



# 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.

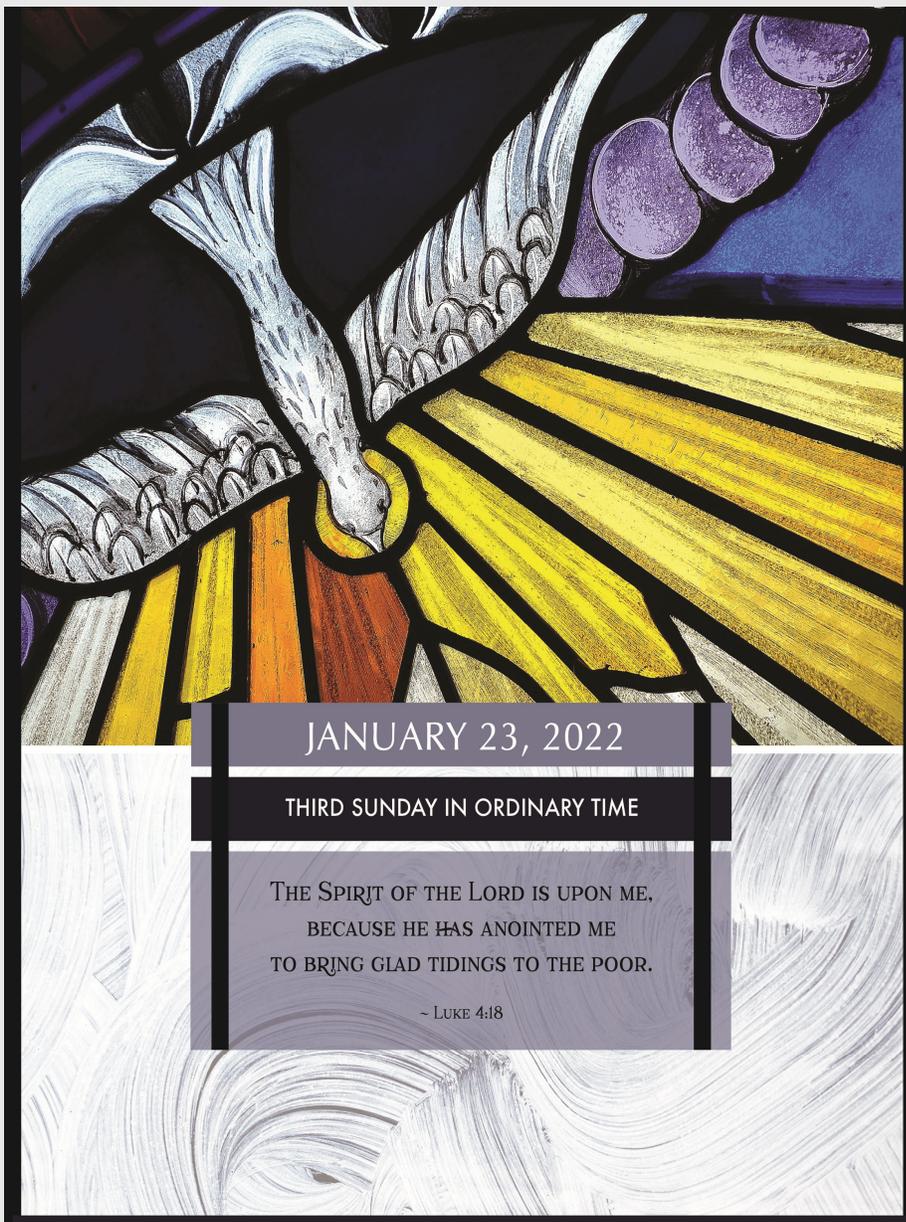
Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

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.



JANUARY 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,  
BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME  
TO BRING GLAD TIDINGS TO THE POOR.

~ LUKE 4:18

**ST ISAAC JOGUES - Leaders**

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
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<b>Men's Club Chairperson</b> – Don Baron				
<b>Fil-Am Chairperson</b> – TBD				

SPIRITUAL READING: From the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council*

“Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the person of the minister (it is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that is now offered by the ministry of priests) and most of all under the eucharistic species. He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ himself baptizes. He is present in his word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised: *Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.* Indeed, in this great work which gives perfect glory to God and brings holiness to men, Christ is always joining in partnership with himself his beloved Bride, the Church, which calls upon its Lord and through him gives worship to the eternal Father.

“It is therefore right to see the liturgy as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ, in which through signs addressed to the senses man’s sanctification is signified and, in a way proper to each of these signs, made effective, and in which public worship is celebrated in its fullness by the mystical body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the head and by his members. Accordingly, every liturgical celebration, as an activity of Christ the priest and of his body, which is the Church, is a sacred action of a preeminent kind. No other action of the Church equals its title to power or its degree of effectiveness.

“In the liturgy on earth we are given a foretaste and share in the liturgy of heaven, celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem, the goal of our pilgrimage, where *Christ is seated at the right hand of God, as minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle.* With the whole company of heaven we sing a hymn of praise to the Lord; as we reverence the memory of the saints, we hope to have some part with them, and to share in their fellowship; we wait *for the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, until he, who is our life, appears, and we appear with him in glory.*

“By an apostolic tradition taking its origin from the very day of Christ’s resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day, the day that is rightly called the Lord’s day. On Sunday the Christian faithful ought to gather together, so that by listening to the word of God and sharing in the Eucharist they may recall the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God *who has given them a new birth with a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.* The Lord’s day is therefore the first and greatest festival, one to be set before the loving devotion of the faithful and impressed upon it, so that it may be also a day of joy and of freedom from work. Other celebrations must not take precedence over it, unless they are truly of the greatest importance, since it is the foundation and the kernel of the whole liturgical year.”



### Outreach Pantry Wish List

Many have sought help these past couple of weeks. The **pantry is very low so please help** as able to provide the following: stews,

hash, small canned hams, canned chicken, chili, canned veggies (corn, peas, carrots, green beans, canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, jelly, soups that eat like meals, rice, oatmeal, shampoo, tooth paste, deodorant, household cleaner, toilet paper, laundry detergent. **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.





## FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS

There is a **free food distribution** in the SIJ parking lot **this Wednesday, 4 – 6 p.m.** Please remember there is a new procedure and that you need to park your car. You'll then be directed inside, be given a number and then called to register when your number is called. Please bring your Greater Chicago Food Depository pantry card if you have one. If you do not have one, we will ask you some questions and give one to you. You will then walk down the hallway and go outside. One of our volunteers will walk around with you with a cart as you choose the produce/foods you want. It will be placed in the cart and when you have finished, the volunteer will walk the cart to your car so you can load it in and bring it home. The volunteer will then bring the cart back to use with the next person. If you can benefit from this food support, please come. Or please share this information with others who could use a food bridge at this time. Thank you.



## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,  
that in the name of your beloved Son  
we may abound in good works.  
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.

## St. Isaac Jogues Upcoming Events

**Monday** – RE Classes, 6:45 p.m.

**Tuesday** – Liturgy Board Meeting on Zoom, 7 p.m. Agenda has been sent.

**Wednesday** – Morning Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., HFR

Food Distribution, 4 – 6 p.m.

**Feb. 2** – Candlemas (Blessing of Candles) 8 a.m., OLPH Novena after Mass.

**Feb. 4** – First Friday Adoration & Benediction, end of 8 a.m. Mass until 9:30 a.m.

## PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

Lord Jesus, we know how precious each child is to you. You say in your Word to let the little children come to you and not to hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of God. *(Luke 18:16)* **We pray for their protection while they are in their mother's womb.** You intricately craft each child while they are in the secret place. *(Psalm 139:15)* Each child is formed in Your image, God. *They are Your masterpiece.* We ask that mothers, fathers, families, doctors, counselors and governments would receive fresh understanding of the sanctity of life and see how precious each of your sons and daughters is to You. **God, we know you create every life on purpose and with a purpose.** From the unborn babies in their mothers' wombs to children living in vulnerable situations to adults living in poverty, may the Church rise up and take sacrificial, gospel-motivated action to come alongside every life – to live out the truth that *every single life is valuable and God-created.*

**Please surround those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy right now.** We pray that their family and friends would come alongside them. *Let these beautiful mothers know how fiercely You love them.* **We pray all shame, guilt and fear would break off of them in Jesus' name.** Share with them that by Your grace You will give them the strength, wisdom and capacity they need to be a wonderful mother. Awaken the church to see the needs of mothers and families experiencing unplanned pregnancies. Cause the church to step out in generosity and carry Jesus' extravagant love, to care for mothers and families from the moment their baby is conceived to the day that precious little one is born and throughout all that their life brings. **We pray for legal protection for each child.** May our government recognize the sanctity of every life and commit to protect the unborn. We pray mothers receive the wrap-around care and resources they need. We know in this world we will have trouble, but we also take heart because we know You have overcome. *(John 16:33)* **We trust that you are on the move on behalf of each unborn child and their mothers.** We commit them into Your care, Jesus. Thank you for making a way. Thank you for showing us how to follow You. Thank you for loving each of us so deeply. *Thank you for leaning close, being with us and for hearing and answering our prayers. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Reflections from Fr. Dennis

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners:

If you have ever been to an all-you-can-eat buffet, you probably know what it means to feel overstuffed. There are so many delicious things, you have to try them all. After hearing today's Bible readings, you may also feel that you have "eaten" too much. How can we sum up all of this?

The Alleluia verse gives us a clue in its expressions "bring glad tidings" and then "proclaim liberty." First of all, we should be glad. How blessed we are to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ. God has revealed the law to us, a law that is "perfect, refreshing the soul." We have a guide to living a good life, a road map to heaven on earth and heaven in eternity. Consider the world's troubles caused by ignoring God's law: corruption, violence, thievery, greed, addictions, infidelity, polarization, systemic injustice. The Lord has given us the antidote to these evils: Glad tidings indeed!

Jesus liberates us. The public life of Jesus, which we will examine in detail through the eyes of St. Luke during this liturgical year, shows us how to be liberated from sin's captivity – by not doing what we please but by doing what we ought to do in order to be fully human. We are truly free when we honor and obey God, enabling our fellow human beings to do the same. We are truly liberated when we follow the teaching and example of Jesus, who calls us to follow Him. Though this may take us along the way of the cross, we can rejoice because we know we are going in the right direction.

God's Good News calls us to become one Body in Christ, to unite in one common effort, different as we are. As each part of the body has its special function, so each of us has a personal role to play in the Body of Christ. If one part suffers, all parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all parts share the joy. The body is most free when its parts are healthy. We are called to be healthy members of Christ's Body. How we live God's law of love is the measure of our health. How we mirror Jesus in our lives indicates how much we set ourselves and the whole Body free.

Jesus wants to form us into one Bread, one Body in the Eucharist we are about to celebrate and receive. He wants to set us free and give us joy – glad tidings and true liberty indeed!

**-Fr. Dennis**

### GOD'S LAW

Scripture has always held God's law to be the path to human happiness. In today's first reading, Ezra the priest reads the scroll of the law to the people returned from exile. They weep—then are joyful. Israel's relationship with God had always been defined by how they kept and lived God's law. The author of Psalm 96 likewise praises the law of God as the source of wisdom, joy and enlightenment, purity and justice.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Ordinary" is not always a desirable adjective. Who would not be insulted to receive a thank-you note for your "ordinary birthday gift," or "the ordinary hospitality at the dinner party"? No restaurant advertises its "ordinariness," no car dealer seats a customer at the steering wheel and whispers, "Look how ordinary it is!" Yet here we are in "Ordinary Time." The word carries a different meaning here: it does not mean these days are dull, boring, pedestrian, uninteresting. It means "ordinal," or "numbered" Sundays, a season of the year when we follow the story of Jesus' life and ministry in an ordered way, with each Sunday assigned an ordinal number.

You can amaze your friends with this example of Catholic arithmetic: the "Ordinary Sundays" begin with the last Sunday of Christmas, the Baptism of the Lord, continue until the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, and resume after a cluster of feasts following Pentecost Sunday. The numbers are calculated by counting backwards from the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Now you know there is nothing "ordinary" about "Ordinary Time!"



## Religious Education

\*Items for the RE Service project for the Women’s Center are to be brought to class on Monday. Monetary donations also welcome. They should be given to your child’s catechist or Mrs. Stanton.

\*Progress notes will be given to students at end of class on Monday.

\*Test for Confirmation Yr. I on Monday. Study well.

\*Confirmation Yr. I Preparation Meeting for Mr. Foote’s class on Monday, 7:30 p.m. in church. Please enter from church door #13. At least one parent/guardian is to attend. Candidates will join us during the meeting.

\* Group interviews for the Confirmation Yr. II Candidates will be held at 6 p.m. in the Holy Family Room Monday. All candidates are asked to be on time. Any late assignments are also to be turned in during the interviews.

\*Confirmation Yr. II Candidates are to turn in their permission slips for the class at St. Martha no later than Monday night. They also have a test so please take time to study.

**SUPER BOWL**  
*Squares game*

TEAM \_\_\_\_\_

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### St Isaac Jogues Men’s Club Super Bowl Squares Fundraiser

\$25/Square (20 percent will be donated to Sts. Martha & Isaac Jogues Parish) Call Lekë Brisku or Don Baron to purchase squares or if you see them at the parish just stop and ask them.

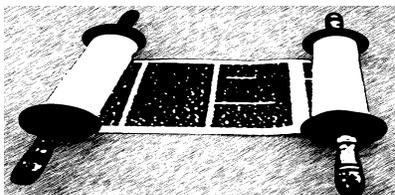
Call Lekë at (773) 882-1171 or  
Don at (847) 456-9887

The squares are going fast so get yours asap.



### DONATIONS FOR THE WOMEN’S CENTER TODAY

In support of the importance of life from the moment of conception we are holding a drive to assist the pro-life efforts of The Women’s Center of Greater Chicagoland TODAY. Donations of baby formula, wipes, toiletries (shampoo, bath soap, lotion, baby combs/brushes, diaper ointment, towels & wash cloths), onesies, blankets, and toddler training pants will be greatly appreciated. They just received a large donation of diapers so said they did not need those at the present time. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, please place it in the marked boxes at the doors of the church and we will do the shopping for you. Please make the checks out to St. Isaac Jogues Church. Please pray for pregnant women and for their unborn children. May God bless them with all they need for grace-filled, healthy and growing lives!



### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 23, 2022

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*  
— Luke 4:18a



## 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
CINDY NOLAN	MATTHEW PONDER
MARTHA DEMKO	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY	BRAD BOWER
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GARZA	ROSE SIMPSON
VICENTE F. CASTILLO	KATHY EGLOFF
	JOSEPH WHITE
	CORNELIO NATIFIDAD II
	BRENDA WHITEHEAD

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 [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com).



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

**Psalm** — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

**Second Reading** — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

**Gospel** — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;  
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;  
Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 89:4-5,  
27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;  
Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;  
Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;  
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;  
1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30



## Mass Intentions

Sunday - January 23, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Stanislawa & Stanislaw Sikora
10:00 a.m.	Minnie Kremer Erlinda Maliwanag Felicitio & Augustina Bait

Monday - January 24, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Linda Maliwanag
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Tuesday - January 25, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Richard Chmielewski, Sr. Dolores Chmielewski Richard Chmielewski, Jr.
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Wednesday - January 26, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Ron Salazar
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Thursday - January 27, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Lynn Lopiccolo
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Friday - January 28, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Chacko Job
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Saturday - January 29, 2022

5:00 p.m.	Don Angelaccio Marianna Alongi
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Sunday - January 30, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Edward (Ned) Griffin
10:00 a.m.	John Burke

## Next Week Liturgy Schedule January 29th & 30th

Reconciliation 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Carlos
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Carlos/Deacon Paul

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One kind word can warm three winter months.

—Japanese proverb

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