



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.

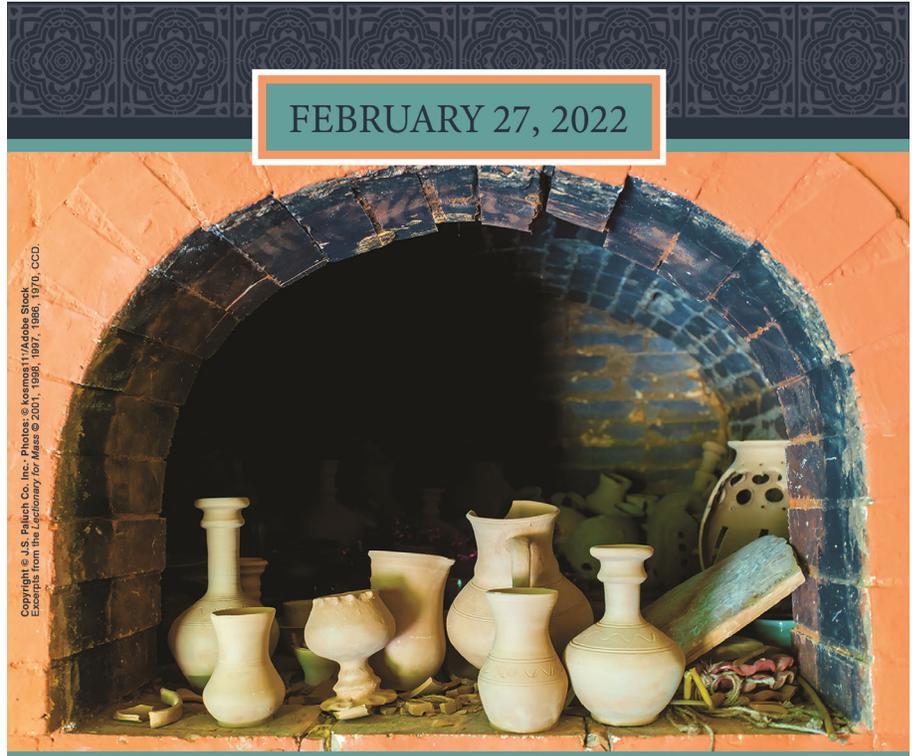
Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

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.



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As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just.

Sirach 27:5

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST ISAAC JOGUES - Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
Kathy Lord, Vice Chairperson	Lori Ronczka	Dolores Stanton	Gerry Zeller	Irene Baron
Debbie Dexter	Fernando Bonto	Maria Swidzinski	Lori Ronczka	
John Kadiri	Irene Baron			
Women's Club Chairperson – Louella Preston				
Men's Club Chairperson – Don Baron				
Fil-Am Chairperson – TBD				

Reflections from Fr. Dennis

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners:

Imagine going to a foreign country, not knowing the language or anyone there. You have no translator or map and know little about that culture or its laws. That very thing happened to me one day when I found myself on a side street in Vienna, with no knowledge of German, no map, and no sense of direction. How lost, confused, and frightened you would be! Then you meet someone from your home country, someone who has lived here for many years and learned the language, customs, and geography. How happy you would be!

Now you have someone to guide you because they have already been in your position, but have learned how to get around there. Naturally, their experience and insight will prove your greatest aid and instruction. Christian leaders must first encounter Jesus in this same way. He knows the way, and we must spend time learning from him. We must be transformed by walking beside him. Only then can we begin to bring others to him.

"Can a blind person guide a blind person?" If knowing the best way to live were possible on one's own, wouldn't that be grand? Yet all we need to do is to look at the state of the world to know things aren't so simple. Discord and dissension surround us. People often project their own feelings and distorted perceptions onto the world. They refuse to consider that they may lack wisdom and understanding. Many are tempted to believe the problem is with everyone else, before ever admitting their own shortcomings. With so many varying voices and opinions in conflict with one another, it is difficult to know who is trustworthy.

You know them by their fruit. "Every tree is known by its own fruit" (Matthew 7:20) When discerning whom to trust for living according to God's will, results matter. Jesus came to free us from the chains that bind us. He came to instruct us in the ways of mercy and wisdom. If mercy and wisdom are not seen, and no freedom from sin has been shown, these facts indicate what kind of tree you have. Look for people that have been transformed by God's healing grace.

The problem is hypocrisy. "How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter from your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?" (Matthew 7:3) There is an inherent dilemma in Christian discipleship. No one of us is perfect as a follower of Christ. So how can we reprove anyone else when we ourselves fall short? Christ remains the headstone of the Church, its Master and Teacher. Before leading others, we must first be led by Christ. Listening to Jesus, experiencing his mercy, following his chastisements – all these enable us to learn and grow. Then and only then can we lead others – to Jesus, not to ourselves.

"No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." (Matthew 10:24-25) We come to be more like Jesus as we follow Him. The path of Christian discipleship is like a chain of people linked together, being tugged on by Christ at the head.

-Fr. Dennis



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2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back soon. If you did not fill out the ACA pledge form last weekend, please stop at the Usher's Room when you arrive or as you leave to pick up a form. Completed forms can be placed in the collection basket during Mass. You are otherwise encouraged to make your ACA gift online at annualcatholicappeal.com. Please remember that our Sts. Martha – Isaac Jogues Parish goal for this year's ACA is \$58,234. Once we have fulfilled our goal with cash in hand, every dollar over the amount will be returned to the parish for use in our various ministries. Please give prayerful consideration and donate as generously as your circumstances allow. Every gift makes a difference. Thank you!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, in the streets of Rio and New Orleans and in the canals of Venice, Carnival reaches its height. We stand on the brink of Lenten discipline and order, of sacrifice and prayer, and like a diver for pearls, we take a deep breath of life's abundance before immersing ourselves. Literally "Good-bye to the Flesh," these once were days for clearing out the barnyard and having one last good roast before turning to fish, to eggs and cheese and porridges. In some places, masks and disguises are worn as a reminder that all falsehood must be stripped away in Lent and our true identity as the baptized must prosper. In others, the green, purple, and gold beads tossed in playful salute have their origins not only in the gifts of the magi, but also entwine the liturgical colors of Ordinary Time, Lent, and Easter.

The message, sadly missed by many, is: embrace the Lenten journey, and find your life transformed. Dedicate the next few days to savoring life's wonders, to the abundance of tables laden with great food and surrounded by the laughter of dear friends. Then, as you step forward to receive ashes on your brow, you will have already acquired a yearning for the renewing splash of Easter's waters.

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.

St. Isaac Jogues Lent & Special Event

Today – Be sure to take home a Lent Overview for your household as you leave Mass.

Ash Wednesday – Day of fast and abstinence; Masses at SIJ at 8 a.m. & 7 p.m. and Word Service at Noon.

The imposition of ashes will take place during all Masses and Services. Alms Recipient is The Night Ministry. Masses at SM at 6:30 a.m., Noon, 6:30 p.m.

First Friday – Adoration beginning at end of the 8 a.m. Mass until 9:30 a.m.; Stations of the Cross – 3 p.m. at SM Church (small) and 7 p.m. at SIJ Church.

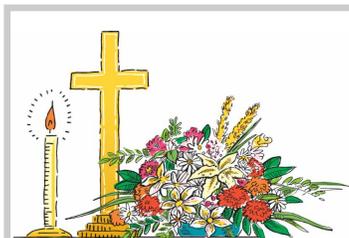
Saturday – Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11 a.m. – 12 Noon, church. We have been informed that about 30 Sisters of the Living Word will be attending the 5 p.m. Mass (3/5). They said they would love to greet some of their old friends. The Sisters of the Living Word taught in St. Isaac Jogues School when it was open.

Weekend of Mar. 5 – 6: First Sunday of Lent; Parish Mission Homily given by Fr. Paul Adaja (in person or via CD); Our alms recipient continues to be The Night Ministry. Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, 3 p.m.; First Mission Presentation – "The Identity and Marks of the Church" at 4 p.m. followed by Benediction.

ALMS RECIPIENT: ASH WEDNESDAY AND FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Night Ministry is a Chicago – based organization that works to provide housing, health care (health outreach bus), and human connection to members of the community struggling with poverty or homelessness. "With an open heart and an open mind, we accept people as they are and work to address their immediate physical, emotional, and social needs while affirming their sense of humanity."

ASH
WEDNESDAY



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a lovely way to remember a loved one or a special occasion. Flower arrangements are \$55 each and two can be purchased each weekend before Lent and again after Pentecost. Your intention and name will be placed in the bulletin each weekend. If you would like to purchase an arrangement, please call the rectory. Available dates go quickly, so you may want to reserve your date soon.



The following items would be helpful at the current time: small cans of deviled ham for homeless bags, pasta sauce, rice, 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!



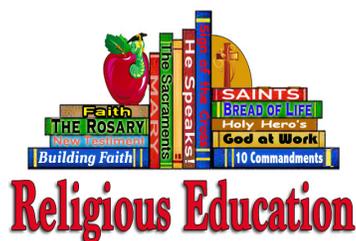
Altar Flowers this week

"In Memory of Tony"
Love Arlene

Ordination Banns - I

Leke Brisku, a parishioner of Ss. Martha & Isaac Jogues Parish, is scheduled to be ordained to the Order of Deacon for the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 14, 2022. This is a public announcement of the upcoming ordination and fulfills the canonical requirement. Catholics are obliged to reveal any concerns, impediments or circumstances that could prevent Leke Brisku from receiving Sacred Orders and should contact Fr. Dennis B. O'Neill, Administrator or Associate Pastor, Fr. Carlos Pereira or the Cardinal with such information as soon as possible if there is a serious question about the candidate's suitability for ordained ministry.





Religious Education

*Confirmation Year II Candidates are reminded that their **Gifts of the Spirit Journal Part II** is due Monday in class. Be sure you are getting your service completed.

*Con. Yr. II Candidates with **retests to correct** are to have them completed and turned in Monday.

*Confirmation Yr. I Candidates who have not yet turned in the **Confirmation Commitment form** need to do so Monday night. Be working on your service!

***March Newsletter** is going home Monday and will be sent on Remind either Monday or Tuesday.

***Family Event on March 7th**, 6:30 p.m. in church for silent prayer before the Blessed

Sacrament together. At about 6:50 p.m. students in Grades 1 – 5 will move to the Holy Family Room for a Lenten evening with Ms. Gawne, Ms. Teresa, Mrs. Koziol and Ms. Bello. All parents and Gr. 6-Con. Yr. II students will remain in the church for Fr. Paul's Mission Presentation. After Benediction families will pick up their children in the HFR and go home a little after 8 p.m.

PARISH LENT MISSION

Sts. Martha – Isaac Jogues Parish Spiritual Life Commission invites all parishioners, family members, friends, and neighbors for the **2022 Lent Mission “Our Church on Mission: Our Identity and Our Future”** led by Fr. Paul Adaja and hosted at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 8101 West Golf Road in Niles. We hope you will come for a Lent mission we hope will help shape the weeks of Lent for all of us.

Fr. Paul will introduce the Lent Mission when he gives the homily in person at next Saturday's evening Masses at both St. Martha and St. Isaac Jogues Churches and via cd for the morning Masses next Sunday, Mar. 6. Father Paul was born and raised in Southwest Nigeria and ordained in July, 2009. He came to the United States in 2013 for further studies at Loyola University, where he now teaches. He received his doctorate in Theology in 2021. Father Paul also serves as a resident priest at Sts. Peter – Lambert in Skokie.



“This mission is a journey of how we can enrich our spiritual life drawing from the treasures of the Church's identity and mission. The Catholic today has challenges that reflect a world that wants to engage less with God. How do we relate with this world and at the same time maintain our identity without compromising our age-old values? How can we draw strength from the universal nature of our Faith to heal the division in our world? How can the Church's identity still be realized in a world in which the body of Christ now realizes itself in several forms rather than physical structures? These are some of the questions we shall explore together to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery in a way that appreciates our identity as Church and faithful Catholics.”

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place one hour before the Mission talk for those who want to come before the Lord to listen, to pray, to reflect. At the end of the sessions we will have Benediction (Sun. and Mon. done about 8 p.m.) or Mass (Tues. done about 8:30 p.m.). A free-will offering will be taken up at each session. The schedule of days is as follows:

Sunday, Mar. 6 – 3:00 p.m. Exposition and Adoration / 4:00 p.m. *The Identity and Marks of the Church*

Monday, Mar. 7 – 6:00 p.m. Exposition and Adoration / 7:00 p.m. *The Challenges to the Identity and Marks of the Church*

Tuesday, Mar. 8 – 6:00 p.m. Exposition and Adoration / 7:00 p.m. *Realizing a Thriving Future for the Church*



Please pray for the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit as Fr. Paul and our parish prepare for this time of renewal, vitality, and hope so that strengthened in our discipleship we may faithfully carry on the mission Christ entrusted to the Church for the world and for the glory of God!



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	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
LORNA ALBA	MATTHEW PONDER
CINDY NOLAN	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
MARTHA DEMKO	BRAD BOWER
REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY	LAURA & DANNY MORA
TIM DENDOR	SHARON KILIKEVICE
CAROLYN BEIL	PELAGIA SAJULGA
NELSON PETINES	PATTY ZEMAN
TERRY GAZDZIAK	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA
FR. DAN FALLON	IRENE LINGAYA
CURT NAPRAVNIK	CATHY FORST
JOHN FOLISI	BERNITA DEL ROSARIO
DAVID NUCCIO	ROSE SIMPSON
ALISON TOLSON LORD	KATHY EGLOFF
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VICENTE F. CASTILLO	CORNELIO NATIFIDAD II
FR BERNARD KENNEDY	BRENDA WHITEHEAD
ANGELES ASTUDILLO	CHERYL HEYDENBURG
	ROSE LUZ
	LINDA FERRER-RAMOS
	LOURDES B. MANDANAS
	AMADOR ASTUDILLO

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c;
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19;
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;
Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).



Norbert Florek

In Memoriam

Mass Intentions

Sunday - February 27, 2022

8:00 a.m.	John Affatati Jr. Jim Kveton
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Bob & Mary Chernesky

Monday - February 28, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society Christine Wolf
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Tuesday - March 1, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Marian Rutkowski
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Wednesday - March 2, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Amilia Cymorman & Family
7:00 p.m.	Laura Hall-Schordje

Thursday - March 3, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Roman Pecak
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Friday - March 4, 2022

8:00 a.m.	Teresa Mazgaj
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Saturday - March 5, 2022

5:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ Dorothy Sommer Sr. Joyce Roehl, slw
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Sunday - March 6, 2022

8:00 a.m.	John Areno
10:00 a.m.	Igoe & Burke Family Purificacion Rodriguez Lilia Banzon Jose Family - In Thanksgiving

Next Week Liturgy Schedule March 5th & 6th

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that the course of our world
may be directed by your peaceful rule
and that your Church may rejoice,
untroubled in her devotion.

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.

Reflection question:

How can I help bring about God's
peaceful reign?



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