

SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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Mission: “A Catholic Parish sharing experiences of the Kingdom of God”

Administrator: Rev. Carlos Pereira, S.F.X.

Pastoral Staff:

Deacon Paul M. Stanton (Dolores)
Lori Ronczka, Business Manager
Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education
Lisa Hall, Director of Music

Weekend Mass Celebrant:

Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

Masses: Saturday, 5PM

Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

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Parish School: St. John Brebeuf School

847-966-3266 or sjbschool.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 11AM - 12:30PM, BY RESERVATION

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:

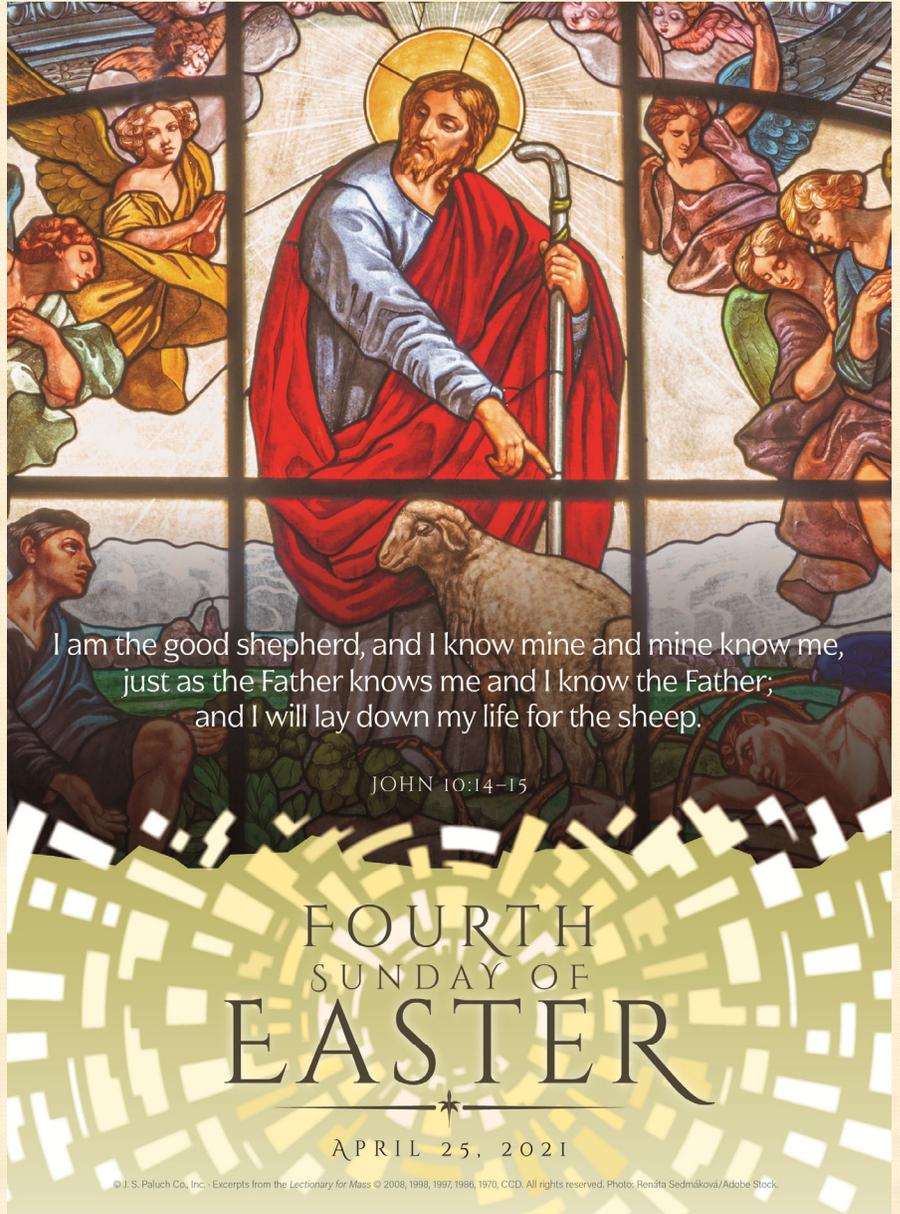
Friday at 5:00 p.m.

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.



ST ISAAC JOGUES - Parish Leaders

Parish Pastoral Council			Finance Committee Advisors	
Ted Lenart, Chairperson	Kathy Denning	Gerry Zeller	Kathy Denning	Barbara Watson
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Debbie Dexter	Fernando Bonto	Maria Swidzinski	Lori Ronczka	
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Men's Club Chairperson – Don Baron				
Fil-Am Chairperson – Jelly Carandang (Interim)				

THOUGHTS FROM FR. JOSE

CALLED TO BE GOOD SHEPHERDS

In the Gospel of this weekend, Jesus calls himself a **"good"** shepherd for two reasons. Firstly, because, he lays down his life out of love for his disciples and, secondly, because he offers them a life of special intimacy with him. He says, "I know mine and mine know me." This knowledge is not a mere intellectual understanding of a relationship; for the Hebrews **"to know"** a person meant to experience him through knowledge and love. Therefore, this mutual "knowing" is the communion of life between Jesus and disciples through which they come to share in that very life Jesus receives from the Father. As the Son knows and receives life from his Father, so those who know the Son know the Father and share in the gift of their life.

In addition, by laying down his life for them, he draws them together so that they become united through their faith in him, the one shepherd. Therefore, in the course of history the Christian community of disciples will grow, and perhaps Jesus is referring to the gentiles who will come into the church. Thus, the unity of Christians will grow in proportion to believers' submission to Christ, their shepherd, in faith, so that there is a progressive development in the living unity of Christians in one shepherd, Christ.

Besides, the Father loves his Son not only because he lays down his life in love for his disciples and unites them as one community, but also because Jesus communicates life to disciples through his resurrection by "taking" his life again (v. 17). In fact, all of Jesus' shepherd-tasks of guiding, caring for and uniting the disciples together is the will of a Father and also the loving response of a Son. All this Jesus freely undertook out of love for mankind.

This weekend has been designated as: "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." Our Archdiocese in the Annual Vocations Appeal says: **"Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church. We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. He says in today's gospel, 'A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' The mission of Jesus culminates in his self-sacrificing love. He gave himself so that we might live."**

The Annual Vocations Appeal further says: "Every Christian vocation is rooted in Jesus' self-giving in love. This is certainly true in marriage and in the dedicated single life. It is also notable in the particular vocation we want to consider today: priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and consecrated religious life. The men and women who embrace these vocations live their lives as enduring reminders for the rest of the Church that we are all called to follow Christ, the Good Shepherd, in his self-giving love. We are also aware of the great need we have in the Church today, the need for men and women to hear the call and respond generously to it. It is a personal and community response that will enable us to have both a sufficient number of vocations and the sufficient qualities to meet the complex situation of our Church and world."

So, my friends, we need to pray for more vocations to priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and consecrated religious life, so that we may have more holy and spirit filled shepherds to lead, feed and protect the Catholic faith. We ask you to encourage and pray for our young men and women, to respond to God's call to serve his Church.

EASTER REFLECTION: From a homily on the Gospels by St. Gregory the Great, pope

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own – by which I mean, I love them – and my own know me. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it. My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that *anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar.*

"Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. Clearly he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father. Again he says: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life.* Shortly before this he had declared: *If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture.* He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from believe to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

"So our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more.

"Beloved, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn aside from the joy of that heavenly east. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveler who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going."

THANK YOU

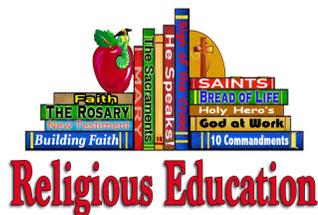
The Liturgy Board thanks everyone for their generosity in giving alms to our designated recipients during Lent and the Sacred Triduum. Your gifts blessed them as follows: Well of Mercy -- \$754; Sunday Mass at Mercy Home -- \$1,513; Knights of Columbus Council 4338 -- \$861; SIJ Outreach Ministry -- \$1,555. Know that your goodness will benefit many. God bless you!

A HEALING AND ATONEMENT NOVENA PRAYER

God our Father, we thank You for sending Your Archangels to guide us during our pilgrimage on earth, especially in this time of heartache in our lives and crisis in our Church (due to the issue of clergy sexual abuse).

We pray to Michael, our Protector, to fight for us, for our loved ones, and for all who are in danger, and to protect them from harm of body and soul. We pray to Gabriel, who brought us the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ, to open our crushed hearts to the forgiveness and reparation won for us by Jesus on the Cross. We pray to Raphael, who brings healing, to restore to fullness of life, body, and soul, all who have been harmed, all of us who are suffering, and grief stricken.

We make our prayers, Father, as Your daughters and sons, one family united in the Spirit of Your Son, as we walk together in atonement towards healing and peace. Amen.



+The May RE newsletter will be sent on Remind before class Monday. Please be looking for it and read it carefully. Note that the Family Event has moved from May 17 to May 10.

+St. Isaac Jogues Parish congratulates, and prays for God's blessings upon, the children who today will receive Jesus, the Good Shepherd and Bread of Life, in Holy Communion for the first time: Noah A. Baquial, Jaden Ivor De Leon, Erin Go Ebreo, Ryan A. Kanappilly, and Rania A. Kash.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TODAY

We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. He says in today's gospel, "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." The mission of Jesus culminated in his self-sacrificing love. He gave himself so that we might live. This is the great mystery of love present in the Eucharist. "This is my body, given up for you. This is my blood, poured out for you." Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church. Join us Sunday afternoon (today) from 3 to 4 p.m. for an hour of adoration for vocations as we livestream via St. Alphonsus YouTube channel. If you have questions regarding your vocation, please contact Fr. Tim Monahan, Archdiocesan Vocation Director, at 312-534-8298 or tmonahan@archchicago.org.

VOCATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, We beg you for good and holy priests, deacons and religious. In every age you call men and women to follow you as servants and shepherds of your people. Open their hearts to your call and give them the courage to follow you. Be their rock of refuge and their light as they discern. Help us to support them on their journey and to love them as your disciples. We thank you for all that you are and all that you do. In your name we pray. Amen.

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.



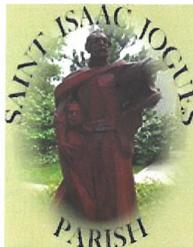
Altar Flowers

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.



MAY CROWNING

During the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 1st, we will honor our Blessed Mother with a May Crowning assisted by a few of our First Communicants and/or RE students. As it will be part of the Mass, you will need to make a reservation to come for the Mass.



GREATER CHICAGO - FOOD - DEPOSITORY.

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Food and Fresh Produce for residents of Niles and the Surrounding Community.

St. Isaac Jogues Parish along with the Greater Chicago Food Depository and Catholic Charities is organizing a Drive-Through Food Distribution

WHO Open to anyone who needs the support!

WHEN Wednesday, April 28, 2021

4:00pm – 6:00pm

WHERE St. Isaac Jogues Parish Parking Lot
8149 W. Golf Road Niles

*** Be sure to clear out your trunk or bring a cart to take your food home!**

Food will be given away FIRST-COME/FIRST-SERVED basis, until supplies last, distribution will take place "rain, snow or shine."

For more information about **additional food resources** in our community, please contact the **Greater Chicago Food Depository at 773-247-FOOD** or visit their website at chicagosfoodbank.org. For **additional Social Services** in our community, please contact **Catholic Charities North Regional Service Center at 1717 Rand Road - 847-376-2100** or call their **Suburban Cook County Call Center at 877-426-6515**



SIJ OUTREACH PANTRY

The Outreach Ministry Pantry needs some restocking. The following items would be very helpful at this time:

pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, stews, canned fruit, rice, beans (kidney, black, garbanzo), small bottles of detergent (dollar store), shampoo, tooth paste, deodorant (that can be used by a male or female).

Items may be brought to church when you come for Mass during the week or on the weekend, or contact the RE Office, 847/966-1180 or 967-1060, to set up a time to drop them off.



Pray for

MICHAEL NOBLE	TONY LIVORSI
JULIE HIGGINS	JOHN ROMANO
CARL AFFATATI	AUDREY JANS
RICHARD VAIL	DAVID FORST
BETTY LANDON	KIMBERLY KNOX
EMILY SITKOWSKI	DIANE BAUER
CYNTHIA MELNICK	NONA YOAKUM
MICHAEL FOLISI	KATHY EGLOFF
DOROTHY BEZDON	ROBERT STEPHENSON
MATTHEW PONDER	LAURA HALL - SCHORDJE
FELICITA BAYANI	HENRIETTA SAGARIO
EMILY CABRERA	MARY SUNSHINE PONDER
LORNA ALBA	JUDY CABRERA
SUSAN ARENDT	YUL VENTURA
CINDY NOLAN	SHARON KILIKEVICE
MARTHA DEMKO	PELAGIA SAJULGA
REMEDIOS MAGPANTAY	PATTY ZEMAN
LAURA MORA	ALEXANDRA LAQUAGWA
TIM DENDOR	NORBERT FLOREK
	IRENE LINGAYA
	CATHY FORST
	LEOFORD DE GUZMAN

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

U.S. Army Reserves - Christopher Dexter

United States Marines - Patrick Edward Echavez
Joseph John Zimmerman III
Lance Renner
Gian Patrick Reyes
Kyle Franklin

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.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There is no salvation through anyone else (Acts 4:8-12).

Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

Gospel — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14,
16; Mt 13:54-58

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32;
1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



THE GLORY OF GOD

The glory of God is humanity fully alive.

—St. Irenaeus

Mass Intentions

Sunday - April 25, 2021 - Easter

8:00 a.m.	Joseph Thomas
10:00 a.m.	Rosa Di Franco
	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ
12:00 p.m.	Lizzette Jose - Spec. Intention

Monday - April 26, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society John Affatati
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Tuesday - April 27, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Thomas Banner Sabu Chakalakal
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Wednesday - April 28, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Janet Grant
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Thursday - April 29, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Dave Winans - Spec. Intention
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Friday - April 30, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Marco Di Franco
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Saturday - May 1, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Xavier Job
5:00 p.m.	Buenaventura Bunanig
	John Areno
	Stanley Jezior
	Tony Irmien
	Living & Deceased Members of SIJ

Sunday - May 2, 2021

8:00 a.m.	Maria & Waldemar Tolpkowski
10:00 a.m.	Marco Di Franco
12:00 p.m.	Purificacion Rodriguez
	Jeffrey Musni

Next Week Liturgy Schedule May 1st & 2nd

Confession - 11:00 a.m.	Fr. Jose
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Jose/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Jose
10:00 a.m.	Fr. Jose



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The Knights of Columbus Council 4338, North American Martyrs, would like to express its profound appreciation and gratitude for the St. Isaac Jogues 2021 Alms Giving Campaign. The generous \$861 contribution will be put towards the Council's various charities, including charities for developmental disabilities, Coats for Kids program, Food for Families and the Wheelchair Foundation. We wish to thank the priests, staff and parishioners for their generosity and shared commitment to serving our community! God Bless!



You can safely make your Annual Catholic Appeal & parish donations electronically by logging into give-central.org - register today!

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