

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

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 Lori Ronczka, Business Manager
 Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education
 Lisa Hall, Director of Music

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Monday - Saturday: 8:00 AM
 Saturday: - 5:00 PM
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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	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
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Women's Club Chairperson – Louella Preston				
Men's Club Chairperson – Deacon Paul Stanton				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				

BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS DINNER

Light the candles. "Some begin the meal with a loaf of festive bread, broken, dipped in honey, and shared with wishes – and kisses – for a sweet Christmas season. An empty place may be left at the table to welcome in spirit all who cannot be there – a place set for Christ! You might put a little straw/hay under the table or its cloth for we have made our homes a new Bethlehem (a word which means 'the house of bread') where Christ is born. Begin or end grace w/a carol.

"God great gentleness, in love you give us this Christmas feast to be our joy and delight. Hold us close to 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 forever. Amen." (LTP, Archdiocese of Chicago)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

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ADVENT REFLECTION: MAGNIFICAT

As noted last week Mary's response to Elizabeth's greeting has been known through the ages as the Magnificat, her Song of Praise. The canticle is inspired by the prayer of Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel, in the Hebrew Scriptures (I Sam 2:1-10) Mary declares God's greatness and rejoices in God her Savior. Acknowledging her humble stance before the Lord she praises the greatness of all He has done. She speaks of unheard of reversals of divine history where the strength and power of the Almighty bring low human pride, might and wealth; where the poor and lowly are exalted and those who are hungry (physically and spiritually) are filled with good things. Mary acclaims God's mercy and love and how he never forgets to be merciful, and she declares that God is forever faithful in fulfilling the promise he made to Abraham and his descendants. In these aforementioned ways we discover some of the major themes of St. Luke's Gospel. "If God remains faithful and remembers across the years his promise of mercy, should we not also always remember his mercy and never let it slip from our awareness?"

God ever-faithful and true, help our forgetful hearts to remember the constancy of your mercy. When we feel lost and alone, stir within us a sense of your unfailing merciful presence. Amen." (Rejoicing in Mercy: A Prayer Commentary on the Gospel of Luke by Fr. Louis J. Cameli)

**BLESSING OF THE CRECH OR
NATIVITY SCENE**

*We praise you, Lord God of all creation, for you have brought us to this season of rejoicing and have given us the story of the birth of Jesus. Through all the days of Christmas may these figures tell that story and may this home be with hospitality, joy, gentleness, and thanksgiving to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.
(Then sing a Christmas carol)*

St. Isaac Jogues News

UPCOMING EVENTS

+OLPH Novena,
1/2/19, after morning Mass

+First Friday Adoration until 3 p.m.
Friday, 1/4/19 followed by Divine Mercy Chapel
& Benediction

+Bible Talk, 9 a.m., Sunday, 1/6/19

"A special thank you to everyone who brought a toy or made a donation on December 1 and 2 for the Santa Sunday. Two carloads of toys were brought to Maternity BVM and will be given to the children on their Epiphany Celebration. Hospitality was enjoyed after each of the masses, and Santa made an appearance and had pictures taken with families after the 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. masses. You have put a bright smile on so many children's faces this holiday season. "

The Women's Club

CALLING ALL ALUMS (OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS)

Please send us names, addresses, phone numbers and/or emails, along with class year, of alums of **SIJ School** or **SIJ Religious Education Program**. Contact Dee Stanton at sijre2004@yahoo.com or drop the info into the Sunday collection. We'd like to get a directory together and let them know all that's happening here.

Ta koleda od opłatka się zaczyna,
bo opłatkiem najpierw dzieli się rodzina.
Od opłatka i od życzeń naszej mamy,
od tych słów nad opłatkiem wyszeptanych.
A ty nasza koledo domowa
słowa mamy w pamięci zachowaj.
I zaśpiewaj, zakoleduj nam koledo,
że najbliżsi zawsze przy nas będą,
że nikogo nie zabraknie przy tym stole,
przy koledzie najpiękniejszej z wszystkich koled.

Polska Szkoła
im. I.J.Paderewskiego
Niles

ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CHRISTMAS 2018

LITURGIES OF CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
4:00 pm (Carols at 3:45 pm)
11:00 pm (Carols at 10:30 pm)

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

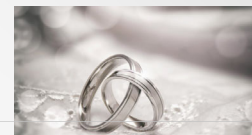
SOLEMNITY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Monday, January 1, 2019
8:00 am., 10:00 am.
(Holy Day of obligation)

ADDITIONAL CELEBRATIONS

MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Sunday January 6, 2019, 3:00 pm - Church
SHARING OF OPLATKI (bi-lingual)
Sunday, January 13, 2019, 1:00 pm
Holy Family Room

+Religious Education Classes will not meet on Monday, Dec. 24 or Dec. 31. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Jan. 7 when we will have a short Eucharistic Adoration service followed by a Christmas celebration. RE Families are encouraged to join us that night!

+The RE Office will be closed
Wednesday, December 26



WEDDING BANNERS III

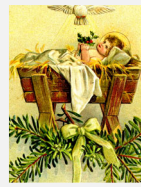
Congratulations to
Thomas Mathai & Sophia Florian on
their upcoming wedding in India

January 5, 2019



The Music Ministry of St Isaac Jogues wishes you a very Merry Christmas. May you find health and happiness in 2019.

Please come and enjoy beautiful music at our concert on Sunday, January 6, at 3:00pm in the church. You'll hear the choirs and bells ring out a wonderful close to the Christmas season and share a few laughs. God bless you in the New Year.



Wishing you faith, hope and love as together we grow in our relationship with Jesus and the Church. May the Holy Spirit enlighten your knowledge and understanding.

With Christmas Love and New Year's Wishes,
The Faith Formation/Education Ministries

May the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ, surround you all the days of your life. Merry Christmas to you and your family!

Spiritual Life



A song was heard at Christmas To our Savior's birth and peace on earth and praise to God on high.

Parish Life Ministry



Birth of Jesus Christ

December is a month of festivity and celebration specially the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. We celebrate it every year. Have you ever stopped to think about the deeper meaning or what does it mean?

Although we Christians and even non Christians have heard the story of Jesus's birth, it's real significance may be missed because of so many external factors. It was not an ordinary birth but it was the birth of an unique and profound person in history. Son of God becoming man. It is a profound gift to humanity, to you and me. Let this celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ in 2018 be a unique and special one to each of us. May Jesus be reborn in our hearts.

I extend to you all my warm wishes. Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year. 2019

Fr. Carlos



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

We wish our parishioners all the blessings for the Christmas Season. We acknowledge the coming of our Savior and pray that he visits everyone in their own hearts. Our Christmas celebrations are a reminder that God has promised to be with us on earth. We need to reciprocate God's love by acknowledging all His gifts that He has bestowed on us, by working to join Him in heaven. May the path we choose this New Year lead us towards that goal.

Peace be with you all!
The SIJ OUTREACH MINISTRY

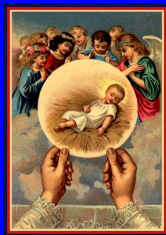


CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Every year around this time, we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Just as Jesus came to our world with a message of love, let Christmas time be an occasion to enjoy the love of

family, friends & well-wishers and extend our love wishes even to those who do not find favor with us, to let them know that we care about them. As your Pastor, I extend my wishes for this beautiful celebration of coming together in fellowship to celebrate Christ's birth. May our hearts be lifted in praise this Christmas for the wonderful gift of Jesus and the joy He brings to our lives! Love makes all things beautiful because God is love.

I wish you and your families the wonderful season of Christmas filled with God's love. Let us spread the good news of his birth by our deeds of love towards our brothers and sisters and our needy brethren, just as God the Father gave his Son Jesus as a gift to us. We are all called to carry forth his mission of love. I am especially grateful to each of you for your dedication and commitment in sharing your resources in helping us reach our Campaign goal. May you all have a wonderful Christmas filled with God's graces & blessings "Merry Christmas." *Fr. Mario*



"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

We wish our parish family including all parishioners, visitors, and guests a Blessed and Holy Christmas. May God bless all of you this Christmas season and in the New Year.

The Parish Pastoral Council



The Parish
Finance Council
Wishes everyone all
of God's peace &
blessings during the
Christmas Season and
throughout the
New Year!

Glory to God on high!

For all who give you a face, Lord
Jesus, by spreading your love in the world;

For all who give you hands by
defending the weak and op-
pressed;

For all who give you eyes, Lord
Jesus, by

seeing every bit of love in the
heart of every

man, woman, teen and child;

For all who give you a heart by preferring the poor to
the rich, the weak to the strong;

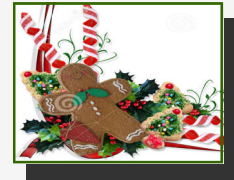
For all who give to your poverty the look of hope for
the Kingdom;

For all who reveal you simply by what they are, Lord
Jesus, because they reflect your beauty in their lives,

We praise you...

Christmas Joy to you and yours and the blessings of
health, peace, courage and strength as you reveal the
presence of Christ in the New Year!

The Human Concerns Ministries



Lord of light, shine on us; Lord of peace, dwell in us;

Lord of might, protect us; Lord of love, enfold us;

Lord of wisdom, enlighten us.

*Then, Lord, let us go out as your witnesses,
in obedience of your command;*

*to share the good news
of your mighty love for us*

*in the gift of your son,
our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*(A Prayer for Christmas from an 11th Century Latin
Hymn)*



*With our best wishes & prayers for a Blessed Christmas
and a New Year filled with God's grace.*

The Staff of St. Isaac Jogues



Pray for

ERIK JOHANSEN

TONY KOZA

MICHAEL NOBLE

JULIE HIGGINS

JOSEPH WHITE

STAN ZABOROWSKI

PATRICIA CRESSY

JIM MC CABE

MARIA LADD

BRENDA AFFATATI

LENNY MINELLI

TED SCANLON

NINA YOAKUM

REV. BERNARD KENNEDY

ANTHONY MALATESTA SR.

AUDREY JANS

DEAN & GERI JOHANSEN

HAN YI ZAHN

MARCY SANTIAGO

BERNARD KENNEDY, SR

JAMES MAXWELL PASCALE

JIMMY RANCICH

DIANE & GENE KUFFEL

STACI VINCENT

WILLIAM PARRILLO

MICHAEL BEIL

ANN LINDSTROM

JULIA HESS

AVA MIDURI

OM THAKRAL

FRANCES MARTEL

Heavenly Father, grant safety and protection to our loved ones and all others who serve in our in the Armed Forces and as First Responders. Bestow on them that same peace and joy the angels announced long ago. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus 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 - Timothy Kelly,
David Perez, Paul Matthew Ledesma

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.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

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

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13;

Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;

Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;

Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;

Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:

12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;

Lk 2:41-52

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: Vigil of Christmas

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Wednesday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa

Thursday: St. John

Friday: The Holy Innocents

Saturday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

Mass Intentions - Sunday - December 23, 2018

8:00a.m.	Thomas Lisowski
10:00 a.m.	Sr. Joyce Roehl, SLW Don Sica Cliff & Nick (Special Intention) Joseph Malovany Aurora C. Villanueva
12:00 p.m.	Mario Feijoo

Monday - December 24, 2018

8:00 a.m.	Rocco Martocci
4:00 p.m.	Mary Jane Polinski
11:00 p.m.	Benjamin Sr. & Irene Viloría

Tuesday - December 25, 2018

8:00 a.m.	Joe DeSario
10:00 a.m.	Steven Zourkas
12:00 p.m.	Delaine Kennedy

Wednesday - December 26, 2018

8:00 a.m.	Harry Dombrowski and Christine Dombrowski UBA Ida Dalmaso Peter Sliwa Jojo James Tom Timko (Special Intention) Teena Mathai (Special Intention) Monica & Paul Blezian (Special Intention)
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Thursday - December 27, 2018

8:00 a.m.	Edward Puisis
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Friday - December 28, 2018

8:00 a.m.	Peter DeSario
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Saturday - December 29, 2018

8:00 a.m.	Casimir Sawalski
5:00 p.m.	Mary Ann Even Living & Deceased Members of SIJ

Sunday - December 30, 2018

8:00 a.m.	Tom Borges
10:00 a.m.	Don Sica
12:00 p.m.	Stephen Lis Stanly John

Christmas Liturgies
December 24th & 25th

Date/Time	Celebrant	Altar Servers
Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/ Deacon Paul	Steve Livingston Red Reyes Aaron Banez Alessandra Banez
Monday, December 25 Christmas Day 11:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario/ Deacon Paul	Khayla Santiago Jonathan Magboo Rhenz Mangurali Mrs. Stanton
Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day 8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/ Deacon Paul	Eugene Villarino Engell Villarino Nathan Ledesma Mrs. Stanton
Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/ Deacon Paul	Lawrence Escarez Remi Dalangin Eya Dalangin Ayen Dalangin
Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day 12:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario	Alec Sayson Abby Sayson Cedric Ortin Mrs. Stanton

Liturgy Next Weekend
December 29th & 30th

Date/Time	Celebrant	Altar Servers
Confessions 11 a.m.	Fr. Mario	
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario	Aaron Linang Alaina Linang Lawrence Escarez
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Ron/ Deacon Paul	Khayla Santiago Alec Sayson Abby Sayson
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Przemyslaw/ Deacon Paul	Steve Livingston Eugene Villarino Engell Villarino
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario	Jonathan Magboo, Jr. Eya Dalangin Shaydon Pinto

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