

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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

PASTOR: Rev. Mario Pereira, S.F.X.

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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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Marlene Garber (A/R, Calendar Coordinator)

Parish Office Hours:

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

Email: sjre2004@yahoo.com

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.



And she will
bring forth a Son,
and you shall call
His name
JESUS,
for He will save
His people
from their sins.

MATTHEW 1:21

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2017**

ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council

Ted Lenart, Chairperson
Kathy Lord, Vice Chairperson
Lorna Alba, Secretary
Lori Herbert

Kathy Denning
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Maria Swidzinski

Finance Committee Advisors

Kathy Denning
Gerry Zeller
Barbara Watson
Al Leksander
Lori Herbert

Women's Club Chairperson – Kathy Denning

Men's Club Chairperson – John Affatati

Fil-Am Chairperson – Lorna Alba

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spiritual Life Commission,
Tuesday, Jan. 2, 7 p.m., RE Office

First Friday Adoration, Jan. 5, 8:30-3p.m.,
followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction

Monthly Bible Talk, Sunday, Jan. 7, 9 a.m., Holy
Family Room;

Epiphany Concert, Jan. 7, 3 p.m.

Please Save the Date!

SIJWC Guild #7
Game Day January 25th
Holy Family Room 2PM

***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

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

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.



THANK YOU to all who have contributed time and donations that supported our Thanksgiving Basket and Christmas Basket programs. Your generosity helped provide food & gifts to over 35 families with 25 children.

A big thanks to all who shared Christmas Joy at Niles Nursing and Glenbridge Nursing Homes bringing music and smiles to many shut-ins.

-SIJ Outreach Ministry

Amen,

I say to you: Whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.
Matthew 25:40

CHRISTMAS MEAL GRACE

Blessed are You, Lord our God, who has gathered us together at this our Christmas feasting table. As we light our candles on this feast of light, may the eternal light of God that shines with splendor in the stars shine upon our table and fill our home. May the spirit of God that shone in the star of Bethlehem surround our table and fill our hearts with its holy light. *(Light candles on the table)*

Lord God of Life, together with the beautiful traditions of decorating the Christmas tree, of singing carols and giving gifts, this Christmas dinner is an important part of our celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Come, Lord our God, and surround our feast day table as we delight in this joyous season of Christmas. Gift us in this meal with the taste of happiness as we savor this coming together of family and friends. As sparkling stars and singing angels rejoiced at the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem, so may we take great joy in this our Christmas celebration. May You, our God, bless it and us in Your Holy Name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.



**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

RE NEWS

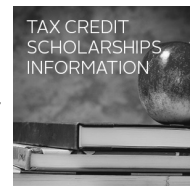
*A Blessed Christmas to all! Please note that the RE Office will be closed Tuesday and Thursday this week.

*Religious Education Classes will resume on Monday, January 8th! Parents/guardians are invited to come to view the next segment of the series on the Holy Spirit. It begins at 7 p.m. and ends when classes do. Come for some faith formation while your children are having theirs!

*As part of their RE commitment several families signed up to attend the Music Ministry Christmas/Epiphany Concert at 3 p.m. on Jan. 7th! We look forward to seeing you there!

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!

FY 2018 INCOME SUMMARY						
Second Sunday of December, 2017						
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Last Yr.	Difference
Sunday Collection	8,350	10,000	(1,650)	8,350	8,274	76
Immaculate Conception	1,796	2,800	(1,004)	1,796	2,713	(917)
Month to Date	20,402	22,000	(1,598)	20,402	22,002	(1,600)
Year to Date	216,237	223,000	(6,763)	216,237	230,442	(14,205)

Christmas Message



As we celebrate Christmas, we are called to share our faith with our fellow humans. The good news is that God loves us and that is why he sent his only Son to be born in our midst. We try to spend this time with family and friends and enjoy the loving company of our loved ones. We should not just share our faith but reach out to one another in a spirit of service with the blessings that God has bestowed upon us, especially the gift of peace. Our world, our country and our homes are often witnesses to violence, prejudice and fear. Christmas is a time for us to counter these evils by loving others as deeply as God did by sending us his Son.

Many think of Christmas as a time of presents under the Christmas tree and the excitement of children, but Christmas is much more than cards and Santa Claus, it is about Christ. It is about the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ whose coming has rapped our world with peace.

At this great time of joy, I would like to send my personal gratitude to each of you and your families for being a part of our faith-filled and dynamic community here at St. Isaac Jogues Parish. May the beauty, peace and joy of this most blessed season envelop you all with the infinite love of God, and the wonder of the birth of His only Son, Jesus our Savior and Lord.

Wishing each of you a joyous and blessed Christmas and a grace filled New Year 2018.

-Fr. Mario



On Christmas Day Jesus was born into the world as God's gift of love for all. May your Christmas be filled with gifts of love, peace, hope and blessing all year through!
With Christmas Joy, The Spiritual Life Commission

Let Christ be manifest as you share with family and friends this festive season.

Merry Christmas from the Parish Life Commission.

Men's Club,
Women's Club,
Fil-Am Group,
Polish Community Events
Teen Group.



Christmas is one of my favorite seasons. I believe many of you feel the same way. It brings in special joy which is difficult to express in words. It is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ our savior and Lord, which calls us not only for the external preparation like, decorations & lights but also to the spiritual renewal of our life.

The season has significance both to the young and the old alike. It is a joyful season and we are called to share this joy with our family, friends and especially with the less fortunate ones of society. We need to look at them through the eyes of Jesus or with our eyes of faith. This Christmas let us prepare a place for Jesus in our hearts and experience the joy, happiness and peace.

Wishing each of you "Merry Christmas & Happy New Year, 2018!"

-Fr. Carlos



May your Christmas be joyful, peaceful, and filled with His love.



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Merry Christmas & a Prosperous New Year!

From the:
Filipino American Parishioners of
St. Isaac Jogues





"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

May the Holy Spirit move us to share God's grace with everyone we encounter this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

Merry Christmas to All!
Parish Pastoral Council

The light of the Christmas star to you
The warmth of home and hearth to you
The cheer and good will of friends to you
The hope of a childlike heart to you
The joy of a thousand angels to you
The love of the Son and God's peace to you.

With Christmas love and New Year's wishes,

The Faith Formation/Education Ministries
Adult Enrichment SPRED
Baptism Preparation Religious Education
Bible Study St. John Brebeuf School

"Staropolskim obyczajem, gdy w Wigilię gwiazdka wstaje, Nowy Rok zaś cyfrę zmienia, wszyscy wszystkim ślą życzenia." Życzymy wszystkim parafianom Bożej Radości, Miłości i Pokoju oraz aby Nowonarodzone Dzieciątko błogosławiło w Nowym Roku. Wesołych Świąt!



The Finance Committee wishes everyone God's peace & love at Christmas and in the New Year!



*Into this silent night
as we make our weary way
we know not where,
just when the night becomes its darkest
and we cannot see our path,
Just then
is when the angels rush in,
their hands full of stars.
(Kneeling in Bethlehem by Ann Weems)*

*Merry Christmas &
Peace throughout the New Year
The Human Concerns Commission*

*Bereavement Ministry
Pro-Life Activities
Hopeline
SIJ Outreach Ministry
Ministry of Care
Ecumenical/Interreligious
Committee
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Sharing Parish
(Maternity BVM)*



*A Prayer for Christmas from
Pope St. John XXIII:*

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

With thanks for your faithfulness, support, love and prayers for joy, hope and many blessings this Christmas and always.

The Staff of St. Isaac Jogues



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Monday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
 Tuesday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
 Wednesday: St. John
 Thursday: The Holy Innocents
 Friday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
 Saturday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord



Pray for

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).
Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).
Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).
Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 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]
During the 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]
 Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

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.



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

Monday, December 18	\$50	1618	John & Cindy Nolan	Arlington Hts, Il
Tuesday, December 19	\$50	24	Derek O'Connor	Chicago, Il
Wednesday, December 20	\$50	1756	Michelle Affatati	Madison, WI
Thursday, December 21	\$50	1043	Michael Dary	Carol Stream, Il
Friday, December 22	\$50	1566	Carolyn Napoleon	Arlington Hts, Il
Saturday, December 23	\$50	1347	Marilyn Bustamante	Waukegan, Il
Sunday, December 24	\$100	591	Joshua Fischer	Glenview, Il

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 24	
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
Monday, December 25	
8:00 a.m.	Richard M. Arendt
10:00 a.m.	Steven Zourkas
12:00 p.m.	Joseph Chacko
Tuesday, December 26	
8:00 a.m.	Tom Kozbiel Christine Dombrowski Casimir Sawalski
Wednesday, December 27	
8:00 a.m.	Teena Mathai (special intention)
Thursday, December 28	
8:00 a.m.	Pete De Sario
Friday, December 29	
8:00 a.m.	Steven J. Lis
Saturday, December 30	
8:00 a.m.	Jenny Plocharczyk (special intention)
5:00 p.m.	Andrzej Mlynarczyk Ann Heneghan Murphy Stanly John
Sunday, December 31	
8:00 a.m.	George & Grace Grant
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased members of SIJ
12:00 p.m.	Mary Jagiello John Preston
Monday, January 1	
9:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Deacon Robert O'Keefe

Liturgy Next Week December 30th and 31st January 1st

Time	Celebrant	Servers
Dec. 30th Confessions 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario	
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario	Kristine Roque Steve Livingston Nathan Ledesma
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Bernard	Thomas Striblen Rhenz Mangurali Johnathan Magboo, Jr.
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Bernard	Remi Dalangin Eya Dalangin Ayen Dalangin
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Mario	Jude Jimmychan Alfonso Hanson Lawrence Escarez
New Year's Day 9:00 a.m.	Fr. Mario	Trisha Bonto Matthew Bonto Lynelle Napata Cedric Ortin, Jr.

TELEVISED CHRISTMAS MASS WITH CARDINAL CUPICH



Sunday Mass at Mercy Home will have a special hour-long Mass on Christmas Morning beginning at 8 a.m. It will be on WGN TV. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors who may be homebound and would like to participate in Mass.

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.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

THANK YOU!