



# SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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**JESUS I TRUST IN YOU**



## Hippity- Hoppity Halleluia!

“No Dumb Bunny ...”

It was “strange but true” for a suburban Catholic parish on Easter Sunday a few years ago. The presider intoned, “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia.” The congrega-

tion responded, “Thanks be to God, Alleluia!” Before the final hymn began, suddenly, and without explanation, the **Easter Bunny** appeared. He was slightly under five feet eight inches and well-stuffed into his white velour costume. He skipped ahead of the ministers to the joyful strains of “Jesus Christ has Risen Today.” Distributing foil-wrapped chocolate eggs as he hopped, the Bunny delighted children and stunned many moderately conservative adults. As I heard the story, it didn’t take long for most people to recognize that the Easter Bunny bore an unmistakable resemblance to Fr. X, the associate pastor!

Without being “uptight”, I can assure all who read this article that “Bunny” will not appear at St. Isaac Jogues during my time as pastor. Mixing the Easter Bunny with the Risen Lord is just too much for the average Catholic! It is a mixture that easily confuses myth with mystery, faith with fantasy, and God with Madison Avenue! With that said, it may surprise many that I am devoting this article to the “Easter Bunny.” Why?

Our expressions of faith, our sacred symbols, are there for a reason. It is easy to dismiss the “Bunny” as dumb. Isn’t it a pagan symbol of fertility and passionate love? There appears to be nothing profound about “Mr. Hoppity” or the folklore about him laying Easter Eggs! To understand the **value** and **meaning** of a perennial Easter symbol, like the Easter Bunny, we have to “dig deeply” into legends and myths. What did the symbol mean originally? Why did Christians find it appealing?

The Easter Bunny can be traced back to Teutonic myths about the Spring Hare. For the pagan Germans, the hare was an animal clearly associated with fertility. As a herbivore, the hare does not attack or harm other animals. Stories were told about how the hare would “sacrifice” himself when another of his kind was attacked by hounds or other predators. In the rites of Spring, the hare was also chosen as a sacrificial victim. The “Easter Egg” produced by the hare is mythic symbol

of how new life comes from a sacrificial death. One can see why Christians were attracted to the Spring Hare.

Christians used the imagery of the hare or rabbit in a number of ways. Artists sometimes used the rabbit as a symbol of “Christians who hoped to be saved by Christ’s passion and death.” Fr. Francis X. Weiser claims that the “Easter Bunny” story appeared as late as the 15th Century in Germany, but long before that, rabbits were accepted Christian images of innocence and abundant life.

In his **“A Lenten Hobo Honeymoon,”** Edward Hays offers even more insight into the rabbit as a Christian Symbol.

*One reason why the rabbit acquired this holy images was because of its physical build. Since the rabbit has shorter front legs, it was thought to be able to run uphill swiftly and to elude its enemies. The mystics considered this ability as a sign of predisposition to seek the higher things in life and to do God’s will, which they saw as always being uphill.*

To the objection that the rabbit is too closely associated with physical fertility and sexual passion, Hays says:

*While at first the image may throw us back, its symbolic meaning is most appropriate for the followers of the Risen One, those who are called to be passionate lovers of God and of one another. Each of Christ’s disciples is daily called to be fertile as a healthy fig tree or a robust rabbit in creating the perpetually new reign of God.*

Reflecting on the Easter Mystery, it is easier to connect a baby chick pecking its way out of an egg to Christ bursting forth from the tomb than it is to connect a Bunny with Christ’s sacrifice and gift of eternal life. But the connections are **there** for those who search for them. The next time we bite into a chocolate “Bunny,” this knowledge won’t change the taste, but it may help us to see how “Hoppity” and “Halleluia” belong together. No dumb bunny ... no silly rabbit, but a “strange but true” reflection of the Risen Lord.

-Fr. Luczak





### THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY: TODAY

We will celebrate The Feast of Mercy TODAY beginning with the Noon Mass. It will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 3:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. with confessions being heard in English and Polish. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed in English, Polish and Tagalog at 3:00 p.m. and conclude with Benediction. All are invited to conclude the Octave of Easter with praise and thanks to God in Christ for His Divine Mercy.

## DIVINE MERCY FOR AMERICA



In her diary (#714) Jesus asked St. Faustina to pray for her country (Poland) through a novena of the Litany of the Saints, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Holy Hours, Adoration, and seeking the intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

On the Feast of the Assumption Our Blessed Mother told St. Faustina, *“My daughter, what I demand from you is prayer, prayer and once again prayer, for the world and especially for your country. For nine days, receive Holy Communion in atonement and unite yourself closely to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.”* (Diary #325)

A suggestion: On the first nine days of each month, pray the Litany of the Saints and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for our country.

## MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK



The Spring Mass of Anointing of the Sick will take place on **Saturday, April 13, at 1:00 p.m. in Church.** Refreshments will follow in the Holy Family Room. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit (illness, grief, aging, etc.). Family members and caregivers are welcome to come and also be strengthened by the prayer and support of the community. Members of the parish are encouraged to come and join with the Ministers of Care in praying for our brothers and sisters in need of healing and peace. The Prayer Shawl Ministers will also have some of shawls and lap blankets available for those who might benefit from their warmth and embrace of prayer.

## Religious Education

Confirmation Year II Candidates who would like to help plan the Confirmation Mass are to come to the Holy Family Room at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8.

Confirmation Year II Candidates are to have all service hours, summaries, Gift of the Spirit journals, Saint Name papers, and all other work turned in by April 8. Sponsor response forms are also due by that day.

The Day of the Spirit Retreat for Confirmation Year II Candidates is Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided and during lunch Candidates will have their final interview with their staff members. Candidates should come prepared to write their letter to Bishop Manz telling him why they want to be confirmed and why they feel ready at this time. Permission forms are due in the RE Office by Monday night.

Confirmation Year I Candidates will have a test on Chs. 13-20 and on the precepts of the Church. Study well!

### **SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION**

The Spiritual Life Commission will meet on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the RE Office to discuss our Lent events and to look ahead to the Seven Joys of Mary Prayer Service in May.

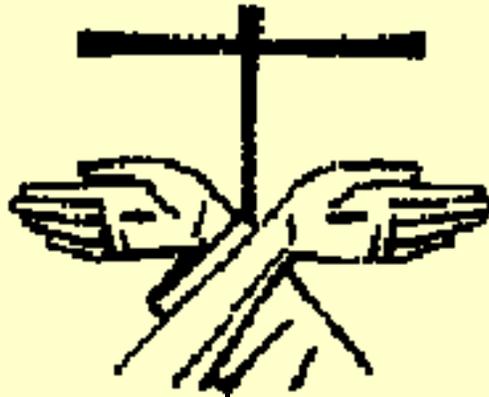
### RECEPTION FOR FR. KENNEDY

Much of the reception is being provided by various organizations/ministries of the parish. Cake has also been ordered, but we would be grateful for cookies or other dessert bars (brownies, lemon squares, etc.) for the sweet table. If you are able to bring something, please sign up on the sheet in the Holy Family Room today or next weekend. We would also appreciate help serving food and beverages, as well as with clean up. That sign up sheet will also be available in the Holy Family Room these next two weekends. If you have questions, please call Dee Stanton, 847/966-1180. Thank you!

### UPDATE ON FR. STAGAMAN

Several parishioners have inquired about Fr. David Stagaman, SJ, who was one of our weekend presiders until about 18 months ago when he had a bad fall and surgery before Christmas, 2011. We have learned that he had some other falls and surgeries since then, is not moving around very well, and is not likely to return to the Chicago area. He is being well taken care of by the Jesuit Community in Clarkston, Michigan. If you would like to send a note or card to Fr. Stagaman, you are welcome to do so. However, we are asked to understand that he may or may not respond depending on how he is feeling. The priest we spoke with here in Chicago, where Fr. Stagaman had lived, thanked us for our kindness, our prayers and our concern even after all these months since Fr. Stagaman was last with us. Here is the address:

Fr. David Stagaman, SJ  
Colombiere Center  
9075 Big Lake Road  
Clarkson, MI 48346-1015



With Praise and Thanksgiving  
To Almighty God  
And to The Blessed Virgin Mary

The Faith Community  
of Saint Isaac Jogues  
Requests the Honor of your Presence for

The Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ministry  
of Father Bernard Kennedy, OFM

12:00 Noon Mass  
Sunday, April 21, 2013

Reception to follow in the Holy Family Room

## YEAR OF SUNDAY MASS: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*"On this Divine Mercy Sunday we hear, as we do every Sunday, the words "This is the chalice of my blood...which will be poured out for you...for the forgiveness of sins..." Do I truly hear and really heed the words of God's mercy that are spoken to me? Do these words make a difference?"*

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME: **WITNESS**

"When we celebrate Sunday Mass together, we fulfill a weighty responsibility that we have for the whole world. Saint Paul told the Corinthians, and this applies to us as well: 'For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes' (I Corinthians 11:26). We proclaim and we give witness to the Lord's death. But to whom do we proclaim and to whom do we give witness?"

"No matter the size of the congregation or the grandeur (or simplicity) of the ritual, when we believers gather on Sunday to celebrate Mass, we offer the world witness to something that the world desperately needs. We speak to a world broken and divided by sin and death. We proclaim the power of the Lord's death to heal our wounds and to forgive our sins. We witness hope."

Louis J. Cameli, 2013 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications

*Welcome*  
*New Parishioners...*

Mr. and Mrs. Bonifacio Cayabyab

Mrs. Rita Jane Gabbett

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Aglipay

Mr. Camille Mawete

Mrs. Cecelia Trestiza

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Second Sunday of Easter  
(or of Divine Mercy)

**Monday:** The Annunciation of the Lord;  
Yom Ha-Shoa  
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)

**Thursday:** St. Stanislaus

**Saturday:** St. Martin I



## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — A large number of people gathered, bringing the sick, and all were cured (Acts 5:12-16).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

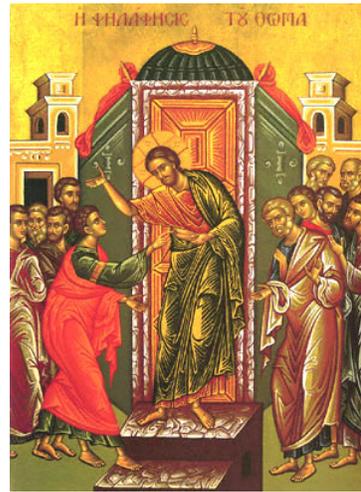
An ancient title for this Sunday is *Dominica in Albis*, or “Sunday in White.” During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed “Quasimodo Sunday,” or “Low Sunday.” In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing “Low” about this Sunday. At a week’s distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord’s presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.



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## DO NOT BE AFRAID



Did you notice? Today is called the “Second Sunday of Easter,” not the “First Sunday after Easter.” Our celebration of Easter is not over. These Sundays of Easter continue to present the mystery of Jesus Christ’s victory.

The readings begin with the “signs and wonders” abounding in those earliest days. Sick people lay in the street, hoping that at least Peter’s “shadow might fall on one or another of them.” Then, in a powerful passage from the book of Revelation, the visionary falls down “as though dead” upon seeing the victorious Christ. But Christ extends a gentle touch: “Do not be afraid . . . once I was dead, but now I am alive forever.”

In the Gospel, that same Christ appears and breathes on the disciples, and gently leads Thomas to believe. This Christ—more powerful than any evil force, victorious over death itself—touches us and whispers, “Do not be afraid.”

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

The St. Isaac Jogues Men's Club will hold their next meeting April 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.



*John Degrazia will be our host and serve his Italian Feast.*

The Men's Club April meeting is a very important meeting. All members should attend. New officers will be slated and elected and the Man of the Year will be nominated by secret vote. For the Men's Club to continue on, these procedures must be completed at this meeting. All members should come and express their opinions.

## Remember how special it was to give MOM the perfect gift for Mother's Day?



Well now you have the chance to **give that experience to a child** from our Sharing Parish, Maternity BVM. Women's Club Guild One is collecting new make-up items for the children to give to their 250 MOMS and we need your help!

**Please bring your donations to the Holy Family Room any weekend in April and place them in the box provided.** We will then wrap them and attach a small card for the children to sign for their moms. It will help make their day!

*The following **new make-up items** will be greatly appreciated:*

**Lipsticks ♦ Blush ♦ Eye Shadow ♦ Eye Liner  
Perfume ♦ Nail Polish ♦ Emory Boards**

*They can also be the free gift items given with Clinique, Estee Lauder, Lancome, etc.*

## St. Isaac Jogues Women's Club Guild #7 Card & Bunco Party

**April 18 at 7 PM  
Holy Family Room**

***This is the same party cancelled because of weather. If you have already purchased a ticket, it is good for the evening. Tickets will also be available at the door that evening.***

## San Pedro Calungsod Enshrinement & Feast Day Celebration

The Fil-Am Organization of SIJ invites all parishioners to join in the Enshrinement and Feast Day Celebration for San Pedro Calungsod, the second Filipino Saint. It will be held at Old

St. Mary's Church, Chicago, on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Bus transportation is available. Please reserve your seats ASAP. Please call Deacon Rod, 312-607-9999, for details.



## Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass



Sunday, Sept. 22  
at 2:45 p.m.  
Holy Name Cathedral  
735 North State  
Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Couples married in 1963 interested in attending this celebration should contact their parish to register.

For further information, call the **Family Ministries Office** at **312.534.8351** or visit the website:

[www.familyministries.org](http://www.familyministries.org)

## “Make Our Garden Grow” Concert

Live concert featuring piano and vocal music. Sunday, April 21 at 3:00 pm. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Music Director Russell Stern will play piano with members of our music ministry singing Broadway, Jazz and Opera selections. Tickets are \$20 at the door; for children admission is free. Our

Lady of Perpetual Help Church is located at 1775 Grove Street in Glenview. For more information call the Parish Office at 847.729.1525.



## The Women's Center April 2013



Pregnant women in difficult situations often find themselves feeling confused, under pressure and alone. At The Women's Center our counselors help them through friendship, counseling, and material assistance. We have saved over 36,000 women and their babies from the horrible consequences of abortion. We receive beautiful letters of “thanks”.

If you wish to volunteer your time and talents, volunteers are needed to help sell flowers after Masses for our annual flower sale on Mother's Day weekend, May 11 and 12, either at your parish or a parish other than your own. We also need help sorting donations and assisting clients in our Chicago Family Resource Room on Saturdays from noon until 3:00 pm. To help, email [jkeenana@womens-center.org](mailto:jkeenana@womens-center.org) or call Jackie at 773-794-8807.

Use [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) instead of google for your internet searches and earn pro-life money for The Women's Center. Choose charity name: Womens Center - Greater Chicagoland. Thank you.

We are happy to pass on your used baby equipment to mothers who cannot afford to buy it. **Our need is great because we have two distribution centers.** We have a waiting list for 2 high chairs, 4 strollers, 2 double strollers, 6 infant car seats, 3 bassinets, 6 baby swings, 4 bouncers, 5 pack n plays, 4 fixed side cribs and mattresses and 2 toddler beds. A donation receipt for tax purposes is available. It will be a great help if you can deliver these to us. For our address, or if a pick-up by volunteers is needed, please call 773-794-1313. Mom and baby toiletries, baby wipes, baby formula and **diapers in sizes 1 and 5 are desperately needed.** We also need older children's clothing, especially for boys, sizes 7 to 12. These must be delivered to us unless accompanied by baby furniture. The families who receive these things are grateful for your generosity.

Sunday, April 7	
7:30 a.m.	GUY ZIMMER
9:00 a.m.	DREYFUSS FAMILY
10:30 a.m.	EDUARDO RODRIGUEZ & IRENEO GIRON, SR.
12:00 p.m.	<i>For the Living &amp; Deceased Members of St. Isaac Jogues</i> ELENO PACTOL
Monday, April 8	
8:00 a.m.	<i>Purgatorial Society</i> STEVEN ZOURKAS
Tuesday, April 9	
8:00 a.m.	WOODROW GUINTO
Wednesday, April 10	
8:00 a.m.	FRANCISCO NERONA
Thursday, April 11	
8:00 a.m.	JUAN & ISABEL GINES
Friday, April 12	
8:00 a.m.	LEONOR GINES
Saturday, April 13	
8:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service- No Intentions</i>
1:00 a.m.	<i>Mass of Anointing No Intentions</i>
5:00 p.m.	<i>For the Living &amp; Deceased Members of St. Isaac Jogues</i> HELEN POLINSKI
Sunday, April 14	
7:30 a.m.	LISOWSKI FAMILY
9:00 a.m.	RAPHEL CHIRAYATH
10:30 a.m.	KENNY M. REZIERE & MARIE YVES THOMAS
12:00 p.m.	SMITH & TOOHEY

FR. MCGLYNN

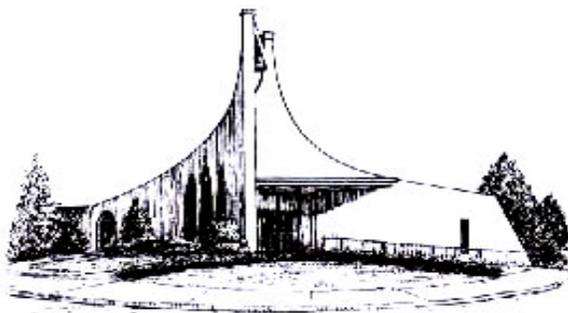
*Reconciliation*

## Liturgy Next Weekend

April 13-14	Celebrant
<b>April 13</b> 1:00 p.m. <i>Mass of Anointing</i>	FRS. LUCZAK, KENNEDY & MCGLYNN
5:00 p.m.	FR. KENNEDY/DEACON ROD
<b>April 14</b> 7:30 a.m.	FR. MCGLYNN/DEACON PAUL
9:00 a.m.	FR. KALAS/DEACON PAUL
10:30 a.m.	FR. LUCZAK DEACON JOHN PAUL
12:00 p.m.	FR. JANAS/DEACON ROD
1:30 p.m. <i>Baptisms</i>	DEACON JOHN PAUL

*Altar Servers*

5:00 p.m.	ATHENA LASCO TRISHA BONTO ELIZABETH MORENO
7:30 a.m.	GED VALLO TARA VALLO THOMAS STRIBLEN
9:00 a.m.	JOANNE ARENO KHAYLA SANTIAGO JONATHAN MAGBOO, JR.
10:30 a.m.	ALEXIS JANIK ALENA JOSEPH JEFFERY KURIAN
12:00 p.m.	ALFONSO HANSON JULIE HANSON MARCO LAMBO



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Deacon & Mrs. Paul M. Stanton

**WEEKEND LITURGY PRESIDERS:**

Rev. Ron Kalas  
Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.  
Rev. Philip McGlynn, O.S.M.  
Rev. Camillus Janas, O.F.M.

**Eucharistic Celebrations:**

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, & 12:00 Noon  
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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**BULLETIN SICK LIST**

The sick and hospitalized are to be held in thought and prayer. For their family, friends, and faith community it is often times the best, and sometimes even only, way we can help and support them. Yet we must remember that by law we cannot publicly let our parish community know the health status of any of our members without their permission. What that means is that we cannot put people’s names in the bulletin sick list for prayer without permission.

As a reminder our policy is as follows: Names for the sick list in the bulletin have to be called in by the person who is ill or by a member of their family. At the time they call in the name they will be asked whether they are the sick person him/herself, or a member of their family and if they give permission for the name to be placed on the list. They will be asked for the correct spelling of the sick person’s name. If a family member, they will be required to give their name for our records. The name will be in the bulletin for one month.

Then the person’s name will be inscribed in the Book of Community Prayer. All people and prayer requests are remembered during the petitions at all the weekend Masses. Their names will also be given to our Ministers of Praise to pray for them daily.

*Pray for...*

MARK DUVAL

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