

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
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.

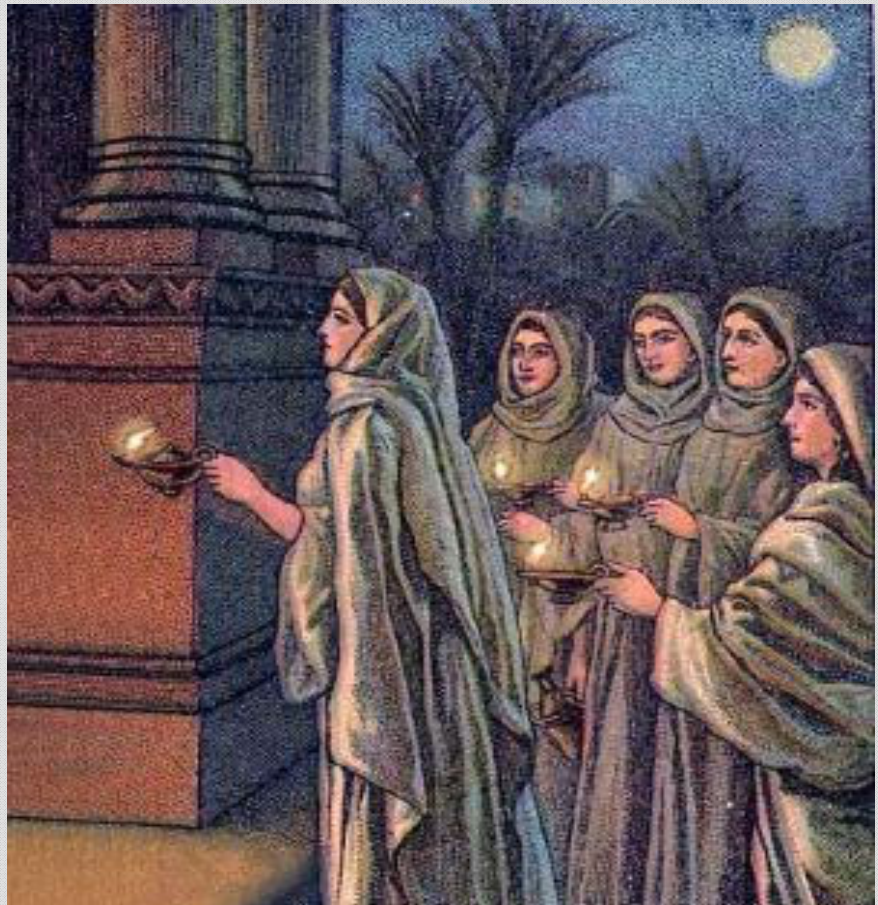
Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

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.



Thirty second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2020

The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom
-Matthew 25:1

ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders

| Parish Pastoral Council | | | Finance Committee Advisors | |
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| 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

Stay Awake Lest Jesus say I do not know you

We are coming to the end of the liturgical year and Jesus sounds a note of caution to his disciples through a parable. What we find in the parable of the ten virgins, five were wise and the other five were foolish. After the bridegroom came the ones who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. The door was locked. The foolish were not allowed in. Why did he not take in the foolish virgins after their return? This may sound strange to us; but the foolish virgins expected the Lord to ignore their negligence and then let them in. They were shocked to hear a voice say from within "*I do not know you.*"

How can we understand the saying "I do not know you"? What can we draw from it? It means we never did anything together. We had an opportunity to put on Christ and his ways but we did not make attempts to bring him to the floor. We could be living our life based on our own standard of living. I quote C.S. Lewis who wrote "Evil can be undone, but it cannot 'develop' into good. Time does not heal it." That's true for the evil in our society, and for the evil in our hearts. Leaving it alone does not work.

We cannot be passive to the wrongs of our world or to the wrongs within us. If we are not passive, what are we? We are awake. Stay awake because we know the bad gets worse. False teaching will spread. Be alert praying that you may have the strength to stand up as a witness to Christ always ready to welcome him. Christ will shine on you seeing the efforts you put in to resist the evil and stand for the truth, always being watchful to shun evil and do good. Following Christ and his ways and being attentive requires a constant spiritual acuity, an attentiveness to see the coming of Christ, a preparedness of soul and character, a kind of spiritual attention.

We are reminded that alertness pays, being prepared helps and we know from experience that we must take utmost care to prepare for exams or for an interview so that we can get through it. If we do that in our normal worldly life then, it should set an example for us to work similarly on our spiritual journey as well. We have to face our Creator at the end of our life and so let's prepare ourselves by being awake and attentive to distinguish evil, or sinful activities that can deprive us of eternity forever.

Every reminder in this regard will help us to be awake, attentive and walk the path of righteousness which will lead us to say, we have done things in the company of Christ, wearing his garment and being his witnesses out in the world. *So Stay Awake!*

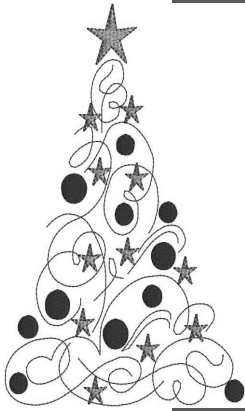
-Fr. Mario

SUPPORT WITH PRAYER

Next weekend as you leave Mass, we will be distributing letters with the first names of children of the parish who are preparing for sacraments – First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. If you are willing to take a name, we simply ask that you pray for the young person every day. If you want to take it a step farther and send him/her a note from time to time, you can drop it off in the mail slot by the Rectory or send it to the RE Office and we will see that the note gets to him/her. This is one way members of the faith community can be a source of encouragement, good example, and support to those to whom we are entrusted with helping grow in our Catholic faith. If you are not able to come for Mass, but would like to be part of this prayer support, please contact the RE Office and a name will be given to you as well as the sacrament for which the child is preparing, 847-966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com. Thank you and God bless you!



FROM THE ST ISAAC JOGUES OUTREACH MINISTRY:



Dear parishioners,

We at St. Isaacs have had a 35 plus year **"Giving Tree"** tradition, whereby we visited our neighboring Nursing Homes and brought the residents Christmas cheer which included gifts and musical entertainment.

Due to the Covid pandemic, and our concern for everyone's safety, we are unable to do so this year. This year's pandemic has brought many additional people to our rectory asking for help and we intend to help them in lieu of our regular nursing home visits.

We ask that this year you continue to make your **"Giving Tree"** donations. We will help re-direct your generosity towards helping those needy families that show up at our church's door. Please make out your checks out to St. Isaac Jogues and mark your check at the bottom "Outreach Ministry"

Thank you and God Bless you.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Even if we are unable to physically receive Holy Communion at times we can enter into spiritual Communion with the Lord by praying:



"My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul. I am sorry for ever having offended You. Since I am unable now to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never, never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen."

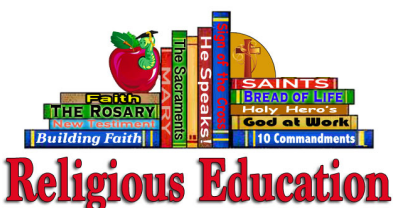


Food Pantry

St. Isaac
Jogues
Outreach
Ministry

With holidays and winter approaching we'd like to stock up the food pantry. The following items would be helpful: canned vegetables (including pota-

atoes), canned fruit or applesauce, oatmeal, rice, soups that are like meals, stews, chili, hash, canned tuna and chicken, pasta sauce, laundry detergent, and personal items (tooth brushes & paste, and bars of soap). You may bring your donations when you come for week day or weekend Masses or call the Rectory, 847/967-1060, M - F, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to set up a time to drop them off. Thanks!



+Thanksgiving service project to assist our Outreach Ministry help households in need. Please bring your food items to the RE Office Monday, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., if you have not already brought them. Classes were assigned the following: Mrs. Burdi - stuffing mix; Ms. Bello - jars or packets of turkey gravy; Mr. Simmons - stuffing mix; Ms. Gawne - turkey gravy; Mrs. Malitz - jellied cranberry sauce; Deacon Paul - canned sweet potatoes; Mrs. Sanders - box of mashed potatoes; Mr. Lenart - canned vegetables. If a family is in a position to do more, the following are appreciated - cans of stew, chili, chicken or tuna, soups, fruit, pork & beans; oatmeal and cereal; rice; peanut butter and jelly; pasta and sauce. Please bring your Thanksgiving card, too.

+Mrs. Burdi's Class will have a virtual Church tour Monday as part of their session. Parents/guardians are welcome.

+We are seeking help from two families to help pack the boxes next Saturday, November 14th, at 3 p.m. over by the RE Office. We will wear masks and gloves (provided by RE Office) and socially distance. Please contact the RE Office as soon as possible if you can help.



"Simple Gifts" is a Shaker song written and composed in 1848, generally attributed to Elder Joseph Brackett from Alfred Shaker Village. A lifelong resident of the state, he first joined the Shakers at Gorham when his father's farm helped to form the nucleus of a new Shaker settlement.

Here are the lyrics of his one verse song:

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

The song was largely unknown outside Shaker communities until Aaron Copland used its melody for the score of Martha Graham's ballet *Appalachian Spring*, first performed in 1944.

Copland used "Simple Gifts" a second time in 1950 in his first set of *Old American Songs* for voice and piano, which was later orchestrated.

A well known version of the melody with different lyrics is by English songwriter Sydney Carter, who adapted the Shaker tune for his song "Lord of the Dance", first published in 1963. "Lord of the Dance" is a well-loved song in our own hymnal. Please enjoy this contemporary arrangement of "Lord of the Dance."



ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEK

"In Celebration of
Romana & Edward Jose's
30th Wedding Anniversary"
Romana Jose

"In Loving Memory of
John V. Affatati, Sr."
Mary Affatati

FOOD DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

Thank you to our parishioners and SVDP and Catholic Charities volunteers who helped at the food distribution Oct.28th. Your presence, time, and welcoming spirits made it possible for Catholic Charities, the Greater Chicago Food Depository and our parish to serve 162 households and 580 people! That was an increase of 29 households and 100 people from last month.

Thanks also to those who donated to the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) or the Outreach Ministry. The food (fresh produce and frozen meat this past month) distributed is delivered by GCFD for us to give away. The parish does not pay for it. The only expense we incur is traffic control and donations have covered both months so far.

At this point we have told GCFD that St. Isaac Jogues and Catholic Charities will continue this monthly event at least through June, 2021, in our parking lot. We have an outside packing/distribution plan and in November we will test an indoor packing/outdoor distribution plan. The indoor packing will include moving the products into the Holy Family Room and maintaining social distance, masks, windows open, etc. for well being. The outdoor distribution plan will continue with this past month's plan (three stations, contactless, etc.).

The next distribution will be Wednesday, November 25th (the day before Thanksgiving), 4:30-6:00 p.m. As soon as we receive the new flier regarding the event, it will be sent on Flocknote for you to pass along to friends and neighbors who might benefit by this event.

We are in need of volunteers for that day, but are still working out the first time frame. The second time frame will be 4:15 – 6:30 p.m. For both sessions we particularly encourage families, teens, and adults under 65 years of age to help. Everyone needs to be in good health, 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. **To volunteer please contact the Rectory, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 847-967-1060, the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or email sijre2004@yahoo.com, by Monday, November 16th.** If we do not have enough helpers by that day, we will reach out to other volunteers through Catholic Charities and Catholic high schools. This is a great way for individuals and families to reach out to the community in this time of greater need. Thank you for your prayers and your consideration to help.





Pray for

KERMIT TURNER

MICHAEL NOBLE

JULIE HIGGINS

CARL AFFATATI

RICHARD VAIL

BETTY LANDON

EMILY SITKOWSKI

CYNTHIA MELNICK

MICHAEL FOLISI

DOROTHY BEZDON

MATTHEW PONDER

FELICITA BAYANI

EMILY CABRERA

JOE AUTH

LORNA ALBA

SUSAN ARENDT

CINDY NOLAN

FR. BERNARD KENNEDY

JOHN BURAS

MARTHA DEMKO

MARY JANE PIKULA

TONY LIVORSI

JOHN ROMANO

AUDREY JANS

DAVID FORST

CHRISTINA WALD

KIMBERLY KNOX

DIANE BAUER

NONA YOAKUM

KATHY EGLOFF

ROBERT STEPHENSON

LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE

HENRIETTA SAGARIO

MARY SUNSHINE PONDER

JUDY CABRERA

YUL VENTURA

MARY LERPS

SHARON KILIKEVICE

PELAGIA SAJULGA

JOHN OLDERSHAW

COLLEEN KING

PATTY ZEMAN

ROSE LUZ

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. **Per the Archdiocese of Chicago on 10/26/20:** "Due to the pandemic the **dispensation from the obligation** of Sunday and Holy Day Masses for all Catholics within the Archdiocese of Chicago **remains in force**. Those faithful initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist who are unable to participate in-person are encouraged to participate via livestream/broadcast and offer an Act of Spiritual Communion, in union with the entire People of God in the Archdiocese and throughout the world in this time of stress and difficulty."

Fifty people are able to attend any Mass and **you must make a reservation** using the online system. If you need help making a reservation, call the Rectory at 847/967-1060 (M-F, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.), 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. If you want to come more often, you can check the coming weekend's availability on Friday after 1 p.m. and make a reservation if there is still room.** PLEASE NOTE: **Reservations are closed at 10 p.m. each Friday night for Reconciliation and weekend Masses.** If you show up for Reconciliation or Mass without a reservation, you will have to wait to see if you can be accommodated.

The door 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 (covering nose and mouth) and have your hands sanitized.** We do not want people's confidence in their safety weakened. Remember there is no singing, no kneeling on the kneelers, no physical sharing of the Sign of Peace, your hands are sprayed before Communion and your mask stays up until you move six feet away from the person distributing Holy Communion and the restroom is sanitized after each person's use. **It is important we all follow procedures and understand that doing so 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. Once in the parking lot please go directly to your cars.



GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS!

Mass Intentions

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| Sunday, November 8, 2020 | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Purificacion Rodriguez Jeffrey Musni |
| 10:00 a.m. | Maria Tolpkowski |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lucero & Margarita Vioria |
| Monday - November 9, 2020 | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Purgatorial Society Pauline Kovachevich |
| Tuesday - November 10, 2020 | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Janet Grant Joe & Fran Zimmerman Helene Kowalik |
| Wednesday - November 11, 2020 | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Romana & Edward Jose - Special Intention |
| Thursday - November 12, 2020 | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Edward O'Keefe |
| Friday - November 13, 2020 | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Joseph Putherickal |
| Saturday - November 14, 2020 | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Mary Kadapparamban |
| 5:00 p.m. | Annamma Machanickal |
| Sunday, November 15, 2020 | |
| 8:00 a.m. | Joseph DeSario Miguel Bernardo, Jr. Joseph Zalatoris Helene Kowalik Tony Irmen Derhard Drag Nick & Jennifer Cincinelli |
| 10:00 a.m. | Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Philomena Moran |
| 12:00 p.m. | Mary Ann Trausch |

Liturgy Next Weekend November 14th & 15th

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



Thank you, Lord, for the courage and selfless service of our troops and first responders. May our loved ones and all who serve around the world turn to you for safety and protection. Help them to not be afraid and to trust that you hold them securely at all times. 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
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