday, September 10	\$100	441	Romeo Dihiansan	Mt. Prospect, Il



Sing a Song Unto the Lord! Join the Youth Choir

All kids fourth grade
and up who like to

sing are invited to become members of the youth choir.

The choir will meet on Mondays from 5:30 until 6:40pm in the church. We will meet the same days as the R.E. program. At 6:40, your child will go to his or her religious education class. You drop them off at 5:30pm and don't have to pick them up until 8:00pm. Not a bad deal. You do not have to be a member of the R.E. program to be in the choir.

The youth choir sings at the 12:00pm Mass once a month, leading all the music at that Mass. Youth choir also sings for Christmas, Palm Sunday, and Easter as well as performing in the music ministry Christmas concert on January 7, 2018, and singing in the musical "Song of Mark" on March 18.

Students, if you like to sing, please come. You will not only learn about music and singing, but I promise you will also have a good time.

Our first meeting is Monday, September 11 at 5:30 pm in the choir loft. You will receive a schedule and permission forms that day. Come share your talents and have some musical fun!

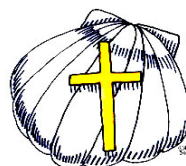
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1ST ANNUAL
CULVER'S NIGHT
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BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
FROM 5-8 PM
CULVERS OF MORTON GROVE
7310 DEMPSTER ST.

CULVERS WILL DONATE A
PERCENTAGE OF ALL SALES
DINE IN/CARRY OUT/ DRIVE THRU



Baptisms

Jacob Anthony Puesta

Son of James & Helen (Georgakopoulos) Puesta

Alexis Avery P. Atangan

Daughter of Luisito M Atangan & Leah M. Purificacion

Kaleah Serena La

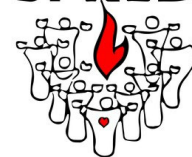
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The **St. Isaac Jogues Men's Club** will hold its Annual Kick-Off Dinner on **Wednesday, Sept. 20th, at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.** This year's annual gourmet dinner will be steak, baked potatoes, corn on the cob, salad, dessert and beverage. The annual dues for the year 2017-2018, including all seven meetings, will be \$50.00. All members should attend our first meeting and bring a friend to join our club. New members welcome! The cost for this evening meal is \$15.

The SPRED Team

We are looking to increase the SPRED Team by one or two people. Our friends are adults, 22 years old and older, who are challenged in some way. If you are looking to spend time with them, are patient, can commit to team and community sessions (24 Wednesdays total), this might be a good ministry for you. To discuss your possible involvement, please contact Dee Stanton, 847/9166-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com

SPRED



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents Day

Monday: Patriot Day

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom

Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian



JIMMY RANCICH

MARCY SANTIAGO

PASTOR LYNNE MORROW

WILLIAM PARRILLO

BERNARD KENNEDY, SR

JAMES MAXWELL PASCALE

ANGELO MONTANILE

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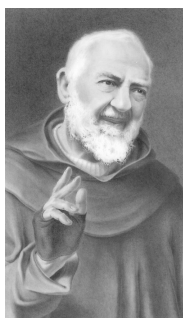
SR. JOYCE ROEHL

JULIE HIGGINS

MICHAEL NOBLE

MICHAEL BARON

TONY KOZA

**ST. PADRE PIO RELICS IN CHICAGO**

The official U.S. Tour of Padre Pio's relics to commemorate 130th Anniversary of his birth and the 15th Anniversary of his canonization includes the following Chicago stops: Sept. 25 at St. Francis Borgia, 10 a.m. through 7 p.m. Mass and Sept. 26 at St. Ita, 9 a.m. through 7 p.m. Mass; www.padrepiochicago.com.

LET US PRAY...

Please pray for those in the Armed Forces and First Responders who protect and serve our country:

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 Chavez, Joseph John Zimmerman III, Lance Renner, Gian Patrick Reyes
United States Navy	Justin Pascoe, Timothy Kelly, David Perez
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.

Mass Intentions

September 10, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Arlene Forneck, John Preston Joe De Sario, Joy Lim Vinasoy Frank Genualdi
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Vincent & Catherine Batavich
12:00 p.m.	Nikki Deleon
September 11, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Anna Korolczuk Zdzislaw Redlinski
September 12, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Clarence Turek
September 13, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Tony Burke
September 14, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Joseph Putherickal Esperanza Reginan Alex Kostrubiec - Special Intention Phyllis M. Greco
September 15, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Jacek Fic, Tom Fic
September 16, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Jenny Plocharczyk - Spec. Intention
5:00 p.m.	Casimir Kaczynski
September 17, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Chrzaszcz Family
10:00 a.m.	Henry Gazdziak, Delaine Kennedy Joy Lim Vinasoy, Donald Kwaisigroch Mercedes Coronel
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Virginia Lutsch

Liturgy Next Weekend September 16th & 17th

Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul



5:00 p.m.	Nathan Ledesma Colleen Oribello Kristine Roque
8:00 a.m.	Steve Livingston Jonathan Magboo, Jr. Red Reyes
10:00 a.m.	Julia Jaroslowski Michael Lucas Mark Lucas
12:00 p.m.	Jude Jimmychan Imani Garner Eugene Villarino

PARKING LOT CONCERNS

Vehicles are not to be parked in fire lanes nor by the islands at any time! Lanes must be kept open in case emergency vehicles need to get to the buildings.



You can be ticketed and/or towed!

Please help us ensure the safety of all who enter our doors.

Sacristans

Theresa Noble, Francis Martel, Arlene Turek, Nina Nissan

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