

# 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.

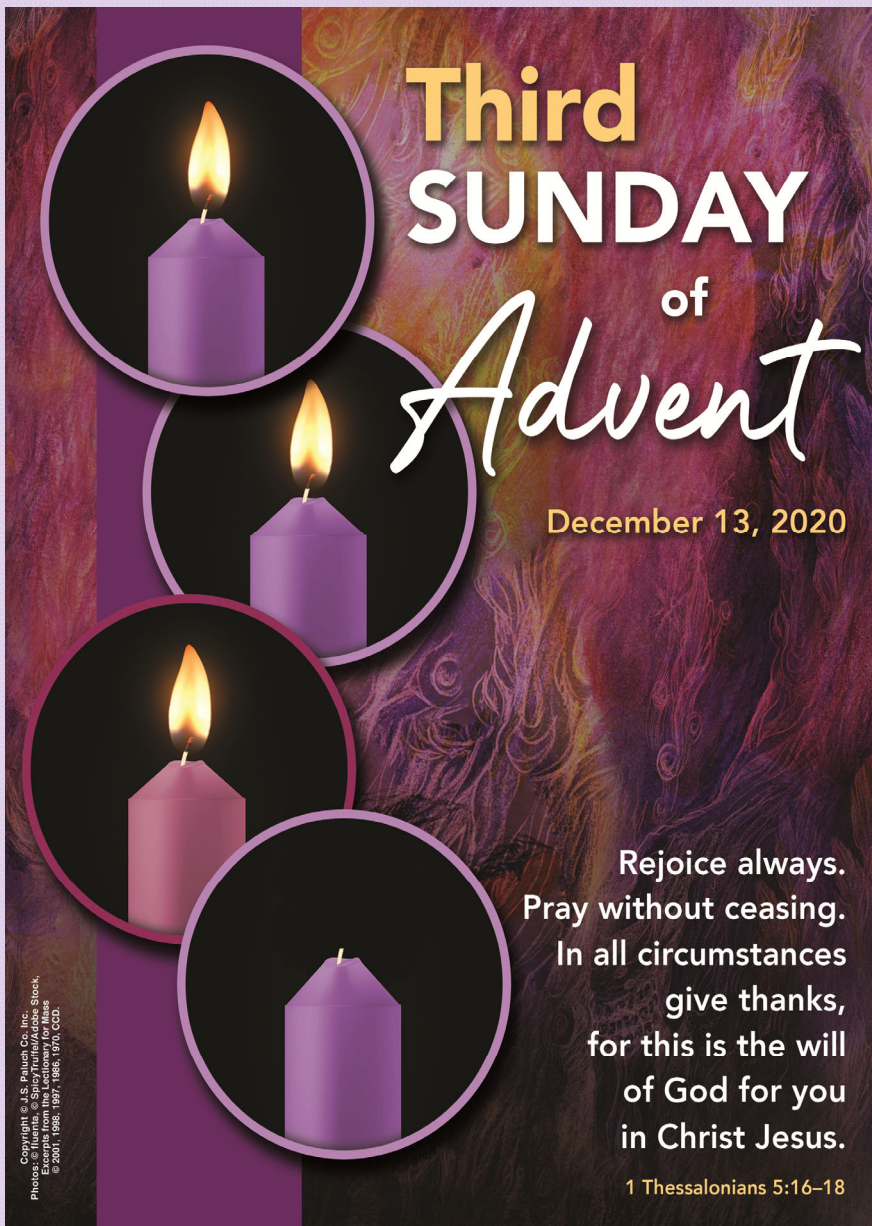
Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

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.



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FROM THE  
Pastor's Desk

## Why then do you baptize?

Often in my dealings with people some pose such question as to why we baptize people in the Catholic Church. I say to them it is because Jesus commanded his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit (Mathew 28:19). John the Baptist was approached by priests and Levites from Jerusalem and they asked him why he was in the act of baptizing people. They were not satisfied so they sent some of the Pharisees to verify his action.

We could be watched at times for carrying out certain actions that may sound suspicious to others like in the case of John the Baptist. John the Baptist being a Jew was inviting people including Jews to be baptized when it was meant for the gentiles. The mind of John the Baptist was to prepare the way for the Lord. His advice to them was to live a godly or holy life. Inviting people to repentance and seeking forgiveness of sins.

John the Baptist was sent by God to announce the coming of the Messiah and to prepare people to leave their sinful life style and return to God. The priests, Levites and the Pharisees thought of themselves as righteous people in the sight of God and therefore were suspicious of the action of John baptizing people and were seeking to know why he was performing such an act. It may surprise many likewise when we don't turn within to check on ourselves and our very actions and find the actions of others as questionable.

What happens when a person is baptized? Baptism washes us of our sins. In Baptism water is used to cleanse us from the Original sin, thereby we are made clean for God. The fact that anyone needs to be washed means that in the first place that they are dirty. The truth is people are dirty, or sinful before God and therefore need to be washed clean (Romans 3). Water cannot make people clean before God, therefore God sent Jesus to wash away, or take away our sin, which he did through his death and resurrection. So then all those who trust in Jesus have been made clean through baptism.

Baptism is an outward sign of an inward reality. By this I mean, though water does not take away our sin, the Holy Spirit does come into our lives and truly does by changing us to accept Jesus as Lord.

The third Sunday of Advent calls us to rejoice because our Savior has set us free from sin. We rejoice greatly that our sins are forgiven through baptism and we can avail of the Sacrament of reconciliation to rebuild our relationship with God every time we sin against him. Wish you well in your preparation for Christmas.

-Fr. Mario



## FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS

In collaboration with Catholic Charities and the Greater Chicago Food Depository the next free food distribution will be hosted here in our SIJ parking lot on Wednesday, December 23, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Please pass the information along to those who could use the support at this time. This month we hope to test an indoor packing & outdoor distribution plan. The indoor packing will include moving the products into the Holy Family Room, packing and moving the bags outside, with social distancing, masks, windows open, etc. for well being. Some people will be outside to set up signs and tables, and to check in people as they arrive. The outdoor distribution plan will continue with directing traffic in the parking lot, check in, putting food in car trunks (three stations), and clean up.

We are in need of about 20 volunteers for each time frame. The first time frame is 2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. for instructions and to carry out the tasks listed above. The second time frame is 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. to do the outdoor plan and some to continue packing inside if not finished by first team. 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 – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 847-967-1060, the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or email [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com), by 12 Noon Tuesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.** If we do not have enough helpers by that day, we will reach out to other volunteer pools. This is a great way for individuals and families to reach out to the community in this time of greater need and just in time for Christmas! Thank you for your prayers for this event and for those who will benefit from it, as well as for your consideration to help.



With holidays and winter approaching help us stock up the food pantry. The following items would be helpful: canned vegetables (including potatoes), 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. **SIJOM SENDS THANKS & BLESSINGS!**

## 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:*

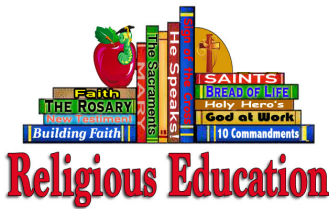


"My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to possess You within my soul. I am sorry for ever having offended You. Since I am unable now to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as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

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION

To give more people an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas we will have six (6) reservation spots for confession in the Church and six (6) reservation spots for confession in the Holy Family Room for next Saturday, Dec. 19. Please use the Reconciliation preparation guide that was sent out on Flocknote. If your reservation is in Church, please be outside Door 13 (the one we use to enter for Mass) a couple minutes before your scheduled time. If your reservation is in the Holy Family Room, please be outside Door 12 (near the Holy Family Room) a couple minutes before your scheduled time. Masks are required in both places.





+Confirmation Year II Candidates are reminded that they will get Part II of the Gifts of the Spirit Journal after they turn in Part I.  
 +Remember to drop off toys/books/etc. for the children/teens of Maryville Monday, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the RE Office.  
 +Ms. Bello's class is to have the Gift of Reconciliation book completed for Monday. They will have a review of the sacrament w/Father that night.  
 +First Reconciliation will be celebrated in Church on Saturday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. Please let Mrs. Stanton know who is coming from your families, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com.  
 +Christmas Eve Storytellers have a practice on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. An adult must accompany the children for the whole time.

ARE WE HAVING A TOY DRIVE THIS YEAR?

Yes, Virginia, there is a **Toy Drive** at SIJ this year sponsored by the Women's Club to benefit the **youth of Maryville**. If you forgot your gifts today, they will be **accepted at the RE Office (door #9 of the school building) on Monday, 5:00-6:30 p.m.** If you want to drop something off earlier that day, please call 847-967-1060 to make arrangements. Monetary donations are also appreciated and we'll do the shopping for you. Your generous support to make a child or teen's Christmas special is most appreciated!

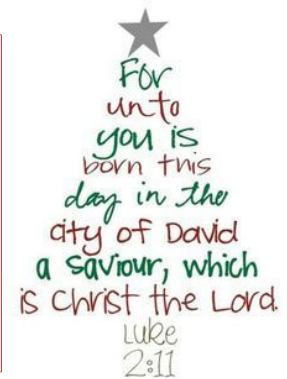


*Ring those Christmas Bells! As you enter church for Christmas this year, you will be given a small bell. We may not be able to sing, but we are definitely able to ring! We will use the bells to accompany the refrain of the Gloria you all know very well. We ask that you put them in your purse or pocket to bring back the following week to do the same thing.*



SHARE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Have any extra **Christmas cards**? Sign your family's name and our parish name to a Christmas card or two or more to send to local nursing homes. We cannot go there for our annual Giving Tree event because of COVID but we want the residents to know we are thinking about them. **All cards need to get to the RE Office by Noon this Tuesday, Dec. 15.** You can leave them in the envelope on the outside of door #9 by the RE Office, put them in the mail slot at the Rectory or bring them to the RE Office on Monday, 5:00-6:30 p.m. We will make sure they get to Niles Center and Glenbridge Nursing & Rehab Centers. Thanks for sharing some Christmas spirit!



FY 21 7/1/20 - 6/30/21 INCOME SUMMARY  
November 2020

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Week 1	\$6,590	\$10,500	(\$3,910)
Week 2	\$9,134	\$9,000	\$134
Week 3	\$4,383	\$8,700	(\$4,317)
Week 4	\$5,788	\$8,800	(\$3,012)
Week 5	\$5,273	\$9,000	(\$3,727)
NOV. TOTAL	\$31,168	\$46,000	(\$14,832)
YEAR TO DATE	\$148,978	\$189,700	(\$40,722)

Our November collection and budget numbers are shown so everyone can see the actual collection vs budgeted numbers. Our budgets were due early in 2020, just shortly before Covid 19 changed everything this year. Our churches were shut down for 3 months and many people are wisely staying home to protect themselves and others. Church capacities are limited and additional expenses incurred so we can sanitize in an effort to keep everyone who does return as safe as possible. We continue to experience somewhat smaller utility bills resulting from office closures and no gatherings in campus space. We need you to help SIJ as much as possible. Every dollar adds up! God bless you all, keep SIJ in your prayers and stay safe!



ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH  
CHRISTMAS 2020

LITURGIES OF CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH  
4:00 pm & 10 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH  
8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021  
8:00 am, 10:00 am  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Please plan ahead. Reservations are required. If your plans change, please adjust your reservations.

**CHRISTMAS MASS  
RESERVATIONS**

Reservations for Christmas Masses can be made by using the links sent out on Flocknote, found on the parish website or by calling the Rectory, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., this week.



**Please note** that the Christmas Octave (eight days) begins with Christmas and ends with the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. This time frame is so important to our Salvation History and our life as Church that it repeats the solemnness of Christmas each of the eight days. Therefore, **if you signed up for a Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, you are not to sign up for a Mass the weekend of December 26-27** so that those who are not able to sign up for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day will have the chance to celebrate Christmas within the Octave at a Mass that weekend.

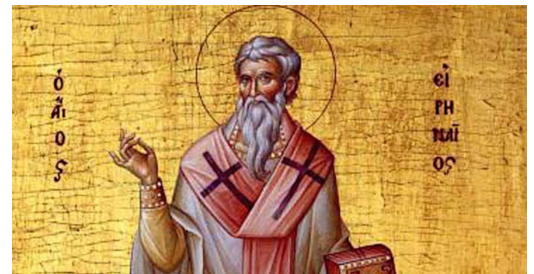
For those who cannot come for Mass on **Christmas Day, Sunday Mass at Mercy Home will air a special Christmas Mass on that day at 8 a.m. on WGN Channel 9.** It will also be available on demand at [www.MercyHome.org/Mass](http://www.MercyHome.org/Mass).

FROM ST. IRENAEUS, BISHOP

“There is one God, who by his word and wisdom created all things and set them in order. His Word is our Lord Jesus Christ, who in this last age became man among men to unite end and beginning, that is, man and God.

The prophets, receiving the gift of prophecy from this same Word, foretold his coming in the flesh, which brought about the union and communion between God and man ordained by the Father. From the beginning the word of God prophesied that God would be seen by men and would live among them on earth; he would speak with his own creation and be present to it, bringing it salvation and being visible to it. He *would free us from the hands of all who hate us*, that is, from the universal spirit of sin and enable us to *serve him in holiness and justice all our days*. Man was to receive the Spirit of God and so attain to the glory of the Father. The prophets, then, foretold that God would be seen by men. As the Lord himself says: *Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God*. In his greatness and inexpressible glory *no one can see God and live*, for the Father is beyond our comprehension. But in his love and generosity and omnipotence he allows even this to those who love him, that is, even to see God, as the prophets foretold. *For what is impossible to men is possible to God.*

By his own powers man cannot see God, yet God will be seen by men because he wills it. He will be seen by those he chooses, at the time he chooses, and in the way he chooses, for God can do all things. He was seen of old through the Spirit in prophecy; he is seen through the Son by our adoption as his children, and he will be seen in the kingdom of heaven in his own being as the Father. The Spirit prepares man to receive the Son of God, the Son leads him to the Father, and the Father, freeing him from change and decay, bestows the eternal life that comes to everyone from seeing God. As those who see light are in the light sharing its brilliance, so those who see God are in God sharing his glory, and that glory gives them life. To see God is to share in life.”







## 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
SUSAN ARENDT	YUL VENTURA
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LAURA MORA	COLLEEN KING
TIM DENDOR	PATTY ZEMAN
ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA	ROSE LUZ
	BOB AMEND
	STAN JEZIOR

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** - 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](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com).



### OPLATKI

Packets of blessed oplatki, the traditional Christmas Wafer, are available as you leave Mass today or next weekend, while supplies last. You may also call the Rectory to set up a time to pick it up. Donations are appreciated.

### ADVENT – WEEK 3

**Light** the third (rose) candle of your Advent wreath or a single candle you may have.

**Pray:** "God our loving Father, we thank you for sending St. John the Baptist to do the vital work of preparing people to hear the words of your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to heed John's message, to see where we need to repent in our lives and so produce good fruit. Give us an urgent desire to live out of our Baptism and to listen attentively to the Good News. Move us to follow the Baptist's example, to lead people to your Son and then step out of the way, listening with them to his teaching. We ask these things ever confident of your work in our lives. We ask them in humility and gratitude. We ask them through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Reflect:** What do I say and do to let others know Jesus is the Light who leads us on the way to heaven? Do I rejoice always and pray without ceasing? What needs to change in me to live in that way?

**Action:** Support the Toy Drive for Maryville with a new toy/game/etc. or monetary donation. The deadline is Tuesday, 12/15. Pray for the five parishes in our grouping as the Renew My Church process continues. Do something good for someone you find it hard to like and give glory to God.



## Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 13, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Margarita M. Vioria Arlene Forneck Joseph De Sario Helene Kowalik Marvin Hayes
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Tony Irmen
12:00 p.m.	Philomena & Luke Moran
Monday - December 14, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society George Putherickal
Tuesday - December 15, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Stephen Grant
Wednesday - December 16, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik Sylvia & Ryan Murphy & Family - Special Intention Wanda Valentini Pascual & Julia Pimentel Marie De Meo Mathew Thuruthikara
Thursday - December 17, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	John Kremer
Friday - December 18, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Tony Irmen
Saturday - December 19, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Joe De Sario
5:00 p.m.	Purificacion Rodriguez Agustina Bait
Sunday, December 20, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Richard Banner
10:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik, Marie De Meo KR - Spec Intention Luke & Philomena Moran
12:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ

## Liturgy Next Weekend December 19th & 20th

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




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*In Memoriam*

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