

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)
Lori Herbert, Business Manager
Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education
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

Religious Education: 847-966-1180

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY

OF Advent

As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord God make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11



December 17th, 2017

ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
Kathy Lord, Vice Chairperson	Jerry Menezes	Dolores Stanton	Gerry Zeller	Al Leksander
Lorna Alba, Secretary	Debbie Dexter	Rose Santos	Lori Herbert	
Lori Herbert	Barbara Napravnik	Maria Swidzinski		
Women's Club Chairperson – Kathy Denning				
Men's Club Chairperson – John Affatati				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Lorna Alba				



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

He came for Testimony

Who is called upon to give a testimony? We know from the Gospel that John the Baptist was sent by God, he came for testimony, to testify to the light. We need persons to bear witness to Christ. Human witness is a necessity and that is why God chose John the Baptist for this specific role.

Actually the word "testimony" is used in few different ways. One common usage is when a person is brought into a courtroom and placed under oath to tell, attest to, or give witness to his or her personal knowledge or experience with reference to the case that is being heard. To link the word "Christian" to the word "testimony" is to narrow the focus of the testimony and who can give it. Only a Christian can give a Christian testimony, and a Christian is one who has received forgiveness for sin by trusting alone in the person and work of Jesus Christ for that forgiveness. A Christian testimony is given when Christians relate how we came to know the God of the Bible through the moving of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Although John the Baptist was sent by God to bear witness to His Son, God is not dependent on the initiative of the necessity of the human witness. What we find in the Scriptures is that God was involved not just in sending Jesus but involved in sending witness to Jesus. By being a witness to the light they are not going to conquer the darkness but light the hearts of those who have become cold and dead human beings as a living witness to God. Christian testimony should not end with the conversion experience, but should also include the ways in which the Lord has worked in our lives to sanctify us for His service.

As an example, a testimony could include how He brought us through a difficult time in our life (such as a loss or some sort or a severe illness) and built our faith in Him through that experience. We should also be able to describe the continual process by which the Spirit who now dwells in us leads, guides, molds and shapes us into mature Christians. Our testimony should help us make disciples, but how do we do it? We can do it in different ways, by our life of simplicity, dedication, commitment, helping the needy, and thereby drawing the inspiration from St. John the Baptist to be faithful to the task assigned to each of us. Are you going to bear testimony to the Lord of Life? The choice is yours, so do it.

-Fr. Mario

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

+On Saturday, Dec. 23, we will do some preparation of Christmas decorations beginning at 9 a.m. (unless there is a funeral). If you are willing to give an hour or two to help out, it would be appreciated. Please call the RE Office at 847/966-1180.

+When the Noon Mass ends on Christmas Eve for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we will have about 2 hours to do final touches on decorations for Christmas. If you are able to give an hour or so to help out on Christmas Eve, please contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com this week.

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.

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



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In 1223, just two years before his death, Saint Francis of Assisi set up a living crèche, a replica of the manger in Bethlehem at the birth of Jesus. He preached and prayed before the scene. His biographer, Thomas of Celano, says that in that moment Francis was “overwhelmed with love and filled with wonderful happiness.” His contemplation of Jesus, the Word made flesh, drew him to experience the depth of God’s love.

We live in a troubled world beset by wars, violence, injustice, broken relationships, and illness. Beyond that, we do believe and are convinced that God loves us and walks with us in Jesus, his Son. As we know, God will heal us and our broken world and bring us into the fullness of life. It is my hope that when you pray before the mystery of the Incarnate Word, as Saint Francis prayed, you will be renewed in hope and confidence and be “overwhelmed with love and filled with wonderful happiness.”

May God bless you with a renewal of faith, hope, and love as we celebrate the birth of the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO



*Christmas 2017
Cardinal's letter to the Faithful
Archdiocese of Chicago*

LET US PRAY...

Please pray for our military, reservists and first responders as they serve and protect our nation and our communities:

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.



PLEASE JOIN US AS ST ISAAC JOQUES CELEBRATES
SIMBANG GABI

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST @ 7PM
REFRESHMENTS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
MASS

Additional Simbang Gabi Masses

St. Martha, Saturday, December 22nd @ 7PM

OUR ST ISAAC JOQUES CHRISTMAS
COOKIE SALE AND RAFFLE
NET PROFIT **\$2,382.00**



Special thanks to parishioners, friends and family members who donated cookies to fill **over 325 one pound boxes!** In addition to, multiple bags of homemade candy and other items.

Thank you to our **Raffle Basket** donors. To the Men's Club, and Women's Club Members who donated wine and additional items for our baskets!

THANK YOU to those who set up on Friday, on Saturday, our cookie collectors, those who boxed and weighed cookies, those who tied the boxes, cookie sellers after the liturgies, and our Raffle team.

Thanks to parishioners and friends who supported our Fund Raiser with purchases, raffle, and extra donations!

Congratulations to our basket winners....Joyce Lenart, Leke Brisku, Nancy Kadiri and Ed Lisowski. Once again, your generosity and support was overwhelming!

God Bless you!
Irene Baron and the Christmas Cookie Sale Committee

EPIPHANY

On the Solemnity of the Epiphany we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the nations. As an expression of this, the Universal Prayer will be offered in a variety of languages at the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 7. If you would be willing to translate a petition into another language and read it at that Mass, please sign up in the Holy Family Room this weekend or next.

SAVE THE DATE:

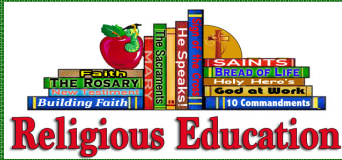
**EPIPHANY CONCERT
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH AT 3PM**



2017 Replace the Roof Raffle "Winners Corner"

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!

Monday, December 11	\$50	413	Augustine Shiny	Des Plaines, Il
Tuesday, December 12	\$50	175	Louise Holke	Chicago, Il
Wednesday, December 13	\$50	276	Gerrie Bethke	Grand Rapids, MI
Thursday, December 14	\$50	155	Lisa Lisowski	Chicago, Il
Friday, December 15	\$50	379	Hilda Daly	Morton Grove, Il
Saturday, December 16	\$50	291	SIJ Womens Club	Niles, Il
Sunday, December 17	\$100	1508	Gary Chmelir	Wilber, NE



+Grs. 6 – Confirmation Year II will have their Advent Reconciliation service on Monday at 6:50 p.m. in Church.

+Confirmation Year II Candidates are reminded that their Saint Name papers are due on Monday.

+We give praise and thanks to God for the love and mercy He shared with our children when they celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Monday. May God bless them and help them let their light shine!

Leah Baquial
Isabel Borkowski
Jacob Borkowski
Anthony Cordero
Nikolas Grzelak

Sofia Uribe-Gutierrez
Jaylene Odjimer
Raymond Ortin
Savion Pinto

ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CHRISTMAS 2017

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

Parish Transformation Process Survey

The Parish Transformation Survey is available on line for those adults and teens who have not submitted one. The web address for the survey is:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SIJ_PT

The survey will be available online through the end of December.



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 this 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!



Pray for

MICHAEL BARON	SR. JOYCE ROEHL
TONY KOZA	JIMMY RANCICH
SUE ARENDT	MARCY SANTIAGO
ROSE ANN NOWAK	PASTOR LYNNE MORROW
FR. BERNARD KENNEDY	JOSEPH WHITE
	BERNARD KENNEDY, SR
	JAMES MAXWELL PASCALE
	JULIE HIGGINS
	WILLA DRISLANE
	GEORGIA HALL

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 — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Thursday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
Saturday: St. John of Kanty



NO PARKING IN THE FIRE LANES!

As we prepare for snow, it's more important to be sure that emergency vehicles are able to access the church campus. If you SEE someone violating the no parking rules, SAY SOMETHING. The life you save could be your own and your family!

Mass Intentions

December 17, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	John Kremer
10:00 a.m.	Clarence Turek
12:00 p.m.	Daniel O'Keefe Carlo Galassini Agustina Baut Eduardo Rodriguez Eleanor Pavlini
December 18, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Joseph Jagiello
December 19, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Esthabban
December 20, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Joe De Sario
December 21, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Jackie Leksander
December 22, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Richard Banner
December 23, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Edward Puisis
5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased members of SIJ John Preston
December 24, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Rocco Martocci
10:00 a.m.	Hal Yamanaka
12:00 p.m.	Delaine Kennedy
4:00 p.m.	Mary Jane Polinski
11:00 p.m.	Julio & Consuelo Sitjar
December 25, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	Richard Arendt
10:00 a.m.	Steven Zourkas
12:00 p.m.	Joseph Chacko

Liturgy Next Weekend December 23rd & 24th Christmas Day, December 25th

Time	Celebrant	Servers
Dec. 23 rd Confessions 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos	
4th Sunday of Advent Dec. 23 rd 5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos Deacon Paul	Michael Lucas Mark Lucas Imani Garner
4th Sunday of Advent Dec. 24 th 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario Deacon Paul	Angelika Dacpano Red Reyes Rylee Reyes
4th Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario Deacon Paul	Julia Jaroslowski Alec Sayson Abby Sayson
4th Sunday of Advent 12:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos Deacon Paul	Remi Dalangin Eya Dalangin Ayen Dalangin
Christmas 4:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos Deacon Paul	Steve Livingston Kristine Roque Rhenz Manguarali Shaydon Pinto
Christmas 11:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario Deacon Paul	Alfonso Hanson Julia Jaroslowski Maya Gherman Nathan Ledesma
Christmas 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Bernard Deacon Paul	T. J. Striblen Khayla Santiago Eugene Villarino Engell Villarino
Christmas 10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos Deacon Paul	Michael Lucas Mark Lucas Alec Sayson Abby Sayson
Christmas 12:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario Deacon Paul	Jude Jimmychan Jonathan Magboo, Jr. Lawrence Escarez Remi Dalangin

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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