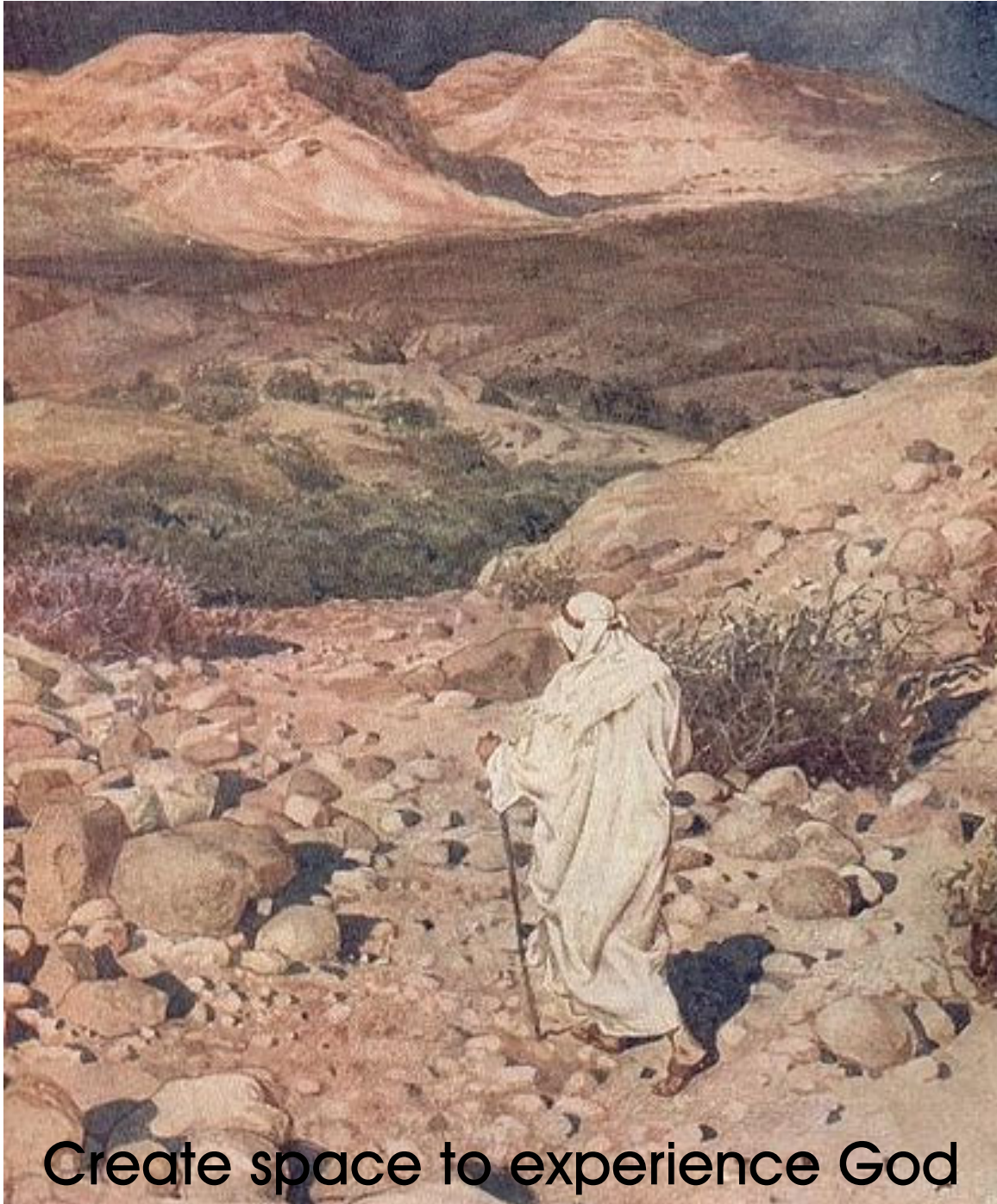


# SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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Create space to experience God

First Sunday of Lent  
February 22, 2015



## RETURNING TO THE DESERT

*The desert is not remote in southern tropics  
The desert is not around the corner,  
The desert is squeezed in the tube-train next to  
you, The desert is in the heart of your brother.*

-T. S. Eliot, Choruses from "**The Rock**"

T. S. Eliot was one of the greatest poets of the past century. He was also a "prophet" who went from a despairing vision of European civilization in "The Waste Land" to one of the fallen human nature redeemed by Christ. He was an American expatriate who became a British subject and a devout Christian. He described the transformation in **For Lancelot Andrewes** by declaring himself:

*"an Anglo-Catholic in religion, a classicist in literature, and a royalist in politics."*

T. S. Eliot was as witty as he was erudite. His literary output ranged from the playful **Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats** to **Murder in the Cathedral**. In his 1934 work, **Choruses from the "Rock,"** Eliot addresses the conflict between the Church and the world. It is astonishingly relevant to the contemporary crisis **we** are experiencing! The poem follows a sequence of three stages. In Chorus I, the Church and the world are at odds. The world no longer wants nor needs the Church. In Chorus II, Christians are urged to resist being eliminated and struggle to survive. The attitude of Christians is not triumphalistic because they consciously carry with them the limitations, defects and burdens they have "inherited" historically. In Chorus III, the Christian Community, the Church, is further confused by worldly skepticism and materialism. Whenever the Church compromises with the spirit of the world, the question arises "Is it the Church that has abandoned humanity or has humanity abandoned the Church?" In truth, it has been a mutual abandonment. But in the "desert" of the human heart there is a spark of compunction:

*"Where is the Life we have lost in living?  
Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?  
Where is the knowledge we have lost  
in information?"*

*The cycles of Heaven in twenty centuries brings us  
farther from God and nearer to the Dust.*

Eliot presents those who persecute the Church as advocates of progress at the cost of personal freedom. They reflect the totalitarian **real-politics** of the 1930s which promised "systems so perfect that no one will need to be good." Of course, this is a rejection of Christ . . . an attempt to eliminate God!

The "workers" of Eliot's poem are described as "humble." They have vision. Their goal is building not an edifice, but a Community.

*"What life have you, if you have not life together?  
There is not life that is not life in community, and no  
community not lived in praise of God."*

The poetic Choruses create a tension that cannot easily be resolved. The conflict is not only caused by the world "out there," but the world within. The desert, "in the heart of my brother" is a reflection of a universal human capacity for re-creation. The mystery of the "Waste and Void" anticipates not a deeper darkness. It is a "desert" - - an emptiness - - where the humble strain to hear the primal proclamation: "LET THERE BE LIGHT." There is in the images of the desert and the void a recognition of how inept humanity is and how all-powerful God is! But, it is humility that enables us to rebuild a Temple to the glory of God. In his comments on Eliot's Choruses, Msgr. Luigi Giussani says:

*"Thus humility is the first mark, the first imprint of  
God in man; the original one, the one at creation - -  
humility that accepts."*

Chorus X concludes the poem with:

*"And when we have built an altar to the Invisible  
Light, we may set thereon the little lights for which  
our bodily vision is made. And we thank Thee that  
darkness reminds us of light . . ."*

Returning to the desert of the human heart recalls the paradox of Psalm 139:

*"To You O Lord, darkness itself is not dark and  
shines as the day. To You, darkness and light are  
the same."*

-Fr. Luczak

**GORZKIE ZALE**

Gorzkie Zale, the Bitter Laments, will be sung in Polish and English in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. in Church. It includes hymns which consider the Passion & Death of Our Lord, lamentations which express sorrow for sins, and sympathetic conversations of the soul with the Blessed Mother. It will conclude with Benediction. Father Jason Torba, Pastor of St. Ferdinand Church in Chicago, will preside and music will be provided by Lisa Hall and members of The Lira Singers. All are welcome.

**Gorzkie Żale**

W pierwszą niedzielę Wielkiego Postu, 22 lutego o godzinie 3 po południu, zapraszamy na Gorzkie Zale, popularne w Polsce nabożeństwo pasyjne, połączone z wystawieniem Naświętszego Sakramentu i kazaniem pasyjnym.

Pochodzi ono z początków XVIII w. – po raz pierwszy odprawiono je w 1707 r. Jego tekst zachował oryginalne, staropolskie brzmienie. Witamy serdecznie Księdza Zbigniewa Torbę, który odprawi nabożeństwo w języku polskim i angielskim przy akompaniamencie Lira Singers.

**THIS WEEK'S LENTEN SCHEDULE...**

**Sunday** – Alms Recipient: The Night Ministry (cookies or monetary donations appreciated); Gorzkie Zale (Polish/English Lent Devotions), 3 p.m., church

**Monday** – Forgiveness Service, Gr. 1, 7:40 p.m.

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

**Thursday** – Soup Supper, 6:30 p.m., “Last Supper Narratives” w/Fr. Mc Ilhone, 7 p.m., HFR; Holy Hour & Benediction, 7 p.m., church

**Friday** – Festival of Forgiveness – Sacrament of Reconciliation—8:30-10 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-1p.m., 4-6 p.m., 8-9 p.m.; DM Chaplet & Stations of the Cross, 3 & 7 p.m., Pepper & Egg Sandwiches Sale

**Saturday** – Festival of Forgiveness – Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10 a.m.-12Noon (English & Polish).

**Saturday/Sunday** – Second Sunday of Lent; homilist is Msgr. Dennis Lyle, who will lead the Parish Lent Retreat Afternoon, Sunday 2-5 p.m. Almsgiving Recipient will be Heifer International.

**PARISH LENT RETREAT AFTERNOON**

Our Parish Lent Retreat Afternoon will be next Sunday, March 1, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Monsignor Dennis Lyle will be our weekend homilist and our retreat guide for “Prayer and Discernment: How Do I Know What God Is Asking Me To Do?” Everyone says it is important to pray, but is there a right or wrong way to pray? What must I do to be a person of prayer? We often make prayer more complicated than it is and we need to ask ourselves if God wants it to be a difficult task. The great saints recognized the simplicity of prayer and we can learn much from them. Come and spend some time reflecting on this simple but essential human activity. Please bring your family, friends and neighbors. Free will offerings appreciated!

**If you are in need of babysitting services for your children, please contact the RE Office by Noon on Monday** so we can work it out with our Confirmation Candidates.

A video of Fr. Dennis' talks will be shown on **Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Holy Family Room, for those unable to attend the live event on Sunday.

Msgr. Dennis Lyle is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. After completing his studies in the seminary system, he was ordained in 1991. He served as an Associate Pastor in Waukegan, taught on the faculty at St Joseph College Seminary and worked at Mundelein Seminary as a teacher and Rector/President. He is now the Director of the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein.



## BEGINNING IN THE DESERT

*Within you is life and death, war and peace,  
A struggle beyond good and evil.  
It is the search for God in the desert.*

Take a handful of sand. Sand runs freely through your fingers — grains too small and too many to count. The more you grasp sand, the faster it falls from your grasp.

In sand footprints will go deep, but soon disappear. The sandy desert affords no shelter, no security, no permanence. A cruel wasteland, a zone of war, an ordeal perhaps, but the desert conceals unexpected life and wonders. The desert, in its vast emptiness reveals something of the Great Mystery. It is the “epicenter” of spiritual tremors, the threshold of our “vision quest.”



A paradox with hidden springs and dried-up river beds, mirages to bring fools to destruction and oases to save the fortunate, the desert challenges us to search beneath the surface. Springs issue from rocks or from subterranean streams. The hard and deep discipline of the desert is what may cause a wasteland to bloom and the searching heart to find God.

Before his mission began, Jesus sought the desert. There he forsook the distraction of things -- even the good company of friends. In his humanness, Jesus hungered for a clear vision ... concentrated and unambiguous dedication to the Father's will. Temptations came like mirages. Would he succumb to cheap, sensational tricks — making loaves out of stones or jumping off the ledge of the temple like a tumbler in a circus? Would he view the devil's “magic lantern show” of the kingdoms of the world and be taken in by Satan's pretensions to real authority? No! He triumphed through the test of the desert. He found his strength in communion with God. He showed us how to peel away the unreal and unnecessary to reach a human core where God is to be found.

The “temptations” of Christ are really less important than his choice of solitude. During Lent, we all need to seek a place and a time to be alone. We need to let go of our worries and expectations, our past guilt and present fears. Most of all, we need to recognize the mirages of the ego, to let go of the “self-center” for the “God-center.” We need to think less and listen more!

-Fr. Luczak

\* First printed March 5, 2006.

**ALMSGIVING RECIPIENT NEXT WEEKEND...**

**Heifer International's** mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. Providing gifts of livestock and training they help families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. Each family then gives one of its animal's offspring to another family in need. It is called Passing On the Gift and it creates an ever-expanding network of hope and peace. Please put your monetary donations (checks payable to St. Isaac Jogues Parish and we will send one total check) in the alms boxes at the doors of the church. Thank you!

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- The St. Joseph Table Planning Committee will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in Rm. 8 of the school (enter by Holy Family Room). Please bring any donations received!
- Liturgy Board meets Tuesday, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. in the RE Office.

**Religious Education**

•First Grade will have a Forgiveness Service on Monday at 7:40 p.m. in their classroom.

•First Communion Students are to bring their plate design to make the final designs in class on Monday.

•Permission slips for the Day of the Spirit for Confirmation Year II Candidates will also be mailed out this week to the families. Please be looking for them.

**Lenten Fridays**

The green pepper and egg sandwiches are back this year on Fridays during Lent. They will be sold in the HFR from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

You can place orders in advance by calling John at 847-966-9679 Walk ins are also welcome. Donation: \$4.00 each

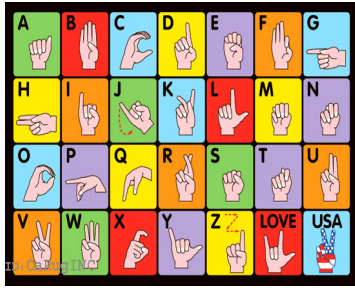
**SOUP SUPPER AND LENT SERIES**

Our three-week Soup Supper and Lent series will begin this Thursday evenings, Feb. 26! Soup is at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Family Room followed by a presentation at 7 p.m. This year our series is "Holy Week Through the Eyes of the Evangelists". Fr. Jim Mc Ilhone will focus on the Last Supper Narratives Thursday night. He was ordained in 1974 and is the Director of Biblical Formation for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fr. Jim is the author of the online bible study *The Word Made Clear* and holds a Sacred Theology Licentiate and a doctorate in Philosophy (New Testament Studies). On March 5 and March 12 we will welcome Fr. John Kartje who will speak on the Passion Narratives and the Resurrection Narratives respectively. RSVP by signing up on the sheet in the Holy Family Room or contacting the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com) by the Monday before each presentation (for soup planning purposes). All are welcome, whether you come only for soup, only for the presentation, or both! Free will offerings greatly appreciated!

As we look to the future and strive to understand the needs of the parish, the St. Isaac Jogues Parish Pastoral Council would like your input to the two questions below. Your comments are important to us. Drop your comments into the collection basket, at the rectory or send your email response to [SIJPPC8149@yahoo.com](mailto:SIJPPC8149@yahoo.com).

1. Describe St. Isaac Jogues in three words. \_\_\_\_\_

2. What are two ways St. Isaac Jogues can better serve our Parish and/or the community? \_\_\_\_\_



### Do you sign?

Not sing...sign! We are in need of a volunteer American Sign Language interpreter to sign Mass here at St. Isaac Jogues at least once a month for a parishioner who would greatly appreciate the service. It would allow for better understanding and participation. If you are able to help us, please contact Dee Stanton, 847/966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com) Thank you!



Carson's Community Days  
February 27 & 28

Last Chance!! Don't forget to pick up your coupon booklet in the Holy Family Room today! Cost is \$5. You get \$10 off your first purchase. Thanks for your support to St. Isaac Jogues and "Happy Shopping"!!

### ST. JOSEPH TABLE

The **St. Joseph Table** is an old tradition from Sicily. Many centuries ago there was a famine and the people prayed to St. Joseph, their patron, and asked his intercession. Rains came, the famine ended and a special feast to thank and praise God and to honor St. Joseph was prepared after the harvest. All were welcome to come and enjoy, especially the sick and the homeless.

Though **Sicilian immigrants introduced the custom to America, the celebration and feast are open to all.** The Saint Joseph Table is a source of petition and thanksgiving. Most of the foods presented on the altar are acquired through begging, asking the help of people and local businesses to represent what the poor of Sicily had to do. At the end of the St. Joseph Table the remaining food and whatever money has been given in donations are given to the poor.

Everyone is invited to our parish St. Joseph Table on **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> beginning with the Noon Mass.** The blessing of the table and serving of food will follow and continue until 4:30 p.m. downstairs in the Parish Hall. **Per the tradition there is no charge to eat at the table but donations will be accepted for our St. Vincent DePaul Ministry to assist those in need. Be sure to bring your family and friends.**

**We ask you to help us with this special and age old tradition by providing a meatless dish (egg dishes, roasted or fried vegetable) or desserts, money for the preparation of the table or your time (set up, serving late shift, cleanup). Please sign up on the appropriate form in the Holy Family Room today or next week.** We also beg your prayers, asking St. Joseph for his help and intercession for this beautiful time of family, community and sharing!

### LET US PRAY...

Almighty God, we ask your Divine mercy and protection to envelop our loved ones in all branches of military and civil service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies both spiritual and physical, and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

United States Air Force  
United States Army  
United States Marines  
United States Navy  
Illinois National Guard









Mason Janzen, Breanna Dexter  
Brian Caplin, Gale Renner  
Aisha Fernando, Lance Renner, Gian Patrick Reyes  
William B. Dexter, Timothy Kelly  
Christopher Dexter, Nathaniel Janzen

If you have a family member or friend you would like to add to our prayer list, either because they serve in the military or first responder (police, firefighter, paramedic/EMT), please contact the RE Office at 847/966-1180 or [sijre2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sijre2004@yahoo.com).





## ST. ISAAC JOGUES PARISH CALENDAR – MARCH 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 Second Sunday of Lent</b>  Kindergarten RE 10:30 am - Rm. 29 <b>Parish Mission Retreat</b> 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Church/HFRM	<b>2</b> Mission Retreat Video 9:30 am - HFRM Youth Choir - 5:30 pm - Church Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm Church, HFRM, Hall, School, Ministry Center	<b>3</b> Baptism Preparation - 7:00 pm Deacon Couple's Home 7:00 pm - HFRM Women's Club Board Mtg. 7:00 pm - HFRM Small Faith Group 7:30 pm - Min. Cent. Kitchen	<b>4</b> Bible Study - 9:30 am - Rm. 6 The Praise Singers - 6:00 pm Adult Choir - 7:00 pm (both rehearsals in church) SPRED Group 7:00 pm - HFRM	<b>5 Lent Soup Supper Series</b> 6:30 pm - Supper 7:00 pm - Presentation (both in Holy Family Room) Holy Hour Prayer and Benediction 7:00 pm - Church	<b>6</b> Divine Mercy Chaplet and Stations of the Cross Service 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm - Church <b>LENTEN SPECIAL</b> Pepper/Egg Sandwich Sale 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm - HFRM	<b>7</b> OLPH Novena/Filipino Prayer Mtg. 2:00 pm - Church/Hall
<b>8 Third Sunday of Lent</b>  Kindergarten RE 10:30 am - Rm. 29	<b>9</b> Youth Choir - 5:30 pm - Church Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm Church, HFRM, Hall, School, Ministry Center	<b>10</b> Parish Life Comm. Mtg. 7:00 pm - HFRM St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Mtg. 7:00 pm - Rm. 26 Small Faith Group 7:30 pm - Min. Cent. Kitchen	<b>11</b> Bible Study - 9:30 am - Rm. 6 The Praise Singers - 6:00 pm Adult Choir - 7:00 pm (both rehearsals in church) SPRED Team Mtg. 7:00 pm - Off Grounds	<b>12 Lent Soup Supper Series</b> 6:30 pm - Supper 7:00 pm - Presentation (both in Holy Family Room) Holy Hour Prayer and Benediction 7:00 pm - Church	<b>13</b> Divine Mercy Chaplet and Stations of the Cross Services 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm - Church <b>LENTEN SPECIAL</b> Pepper/Egg Sandwich Sale 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm - HFRM <b>Music Ministry</b> Rehearsal for "The Song of Mark" - 6:30 pm - HFRM	<b>14</b>
<b>15 Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Kindergarten RE 10:30 am - Rm. 29 <b>St. Joseph Table - Noon Mass</b> followed by the blessing of the table and serving of food 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Hall	<b>16</b> Youth Choir - 5:30 pm - Church Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm Church, HFRM, Hall, School, Ministry Center	<b>17</b>  St. Patrick's Day Women's Club Quarterly Mass/Dinner - 6:30 pm Church/HFRM Small Faith Group 7:30 pm - Min. Cent. Kitchen	<b>18</b> Bible Study - 9:30 am - Rm. 6 <b>Music Ministry</b> Rehearsal for "The Song of Mark" - 6:30 pm - Church SPRED Group - 7:00 pm - Rms. 8 & 9 Men's Club - Lenten Mass/ Dinner/SVDP Collection 7:00 pm - HFRM/Hall	<b>19</b>  St. Joseph's Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 am - Rm. 6 Holy Hour Prayer and Benediction 7:00 pm - Church	<b>20</b>  Spring Divine Mercy Chaplet and Stations of the Cross Service 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm - Church <b>LENTEN SPECIAL</b> Pepper/Egg Sandwich Sale 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm - HFRM	<b>21</b> Confirmation Year II Day of Spirit Retreat 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Hall <b>Parish Lenten            Reconciliation Service</b> 11:00 am - Church
<b>22 Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Kindergarten RE 10:30 am - Rm. 29  MUSIC Ministry Encore Presentation of "The Song of Mark" directed by Lisa Hall 3:00 pm - Church	<b>23</b> Youth Choir - 5:30 pm - Church <b>Practice for Passion Sunday</b> <b>Altar Servers</b> - 8:15 pm - Church Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm Church, HFRM, Hall, School, Ministry Center Passion Sunday Gospel Teams - 8:00 pm - Church	<b>24</b> Women's Club - Bridge 7:00 pm - HFRM Men's Club Board Mtg. 7:30 pm - Hall Small Faith Group 7:30 pm - Min. Cent. Kitchen	<b>25 ANNUNCIATION OF            THE LORD</b> Bible Study - 9:30 am - Rm. 6 The Praise Singers - 6:00 pm Adult Choir - 7:00 pm (both rehearsals in church) St. Joseph Table Committee Dinner/Evaluation Meeting 6:30 pm - HFRM	<b>26</b> Holy Hour Prayer and Benediction 7:00 pm - Church	<b>27</b> Divine Mercy Chaplet and Stations of the Cross Service 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm - Church <b>LENTEN SPECIAL</b> Pepper/Egg Sandwich Sale 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm - HFRM	<b>28</b> PRACTICE for Easter Vigil 7:00 pm - Church <b>HOLY WEEK BEGINS</b>  HOLY WEEK
<b>29 PASSION SUNDAY</b> Palm/Passion Sunday Masses Church: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm Kindergarten RE 10:30 am - Rm. 29 <b>PRACTICE for 3:00 pm and            7:30 pm Good Friday Services</b> 7:30 pm - Church	<b>30</b> <b>HOLY WEEK</b> Youth Choir - 5:30 pm - Church <b>PRACTICE for Holy Thursday</b> 8:00 pm - Church/HFRM Religious Education Program 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm Church, HFRM, Hall, School, Ministry Center	<b>31</b> NO MEETINGS	<b>1</b> <b>A P R I L</b> <b>NO Bible Study</b> The Praise Singers - 6:00 pm Adult Choir - 7:00 pm (both rehearsals in church)	<b>2</b> <b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> 7:30 am - Church Open for Prayer 8:30 am - Morning Prayer-Church <b>Liturgy of the Lord's Supper</b> 7:30 pm - Church <b>Adoration of the Blessed            Sacrament</b> - 9:00 pm - Midnight Holy Family Room <b>Pilgrimage to Churches</b> 9:00 pm - Off Grounds	<b>3</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 7:30 am - Church Open for Prayer 8:30 am - Morning Prayer <b>Liturgy of the Lord's Passion            and Death</b> - 3:00 pm - Church 7:30 pm - Church	<b>4</b> <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> 7:30 am - Church Open for Prayer 8:30 am - Morning Prayer-Church 1:00 pm - Blessing of Easter Foods <b>8:00 pm — Easter Vigil — Church</b> followed by Agape - Hall  EASTER VIGIL

## FESTIVAL OF FORGIVENESS

On Friday, February 27 and Saturday, February 28, the Archdiocese of Chicago wants to bring the medicine of mercy not only to the Catholic faithful and also to anyone who stands in need of healing and forgiveness. The Catholic faithful, especially those who have been away from the sacraments, are urgently invited to come and share in God's mercy. Guides to the Sacrament and an Examination of Conscience will be found at the doors of the Church to help you prepare. The confessors will also help you participate in the sacrament if you would like.

**Here at St. Isaac Jogues Parish the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at the following times: Friday, Feb. 27 – 8:30-10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 -9:00 p.m. On Saturday, Feb. 28 confessions will be heard in English and Polish from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.**

If those times do not meet your needs, the following parishes will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation for 24 hours beginning at Noon on that Friday and ending at Noon that Saturday:

St. Catherine Laboure in Glenview, St. John Brebeuf in Niles, and St. Paul of the Cross in Park Ridge.

This focused time to encounter the mercy of God in our lives is inspired by Pope Francis, who called the Church in Rome to a Festival of Forgiveness, an annual Lenten observance to embrace God's mercy.

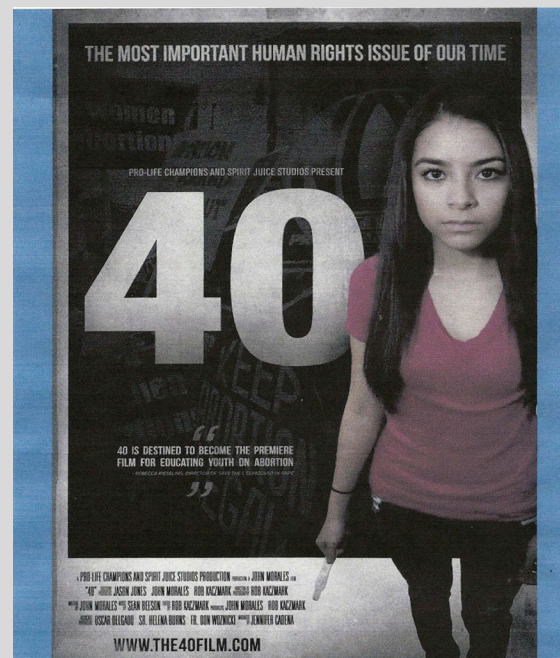
We join our Holy Father and local churches throughout the world in their observance of this graced opportunity.

### **40** A Movie about abortion 1974 - 2014

The Fr. Stroot Council of the Knights of Columbus and St. Martha Parish present: **40**.

A compelling new documentary that examines the effects of abortion on our nation over the last 40 years since Roe v Wade. Directed by John Morales, the movie looks at both sides of this heated issue with heartfelt testimony from post abortive women and a younger generation that works to end abortion. **40** will be shown **Monday, March 9th at 7PM** in the

St. Martha Parish Auditorium. There is no admission charge and all are welcome.



MONDAY, MARCH 9 7:00 pm  
ST. MARTHA AUDITORIUM  
8549 N. GEORGIANA - MORTON GROVE  
FREE ADMISSION ALL INVITED



## *Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary*

*According to St. Louis Marie de Montfort*

February 20<sup>th</sup> begins the 33 days of preparatory prayers that continue through March 25<sup>th</sup>. Each day of prayer, represents one year in the life of Christ, may be done privately in our own homes using your consecration preparation books.

After these 33 days of prayers,  
all are invited to make or renew  
their Consecration together on  
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE  
ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD  
Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

7:00 PM Holy Mass  
Confessions 5:30 PM  
Angelus and Rosary 6:00 PM  
*St. Catherine Laboure*  
in Glenview 847-729-1414

*Pope Francis said, "the year of 2015 is to be dedicated to  
Consecrated Life."*

*Consecrate yourselves and your families  
to Jesus through Mary!*



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

**Psalm** — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

**Gospel** — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

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## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending; Washington's Birthday  
Monday: St. Polycarp; Julian Calendar Lent begins  
Friday: Abstinence

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,  
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

## BEAUTY IN FORGIVENESS

Humanity is never so beautiful as when  
praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.  
—Jean P. F. Richter

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY WISH LIST

Thank you for all the donations you have made to feed the hungry. You inspire us with your generosity. We are focusing on personal hygiene items this month, in addition to food donations. We need:

Soap  
Shower Gel & Bubble Bath  
Deodorant  
Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Mouthwash  
Shampoo & Conditioner

Please place your donations in the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry Food Donation Basket, located at the entrance to the Holy Family Room.

If you are interested in joining us in our mission to help the needy, please call the rectory. A member of our group will contact you.

**Your St. Vincent de Paul Ministry**



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Sunday, February 22, 2015

8:00 a.m.	Charles Falco, Sr.
10:00 a.m.	<i>For The Living &amp; Deceased Members of SIJ</i> Mary Jane Polinski Pat Brezinski Patricia Leahy
12:00 p.m.	Anna Henryk Bobrowski

## Monday, February 23, 2015

8:00 a.m.	<i>Purgatorial Society</i> Eleanore Swanson
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## Tuesday, February 24, 2015

8:00 a.m.	Helen Soborowicz
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## Wednesday, February 25, 2015

8:00 a.m.	Beverly Saiger
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## Thursday, February 26, 2015

8:00 a.m.	Joe Bellissimo
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## Friday, February 27, 2015

8:00 a.m.	Bob & Mary Chernesky Patrick Heffernan Marian Brezinski
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## Saturday, February 28, 2015

8:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service-No Intentions</i>
5:00 p.m.	Christine Wolf

## Sunday, March 1, 2015

8:00 a.m.	Don Neidhofer
10:00 a.m.	Paul Schneller Chester Wojcik Bernarda Azcuna Marilyn Beck
12:00 p.m.	<i>For The Living &amp; Deceased Members of SIJ</i> Frank G. Caputo

## Liturgy Next Weekend February 28-March 1 (Homilist: Msgr. Dennis Lyle)

<b>Confessions Noon</b>	Frs. Pereira & Janas
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Fr. Pereira
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Fr. Pereira
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Fr. Kennedy
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Fr. Luczak/Deacon Paul

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Altar Servers

5:00 p.m.	Dennis George Steve Livingston Diann George
8:00 a.m.	Joanne Areno Lynelle Napata Nelson Perumpel
10:00 a.m.	Matthew Ledesma Nathan Ledesma Lawson Mathew
12:00 p.m.	Sabin Thomas Kevin Thomas Rene Dumayas



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**Eucharistic Celebrations:**

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM  
 Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM  
 Saturday: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM

**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.

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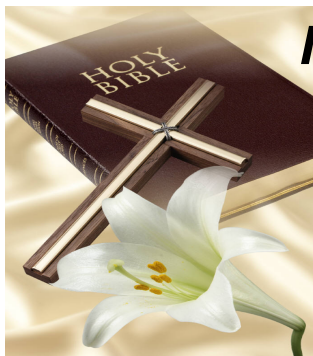
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