

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)
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 Lisa Hall, Director of Music

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Masses: Saturday, 5PM
Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

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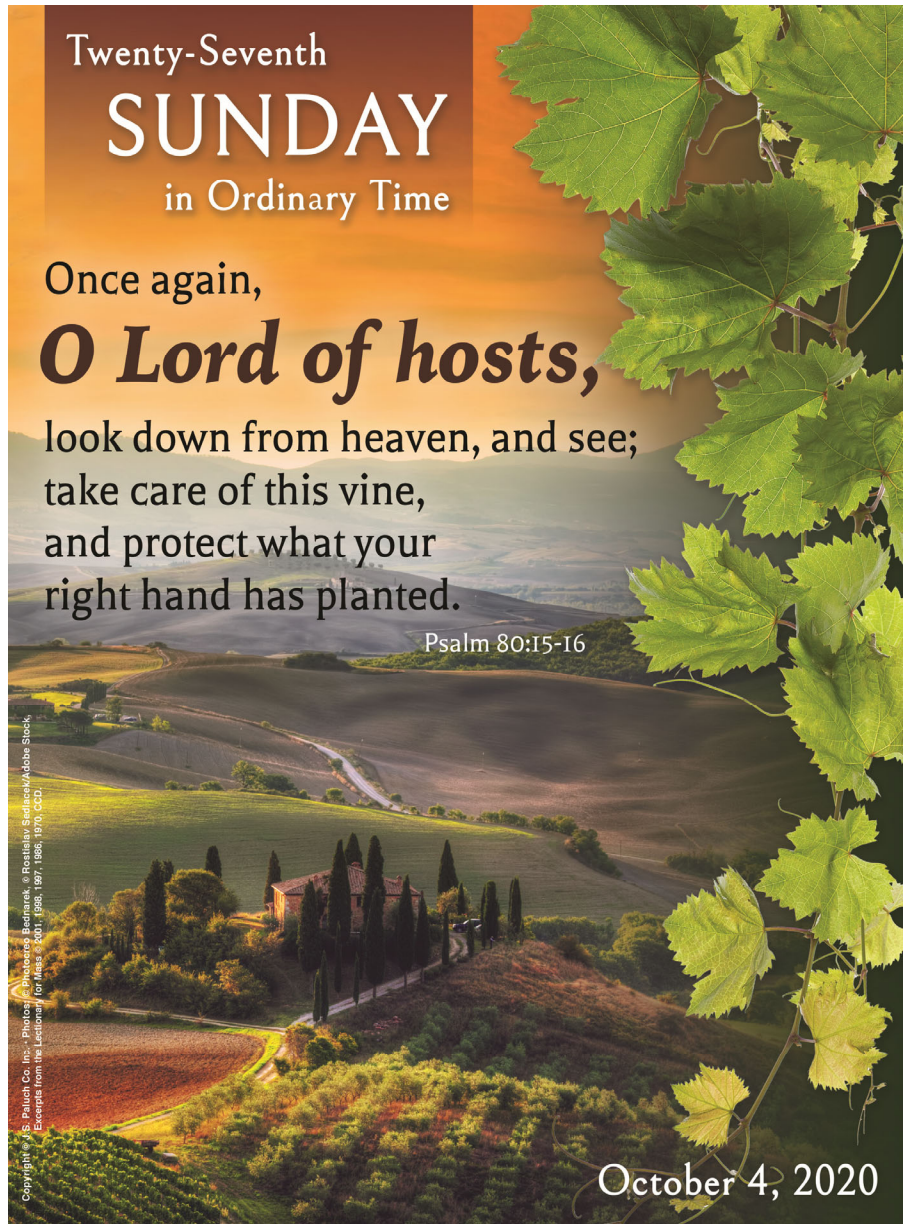
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 11AM - 12:30PM, BY RESERVATION

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

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
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Men's Club Chairperson – Chuck Napravnik				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

In God's Vineyard

For a couple of Sundays we have been introduced the parables of the vineyard. Jesus would say to his listeners that the Kingdom of God is like that of a vineyard. We can visualize Jesus as a fantastic teacher par excellence. He had the art of conveying the message to his listeners. The message that Jesus wanted to convey to everyone through his parables that God is a God of mercy and compassion and that God gives us ample opportunities to better our life through repentance.

We find in Isaiah (5:1-7) where God says what more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? God expected sweet grapes from his vineyard but it yielded wild or bitter ones. In Isaiah, the people of Israel are portrayed as God's vineyard, with God as the owner and tender of the vineyard. God invested so much in his vineyard by lovingly caring for it so that he gets the produce in return. The people of Israel failed to respond by turning away from God, worshipping the idols and neglecting God altogether.

Wouldn't a father feel the same way when he has worked day and night to educate his children and bring them up in faith in love of God and neighbor and after doing so many sacrifices all that he gets is the insult from his children? Instead of respect; they disrespect and abuse him so that he feels like a bad father in the eyes of his children. The father did his best but, if the children decided to live a different life away from the ways the father brought them up with, then the children are to be blamed for their wicked ways.

God feels the same way with us as, we have moved away sinning against him. God continues to love us in spite of our sin. We belong to God and therefore he waits for our return. He keeps looking in our direction like the parable of the prodigal father hoping that one day we will turn back to him and he would be glad to embrace us. We belong to God in his vineyard. He is like the vine and we are his branches (John 15:1-8) we are called to bear much fruit and by doing it would be a sign of true discipleship.

So it would be good to ask ourselves; if God were to look down on us what would we say? That we have not been bearing good fruits rather wild or bitter grapes of selfishness, pride, secularism and egoistic society....! To bear good fruit we need to pray as Jesus told his disciples in the garden of Gethsemane "Watch and pray that you may not fall into temptation." (Mathew 26:41)

Let us pray for one another that we may turn to God and repent for our wrong doings. Abiding in Jesus we will bear much fruit. When we are tempted let us seek the help of the Lord in prayer who will come to our rescue at all times now and forever. It is only in being fully connected with Jesus in our relationship with him that we will be able to yield good fruits.

-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 IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Please consider spiritually adopting an unborn baby who is in danger of abortion. It's easy! The following prayer was recommended by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen to be said every day for a period of one year to spare the life of a baby in danger of abortion:

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion."

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God. But in the world to come, it is hope that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them. Please help and think of the number of babies who our parish would be saving if everyone adopted an unborn baby.



ST. ISAAC JOGUES FEAST DAY SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE

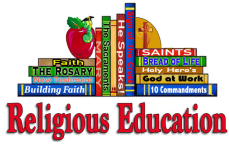
Unfortunately, we will not be having the Taste of SIJ this year. So, given the success of the summer Split the Pot Raffle, we're going to celebrate St. Isaac Jogues' feast day in a fun and safe way while still helping our parish! In this Split the Pot Raffle: 1st Prize is 15% of total pot; 2nd Prize is 10% of total pot; 3rd 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 12th. The drawing will take place on Monday, October 19th. 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@sjj-parish.com. Enter to win and good luck!

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 1st**. If you would like to give 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 18th**. 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 next 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!



RE NEWS

+Family Event Monday, 7 p.m. Link has been sent out. For all students and at least one parent/guardian per family. Please have your rosaries, blue prayer sheets, and emailed materials ready for our time together.

+First Reconciliation Preparation Zoom Meeting for Ms. Bello's class is this Tuesday at 7 p.m. At least one parent/guardian from each family is to participate. Please have the Gift of Reconciliation book (was put in your child's book bag) and emailed materials with you. It was placed in your child's book bag.



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 sijre2004@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.



DONORS - 247
GOAL - \$36,498
PLEDGES - \$42906
PAID - \$37,541

GREAT NEWS - WE'VE BEAT OUR GOAL! NOW EVERY DOLLAR PAID COMES RIGHT BACK TO ST. ISAAC JOGUES. THERE'S STILL PLENTY OF TIME TO FULFILL YOUR PLEDGE OR MAKE A DONATION IF YOU HAVEN'T. CALL THE RECTORY FOR MORE INFORMATION.



The story of Amazing Grace

The gift of forgiveness is often best appreciated by those who need it the most. The Reverend John Newton experienced this truth first hand. His tombstone tells the story: "John Newton, clerk, once an infidel and Libertine, a servant of slavers in Africa, was, by the rich mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the faith he had so long labored to destroy." These words were written by Newton himself, a testimony to God's transforming power. After years as a hardened slave trader, that "wretch" met Jesus Christ and abruptly turned to defend the gospel he has so long despised. Throughout Newton's years of ministry, God's amazing grace remained central to Newton's thinking. When it was suggested he retire (at the age of eighty-two) due to poor health and a failing memory, he responded, "My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: that I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Savior!" Please enjoy this special arrangement of "Amazing Grace."



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK

"In Memory of Helene Kowalik
 Forever In Our Hearts"

Anthony Kowalik and
 The Nellessen & Schiffer Families

SAVE THE DATE!
Rosary Rally
Saturday, October 10, 2020
at 12:00 Noon

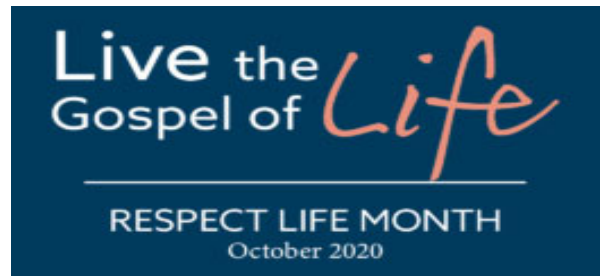


Join us as we unite in prayer with Rosary Groups across our nation lifting up our Church, our country and our families in prayer to Almighty God through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. We will be praying the Patriotic Rosary around the flag in front of the school building, weather permitting. Feel free to bring a lawn chair.

We will follow all the guidelines - Wash your hands, Wear a mask, Watch your spacing - 6 feet apart.



Your time and service are vital to the parish being able to have sacramental celebrations, Masses and faith formation events! Per the current protocols the parish must have work teams to greet, usher, and clean for every liturgical event and meeting. If you are **18 – 64 years of age**, have no underlying medical conditions and are willing to help our parish community, please give prayer consideration to this call for volunteers. Training is provided. Please contact the Rectory, 847/967-1060, to discuss your possible involvement or speak to a member of our Reopening Team – Fr. Carlos, Deacon Paul, Lisa Hall, Leke Brisku or Dee Stanton.




St. Isaac Jogues
 welcomes our new
 Parishioners to the
 Parish.

Ms. Med Nakar



Baptisms

Jonah Maxwell Del Rosario
 Son of Melvin & Jennifer (Canda) Del Rosario

FY 21 INCOME SUMMARY
Q1 - July - September, 2020

	Actual	Budget	Difference
JULY	\$28,817	\$37,000	(\$8,183)
AUGUST	\$31,945	\$39,000	(\$7,055)
SEPTEMBER	\$29,279	\$37,500	(\$8,221)
YEAR TO DATE	\$90,041	\$113,500	(\$23,459)

As you can see we are \$23,459 under budget through the first quarter of FY21.

Remember the extra \$2 per week challenge? Some continued and we are very grateful. But, if half of our 700+ parishioner families could spare an extra \$2 per week that extra \$2 would equal over \$28,000 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 21. Can you help?



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
EMILY CABRERA	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
JOE AUTH	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
LORNA ALBA	JUDY CABRERA
RICHARD DRAG	YUL VENTURA
SUSAN ARENDT	MARY LERPS
CINDY NOLAN	SHARON KILIKEVICE
	PELAGIA SAJULGA
	JOHN OLDERSHAW
	COLLEEN KING
	TONY IRMEN

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, Violet 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 sjire2004@yahoo.com.

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.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 4, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Arlene Forneck
10:00 a.m.	Nick & Christine Wolf
12:00 p.m.	Arica Laurel (Special Intention) Tony Schallmoser
Monday - October 5, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Helene Kowalik
Tuesday - October 6, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Danny O'Keefe
Wednesday - October 7, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Krystyna Wawrzynska
Thursday - October 8, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik
Friday - October 9, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik John Affatati Aaliyah Eggleston-Sprows
Saturday - October 10, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Edward Puisis
5:00 p.m.	Sergio Cadiena Purificacion Rodriguez Eduardo Rodriguez Peter Miscinski John Areno Hugh Caufield
Sunday, October 11, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Helene Kowalik
10:00 a.m.	Christine Wolf
12:00 p.m.	Gerard Dreyfuss

Liturgy Next Weekend October 10th & 11th

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



Keep in touch with us
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

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SIJ
TO 84576**

Or sign up online at
sij2.flocknote.com

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The 2021 Mass Book will be available on October 20th. You have 3 socially distant ways to place your intentions: drop your written requests in the rectory mailbox, email your request to office@sij-parish.com or call the rectory. We will take requests on a first come basis.



Log in to givecentral.org and register today!

New rectory calling hours are Monday - Friday from 9AM - 4PM. Messages left before or after hours or over the weekends will be answered within 24-48 hours. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



*Marie De Meo
Philomena Moran
Mary Ann Trauscht
Reynaldo Rivera*

In Memoriam

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