

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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 Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education
 Lisa Hall, Director of Music

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

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 847-966-3266 or sjbschool.org

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.

ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2020 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THE ANGEL GABRIEL SAID TO MARY,
 "DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY, FOR YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD.
 BEHOLD, YOU WILL CONCEIVE IN YOUR WOMB AND BEAR A SON,
 AND YOU SHALL NAME HIM JESUS."

~ Luke 1:30-31

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FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

I AM THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD

At times we are drawn in a conversation with people whom we have not met earlier and initially we feel uncomfortable to speak to someone unknown. But as the conversation goes on we learn to relax in the company of the person so we continue our conversation. Mary being a simple village girl comes into a conversation with God who sent his Archangel Gabriel to notify Mary that she has been chosen to be the Mother of God. Her initial reaction is "How can this be"? We have to understand the mind set of Mary who has been brought up by her parents in a righteous manner and she dedicated her life to God by being a virgin. So she was wanting to know how it can happen.

Mary contributed to mankind's reconciliation with God by humbly accepting the proposition of the angel Gabriel in humility and in the perfect love of God. What she willed for herself was what God willed for her, since she had no joy and peace except in the God of Abraham. Mary aligned her will with God's will because she esteemed His will over her own in steadfast love and unfaltering trust in Him: the essence of faith in Judaic thought. God was the measure of her life. She acknowledged Him as her Creator on whom she ultimately depended and in whom she placed all her confidence. There could be no true life for Mary apart from God. The vain pleasures of this world did not appeal to her.

"I am the handmaid of the Lord" was the ultimate response that flowed from Mary's heart. The words that normally come from a person can depict who the person actually is. That speaks volumes about the greatness of Mary, a humble maiden. God was so pleased with her, yet she maintained her tranquility of being grounded to carry forth the mission that God has for her. God chooses people in a way that helps them to understand the role they are called to play and Mary with all humility, beautifully acknowledges it by her response.

Can I be the handmaid of the Lord in carrying out his will? Is God calling me like Mary we may ask? Yes indeed, he calls various people but few respond to his call. Can I be counted among the few to find God's favor like Mary? God indeed would be pleased when we respond favorably. The season of Advent precisely reminds us that every mountain and hill shall be made low. We need to put on humility so that every person who exalts himself will be humbled and who ever humbles himself will be exalted. Have a blessed Advent.

-Fr. Mario

BLESSING OF A MANGER/NATIVITY SCENE

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to Him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



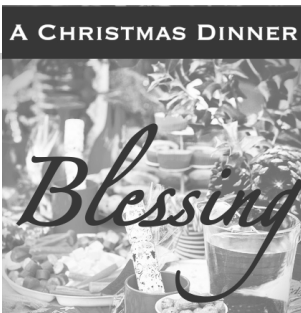


**Food
Pantry**

**St. Isaac Jogues
Outreach Ministry**

The following items would be helpful as we assist those coming to our doors for food: canned vegetables (corn, peas, carrots), pork and beans (or other like kidney beans, black beans) canned fruit or applesauce, oatmeal, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soups, stews, chili, hash, laundry detergent. You may bring your donations when you come for weekday 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!

SIJOM SENDS THANKS & BLESSINGS!



(Some begin the meal of Christmas with a loaf of festive bread, broken, dipped in honey and shared with wishes for a sweet Christmastime. An empty place may be left at the table to welcome the spirit of all who cannot be there physically, including Jesus.)

God of great gentleness, in love you give us this Christmas feast to be our joy and delight. Hold us close to you and each other. Unite us in spirit with those who have died and with those who are distant. Gather all your children in Bethlehem, where we will join with Mary and Joseph, with the angels, with the cattle and the sheep, and with all the stars of heaven in singing your praise: Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and for ever. Amen.

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*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

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

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Christmas

THIS WEEK

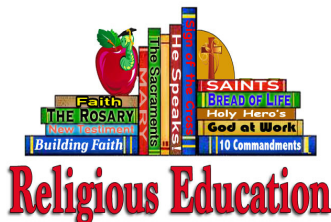
- +Church decorating will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. Three volunteers would be appreciated. Please contact the RE Office to sign up. Masks required and gloves will be provided.
- +The Parish Office will be closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, December 24 – 25.
- +There will be no confessions on Saturday, Dec. 26.

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."



Religious Education

+RE online sessions will resume on Monday, January 4th. It will be a Family Event Night at 7 p.m. The link will be sent between Christmas and New Year's Day. Have a holy, health, and joyful holiday with your families.

+The Catechists, Assistants and Families of the Religious Education Program wish our faith community a Blessed and Merry Christmas. Thank you for your support throughout the year!

+Congratulations and blessings upon the children who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Saturday. May you always trust in the love, mercy and forgiveness of God.

Noah Baquial
Erin Ebreo

Rania Kash
Ryan Kanappilly

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.



**GREATER
CHICAGO
- FOOD -
DEPOSITORY.**

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Free Food and Fresh Produce for residents of Niles and the Surrounding Community.

St. Isaac Jogues Parish along with the Greater Chicago Food Depository and Catholic Charities is organizing a Drive-Through Food Distribution

WHO Open to anyone who needs the support!

WHEN Wednesday, December 23, 2020

4:30pm – 6:00pm

WHERE St. Isaac Jogues Parish Parking Lot
8149 W. Golf Road Niles

*** Be sure to clear out your trunk or bring a cart to take your food home!**

Food will be given away FIRST-COME/FIRST-SERVED basis, until supplies last, distribution will take place "rain, snow or shine."

For more information about **additional food resources** in our community, please contact the **Greater Chicago Food Depository** at 773-247-FOOD or visit their website at chicagosfoodbank.org. For **additional Social Services** in our community, please contact **Catholic Charities North Regional Service Center** at 1717 Rand Road - 847-376-2100 or call their **Suburban Cook County Call Center** at 877-426-6515

Reservations for Christmas Masses can be made by using the **links on the parish website** or by **calling the Rectory, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Wednesday 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 are not able to sign up for Christmas Eve or Day you will have the chance to celebrate Christmas at a Mass the **weekend of December 26 – 27**. 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.

If you have signed up for a Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, you may sign up to attend Mass the weekend of December 26-27 beginning at 11 a.m. Christmas Day. Reservations will close at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 26th.

FROM A SERMON BY ST. LEO THE GREAT, POPE
(FOR CHRISTMAS DAY)

“Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God’s wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind. And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sin in joy: *Glory to God in the highest*, and they proclaim *peace to his people on earth* as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God’s goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, *and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ*, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God’s own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God’s kingdom. Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.”



TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY...

We wish you and your loved ones a Blessed and Holy Christmas. God is with us – this we believe more than ever – especially this year! Our prayer is that the Year of Our Lord 2021 will be filled with greater faith and trust, clearer understanding of God’s will, deeper hope and love, with good health, generous service, much gratitude, joy and newness of life...

Fr. Mario, Fr. Carlos, Fr. Bernard, Deacon Paul, the Pastoral Staff, and the Councils, Commissions, Ministries and Organizations of St. Isaac Jogues Parish





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
LORNA ALBA	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
SUSAN ARENDT	JUDY CABRERA
CINDY NOLAN	YUL VENTURA
FR. BERNARD KENNEDY	MARY LERPS
MARTHA DEMKO	SHARON KILIKEVICE
ANNE MARRAZZO	PELAGIA SAJULGA
LAURA MORA	JOHN OLDERSHAW
TIM DENDOR	COLLEEN KING
ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA	PATTY ZEMAN
	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
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Joseph Auth

In Memoriam

ADVENT – WEEK 4

Light all the candles of your Advent wreath or a single candle you may have.

Pray: “As we light these candles let us give thanks for the Child whom we celebrate this Advent season – the Child Who came to earth as an infant, died and rose as our Savior, and for Whose coming again we await with anticipation and love...All-powerful God. We wait in anticipation of the arrival of your greatest sign to us – Your Son. In Jesus, Your Word took flesh on our earth. In these last few days of Advent help us to be fervent in our prayer. Help us to be kinder and gentler with one another and with those we meet. We ask this in the name of the One whose coming we long for, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reflect: What has God asked of me lately? What has been my response? Why?

Action: If there is someone or some situation you see as impossible, bring him/her/it to God in prayer and leave him/her/it to His will. Invite someone, who might not usually, to come to Mass with you during Christmas or at least to watch the Mass online or on the television. Share why Jesus is central to your life. Do some kind act in secret for someone.



Mass Intentions

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
Monday - December 21, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Mary Esthappan
Tuesday - December 22, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Clarence Turek
Wednesday - December 23, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Even
Thursday - December 24, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Joana Cardozo & Joanita Pereira Rocco Martocci John Affatati Wanda C. Smizinski Helene Kowalik
4:00 p.m.	Giovanna Lazzara
10:00 p.m.	Brady & Stanton Families Loretta & Leonard Hall
Friday - December 25, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Piotr Sliwa
10:00 a.m.	Carlo Galassini Tony Schallmoser
Saturday - December 26, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Helene Kowalik
5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ John Arenò
Sunday, December 27, 2020	
8:00 a.m.	Peter De Sario
10:00 a.m.	Edward Puisis
12:00 p.m.	Ted Scanlon Teena Mathai (Special Intention) Tony Schallmoser

Christmas Liturgy
Next Weekend
December 26th & 27th

Christmas Eve - 4:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
Christmas Eve - 10:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
Christmas Day - 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario
Christmas Day - 10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
Christmas Day - 12:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/Deacon Paul
December 26 - No Confessions	
December 26 - 5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario
December 27 - 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
December 27 - 10:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario

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