

December 10, 2023 – The 2nd Sunday of Advent

ST. ISAAC JOGUES

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Mon-Fri 8 am & 12:05pm. in the Church. The Chapel will open at 8:00am with Exposition from 8:30am to 8pm Seven days a week.

Saturday: 8am Daily & 5pm Vigil

Sunday: 8 & 10:30am, 12 Noon & 5pm

National Holidays: 9am

Holy Day: 8am, 12:05pm & 7:30pm

Christmas Day : 8am, 10:30am, & 12pm

New Years Day 8am & 12:05pm

Night of Reparation – 1st Friday
7:30 pm

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday 3:45 to 4:45pm and after the 12:05pm Mass on First Friday only.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Arrangements for the Sacrament of Baptism are to be made at the Rectory Office.

Sacrament of Marriage:
Arrangements for the Sacrament of marriage must be made at least six months before the intended wedding to allow time to gather the necessary documents and for Pre-Cana preparations.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the Office. 610-687-3366

Rectory Office Hours-Mon. thru Thurs. 7:30am -2:30pm

Office is Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Youth Ministry– 610-687-3366 ext. 41. SLJYOUTH@gmail.com

Religious Ed -610-687-3366 ext. 40
SLJCCD@stisaac.org



THEME

We may feel, because of our sinning, that we have moved into a state of exile. We are alienated from ourselves and from a sense of direction. We know that repentance-a re-thinking, a re-consideration -leads to peace.

Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9-St. Juan Diego Cuahltatoatzin

8:00am †Andrew Gordon

5:00pm People of St. Isaac Jogues

Sunday, December 10-The 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00am †John Greenwood

10:30am †Carol Anne Friel

12:00pm †John McGee & Tony Zwaigitis

5:00pm †Elizabeth A. Aquilante

Monday, December 11-St. Damasus I, Pope

8:00am †Matt Jose

12:05pm †Eduardo Abalo

Tuesday, December 12-Our Lady Of Guadalupe

8:00am †Larry Baird

12:05pm Intentions of the McCarty Family

Wednesday, December 13-St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

8:00am †Mr. & Mrs. J. Puzio

12:05pm †Vincent Walters

Thursday, December 14-St. John of the Cross, Priest

8:00am Intentions of Dan Carandang

12:05pm †Joan Tengler

Friday, December 15

8:00am †Peter Mejorado

12:05pm †John Marec

The Readings for the week December 17 & 18

First Reading – Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 (8B)

Responsorial Psalm – Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel – John 1:6-8, 19-28



*After a chaotic year, there is comfort to be found when we pause to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the **Advent** season...a time when believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth.*

*The Second Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to **prepare our hearts in faithful waiting**, celebrate the birth of Jesus, and ready ourselves for his second coming.*

It's a beautiful chance to reflect on the ways prophecy has been fulfilled and to ponder what the future (promised to us through prophecies) will bring.

***Psalm 46:10-11** says: *Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.* The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."*

This week, we pause to remember who God is and what He has done for us. When our lives are hurried, we only have the chance to focus on our to-do lists. Making space in our schedules for prayer and meditation helps us to better see God at work in our lives and in our world.

*As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity, let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we **faithfully await** the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king*

PARISH REGISTRATION

A warm welcome to all who have recently moved into a home or apartment within our Parish neighborhood! We invite you to contact the Rectory office in order to register and for information about our Parish services. Also you must be registered to receive sponsor letters to be a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor.



ST. ISAAC'S NEWS

This weekend's Second Collection will be for the Retirement of the Religious.



Thank you to all who supported the Boy Scout wreath sale.



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who supported their crab cake sale.



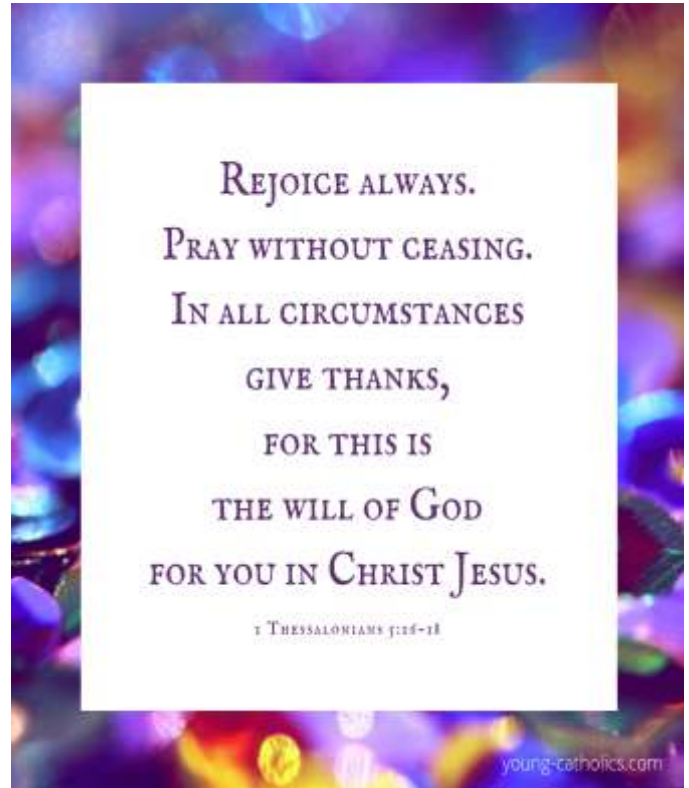
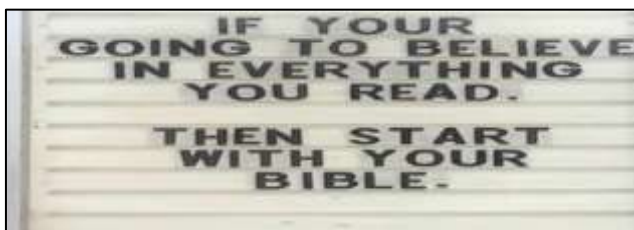
Thank you for your continued generosity to the Advent Giving tree.

Mass Book – The Mass Book is open for January 2024 through June 2024. Only three Masses per person per day.

A Journey through Church History. Come join our **Adult Faith Formation** group at St. Isaac Jogues from 7:00 - 8:30 pm on Tuesdays. In this study you will learn about the important people, places, and events in two thousand years of Church history. You will discover the true stories behind the Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition, and the Protestant Reformation. Each of the sessions includes a video presentation followed by a group discussion. For more information please contact: Bob Morris at robertemorris50@gmail.com.

Walking with Purpose - IT's NOT TOO LATE to register for this uplifting women's Bible study to be held at St Isaac this fall (now in its 12th year!). Visit <https://stisaac.org/walking-with-purpose> (or select "Walking with Purpose" below "Organizations" from the main menu on the <https://stisaac.org> home page) to register. Details regarding the schedule, costs and study materials can be found there. If you prefer, please call Mary Selman at 610-322-3687. There are two tracks, the full-year introductory study "Opening Your Heart" (see <https://walkingwithpurpose.com/>), and another shorter study based on Lisa Cotter's book "Reveal the Gift: Living the Feminine Genius." **Will resume Wednesday January 10th.**

The Youth Group will perform a Live Nativity this Sunday, December 21, at 7:00 PM.



REMEMBER OUR MILITARY

- TSgt Megan Burton, US Air Force
- Sgt. Ryan Burke, US Marine Corp
- Sgt. Bruno Sicilia, US Army, Iraq
- Capt. Adam Bouvier, US Army, Iraq/Kuwait
- Maj. Katherine L. DePaul JA, US Army
- Lt. Colonel Patrick Mulloney, US Army
- Capt. Daniel Door, US Army



We know our prayers are heard and answered. Please call the Rectory when the individual's health improves or they have returned home from service duty so they can be removed from the list.

Please pray for our soldiers and their families.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

- Roberta Adams, Bobbie Bauer, Bernie & Catherine Brill, David Bucci, Roger Burgess, John Deenis, Tahlia Fernandez, Farzanh Hafezi, Pary Hafezi, Patricia Kaine, Janet Lennon, Francesca Monastero, Jeanette and Patrick Muldoon, Annette McCauley, Charles McKeough, Elaine & Jim Pizzo, David Rothhaar, Alfred Sama, Treacy G. Sommer, Joseph Stellabotte, Maureen Travagline, Kenneth Turley, Michael Wusinich and Brian Wood.



Christmas Flower Offering - An envelope is included in your December envelope set. You need only drop it in the Sunday collection. There is also a Mass remembrance envelope. Those who are being remembered will be prayed for during the Masses of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

SUNDAY FIRST COLLECTIONS FOR PARISH USE CALENDAR YEAR THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

THIS YEAR (2023): \$ 557,829
LAST YEAR (2022) \$ 550,064
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Please remember to use your envelopes. If you do not use them please call the Rectory Office so that we can discontinue them thus saving printing and postage.

BEQUESTS TO OUR PARISH

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Advertising - Our parish benefits greatly from the ads you see in the bulletin. The revenue pays for its printing, which is an important means of communication for the parish. We thank the many local businesses that have renewed their ads, as well as the many new advertisers in our bulletin. If you would like to promote your business to the families of our parish, please call 1-800-333-3166.

The Brother House - takes care of approximately 30 homeless men in the Norristown area on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The men take showers, and need clean clothes to put on after the shower. In need of sneakers, jeans, hoodies. **Snacks, coffee, iced tea** are greatly appreciated also. Please bring donations to the Rectory Office.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WHAT DRAWS PEOPLE INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

While there are many different circumstances that lead a person in the direction of Catholicism, the simple answer is, "Because God has called them."

Most often, God calls to us through the people closest to us, through our families and friends. Most who have entered the Church have been influenced by a Catholic spouse, fiancé, or close friend. For many of these people, a desire to raise their children in the knowledge of God spurred them to action. What is this if not the action of the Holy Spirit? *If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about Catholic Faith and Worship contact Louis Valenti at 610-687-2481 or email SIJDRE@gmail.com.*

Some Calls are Meant to be Answered! - Have you ever considered being a priest? What an awesome life it is! Do not be afraid to **HEED THE CALL** of Christ. For more information, please see our website www.HeedTheCall.org or call 610-667-5778.

The priests of tomorrow are in our midst. They are members of this parish. They are members of our own families. Encourage Vocations, pray for the gift.

YOUTH MINISTRY

All are welcome to St. Isaac's Youth Group! We meet on Thursday evenings, from 6-9 PM in the Parish Hall. Youth from grades 7-12 are welcome! Youth Group evenings consist of games, Scriptural Reading, small and large group discussion, a visit to the Chapel for Adoration, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and food! If you have not already done so, please sign up for our Youth Group through our website under "Youth Ministry". Any questions, email Joe Aquilante at SIJYouth@gmail.com.

NOTE: Please take note that our Mass Schedule includes a weekly Youth Mass, every Sunday evening at 5:00 pm. Any youth interested in helping with the Youth Mass to lector, serve or with Music Ministry, please contact the Youth Ministry Office at 610-254-9106.



Items for the Bulletin should be submitted in writing by Noon **on Thursday of the week before** to the Parish Secretary, email carol@stisaac.org, for **approval by the Pastor**.

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