

# SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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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.



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER  
27  
2020**

Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Philippians 2:3-4

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FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk

## **RENEW MY CHURCH (Where are we heading as a Parish.....)**

By now most of us are familiar with the pilot project of the Archdiocese of Chicago with regard to Renew my Church. The question that comes to the mind of many is "Will my Church be closed"? None of us can answer this question right now simply because as per the mind of Cardinal Blasé Cupich every parish in the diocese has to go through the process whether you are a small parish or bigger in size. It is not the size that matters. What matters then? What matters is the mission mandate of Jesus Christ to go out and make disciples that should be carried out.

It is clearly spelled out in the pivotal project of Renew my Church that the Church should be moving from a maintenance mode to a "Mission Mode" making disciples. I am sure most of you who were in Church received the scenarios of the 5 grouping parishes as it was announced in church that a handout would be given on your way out. We have also circulated the same on Flock notes and those that have not yet received or heard about it, we want you to participate in this act of the parish to discern the future course of SIJ either in person or by filing in the forms that are provided. If you need any handout please contact the rectory.

What is important in deciding about the role of SIJ and other parishes in the grouping is to analyze how vibrant these parishes are in regards to making disciples. Right from the time I stepped into this church as an Associate Pastor, I was greeted by people saying that SIJ church will close someday. I could not understand then what this could mean and how a religious order priest like me is invited and a closure is going to happen. Now down the road I see the mission that lays ahead of us, that is to make disciples to bring Jesus to others. The grouping of parishes is to establish a strong foundation for vitality, viability, faith formation and evangelization. Right now the SIJ number of registered families has further declined from 800 families to around 750. The decline in the number of registered families, RE registration, Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, should make us think about our future. Be open to what the Lord has to say to us to go about with his work of carrying the mission forward.

We cannot go ahead with old ideas but be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit who will lead us in building a faith community of the people of God. We need additional resources to support different ministries for building up the people of God. In maintenance mode we have been bleeding financially to support our church and ministries. Since COVID arrived we were shut down for three months, our activities are curtailed, and our collections have been 30-40% lower. SIJ has made staffing changes in response to the current needs of the church and the lower income received. All staff members will be part time effective October 1st. We are at a point that some people have to carry the work load in order to keep the parish going. Let us be practical and face the future boldly, so that the same volunteers are not overburdened to help out generously at the cost of their health to sustain the parish.

"Where are we heading then"? is what we need to ask ourselves. We need to pray fervently for the intervention of the Holy Spirit to discern our directions wisely and surrender our own plans readily in order to hand over our gifts to the future generations. Let us not think of just my church in the grouping but form a holistic picture of the grouping Parish for a better future. May God bless you for your dedication & commitment to St. Isaac Jogues.

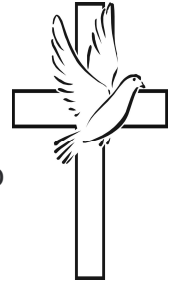
-Fr. Mario

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.



#### OCTOBER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES (for youth, adult, family participation)

+For many years SIJ Parish has been a major support of the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland through the **Baby Bottle Project** during Respect Life Month (October). This year they need our help more than ever. Throughout the COVID-19 crisis they have continued to counsel mothers considering abortion to give their babies life. Client visits have been remote or in-person following mandated safety protocols. Financial and material support has happened without interruption.

To keep things as contactless as possible, we **will not be providing baby bottles** from the Women's Center this year. We ask you to put your spare change in a basket or other vessel at home, along with your sacrifice monies (no pizza night but give money to Women's Center for the moms & their babies), etc. from now until near the end of the month. Then count your donations and put **cash or write a check** for the amount to St. Isaac Jogues Parish (**note: we will not be able to take any change**). We will send one check for the entire parish total to The Women's Center. You can **drop your donation in the Rectory mail slot** at the top of the stairs on the right side wall or **place it in the marked alms box when you come for Mass the weekend of Oct. 24-25 or you can mail your check to the Rectory. All monies need to be turned in by November 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you would like to give a donation online, a Virtual Baby Bottle donation page will be on the WC website. They will include your gift when providing a parish total so be sure to indicate you are from SIJ Parish. Thank you for your prayers and generous support of pro-life work!

+The Niles/Park Ridge **CROP Walk to help end hunger** would have been **Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. Because large group events are not encouraged, we will walk around the parish property that day from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Walkers will need to wear masks and keep socially distanced from other walkers (unless you live in the same household). Walkers are to register via REMIND (RE families) or by calling the Rectory, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday – Friday. Walkers are encouraged to collect monetary donations from family members, friends and neighbors (and include your own) and bring them to the walk, which will benefit the Maine Township Food Pantry and Church World Services (which collaborates with Catholic Relief Services) to help end hunger locally and around the world. **Parishioners who would like to make a donation to the CROP Walk for Team SIJ can place it in the marked alms box in the church narthex the weekend of Oct. 10-11.** Other area churches are also walking around their area on Oct. 18 including St. John Brebeuf & Our Lady of Ransom. Please pray for good weather and a successful event!

**OUTREACH MINISTRY NEEDS CONTINUE. UNEMPLOYMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT AND HOMELESSNESS GROW. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE GOD'S GOOD WORKS. THE SIJ OUTREACH PANTRY IS RUNNING LOW ON THE FOLLOWING:**

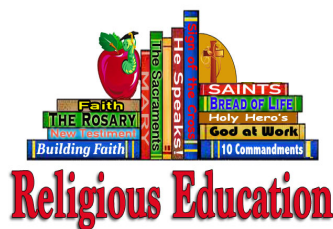
**CANNED TUNA, CHICKEN, STEWS, CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES, PASTA AND SAUCE, PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, MACARONI & CHEESE, RICE AND POTATOES**

Please bring your donations to Mass or call the rectory to arrange a drop off time. Your monetary donations enable us to purchase and distribute Aldi & Walmart cards to cover basics like milk & cheese, cleaning supplies and medication.



God Bless!

St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry



+Seminarian encouragement cards are due to the RE Office by Monday.  
 +The October RE Newsletter will be emailed via REMIND this week.  
 +Please have children into their Zoom classes on time and prepared with book, folder, pencil, cross and other materials catechist may have sent ahead of time.  
 +The First Reconciliation Preparation Meeting for Ms. Bello's Class will be on online Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. At least one parent/guardian from each family is to participate. Please have the Gift of Reconciliation book with you. It was placed in your child's book bag. Additional materials will be emailed prior to the meeting.



### RENEW MY CHURCH FAQ

Here are the final Renew My Church FAQs., which we hope are helpful to you as you continue to prayerfully consider the scenarios for our grouping. Please remember to fill out the response form and return it to the Rectory by October 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**\*What does it mean to combine or merge or unify parishes?** This means that two or more currently independent parishes unite as one parish organization, led by one pastor and staff team, with one set of financial statements, one budget, one Parish Council, one Finance Council. A combined or unified parish may retain some or even all churches as active worship sites of the combine parish. In most cases parish combinations in Renew My Church will take the form of creating a new parish with a new name. This means that Parish A & B would come together to form a new Parish C. We have also seen additional options during the last few waves of the RMC process including parishes becoming missions of other parishes (rather than a completely separate entity) or a smaller parish merging into a larger parish without a name change and with minimal structural change to the larger parish.

**\*What happens to our money if we close or merge?** The assets and liabilities of a parish that closes or merges follow the people to the new parish. If A and B merge to become C, then the assets and liabilities of A & B become those of C. If A closes and merges into B, the assets and liabilities of A become part of B.

**Isn't this all about the priest shortage?** No. Our models of evangelization & parish life were developed for a different age and culture. Practice of faith is in decline and today our culture is increasingly secular and opposed to faith; there is less understanding of Christian imagination and language, and Christian moral teaching is often rejected. The breakdown of the family; violence and lack of respect for life and human dignity; societal ills of unemployment, racism and poverty all point to a world in need of witnesses to the compassion and redemption of Jesus Christ. Models of evangelization and parish life need to change – including evaluating many key factors e.g., changing demographics, the conditions and affordability of our buildings, and our human and financial resources. Statistics that may aid the conversation: *1 in 5 children baptized Catholic do not receive 1<sup>st</sup> Communion; 2 in 5 children baptized are not confirmed; 85% confirmed stop practicing the faith by 21; 36% of Millennials claim no affiliation with organized religion; 50% of Millennials raised Catholic no longer identify as Catholic today; in the Archdiocese of Chicago Mass attendance has decreased by 27% over the past 20 years.*

**We haven't been at our parishes for months. Should we wait until we are back to normal? Why are we doing this now?** The need for renewal in our Church has been critical for some time and, in some cases, has become even more urgent during the COVID crisis. Some parishes have experienced a huge drop in offertory collections and this has impacted their ability to minister to their communities. That being said, many parishes have continued most of their missionary outreach during this time via direct calls to parishioners as well as virtual meetings via Zoom or Teams. In addition many parishes have produced livestream Mass (daily and Sunday) in order to keep parishioners connected to the community. Unfortunately, it may be quiet some time before we are 'back to normal' and it is unclear what 'normal' will look like in the near future. For these reasons – the need for renewal, the ability to connect virtually and the uncertainty of outcomes from the pandemic – it is important to continue to work in order to discern and create the right parish structures for future vitality



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

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/welcome 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 [sjre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sjre2004@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.

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SPLIT  
THE POT

### ST. ISAAC JOGUES FEAST DAY SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE

Unfortunately, we will not be having the Taste of SIJ this year. So, given the success of the summer Split the Pot Raffle, we're going to celebrate St. Isaac Jogues' feast day in a fun and safe way while still helping our parish! In this Split the Pot Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is 15% of total pot; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is 10% of total pot; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize is 5% of total pot. Tickets are \$5 for one or five tickets for \$20 (cash or checks payable to SIJ). Return filled out tickets and check/cash by mail or drop off in the Rectory mailbox by Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The drawing will take place on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets were sent out to all registered households. If you did not receive tickets or you need more for family, friends and neighbors, please contact the Rectory, 847/967-1060 or [office@sj-parish.com](mailto:office@sj-parish.com). Enter to win and good luck!



**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.

"**Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring**" (or simply "**Joy**") is the most common English title of a piece of music composed by [Johann Sebastian Bach](#) in 1723. You will hear this piece used at Christmas and Easter as well as wedding ceremonies. It amazes me that a composer sat down to create a piece almost 300 years ago and it is still beloved today. During these times of uncertainty and pain, the words of the hymn remind us to let God's hope lead us on. .

"Through the way where hope is guiding,  
Hark, what peaceful music rings."

Please enjoy this beautiful and flowing masterpiece.



# VOLUNTEERS

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### SIGN UP TODAY!

If you are 18 – 64 years of age, have no underlying medical conditions and would like to give some time to help out our parish community, please give serious consideration to being an Usher/Greeter/Cleaner for Masses, Reconciliation, Baptisms, Funerals and parish meetings/events. Training is provided. To discuss your possible involvement, please contact Dee Stanton, 847/966-1180.



# Pray for

KERMIT TURNER

MICHAEL NOBLE

JULIE HIGGINS

CARL AFFATATI

RICHARD VAIL

BETTY LANDON

EMILY SITKOWSKI

CYNTHIA MELNICK

MICHAEL FOLISI

DOROTHY BEZDON

MATTHEW PONDER

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PELAGIA SAJULGA

JOHN OLDERSHAW

COLLEEN KING

## REOPENING AND COVID

Our efforts 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!**

Fifty people are able to attend any Mass or meeting and you must make a reservation using the online system. If you need help making a reservation, 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 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 at 10 p.m. Friday night each week.** If you show up for Reconciliation or Mass without a reservation, you will have to wait to see if you can be accommodated.

The **only entrance door** is at the stairs with the white railing and opens 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. **Please note:** It is very important that you **wear your face mask properly**. We do not want people's confidence in their safety weakened. We are to do everything asked of us in order to keep everyone healthy and safe as we gather for worship. **Following procedures is an act of charity.**

At the end of Mass Ushers will guide each row out to the **only exit door**, which is the 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 directly to your cars.

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.

## Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 27, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Krzyminski Family
10:00 a.m.	Efren Miranda Gloria Cabacungan Giovanni Lazzara
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Tong & Nila Gonzales - 50th Wedding Anniversary

Monday - September 28, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Pietro Di Franco
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Tuesday - September 29, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Maria Tolpkowski
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Wednesday - September 30, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Bob Hilton Rose Luz (Spec. Intention)
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Thursday - October 1, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik Aaliyah Eggleston-Sprowls Jones Augustin (Spec. Intention) Chacko (Spec. Intention)
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Friday - October 2, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Alicja Gajos
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Saturday - October 3, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Minnie Kremer
5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Helene Kowalik

Sunday, October 4, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Arlene Forneck
10:00 a.m.	Nick & Christine Wolf
12:00 p.m.	Arica Laurel (Spec. Intention) Tony Schallmoser

## Liturgy Next Weekend October 3rd & 4th

Confessions - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
Blessing of Animals - 1pm	Deacon Paul
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**+Bible Timeline** (New Testament), Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., HFR. Please wear your mask. We will socially distance. Please call the RE Office, 847/966-1180, to make a reservation.

**+First Friday Holy Hour & Benediction** at end of 8 a.m. Mass on Friday. Reservations necessary.

**+Blessing of Animals**, Saturday at 1:00 p.m. over by the Rectory. Please wear masks and socially distance when you arrive.

**+Renew My Church Parish Session #2 will be next Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. in church.**

Reservations are necessary. When the 50 reservations are filled, we will open another set of reservations for the same day, same time, in the Holy Family Room. Scenario outlines were sent out on Flocknote last Saturday and distributed at Masses last weekend. If you did not receive the information and would like a copy, please contact the Rectory this week.



*Corinne Lambert  
Hilda Bourgeois Daly  
Ellen Jane Frantz*

*In Memoriam*

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