

# SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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Saturday: - 5:00 PM  
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Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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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.

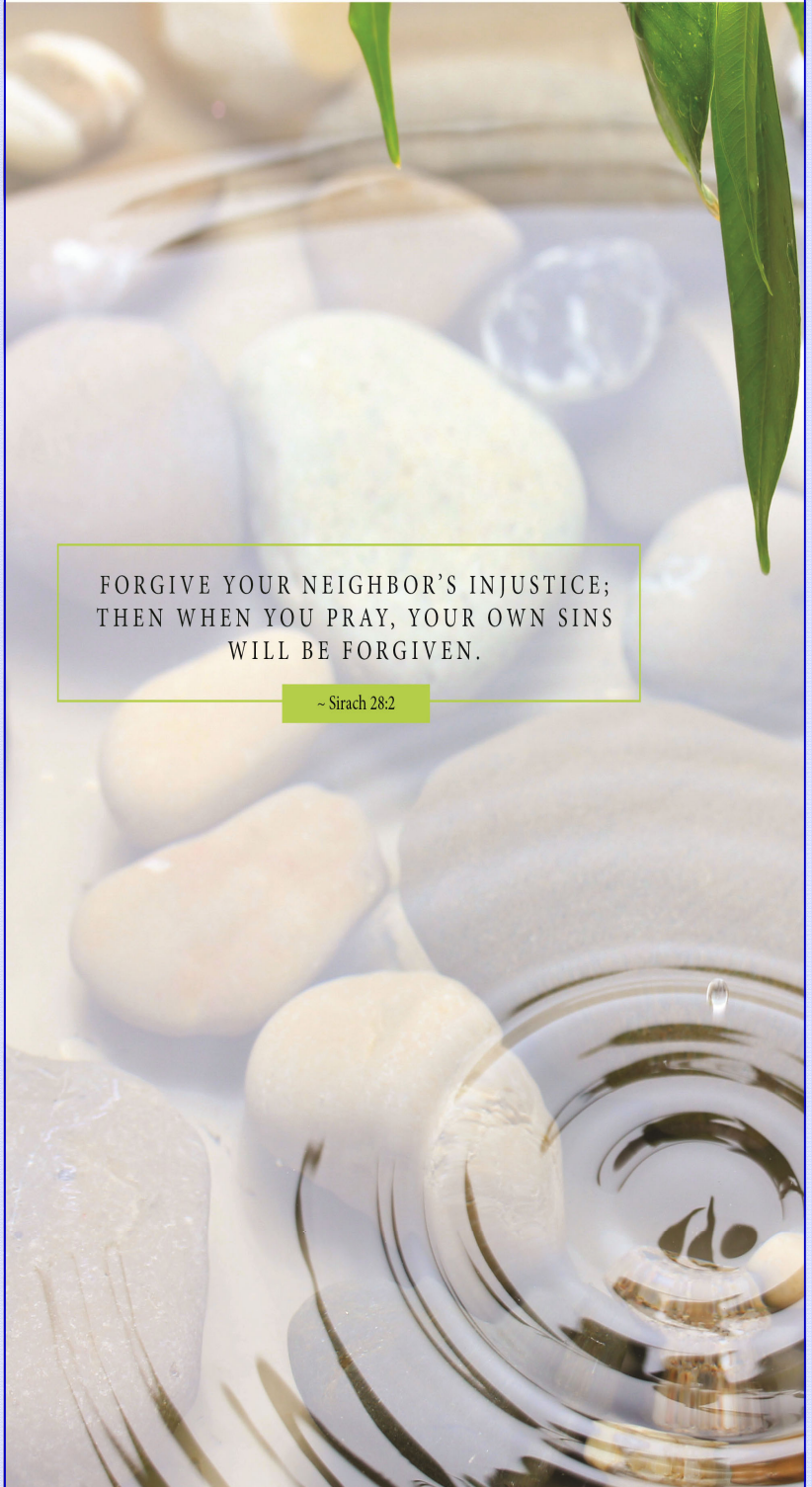
Sunday at 3:00 p.m. (Ceremony only)

**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.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FORGIVE YOUR NEIGHBOR'S INJUSTICE;  
THEN WHEN YOU PRAY, YOUR OWN SINS  
WILL BE FORGIVEN.

~ Sirach 28:2





FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk

Forgive.....  
from your heart!

Many a times we say to others you should forgive. But a question comes to my mind as to what if a person does not reciprocate forgiveness in return? Forgiveness is an act of pardoning an offender. The Greek meaning of the word would be "to let go." We let go of resentment and give up any claim to be compensated for the hurt or loss we have suffered. The Bible teaches that unselfish love is the basis for true forgiveness, since love does not keep an account of wrong. (1Cor 13/4-5)

Even Joseph, one of scripture's greatest examples of forgiveness, allowed the full forgiveness of his brothers to marinate over time. When he first recognized his brothers in Egypt, he did not run out to them with extended arms. After his initial decision to forgive, he tested their hearts, giving them a chance to reflect on their sin. When he finally forgave them, his forgiveness was complete and glorious.

It's hard to forgive in situations like these. We know forgiveness is a cornerstone of the Christian faith. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to forgive us the same way we forgive others. On the cross Jesus forgave the people of their sins even as they mocked him and watched him die. But when we have been deeply hurt, the idea of forgiving may feel like we're being asked to tear our hearts out and give them to the very people who trampled on them. So, either we offer a perfunctory, "I forgive you," while still holding the bitterness in our hearts, or we harden ourselves and physically or emotionally walk away.

In these particularly difficult situations, we sometimes put an unnecessary burden on ourselves. We think if we forgive, we must completely forgive and get over it immediately. What I discovered is that forgiveness is often a process, not a one-time act. While it begins with the decision to forgive, it may take time before the heart fully accepts what the will has set in motion. How long it takes may depend on the severity of the pain of the offense, and we must give ourselves the grace our healing requires as we move forward to full forgiveness.

We make mistakes, and worse, we're often in denial of our offense or too proud or stubborn to admit it. Admit the pain as offenses always cause pain; our pride makes us deny it. Denying pain keeps us from starting on the path to forgiveness.

-Fr. Mario

## PARISH TRANSFORMATION

One of the most important parts of parish transformation is to find areas to improve on. Many were identified throughout the whole process, but the structure of parish transformation allowed us to figure out what the most pressing needs were currently and to come up with a couple of ideas of what we wanted to do with them.

Some of the ideas that the parish transformation committee thought of for improvement included engaging parishioners who are "on the fringes" in terms of the fact that they come to Mass regularly but are not involved in the parish otherwise. Engaging the community at large outside of the church was also a key issue. Encouraging parishioners on the fringes through one-on-one invitations to ministries, and advertising our parish and upcoming events to other churches and the surrounding community were ways that the committee thought of to help to meet these goals.

Another area of improvement that the committee members felt was important was in the realm of technology. In an age where social media and the Internet are the more preferred methods of communication and getting news, many on the committee felt that we needed to update our own technology so that we can make sure as many people as possible can learn about our parish and what we do. Efforts are underway to update the parish website, as well as plans to create a Facebook page to share parish news and events.

The parish transformation committee also thought that one of the most pressing issues was making sure parishioners of all ages were able to build their faith lives, especially teens and young adults. In that realm, some progress has been made in restarting the teen group, which has already held several planning meetings and a very successful service event and karaoke night. Recruiting more teens to join, as well as making sure parents with children in RE are involved in their faith, were also seen as ways SIJ could better promote lifelong catechesis.

The parish transformation committee was able to not only identify areas of improvement but also concrete ways to start going about strengthening them. What is an area of improvement you believe St. Isaac Jogues can work on, and what is a concrete way that you can help to strengthen it?

The **St. Isaac Jogues Men's Club** will hold its Annual Kick-Off Dinner on **Wednesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**+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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com)

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



\*Families are reminded to return the Family Commitment Form this Monday. Thank you!

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

\*Confirmation Year II Family Meeting, September 25, 6:45 p.m., HFR. Please bring completed Sponsor Information form to the meeting. Candidates are to go to class and Mr. Lenart will bring them down for the latter part of the evening.

\*First Communion and First Reconciliation Families of Ms. Bello's and Ms. Nowak's classes are reminded to attend the 10 a.m. Mass next weekend for blessing and acknowledgement by the faith community.

**FY 2018 SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY**  
**07/01/2017 - 08/31/2017**

|                     | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Last Yr.</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>August</b>       | \$37,290      | \$40,000      | (\$2,710)         | \$37,290      | \$36,750        | \$540             |
| <b>Year to Date</b> | \$79,420      | \$82,500      | (\$3,080)         | \$79,420      | \$81,449        | (\$2,029)         |

After two months of this fiscal year, we are slightly behind budget and last year. Your Sunday collections fund our ordinary operating expenses including utilities, salaries, etc. **\$1 more per week adds up!**

A quick project update:

1. Replacing the Church Roof - Phase I of our long-term Capital Project Plan is almost complete, funded by approximately \$50,000 of our To Teach Who Christ Is funds. With \$75K remaining - we are considering next steps.
2. Miscellaneous other projects including landscaping, concrete stair repair, window cleaning, window treatments etc. for a total of \$20,300 have been completed using parish operating funds.
3. Engaged in ongoing evaluation of Architectural bids to find the right fit to help us determine the best way to repair or replace the bell tower at the front of the church which would be our first step in Phase II of our long-term Capital Project Plan.
4. We continue to evaluate the possibility of a Capital Projects Pledge Campaign to kick off later in 2017.
5. 2017 Replace the Roof Raffle- 1861 books sold to date, \$45,775 in gross sales & **\$22,075 in net profit!**





**COME CELEBRATE OUR PATRON SAINT AND OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!**

**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 (Lisa Hall and family) 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!**

**\*If you would like to help** in some way that weekend, please check the volunteer sheets in the Holy Family Room next weekend and sign up! Your assistance will be 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.



**SPRED TOOTSIE ROLL SALE**

The SPRED Tootsie Roll Sale will be the weekend of Sept. 30 - Oct. 1. Boxes of 50 long Tootsie rolls will sell for \$8 and Tootsie Roll banks with minis will be \$2 each. Your purchase could help you get your Halloween treats ready and will definitely help us with supplies, fees, and hospitality needs for our SPRED session with our friends!



**2017 Replace the Roof Raffle “Winners Corner”  
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!**

|                         |       |      |                      |                    |
|-------------------------|-------|------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Monday, September 11    | \$50  | 1212 | William Booth        | Sugar Grove, Il    |
| Tuesday, September 12   | \$50  | 845  | Eva Gairabetoff      | Des Plaines, Il    |
| Wednesday, September 13 | \$50  | 1518 | Bill & Debbie Dexter | Des Plaines, Il    |
| Thursday, September 14  | \$50  | 1428 | Jamie Keller         | Chicago, Il        |
| Friday, September 15    | \$50  | 176  | Arlene Turek         | Glenview, Il       |
| Saturday, September 16  | \$50  | 525  | Bill Preston         | Lexington Park. Md |
| Sunday, September 17    | \$100 | 1889 | Mary Leemputte       | Glenview, Il       |

## Altar Flowers

*"In Loving Memory of  
Henry Gazdziak & Joyce Buras"*

*Terry Gazdziak & Family*

### POPCORN SALE

The Teen Group is having a **Popcorn Sale TODAY at the doors of the church. Popcorn is \$1 per bag.** The money raised will be used to make sack lunches for the homeless and other upcoming projects. If you don't eat popcorn, but would like to support their efforts, your donation will also be greatly appreciated.



## St. Isaac Jogues News

### COMING UP...

**Liturgy Board Meeting**, Sept. 26, 7 p.m., RE Office

**Flu Shot Clinic**, October 1, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.,  
Holy Family Room & Rm. 6

**Monthly Bible Talk**, October 1, 9 a.m., HFR

**Blessing of Animals**, October 1, 1:30 p.m., Field by Rectory

### SHOUT OUT TO TEENS!

**+Teen Group Meeting** Saturday, Sept. 30, at 6 p.m. in the Holy Family Room to talk about the upcoming CROP Walk to end hunger and our table (Mexico) for the Taste of St. Isaac Jogues. We also want to hear your ideas for social events and service!

**+Ice Cream and Movie Night** that same Saturday, Sept. 30, gathering at 6:30 p.m. and the movie at 7 p.m., Suggested donation is \$5. Let us know if you plan to come – text Liz at 847/337-6949 or contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com Bring a friend, too!

**+Like our Facebook page:**

St. Isaac Jogues Young Adults for news and events!



EACH OF US IS A  
**MASTERPIECE**  
OF GOD'S CREATION.

RESPECT LIFE

### BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

As Respect Life Month draws near plan now to participate in the baby bottle project in support of the pro-life work of The Women's Center. You pick up a baby bottle next weekend, Sept. 23 – 24, and collect your spare change throughout the month of October. At the end of October you return the baby bottle and your donation to the Holy Family Room. A little change does make a big difference. Last year we sent \$3399.83! Please support this annual project as best as you are able! Thank you!

### LET US PRAY...

Father of grace and mercy, be with our loved ones and friends as they serve and protect our nation and communities. Bless them and fill them with newness of life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

First Responders  
United States Air Force  
United States Army  
U.S. Army Reserves  
United States Marines

United States Navy  
U.S. Navy Reserves  
Illinois National Guard

Shane Long, Brad Markovich, Greg Zalewski  
Joshua Aujero, Mason Janzen  
Brian Caplin, Gale Renner  
Christopher Dexter  
Patrick Edward Echavez, Joseph John Zimmerman III,  
Lance Renner, Gian Patrick Reyes  
Justin Pascoe, Timothy Kelly, David Perez  
William B. Dexter  
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** — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

**Gospel** — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Tuesday: St. Januarius

Wednesday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Hŏ-sang, and Companions; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5778) begins at sunset

Thursday: St. Matthew

Friday: Autumn begins

Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a



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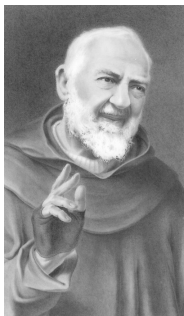
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**ST. PADRE PIO RELICS IN CHICAGO**

The official U.S. Tour of Padre Pio's relics to commemorate 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his birth and the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.padrepiochicago.com).

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

St. Isaac Jogues welcomes



Zygmunt Gross  
Diocese of Green Bay

**Seminarian Appeal 2017**

Seminarian Education Fund

Forming Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago

The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each Archdiocesan seminarian as he proceeds through the various stages of formation before he is ordained a priest.

Please support the men seeking to answer God's call to a life of service as priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

## Mass Intentions

| September 17, 2017 |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 8:00 a.m.          | Deceased Members of the Chrzaszcz Family   |
| 10:00 a.m.         | Henry Gazdziak<br>Joy Lim Vinasoy<br>Donald Kwaisigroch<br>Mercedes Coronel<br>Delaine Kennedy |
| 12:00 p.m.         | Living & Deceased Members of SIJ<br>Virginia Lutsch  |
| September 18, 2017 |  |
| 8:00 a.m.          | Purgatorial Society<br>Carol Smith   |
| September 19, 2017 |  |
| 8:00 a.m.          | Magdalena & Stanislaw Komorek  |
| September 20, 2017 |  |
| 8:00 a.m.          | Nick Wolf  |
| September 21, 2017 |  |
| 8:00 a.m.          | Theresa Job  |
| September 22, 2017 |  |
| 8:00 a.m.          | Carol Smith  |
| September 23, 2017 |  |
| 8:00 a.m.          | Pablo Chua   |
| 5:00 p.m.          | Richard Arendt   |
| September 24, 2017 |  |
| 8:00 a.m.          | Mary Ellen Mc Nicholas   |
| 10:00 a.m.         | Rich Doyle   |
| 12:00 p.m.         | Philip Selker<br>Mario Feijoo<br>Daniel Corrales   |

## Liturgy Next Weekend September 23rd & 24th

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



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|------------|---|
| 5:00 p.m.  | Trisha Bonto<br>Matthew Bonto<br>Lawrence Escarez     |
| 8:00 a.m.  | Remi Dalangin<br>Eya Dalangin<br>Thomas Striblen      |
| 10:00 a.m. | Lynelle Napata<br>Mark Magno<br>Maya Gherman          |
| 12:00 p.m. | Alfonso Hanson<br>Khayla Santiago<br>Angelika Dacpano |



## 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. 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com) or Deacon Paul, 847/691-8992 this week.

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