

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.
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Carlos Pereira, S.F.X.

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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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.

December 31, 2017



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The child grew and became strong,
 filled with wisdom;
 and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40

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
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Men's Club Chairperson – John Affatati				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Lorna Alba				



FROM THE
Pastor's Desk

New Year Greetings!

Every year end also marks the beginning of a new year. Let this New Year be the one, where all your dreams come true. With a joyful heart we welcome the New Year, let us put a new start to it. Let the past be behind and let us look forward with hope, courage and faith. Every great effort put in will help us achieve great result. The rule is to always look ahead so that you reach your destination.

We have many things to accomplish in this New Year of our journey. As the Church dedicates the first day of the New Year to the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, we seek God's blessings as Mary did, in all that we want to do, that He be with us guiding our decisions and helping us arrive at our goal and the mission of The Church and especially our St. Isaac Jogues.

As you are aware, we worked on the Church roof which was replaced September 2017. We also completed many urgent projects at the church shown on the next page with a total cost of \$84,000+. We plan to offer you our parishioners better facilities at the church premises and we are looking into different options, how to be more viable in our approach in doing our best to accomplish our end.

We are a vibrant Parish, raising additional funds to support St. Isaac Jogues and being witness to God's grace by providing financial support of \$101,000+ to Archdiocesan initiatives, our Sharing Parish, Maternity BVM and our Outreach Ministry services.

Now we have to carry out the most difficult tasks of phase two and three of the Church restoration in the months to come. We need your support and financial assistance to move ahead with our work. We prepare for a Pledge Campaign to garner funds for the parish in 2018 and pray for your continued generosity.

No one can go back in time to change what has happened, so let us work on our **present** for a wonderful **future**. Our dreams and our aspiration can reach the desired end. When we shoulder together the responsibility of providing a better place of worship not just for ourselves but for our future generation anything is possible. That's our dream and this dream can be realized when we come together with a joyful heart to put a start to this New Year.

Wishing you and your families a prosperous New Year 2018 coupled with God's graces and blessings.

-Fr. Mario



MICHAEL BARON

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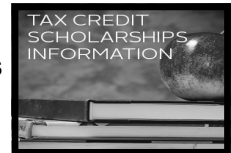
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Invest in Kids Act

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

"KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council business meeting will be on Wednesday, January 3, at the St. John Brebeuf Parish May Ministry Center beginning at 7:30 P.M.

For more information or if you're interested in joining contact Grand Knight Chet Moylan 630-544-9398. Please visit our website at www.kofc4338.org for our calendar of events.

A look back at 2017

St. Isaac Jogues has been a busy parish in the past year. We completed several capital projects, large and small. We have engaged in Parish Transformation and Renew My Church initiatives which will provide guidance for our future efforts. Below is a list of our 2017 projects with costs which have been **paid in full**.

Sewer replacement	\$3,500
Landscaping	\$3,000
School Window washing	\$2,700
Concrete repair	\$1,100
Church Window treatments	\$1,400
Annual School floor cleaning	\$2,500
Pledge Campaign Feasibility Study	\$7,500
Sm. Boiler Repair & Asbestos Abatement	\$7,934
Roof	\$52,529
Hand rail installation	\$1,000
Church front door painting	\$700
2017 Project Total	\$84,634

SIJ parishioners and donors have been very generous. **YOU** have collected and donated the following amounts to Archdiocesan Initiatives, our Sharing Parish, MBVM and our Outreach Ministry.

Maternity BVM	\$9,714	Propagation of The Faith	\$2,213
SIJ Outreach Ministry	\$15,000	Religious Retirement	\$2,892
Latin America	\$1,344	Missionary CO-OP plan	\$2,636
Seminaries	\$3,806	Operation Rice Bowl-CRS	\$545
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$33,840	Archdiocesan Priest Retirement	\$2,711
Holy Land	\$1,699	Women's Center (Baby bottles, etc.)	\$3,213
Aid Churches Central/East Europe	\$2,201	Spec. Collections (Hurricane Relief, Nat'l Dome, etc.)	\$6,469
Catholic Charities	\$2,587	TOTAL DONATIONS	\$101,895
Peter's Pence	\$2,276		

We have been busy fundraising too! Everything from raffles & parties, restaurant nights & Annual Catholic Appeal, many have contributed time and talent which has generated additional funds for SIJ to help offset the lower offertory. A high level list of **net** proceeds follows:

Replace the Roof Raffle	\$22,000+
2017 Summer Dance	\$17,000+
Taste of SIJ	\$1,941
Women's Club Events	\$8,000
Fil-Am Events	\$3,500
Buddy Concert	\$4,255
Annual Catholic Appeal Rebate	<u>\$11,000+</u>
Total Event Fund Raising	\$67,696

On to 2018

We continue to work with the Archdiocesan Facilities Office and an Architectural Firm on the repair and reconstruction of the front of the church and bell towers. Much of the leaking begins in the tower. Water penetrates the surface and runs along the interior framing to other parts of the building. Our plans are to begin in the late spring/early summer and complete this work in 2018 which we hope to be able to pay for in full. Once the church is "water tight" we can plan our interior projects. Look for the launch of a Pledge Campaign in 2018 to raise funds for future projects including replacement of the flat roofing, flooring and painting in 2019 and beyond. We will keep you posted as plans become finalized. We thank everyone for their prayers, contributions and patience and look forward to another successful year. May your 2019 be filled with God's peace and grace.



The RE Catechists, Assistants and Students pray everyone have a New Year full of grace and blessing! Thank you to the parish community for your help and support this past year!

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!

Religious Education Classes will resume 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! Or come join with the classes for a time of adoration and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m. and concluding with Benediction. The Confirmation Year II Candidates will help with our prayer.



THE WILD GOOSE IS LOOSE: Series on the Holy Spirit

*"The **Wild Goose** was a term that the ancient Celts had for the **Holy Spirit**...The Wild Goose Project is a simple attempt to invite Catholic Christians into a more profound life giving relationship with the Holy Spirit...a relationship that will take us on the greatest adventure imaginable; a journey to the very Heart of God."*

All are invited to participate in one or more of the next set of sessions of this **faith formation series** that can help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit. They will be on Mondays, Jan. 8 & 22 and Feb.5, 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The morning and evening session each day will be the same and will include viewing the segment and discussion. The next three segments include *The Spirit and Our Lady*, *Gifts of the Holy Spirit*, and *The Spirit and the Eucharist*. The session lasts **an hour and refreshments are provided**. Freewill offerings appreciated. If you have questions, please contact the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or sijre2004@yahoo.com. Feel free to invite family members and friends!

Sing Noel

Our Music Ministry will present a concert of holiday music on Sunday, January 7, at 3:00pm in the church.

Our adult choir, youth choir, praise singers, bell choir and cantor ensemble will provide you with an entertaining and joyous afternoon of beautiful music and a bit of laughter, too. This

is a concert the whole family will enjoy. Now that the rush of preparation is over, sit back and let the peace of the Christmas season and its music surround you.

Come one, come all!



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.

**PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY
BY POPE FRANCIS**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.
Amen

THANKS to all for your terrific work for Simbang Gabi. We had record-setting attendance and raised over \$4100 in donations and collections of which we are sending \$560 to the Office for Asian Catholics from our second collection.

Please mark your calendar
**Filipino-American
General Meeting
Saturday, January 6, 2018
2PM, Church Hall**

In appreciation for your fantastic support, the meeting will be followed by a light meal. Please plan to join us!

St. Isaac Jogues News

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

Music Ministry Epiphany Concert
Jan. 7, 3 p.m., Church

Wednesday Bible Study resumes
Jan. 10, 9:30 a.m., Rm. 6

Parish Life Commission,
Jan. 10, 4 p.m., RE Office

Oplatki Celebration, Jan. 14, 1:00 p.m.
including prayer, food and

CALLING ALL TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS - Join in the upcoming activities!

- ⇒ **Bowling on Saturday, Jan. 13, 3 p.m. (RSVP to RE Office by Jan. 10th, 847/966-1180 or siire2004@yahoo.com);**
- ⇒ **Teen Group Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 11 a.m. to plan service and social events**
- ⇒ **Popcorn Sale, weekend of Jan. 27 - 28 after all Masses. Help will be needed to bag the popcorn as well as sell it. Activities open to students in Confirmation Year II through High School.**
- ⇒ **Please like us on our Facebook page, too: St. Isaac Jogues Teens.**










2017 Replace the Roof Raffle "Winners Corner"

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FINAL WINNERS AND THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED RAISE \$75,000+ OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS!

Monday, December 25	\$50	2078	Elizabeth Koziol	Chicago, IL
Tuesday, December 26	\$50	589	Mary Peter	Des Plaines, IL
Wednesday, December 27	\$50	1020	Ken Lee	Niles, IL
Thursday, December 28	\$50	754	Donna Ratner	Morton Grove, IL
Friday, December 29	\$50	2089	Kim & Jon Knox	Somerville, NJ
Saturday, December 30	\$50	1957	Sr. Joyce Roehl	Niles, IL
Sunday, December 31	\$100	135	Rosemarie Latona	Zion, IL

ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CALENDAR – JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 7 EPIPHANY Bible Talk - 9:00 am - HFRM Music Ministry Christmas Concert 3:00 pm - Church/HFRM 	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Liturgy: 9:00 am (not a holy day of obligation) NO RE or Youth Choir	2 Baptism Preparation - 7:00 pm Deacon Couple's Home Spiritual Life Comm. Mtg. 7:00 pm - RE Office Women's Club - Board Mtg. 7:30 pm - HFRM	3 OLPH Novena after am Mass Music Ministry (Combined) choir dress rehearsal 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Church for Christmas Concert	4 	5 First Friday Devotions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the 8:00 am Mass - 3:00 pm 3:00 pm - DM Chapel and Benediction - Church	6 Fil-Am Mtg. 2:00 pm - HFRM
14 Teen Mtg - 11 am - HFRM Sharing of Opaldis! (bilingual) - 1:00 pm - HFRM	8 BAPTISM OF THE LORD Holy Spirit Series - 8:30 am-HFRM Youth Choir - Concert Celebration Party - 5:30 pm - HFRM Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm - Church, HFRM, Hall, School Holy Spirit Series-7:00 pm-HFRM	9 Outreach Min. Mtg. 7:00 pm - Rm. 26	10 Bible Study - 9:30 am - Rm. 6 Parish Life Comm. Mtg. 4:00 pm - RE Office The Praise Singers/SJL Choir Concert Celebration Party 7:00 pm - HFRM	11	12 Holy Hour Prayer and Benediction 7:00 pm - Church	13
21 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service - Off Grounds Mini Ministry Fair/Hospitality before/after all Masses-HFRM	15 Youth Choir-5:30 pm-Church First Communion Preparation Mtg.-6:45 pm-8:00 pm-HFRM Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm - Church, HFRM, Hall, School	16 Women's Club Quarterly Mass/Dinner 6:30 pm - Church/HFRM	17 Bible Study - 9:30 am - Rm. 6 The Praise Singers - 6:00 pm Adult Choir - 7:15 pm (both rehearsals in church) Men's Club - Tex-Mex Nite Dinner/Mtg. - 7:00 pm - Hall	18 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg. 10:00 am - Rm. 6	19 Holy Hour Prayer and Benediction 8:30 am - 9:30 am	20  Mini Ministry Fair/Hospitality after 5:00 pm Mass - HFRM
22 Holy Spirit Series 8:30 am - HFRM Youth Choir - 5:30 pm - Church Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm - Church, HFRM, Hall, School Holy Spirit Series 7:00 pm - HFRM	23 Liturgy Board Mtg. 7:00 pm - RE Office Women's Club - Bridge 7:00 pm - HFRM Small Faith Group 7:00 pm - Ministry Center	24 Bible Study - 9:30 am - Rm. 6 The Praise Singers - 6:00 pm Adult Choir - 7:15 pm (both rehearsals in church) SPRED Team Mtg. 5:00 pm - Off Grounds Men's Club - Board Mtg. 7:00 pm - Room 26	25 Women's Club (Guild 7) Game Day 2:00 pm - HFRM 	26 Holy Hour Prayer and Benediction 7:00 pm - Church	27 Confirmation Year I Retreat - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm-Hall Family Mtg. - 4:00 pm - HFRM Blessing during 5:00 pm Mass	
28  Popcorn Sale after all Masses - HFRM	29 Youth Choir - 5:30 pm - Church Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm - Church, HFRM, Hall, School	30	31 Bible Study - 9:30 am - Rm. 6 The Praise Singers - 6:00 pm Adult Choir - 7:15 pm (both rehearsals in church) SPRED Community 7:00 pm - HFRM		Teens Popcorn Sale after 5:00 pm Mass Holy Family Room	

MASS INTENTIONS

December 31, 2017	
8:00 a.m.	George & Grace Grant
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Mary Jagiello
12:00 p.m.	John Preston
January 1, 2018	
9:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Deacon Robert O'Keefe
January 2, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Jane Polinski
January 3, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Jadwiga Kowal
January 4, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Rosa Di Franco
January 5, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Helen Polinski
January 6, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Cheryl Klein
5:00 p.m.	Brandy/Stanton Families
January 7, 2018	
8:00 a.m.	Joe De Sario Thomas Banner Richard Banner Arlene Forneck
10:00 a.m.	Daniel O'Keefe
12:00 p.m.	Daniel Corrales

Sacristans

Theresa Noble, Francis Martel,
Arlene Turek, Nina Nissan, Louise

Liturgy Next Week January 6th & 7th

Time	Celebrant	Servers
Confessions 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Kennedy	
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Kennedy/ Deacon Paul	Trisha Bonto Matthew Bonto Khayla Santiago Kristine Roque
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Kennedy/ Deacon Paul	Eugene Villarino Engell Villarino Michael Lucas Mark Lucas
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/ Deacon Paul	Mark Magno Julia Jaroslowski Maya Gherman Rafael Cedric Ortin, Jr.
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos/ Deacon Paul	Lynelle Napata Shaydon Pinto Alec Sayson Abby Sayson

Please help to *restock our pantry shelves* with the following items: **fruit & vegetables, can meat & chicken, instant oatmeal, peanut butter & jelly**



Thank you for your help!
SIJ Outreach Ministry



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!

Please Save the Date! SIJWC Guild #7

**Game Day - January 25th
Holy Family Room 2PM**

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