

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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Deacon Paul M. Stanton (Dolores)
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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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Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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

Sunday - Closed

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Parish School: St. John Brebeuf School

847-966-3266 or sjschool.org

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:

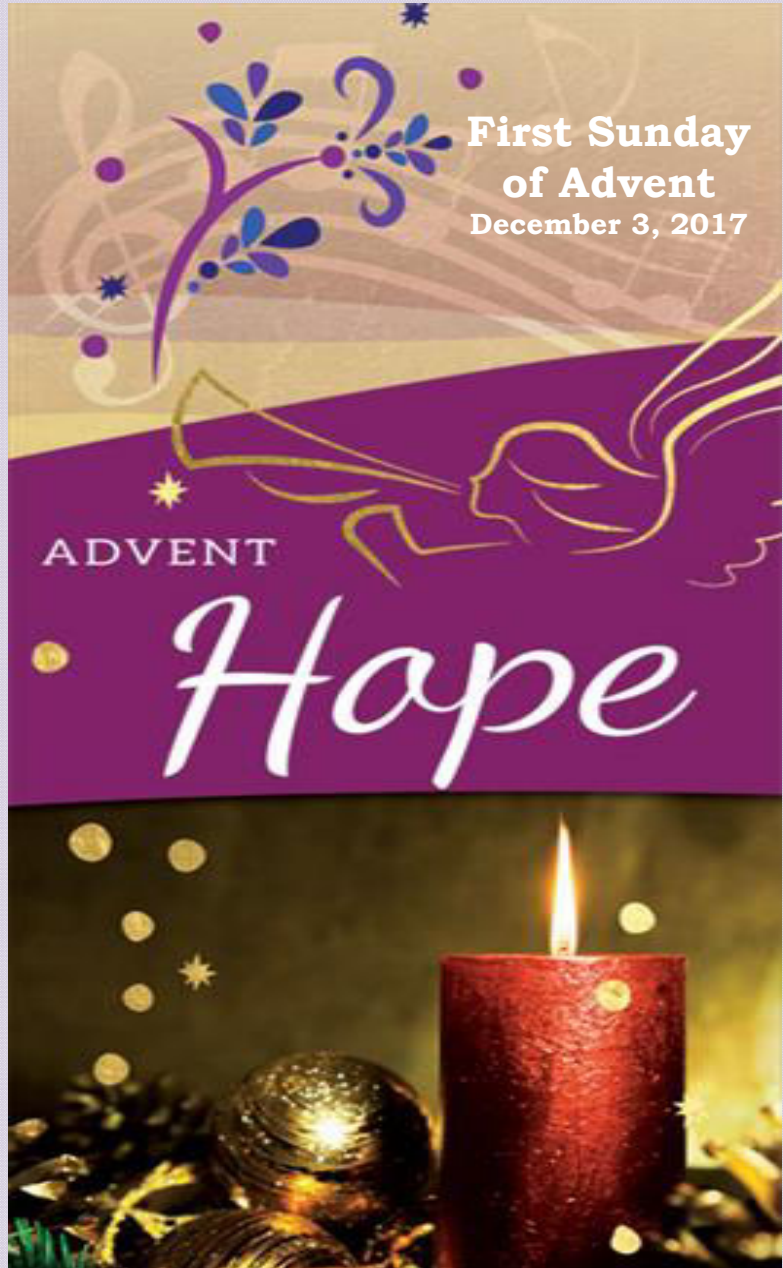
Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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.



ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders				
Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
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Men's Club Chairperson – John Affatati				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Lorna Alba				



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

The Beginning of the Year of Grace

As we begin with the new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent, known as year B, or cycle II we are beginning with the year of grace. Liturgical years are called "years of grace" because the Church's prayers and liturgies, taken as a whole, take Christians through Jesus' life, passion, death and resurrection, as well as other key moments in salvation history. This year, the new liturgical year begins December 3. In order for our new liturgical year to be spiritually great — a true "year of grace" — we need to dispose ourselves for God's grace.

We know a number of people who have disposed themselves to the grace of God. This is why they have been recipients of God's grace and have changed the course of their lives. We have examples of famous saints in the history of the Church like St. Mathew the Evangelist, St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Francis Xavier and so forth. They allowed the beginning of God's grace to work in their life which brought about a total transformation in themselves and led them to be witnesses of the Gospel to others.

It is not that we produce or even earn the grace of God, but rather we should be humble and gracious recipients of God's blessing through grace. We need to be thankful for the numerous graces that are showered upon us and as we embark on another year of grace. Let us approach it with full confidence that through the graces that God showers upon us we may yield abundant fruits. Let us shed off laziness and all empty promises of Satan in order to more fully connect with the Lord of Universe whose graces only enriches us to inherit eternal life.

If you like to use this time of grace, start walking the path of holiness by seriously gathering around your family, or if you are by yourself then faithfully take part in the Advent season. Families are called to light the Advent candle in Church. With every candle that is lit on Advent Sunday, you make your option for God by denouncing the evil or weakness in your spiritual life allowing you to turn in to God. Pray for a person or persons you don't get along with especially during this time of the year for a fruitful and meaningful celebration of Christmas. You are in my prayers for a wonderful time of grace with the Lord.

-Fr. Mario

ADVENT BEGINS

Advent calls us to quiet and stillness, to prepare with joy for the coming of Christ. His coming is a future one when he comes in glory; a present one as he reveals himself in the people and events of our days; a past one as we celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh and his dwelling among us. Our society, however, does not call us to silence and stillness. There's so much to get ready for Christmas! This Advent let's allow ourselves time to savor the hope, joy and anticipation of Christ's coming through silence, reflection and more. Here's some ideas to help you have a transforming Advent:

- * Reflect how your acts of love during the week share the Good News of the Gospel and help prepare a place for Jesus at Christmas. (see below).
- * Examine the Jesse Tree each week to see what new symbols are added. These symbols serve as a type of genealogy – telling the stories of our salvation from the creation of the world to the covenant with Abraham, to the rule of King David, to the birth of Jesus.
- * As the Advent Wreath is lit each week, pray for the Holy Spirit to awaken the wonder of this holy season in your heart, mind, and soul.
- * During Mass a question will be posed at the end of the homily and a short time of silence to reflect upon it as we ready spiritually for Christmas. There will also be a quiet moment after the Communion meditation.
- * Plan to attend Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and savor the mercy and love of God.
- * Participate in some of the special activities of Advent here in the parish: bring toys for the children of our Sharing Parish, bake cookies, and/or buy them, for the Christmas Cookie Sale, Giving Tree Christmas Caroling at area nursing facilities, Simbang Gabi Mass & Celebration, sack lunch project (teens), Christmas Eve Nativity Play (children); contribute to various collections or share your time and talent (baking, decorating)
- * Allow yourself to be surprised by God's goodness!

Thanks to all of the very generous supporters who donated food items for the Thanksgiving food baskets distributed to our most needy families.



We need your help to restock our shelves. Please consider the following:

pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter & jelly, can soup
coffee & tea, can fish & chicken, rice & potatoes

IMPORTANT DATES

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a Holy Day of Obligation)
Friday, December 8.

Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

RCIA Rite of Acceptance
Noon Mass, Sunday, December 10

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service,
Saturday, December 16 at 11:00 a.m.

Please note "Midnight Mass" on Christmas Eve is moving to **11:00 p.m.** with carols at 10:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE STORYTELLERS

We invite children of the parish, age 5 & older, to participate in the telling of the Christmas Story at the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Children need to be comfortable in front of a large group of people, able to follow directions with a little help if needed, come to **practice in the church on Tuesday, December 19th, at 6:30 p.m. accompanied by a parent or guardian**, and be present at the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. There are no lines for them to learn, just movement and gestures. Costumes are provided! **Please sign up your children by calling the RE office, 847/966-1180 or emailing sijre2004@yahoo.com.** We will be able to continue this longstanding tradition only if we have enough children to participate!

OPLATKI

Packets of oplatki, the traditional Christmas Wafer, are available beginning next weekend in the Holy Family Room after Masses or during that following week at the rectory. Donations are appreciated.

LET US PRAY...

O God, our help and our hope, bless and protect our loved ones and all others who serve our communities and our nation in the Armed Forces and as First Responders. Watch over them and their families through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Echavez, 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.



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

Monday, November 27	\$50	393	Marlene Garber	Morton Grove, IL
Tuesday, November 28	\$50	937	Kate Napravnik	Des Plaines, IL
Wednesday, November 29	\$50	446	Cristeta Robredrio	Wheeling, IL
Thursday, November 30	\$50	1612	Karen Johnson	Highland Park, IL
Friday, December 1	\$50	532	Ann Livstrom	Mt. Prospect, IL
Saturday, December 2	\$100	183	Audrey Jans	Mt. Prospect, IL
Sunday, December 3	\$100	817	Jerry Daly	Itasca, IL

SANTA SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

Help Santa bring joy and Christmas spirit to the children of our sharing parish, Maternity BVM in Chicago! Please bring new, unwrapped toys, books, etc. for youth (preschool-teen)

to Santa's sleigh in the Holy Family Room the weekend of December 2-3. The gifts will be used for their Epiphany Celebration and for some of the children will be the only new gift they receive this Christmas season. Be sure to bring your children or grandchildren to visit with Santa after the 10 a.m. and Noon Masses and take pictures with him. Santa's elves of Women's Club Guild One will provide refreshments. All are welcome. Santa can't wait to see you!



GIVING TREE

- It's that time of year where we can share our blessings with the less fortunate members of our society.
- As many of you may know, life as a resident in a nursing home may often be difficult and lonely.

It has been a parish tradition during the Christmas season to bring cheer through gifts and music to the residents of Glenbridge and Niles Nursing Homes. **Please make a difference in someone's life and join us on Tuesday, December 12th** to share music and joy. We gather at 6:30PM in the Holy Family Room then travel to Glenbridge and Niles Nursing Homes. Just an hour or two of your time will help bring holiday cheer to residents.



- Giving Tree envelopes were included in the November & December offertory envelope packets which you received at home. Extra envelopes can be found at the church entrances. Please be as generous as you can. Donations may be made at any time, up to and including Christmas. **WE** rely on your support to make it possible to continue Our Giving Tree Tradition.

Peace be with you!

St. Isaac Jogues Outreach Ministry

ST ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

DECEMBER 9 -10

HOLY FAMILY ROOM,

After all Masses

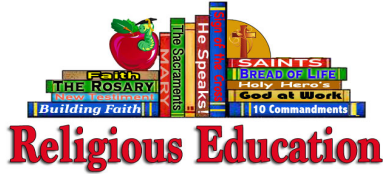
We ask for your HELP !

BY DONATING your favorite homemade cookies and candies. Please bring your cookies and candy to the Holy Family Room On Saturday, December 9th 9am to noon Cookies will be boxed and sold for \$5.00

QUESTIONS...CALL

Irene Baron 847-967-6149





Religious Education

+Our Christmas Service Project is to bring new, unwrapped toys for the young people of our sharing parish, Maternity BVM, ages 4 through high school. You may either bring them to Santa's sleigh today or to class on Monday.

+Confirmation Year II Candidates are to be in the SIJ parking lot by 6:15 p.m. Monday for the bus ride to St. Martha. The dinner and presentation are their class. They will return to the SIJ parking lot around the 8 p.m. dismissal time.

TEENS... SAVE THESE DATES!



- *Sack Lunches for the Homeless Service Project Saturday, Dec. 9, 1:30 p.m.
- *Afternoon Bowling, Saturday, Jan. 13, 3:00 p.m.

Watch the bulletin or check our Facebook page for details: St. Isaac Jogues Teens (and please like the page while you are looking at it!)

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS

Each week the Advent Wreath will be lit at the beginning of Mass. Families and individuals are invited to participate in the lighting. Simple instructions will be found in the sacristy each Saturday and Sunday of the four Advent weekends beginning next weekend, Dec. 2 – 3. Please sign up on the sheet in the Holy Family Room. Thank you!



ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CHRISTMAS 2017

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Saturday, December 16, 11:00 am

Individual confessions will be available on
Saturday, December 23

LITURGIES OF CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm (Carols at 3:45 pm)

11:00 pm (Carols at 10:30 pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Not a holy day of obligation)

Monday, January 1, 2018

9:00 am

ADDITIONAL CELEBRATIONS

SIMBANG GABI

Thursday, December 21, 7:00 pm

Mass & Reception

MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, January 7, 2018, 3:00 pm – Church

SHARING OF OPLATKI (bi-lingual)

Sunday, January 14, 2018, 1:00 pm

Holy Family Room

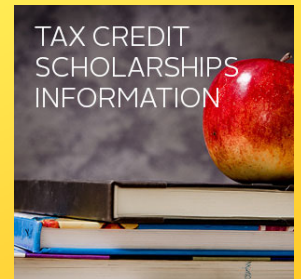
Invest in Kids Act

In August 2017, with bipartisan support, the House and Senate passed a comprehensive education funding bill that was signed into law by the governor. The law includes a provision for tax credit scholarships, which provide strong incentives for donors to support non-public school scholarships for qualifying students in the state. Qualified Illinois students may use these new scholarships to attend a non-public school of their choice.

- Individuals and corporations donate to Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) and get **75% credit off state taxes**. Donors are not allowed to also deduct at federal level, reducing benefit.
- SGO'S must be qualified 501c3 organizations
- Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis
- Individuals may direct donations to a school or group of schools. Corporate donors cannot designate.

For more information, please call the Office of Catholic Schools at (312) 534-5200 or go to archchicago.org.

Put your state taxes to work funding Catholic Education!



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



Pray for

SR. JOYCE ROEHL

JULIE HIGGINS

MICHAEL NOBLE

MICHAEL BARON

TONY KOZA

ROSE ANN NOWAK

EMILY SITKOWSKI

CLARENCE MATTISON

JIMMY RANCICH

MARCY SANTIAGO

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ANGELO MONTANILE

ELAINE ZOURKAS

SHARON MC CANN

SUE ARENDT



Rosalina Paredes

In Memoriam

AWAY IN A MANGER...

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay... It is an Advent custom to pad the manger with good deeds, big or small, symbolized by pieces of hay, so that the Christ Child has a soft place at Christmas. Beginning today you will find bags of hay at the doors of the church. When you arrive, place some hay, symbolic of your good works during the week, and place it in the basket. During the Presentation of the Gifts the hay baskets from each of the three doors will also be brought forward. After Mass the hay it will be placed in a larger basket and accumulate each of the four weeks. When the manger is put up, all the hay will be placed inside so to be ready on Christmas for the statue of the Christ Child. What will you do this week and throughout the coming weeks to share the hope, joy and anticipation of Advent in word and deed?

**PLANNED GIVING - HURRY! DECEMBER 31ST IS COMING !**

As we approach this holiday season, let us remember the joy in giving and in sharing the blessings we have received. God has cloaked us in His bountiful love, and we can in turn offer our fellow parishioners an extension of this love. By considering a Planned Gift to St. Isaac Jogues we can ensure that our parish will continue to serve and grow in its mission.

Please contact Elin Schriver, as you prayerfully consider making a gift to St. Isaac Jogues. She is happy to discuss with you some of the financial benefits of making a Planned Gift, such as an income stream for you during your lifetime and tax benefits for your family after you are gone.

There are significant tax benefits you might also consider for your year-end giving. If you make a gift **directly** from your IRA before Dec. 31st or if you make a gift of appreciated stock held longer than 12 months, you can realize important tax savings.

For more information please call (312) 534-5396 or email eschriver@archchicago.org

Mass Intentions

December 3, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Tommy Dorsz Richard & Tom Banner
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Mark Duval
12:00 p.m.	Krystyna Swidzinska (special intention)
December 4, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Benjamin & Irene Vilorio
December 5, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Eleanor Pavliny
December 6, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Daniel O'Keefe Kevin Kenney Elizabeth Copeland
December 7, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Andrzej Mlynarczyk
December 8, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Jane Polinski
7:00 p.m.	Andrzej Mlynarczyk
December 9, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Richard & Tom Banner
5:00 p.m.	Helen Polinski
December 10, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Arlene Forneck
10:00 a.m.	Raoul Smoczyński Daniel O'Keefe Donald Kwasigroch Brady/Stanton Families Jack Cressy Yusuf Suleiman Pedro Tamondong, Sr.
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ John Preston

Liturgy Next Weekend December 9th & 10th

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



5:00 p.m.	Rhenz Mangurali Kristine Roque Lawrence Escarez
8:00 a.m.	Thomas Striblen Rafael Cedric Ortin Lynelle Napata
10:00 a.m.	Steve Livingston Maya Gherman Nathan Ledesma
12:00 p.m.	Jude Jimmychan Khayla Santiago Jonathan Magboo

THE WILD GOOSE IS LOOSE: Series on the Holy Spirit

Thanks to all who have been participating in the sessions! We're taking a break for the holidays and the next set of three sessions will be on Mondays, 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. January 8, 22, and February 5, in the Holy Family Room. All are welcome even if you could not come for the first three!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council business meeting will be on Wednesday, December 6, at the St. John Brebeuf Parish May Ministry Center beginning at 7:30 P.M.

For more information or if you're interested in joining contact Grand Knight Chet Moylan 630-544-9398. Please visit our website at www.kofc4338.org for our calendar of events."

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