



# Sts. Martha & Isaac Jogues Parish

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 11AM - 12:00PM

**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.

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2021



*Jesus said to his parents,  
"Why were you looking for me?  
Did you not know that I  
must be in my Father's house?"*

*Luke 2:49*

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## REFLECTION ON THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY BY POPE FRANCIS (2018)

"Today we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family, and the liturgy invites us to reflect on the experience of Mary, Joseph and Jesus, united by an immense love and inspired by great trust in God. (Please reread the Gospel, Luke 2;41-52)...the two elements to which I would like to call your attention: astonishment and anxiety.

"In the family of Nazareth *astonishment* never waned, not even in a dramatic moment such as Jesus being lost: it is the ability to be astonished before the gradual manifestation of the Son of God. It is the same astonishment that even strikes the teachers of the temple. But what is astonishment; what is it to be astonished? Being astonished and being amazed is the opposite of taking everything for granted; it is the opposite of interpreting the reality that surrounds us and historical events according to our criteria alone. A person who does this does not know what amazement is, what astonishment is. Being astonished is being open to others, understanding others' reasons: this attitude is important for mending compromised interpersonal relationships, and is also indispensable for healing open wounds in the familial environment. When there are problems in families, we take for granted that we are right and we close the door to others. Instead, it is important to think: 'What is good about this person?', and to be astonished by this 'good'. And this helps family unity. If you have problems in the family, think about the good things in the family member with whom you have problems, and be astonished by this. This will help to heal family wounds.

"The second element that I would like to grasp from the Gospel is the *anxiety* that Mary and Joseph felt when they could not find Jesus. This anxiety reveals Jesus' centrality in the Holy Family. The Virgin and her husband welcomed that Son, protected him and watched him grow in age, wisdom and grace in their midst, but above all he grew in their hearts; and, little by little, their affection for him and their understanding of him grew. This is why the family of Nazareth is holy; because it was centered on Jesus; all of Mary and Joseph's attention and concerns were directed toward him.

"That anxiety that they experienced in the three days that Jesus was missing should also be our anxiety when we are distant from him, when we are distant from Jesus. We should feel anxious when we forget Jesus for more than three days, without praying, without reading the Gospel, without feeling the need of his presence and comforting friendship. And many times, days pass in which I do not remember Jesus. But this is bad, this is really bad. We should feel anxious when these things happen. Mary and Joseph searched for him and found him in the temple while he was teaching; for us too, it is especially in the house of God that we are able to encounter the divine Teacher and receive his message of salvation. In the Eucharistic celebration we have a living experience of Christ; he speaks to us; he offers us his Word; he illuminates us, lights our path, gives us his Body in the Eucharist from which we draw vigor to face everyday difficulties.

"And today let us go home with these two words: astonishment and anxiety. Do I know how to be astonished, when I see the good things in others, and in this way resolve family problems? Do I feel anxious when I am distant from Jesus?

"Let us pray for all the families in the world, especially those in which, for various reasons, peace and harmony are lacking. And let us entrust them to the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth."

## Thoughts from Fr. Dennis

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners:

Instead of precious moments with the adorable baby Jesus, today's Gospel recounts a day when the adolescent Jesus decides to express his independence. No doubt, we all find solace in realizing that even the Holy Family had stressful moments, filled with anxiety, enabling them to practice the virtues of humility and patience with one another. Jesus likely recognized his mother's love behind the serious tone of her questions.

Sirach, reminds us that God's plan for our holiness is rooted in the divine wisdom that rules creation. Family life evolves like all creation, completely relying on God's eternal love from generation to generation.

We are grateful for the gift of life, which has come from God through our parents and our forbearers. God's love extends through all generations, with enduring mercy for humanity's sinfulness. Our human understanding is limited; therefore we need the divine wisdom that comes to us through the Scriptures, the Church, and the Holy Spirit in daily life. None of God's children is perfect – including parents. When we respect and care for one another (especially our parents), we are practicing the virtues that form lives of holiness.

We are God's children – one family – a community – dwelling together in the light of Christ. We have God's grace to guide us in the virtues mentioned by St. Paul in today's second reading. Above all, we forgive one another. Jesus forgave those who persecuted Him. He calls us to bring his light into the world as people of mercy, peace, and hope. Every act of love, forgiveness, and obedience resounds with gratitude for the gifts that God has given us.

The Holy Family became separated on their journey back to Nazareth. Their fear is relieved only when they are reunited with Jesus. Let's not forget that Jesus is human as well as divine. He had lessons to learn from his parents and faith community. We see Jesus obeying his mother not only this time but also later as a young man at the wedding feast of Cana. Jesus shows us that holiness involves obedience to those who love and care for us. God loves us into unity with one another. We separate ourselves from God and one another when we sin through selfishness, envy, disrespect, or in any other way. We choose to forgive others, just as we rely on God's forgiveness. Reconciliation heals our brokenness and reunites us with Jesus and into one family.

Like Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we are part of a holy family – we, too, are children of God. Just like Mary and Joseph, our family life is enriched when we go to church to worship the One who created and loves us. Like Mary and Joseph, we must be attentive to the presence of Christ in our lives, to hold all He did and said in our hearts, and to willingly participate in God's divine plan. By being attentive to God's word and by keeping his commandments, we too will grow in wisdom, grace, and favor.

**-Fr. Dennis**

## St. Isaac Jogues Upcoming Events

### Monday

No RE tonight.

### Wednesday

Music Ministry Concert Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m., church

### Saturday

Holy Day Mass for Solemnity of Mary,  
Holy Mother of God at 8 a.m.  
No Confession at 11 a.m.  
5 p.m. Mass for Epiphany

### Sunday

Epiphany Masses at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Music Ministry Christmas Concert  
in church, 3 p.m.  
free will offering

## FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the "en-flesh-ment" of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus' mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God's intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.



## THE BIRTHDAY OF A KING

The music ministry of St. Isaac Jogues will present a concert of holiday music on Sunday, January 2 at 3:00pm in the church. Our adult choir, youth ensemble, praise singers and cantor ensemble will provide you with an entertaining and joyous afternoon of music and laughter. After the rush of preparations, sit back and let the peace of the Christmas season and its music surround you.

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**  
O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



### Outreach Pantry Wish List

The following would be helpful: canned veggies (no beans, please) pasta, pasta sauce, jelly, canned fruit, crackers; soups that eat like meals, shampoo, and deodorant. We are unable to accept fresh foods, packages that are open and partially used or items that are out of date. Please bring donations to Mass or call the Rectory to set up a time to drop them off during the week. Thank you!



### 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

\* Religious Education Sessions will not meet this Monday, but will resume with a Family Event on Monday, January 3, 2022. May 2022 by a year full of God's grace and blessing for all.

\*Confirmation Year II Candidates who did not turn in Part I of the Gifts of the Spirit Journal need to do so on Jan. 3. You will then receive Part II.

\*First Communion Preparation Meeting for Ms. Bello's class on Monday, Jan. 10, 6:45 p.m., in church. At least one parent/guardian is to attend.

\*Confirmation Yr. I Preparation Meeting for Mr. Foote's class on Monday, Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m. in church. At least one parent/guardian is to attend.

\*Confirmation Year II Candidates will go to St. Martha's Church for class on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. Father Dennis will talk about the Shrine of All Saints and the relics. Parents are to bring the Candidates to St. Martha and pick them up from there. Mr. Lenart will meet them there at 6:45 p.m. and be with them the whole time. Please be on time. Attendance will be taken.



### A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

O dear Jesus, I humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our family. May our home be the shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith. I beg You, dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead. O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations. Blessed Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace which He granted to you, to watch over our home at the pillow of the sick and the dying, so that with Mary and with you, heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.



### THANK YOU!

A couple of months ago the way we carried out the monthly food distribution changed. In addition to our wonderful parish volunteers, Adriana and our Rand Road Catholic Charities partner, Jessica and the Dons from Notre Dame Prep High School and Lyle and the students/families of Loyola Academy who helped make the transition smoother, we thank neighboring businesses who have helped by lending or donating carts to the cause. We extend our gratitude to Fresh Farms on Golf Road in Niles, Nasiha Sehovic and the Dempster Street Home Depot in Niles, Matthew McKinney and the Patriot Boulevard Home Depot in Glenview. The support of so many is benefiting our local communities in difficult times – our sincere appreciation.



## Pray for

KERMIT TURNER	TONY LIVORSI
MICHAEL NOBLE	JOHN ROMANO
JULIE HIGGINS	AUDREY JANS
CARL AFFATATI	DAVID FORST
EMILY SITKOWSKI	KIMBERLY KNOX
CYNTHIA MELNICK	NONA YOAKUM
MICHAEL FOLISI	ROBERT STEPHENSON
DOROTHY BEZDON	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
LORNA ALBA	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
SUSAN ARENDT	MATTHEW PONDER
CINDY NOLAN	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
MARTHA DEMKO	BRAD BOWER
REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY	LAURA & DANNY MORA
TIM DENDOR	SHARON KILIKVICE
CAROLYN BEIL	PELAGIA SAJULGA
NELSON PETINES	PATTY ZEMAN
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GARZA	ROSE SIMPSON
	KATHY EGLOFF
	JOSEPH WHITE

Father of grace and mercy, be with our loved ones and friends as they serve and protect our nation and communities. Bless them and fill them with newness of life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ the 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,  
Jordan Irving, Violet Ennis

**United States Marines** - Patrick Edward Echavez  
Joseph John Zimmerman III  
Lance Renner, Kyle Franklin  
Gian Patrick Reyes  
Christopher Pruden

**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 [sjre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sjre2004@yahoo.com).



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

**Second Reading** — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

**Gospel** — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;  
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



*Christian Rodriguez*

*In Memoriam*

## Mass Intentions

## Next Week Liturgy Schedule January 1st & 2nd

Sunday - December 26, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Edward Puisis Laura Hall Schordje Tony Irmien John Areno
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Michael MacDonald
12:00 p.m.	John Affatati
Monday - December 27, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Tim Winans - Special Intention
Tuesday - December 28, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Peter De Sario
Wednesday - December 29, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Egidio Aranas
Thursday - December 30, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	Dean Johansen
Friday - December 31, 2021	
8:00 a.m.	George & Grace Grant Connor Murphy & Gavin Murphy - Special Intention John Areno
Saturday - January 1, 2022	
8:00 a.m.	Egidio Aranas Robert O'Keefe
5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Stanley Jezior
Sunday - January 2, 2022	
8:00 a.m.	Filomena Cataldo
10:00 a.m.	Marie De Meo Dean Johansen

8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
No Sacrament of Reconciliation on January 1st	
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.



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