

### SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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## The kingdom of heaven is like a farmer who sowed good seed



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 20, 2008

### Pastor's notes

### "LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT"

What ever became of **Trivial Pursuit**? **Trivial Pursuit** was the board game that took America by storm in the 1980s. The "game" offered 1,000 trivia questions in six categories to challenge players. The object was to answer questions in all six categories and proceed to the center of the board for the game winning question. In a way, it was a little like "Parlor Jeopardy" without buzzers and theme music.

Can you answer **all** these questions correctly?

"What grandson of a Polish king was also the "Pretender" to the throne of England?"

"Who popularized the slogan, Black Power?"

"What Hugh Lofting character lived in Pud deby—on- the- Marsh and had a pet duck named Dab Dab?"

"Who was the first major league baseball player to have his number retired?"

"Who was the 'Sarong Girl'?"

The correct answers are (in order):

Bonnie Prince Charlie, Stokely Carmichael, Dr. Doolittle, Lou Gehrig and Dorothy Lamour!

If you were able to answer all or most of the questions correctly, you probably left behind the desire to "buy" Boardwalk or Park Place, the civilized mastery of **Backgammon** and the nostalgic non-sense of **Old Maid** back in the 1980s. You were made for **Trivial Pursuit.** I know I was!

From my experience and all reports, Trivial Pursuit

was both educational and community building. It had a special appeal for those of us who were educated beyond practical need and rarely forget a thing! Trivia is, after all, "unnecessary knowledge"— a collection of trifles. But can anyone make a living by quoting Homer in the original Greek?

Can anyone halt the aging process by recounting legends about the "Fountain of Youth?" Is there value in "unnecessary knowledge?"

As - a priest, I am in a "profession" I consider a VO-CATION. The secular world sees **clergy** as useless. Clergy traffic in the intangible. Faith, idealism, morality, a pattern for living that leads to ultimate truth-for some these remain useless and trivial pursuits. But for others, such "unnecessary knowledge" is a talisman for happiness and a ladder to perfection. Isn't it strange how people who possess broad and seemingly useless knowledge never seem to tire of life? They don't surrender to the plague of boredom that assaults us from the playpen to the rocking chair to the grave.

One of my favorite quotes on the subject was given me by a ninety year old nun, who found joy in her dedication to detail. Michelangelo said it and we, practical Americans of the twenty-first century, may well ponder it:

> "Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle!"

Our world has become sloppy because we expect perfection only from "Word Perfect" and the precision of our technological toys. I prefer **Trivial Pursuit**, the company of friends, the poetry of the useless and the inspiration of the saints. I confess to being "computer illiterate." But if given a choice, I'd rather have an objet d'art than a "gizmo."



Bonnie Prince Charlie

- Fr. Luczak



### RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of prayer, reflection, study and discussion for individuals who have never been baptized, who are baptized Christians but who seek to learn more about the Catholic Church, or who are baptized Catholic but have not been catechized in the faith and have not received First Communion or Confirmation. To learn more about the RCIA process, please call Dee Stanton or Joyce Mills at 847/966-1180.

### AT HOME PILGRIMAGE

The Archdiocese of Chicago invites you to participate in an "At Home Pilgrimage" to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Appearance of Our Blessed Mother to St. Bernadette at Lourdes. While some in the Archdiocese are making the pilgrimage to Lourdes with Cardinal George, those unable to go can still share in the pilgrimage spirit and the spirit of prayer here in the Archdiocese with Bishop Paprocki. A plenary indulgence has been granted to participants in the at home pilgrimage.

The schedule for the Archdiocese of Chicago At Home Pilgrimage is as follows:

Friday, August 1, 7:30 p.m.—Departure Mass for ALL Pilgrims, Queen of All Saints Bascilica in Chicago Concelebrated by Cardinal George and Bishop Paprocki

Monday, August 4, 7:30 p.m.—Opening Mass for the At Home Pilgrimage, Our Lady of Lourdes Church 4640 N. Ashland, Chicago

Tuesday, August 5, 7:30 p.m.—Torchlight Rosary Procession, Felician Sisters-Mother of Good Counsel Province, 3800 W. Peterson, Chicago

Wednesday, August 6, 7:30 p.m.—Archdiocesan Mass followed by Eucharistic Procession St. Mary of the Angels, 1850 N. Hermitage, Chicago

Thursday, August 7, 7:30 p.m.—Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliaiton Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W. 131<sup>st</sup>, Orland Park

Friday, August 8, 7:30 p.m.—Torchlight Way of the Cross, Mundelein Seminary Grotto St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein

### READINGS FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (green)

I Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Romans 8:28-30

Mathew 13:44-52

### ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

I KINGS: "The wisdom of King Solomon was proverbial. Today's reading portrays events that occurred early in Solomon's reign. We will hear how he became a wise person."

ROMANS: "As we continue our readings from the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, we will today hear Paul use the word predestined. This word does not mean that individuals are locked into a destiny over which they have no control. Rather, it means that in Christ, God provided abundant grace for everyone."



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

\*Registration for the 2008-2009 Religious Education Program for families with children in K-Gr. 8 is ongoing! If you have not yet taken care of this important task, please contact the RE Office this week and set up a time to register, 847/966-1180.

Kindergarten classes meet on Sunday mornings, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and Grs. 1-8 (Confirmation Year II) meet on Monday evenings, 6:45-8:00 p.m. Students must participate in religious education classes for at least two years prior to receiving a sacrament. Families are strongly encouraged to have their children attend religious education every year to assist them in their faith development and formation. Families who have children with special needs or older children who have not yet celebrated First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, etc., are encouraged to talk with us to see what options are available for your children's participation.

There are tuition and sacrament fees but please note that **no one is denied religious education due to financial difficulties**. **If you have a concern, please contact the RE Office at 847/966-1180 to discuss the situation**. Please call that same number for other information or to have questions answered. Thank you!

### RE ASSISTANTS SOUGHT

The Religious Education Program can use the help of teens or adults as assistants (in Gr. 1, 2, and 3) in the coming year. If you can give about an hour and a half on Monday nights, enjoy being with children, and have a desire to share our Catholic faith and tradition with them, this may be a ministry to consider. There are some training/formation sessions to attend at the beginning of the year and 31 sessions during the year (from the end of August to the middle of May). Please pray about this invitation and if you would like more information, please contact Dee Stanton at 847/966-1180. Archdiocesan requirements for volunteers will also be explained. We hope to hear from you soon!

### **ROOM PARENTS**

Looking for a way to be a little more involved with the RE Program without having to commit a lot of time? Being a Room Parent might be a way! Room Parents have two meetings a year (August and May); they coordinate one reception during the year and help with set-up, serving, and clean-up; they attend prayer services/ Mass with the children; are an extra pair of hands for special class projects or celebrations (as needed and as available or you call others parents/guardians of the class to help instead). Most Room Parents will tell you it's been a good experience and not very time consuming at all.

To discuss your possible involvement with Gr. 1, 2, 4, or 7, and to learn about Archdiocesan requirements for volunteers (application, background check, workshop) please call the Religious Education Office at 847/966-1180.

### SPRED HELPER CATECHIST

Our SPRED Community invites you (adults 21 and older) to consider joining us as a helper catechist working with one of our adult friends who is cognitively challenged. The team meets 12 times a year and the whole group meets 12 times a year to share faith and friendship (sessions held on Wednesdays from September-April with a long break near Thanksgiving/Christmas) and then we meet for Mass a couple times (September and Ash Wednesday). As part of your commitment you observe a SPRED session at another parish and you

attend a training session (usually on a Saturday). When you join the team, per Archdiocesan requirements, there is paperwork to fill out, a mandatory workshop and a background check. For further information about this ministry or to discuss your possible participation, please call Dee Stanton at 847/966-1180.

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM SUPPLIES DRIVE

The sales are starting and we will again have an After School Program Supplies Drive for our Sharing Parish Maternity BVM! Donations may be brought to the Holy Family Room the weekends of August 9-10 and 15-17. The after school program at Maternity BVM was a big success this past year and lots of children stayed for it according to school principal Paula Calvert. A Brownie Troop was formed during the last few months and they also hope to begin a Junior Girl Scout Troop, too. The following are items that would be very helpful:

Soccer balls, basketballs, nerf (soft) footballs, volley balls, hula hoops, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, all types of arts and crafts materials (for use by the "Fun Club" and the Girl Scout troops). If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, Mrs. Calvert said it would be used towards volley ball stands and net.

"Thank you again for everything from last year. It saved us a lot of money and there was plenty for them to do. Remember we have no gym." (Mrs. Calvert) In the winter they use the church basement but once a week Grades 6-8 go to the YMCA gym down the street.



### Interfaith Memorial Service

Rainbow Hospice will hold an ecumenical Interfaith Memorial Service for family and friends whose loved one was served by them and/ or who participate in their Adult Grief Group. The service will be held, Sunday, July 27 at 2PM at Our Lady of the Brook, 3700 Dundee, Northbrook. Registration is requested. To do so, please call 847-685-9900.

### Bereavement Support

Rainbow Hospice offers groups, workshops and events for those who have suffered a loss through death. The frequency, duration, and meeting days and times of support groups are variable. Most are focused on the type of loss. Groups are for those who have lost a parent, sibling, and spouse (specific to age and how long widowed). There is a program geared to children who have experienced the death of a loved one. Fees are charged for each program. For information about these offerings, please call Rainbow Hospice Bereavement Support at 847-685-9900.

### Wellness Place Cancer Resource Center

Wellness Place, a cancer resource center, holds programs, classes, counseling services and integrative therapies for those living with cancer. Offerings for July and August include: "Skin Cancer Before, During and After Cancer Treatment" (7/24), "Wellness Through Deep Hypnosis" (8/2), "Karate Life Skills" (8/4), "Help with Home Health Care Options" (8/7), "Music Therapy for Healing and Wellness" (8/27) and "Nutrition During and Post Cancer Treatment" (8/28). For further information or to register, call them at 847-221-2400. Wellness Place is located in suburban Palatine at 1619 W. Colonial Pkwy. (just NW of Harper College).





# ALTAR FLOWERS CAN BE A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE

From the weekend of May 18th through Thanksgiving Day, November 27th, 2008, parishioners are invited to decorate the altar with flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, There will be two arrangements each week. Your name and intention will be listed in the Bulletin.

The cost this year of a larger flower arrangement will be \$50.00, The flowers are yours to take home after the 12:00 noon Mass on Sunday if you wish.

Dates fill up quickly, so please book well in advance. Please call the Rectory at 847-9671060 to arrange the date to make your remembrance special!

The flowers on the altar this weekend are from:

The Stanton Family

"In Celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of John and Theresa Brady

The Statkiewicz Family

"In Celebration of Sofia Statkiewicz' Birthday"







### Washington DC—Our Nation's Capital

- Motorcoach transportation
- 5 nights lodging including 3 consecutive nights in the Washington DC area
- 8 meals: 5 breakfast and 3 dinners
- 2 full-day guided tours of Washington DC
- Evening guided Memorial Tour
- Our tours feature the new WWII Memorial, Capitol Hill, Embassy Row, the White House, the Smithsonian, and more!

\$ 484 \*

PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCU-PANCY

(Thu—Tue)

September

18—23, 2008

Departure: St. Isaac Jogues Church Parking lot

8149 Golf RD. Niles, IL

@ 8 AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS
CONTACT: BERNY ZIRKO
847.970.9744



Stewardship ...... Sunday Collection

Weekly (this year) 7/13/08—\$8,907.26

(last year) 7/16/07- \$9,223.44

Good stewards in a parish are like the yeast in today's Gospel. Their selfless gifts of time and talent help the parish grow and thrive, and their examples inspires others to become good stewards, too.



## St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church Blood Drive

Sunday, July 20, 2008
8am-2pm
Holy Family Room
To schedule an
appointment please call;
Pat Zygmunt
847-998-8928



PLENTY OF
WATER
DAY BEFORE & DAY OF



Kimberly Diana Castelino, daughter of Richard Castelino and Aloma Gonsalves

Sonali Rachel Menezes, daughter of Vinod Menezes and Maya Stgaphan

Roman Paul Punnoose, son of Ratish Punnoose and Elizabeth Cyril





UNPLANNED PREGNANCY?
Feeling confused or distraught? Call
HOPELINE for confidential aid.
(847) 823-HOPE

### The Irish Are Coming, the Irish are Coming!

Celebrating their 20th anniversary, the Milwaukee Irish Fest Choir is coming to St. Isaac Jogues Church, 8149 Golf Rd. in Niles, on JULY 25th at 7:30 pm. Tickets for this musical event are \$10.00 obtainable either through the Parish or Music Office. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The Milwaukee Irish Fest Choir is the resident choral group of the world famous Milwaukee Irish Fest. Hosting almost a quarter of a million people every year at the Maier Festival grounds on Milwaukee's lakefront, it truly is the World's largest Irish Festival. There is something for everyone.

The MIFC is composed of auditioned youth singers between 14-21 years of age. They rehearse twice weekly during the summer months to ultimately perform Main Stage events at the Fest. This year MIFC is hosting the Omagh Youth choir celebrating their tenth year as a group, and will perform together at the fest. MIFC has toured the Eastern-Midwestern US, Ireland, and is now on a mini-tour through Chicago. They have performed for dignitaries from Ireland, Great Britain, and the U.S. They continue a tradition of singing the national Anthem at Miller Park for the Brewers game every year to crowds of over 40,000.

The MIFC is directed by Chuck Kessell, former music director at St. Isaac Jogues. The Asst. Director is Kayme Henkel, a Nationally Certified Music Teacher, currently both teaching music and finishing her Doctorate in Piano in Milwaukee. The music performed in this concert is appropriate for all ages, so bring the entire family! General seating, so come early. The concert will be performed in the church proper.





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Who is this Mary of Magdala? Apparently not the woman, the unknown sinner who anointed the feet of Jesus (Cf. Luke 7:36); not the sister of Martha, for she had been wrongfully identified with both.

Among the women who followed Jesus during his public ministry, Mary Magdalene is always mentioned first, and it would seem that she was the leader of this group who used their means to provide for Jesus and his apostles. From the attention that she is given by the evangelists we are certain that she was a devoted follower, and because she received the privilege of being the first to experience the Resurrection, we understand that she was obviously greatly loved by Jesus.

from *IN HIS LIKENESS*by the
Reverend Charles E. Yost, SCJ, STL

### The Women's Center Bulletin Announcement for July, 2008

At The Women's Center we treat those who are pregnant and in a difficult situation with compassion, friend-ship and help. Very often they want their baby but are being coerced into aborting it. With our support, they are enabled to keep their baby. We receive "thank you" notes after their baby is born.

You can also help them. English and bi-lingual Spanish/English volunteers are needed to answer phones and make appointments in our Evergreen Park Counseling Office. **Volunteer ultrasound sonographers are needed for our Chicago and Evergreen Park offices.** For more information call 773-794-1313.

At the present time we need diapers, sleepers, crib sheets, bumper pads, receiving and crib blankets and toiletries. Please call 773-794-1313 for our address where these can be dropped off. The families who receive them are grateful for your generosity. We are unable to accept clothing donations during the month of July.

Also needed are toddler beds, cribs and mattresses. It will be a great help if you can deliver these to us, otherwise call 773-794-1313 to have a volunteer pick them up.

## SJB PRESCHOOLERS CELEBRATE THE YEAR

The fifty three preschoolers at St. John Brebeuf were very proud of all their accomplishments this year and happily performed some of them for their families. Songs about God and Jesus started the program, followed by individual presentations of some of the lessons they learned. Ending the program were a couple of music activities the children enjoyed during the year. Parents were amazed and grateful for all the development their children showed and the children were delighted to show their skills. Children and parents also formed friendships which may prove to be long lasting and enriching for all.

SJB Preschool currently has openings next year in the morning 3 year class (Mondays & Wednesdays- 8:20 to 11:20) and the afternoon 3 & 4 year class (Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays -12:15 to 3:15). SJB is located at 8301 N. Harlem in Niles. We look forward to welcoming your child. Please call 847-966-3266 if interested. Office hours are 7:30 to 12:00 every Tuesday and Thursday morning.



St. John Brebeuf Help Wanted

The St. John Brebeuf Extended Day Program at 8301 N. Harlem Ave. in Niles, is looking for a Closing Supervisor. This person would be responsible for closing the program each night and supervising children in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. You must enjoy working with children and have good communication skills with children and adults. The program runs in accordance with our school calendar. The hours for this paid position are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday from 1:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. For an interview or more information, please contact Linda Getty, Extended Day Coordinator at 847-967-9668.

Sunday, July 20

7:30 am For the Living & Deceased Members of

St. Isaac Jogues & their Families;

Richard Arendt

9:00 am Stanley Banas & Clara Huffman 10:30 am Eduardo Rodriguez & Jeffrey Musni

**12:00 pm** Rev. Francis Cerniglia

Monday, July 21

8:00 am Purgatorial Society;

Rose Svacina

Tuesday, July 22

8:00 am Adolph Dvorak

Wednesday, July 23

8:00 am Estela Virtusio

Thursday, July 24

8:00 am Josephine Martocci

Friday, July 25

8:00 am Eugene Anderson

Saturday, July 26

8:00 am Communion Service—No Intentions

5:00 pm Evelyn & Eddie Dziedzic

Sunday, July 27

7:30 am Harry & Esther Dombrowski

**9:00 am** For the Living & Deceased Members of

St. Isaac Jogues & their Families;

Consuelo S. Sitjar

**10:30 am** Irene Virginia & Frank Joseph Tomczak

12:00 pm Caridad Mikulec

Reconciliation Fr. McGlynn



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### Liturgies next weekend July 26 — 27 Presider



5:00 pm Fr. Kalas 7:30 am Fr. McGlynn 9:00 am Fr. McGlynn

10:30 am Fr Luczak/Deacon Rod

**12:00 pm** Fr. Stagaman

### **Altar Servers**

**5:00 pm** Roshan Muringothu, Rino Muringothu,

David Perez

7:30 am Celina Antony, Kathleen Vega,

Dominic Jose

9:00 am Jessica Joseph, Jennifer Joseph,

Cassie Baloue

**10:30 am** Edrienne Yap, Althea Yap,

Rachel Nieva

**12:00 pm** Sabin Thomas, Joana Hidalgo,

John Hidalgo

### **Sacristy Committee**

Marguerite Smoczynski, Wanda Kennedy

### **Relatives & Friends**

### Please remember the sick and hospitalized:

Bob Arns, Wilma Anapa, Mary Jean Auth,
Marian De Meo, Marie DeMeo, Marge Doyle,
Matthew Hammer, Shirley Klein, Mark Koz,
Maria Ladd, Megan Lawler, Lillian McCloud,
Jim McIntyre, Mary Ellen McNicholas, Bob Meyers,
Marilyn Michaels, Jean Necek, Pat Olech,
Tammy Heffernan Propst, Tony Romito,
Linda Bong Sanchez, Paul Sitkowski,
Pat Terzakis, Chuck Watson, Mary Zimniewicz,

Megan Zimniewicz Upshaw, Berny Zirko.



### **REST IN PEACE**

Kuruvilla John, husband of Mary

Those who are just must be kind.

- Wisdom 12:19

PASTOR: Rev. Andrew Luczak

### **PASTORAL STAFF:**

Mr. Bob Kerls, Parish Business Administrator

Mrs. Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Patricia Kellen, Parish Nurse

Mrs. Lisa Hall, Music Director

#### **DEACON COMMUNITY:**

Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. O'Keefe

Mr. Rod Ranola

Mr. & Mrs. Paul M. Stanton

### **WEEKEND LITURGY PRESIDERS:**

Rev. Ron Kalas

Rev. Larry Janowski, O.F.M. Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M. Rev. Philip McGlynn, O.S.M.

Rev. David Stagaman, S.J.

### **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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St. John Brebeuf School...... 966-3266

Principal: Mrs. Margaret Whitman

### ADDING NAMES TO THE PARISH SICK LIST

It has always been the policy of St. Isaac Jogues to offer our parish community an opportunity to pray for those parishioners who are ill and in need of our prayers. We have tried to keep close track of these names for our Bulletin as they are made available to us.

However, now we face an important privacy issue, very much like the issues faced by hospitals, health institutions, and certainly by other parishes.

We cannot (by law) publicly let our parish community know the health status of any of our members without their permission.

We appreciate the fact that often friends, neighbors, and acquaintances wish to do something special for a person who is ill, and ask to place their name on the list to be prayed for. While their intentions are surely good, we simply can no longer accept names in this manner.

We will institute a new process regarding calling in names for the Bulletin list.

Names for the sick list placed 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.

Thank you for your patience regarding this new process. We wish to do all we can to offer our parish community the opportunity to offer prayers for those who are ill — but we must also be cognizant of the fact that all members of our congregation are entitled to their privacy in this regard.

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