

December 24, 2023 – The 4th 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. SIJYOUTH@gmail.com

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



THEME

King David, as we will hear in the Old Testament passage, was restless, presuming that he could do something for God. God surprises him as he learns that he establish for David something which will never end. Divine mercy is unending.

Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 23-St. John of Kanty, Priest

8:00am Wedding Anniversary Intentions of Manolo & Barbara Gonzelez

5:00pm †Jane Lauzon

Sunday, December 24-The 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00am People of St. Isaac Jogues

10:30am †Edward Martin

12:00pm †Maria Amparo Balsells Blanco

5:00pm †Peter P. Cekaitis

8:00pm †Walter P. Donovan

Monday, December 25The Nativity of the Lord

8:00am People of St. Isaac Jogues

10:30am People of St. Isaac Jogues

12:00pm People of St. Isaac Jogues

Tuesday, December 26-St. Stepehn the First Martyr

12:05pm †Nicholas Hrenko

Wednesday, December 27-St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00am †Betty Spillane

12:05pm †Joseph & Thomas McKee

Thursday, December 28-The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00am †Mary Bard

12:05pm †Josephine & Ben Morkum

Friday, December 29-St. Thomas Becket, Bishop

8:00am †Tony Witczak

12:05pm Birthday Intentions of Sandra Hould

The Readings for the week December 30 & 31

First Reading – Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 (17B)

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Second Reading – Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel – Luke 2:22-40

Dear Friends in Christ,

Amidst the whirlwind of the holiday preparations, let us pause and remember the true essence of Christmas. Beyond the bustling shopping centers and glittering decorations, their lies a profound story of love and redemption. This Christmas let us adopt a spirit of simplicity and authenticity, echoing the humble birth of our Savior. Embrace the joy of giving selflessly, not just material gifts, but the gifts of compassion, forgiveness, and understanding. Let our acts of kindness be a testament to the transformative power of Christ's love, illuminating the world with hope and healing.

May your hearts be filled with the essence of Christmas, and may you shine as beacons of light in a world yearning for love.

In Christ's love.

Father Moerman



Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

Sunday, December 24th

5:00 PM 8:00 PM

(No Confessions held today.)

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25th

8:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon

(No 5:00 PM Mass)



New Year's Day Masses

Mary Mother of God

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, January 1, 2024

8:00 AM & 12:05 PM

There will be only one Mass on Tuesday, December 26th, at 12:05 P.M.



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



The Rectory Office will be *closed* on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th.

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

The **Adult Faith Formation** group will **not** meet on through January 2nd. Our next session will begin again on January 9th. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. For more information please contact: Bob Morris at robertemorris50@gmail.com.



Walking with Purpose – Join us for the 2024 sessions of this uplifting women's Bible study held Wednesday afternoons at St Isaac (now in its 13th year!). To register, 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. Details regarding the cost and current study materials can be found there. If you prefer, please call Mary Selman at 610-322-3687.

We will resume our current programs on January 10th and during Lent we will begin a new WWP Bible study entitled *Passionate Discipleship* by Lisa Brenninkmeyer and Mallory Smyth. We are taking a Christmas break and will not meet in December.



The Holly Wreath

The holly wreath symbolizes the crown of thorns worn by Jesus at Calvary.

Its red berries represent the blood He shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

The endless circle is eternal life obtained through Him.



"Snow is in the Air" - In the event of severe snow the **8:00 am Weekly Daily Mass** Schedule will be based on the Treddyffrin School District Schedule. If the school is closed or delayed there will be **no** 8:00 am Daily Mass that day, thus giving time to get the lot cleared for the 12:05 pm Mass. Please call 610-240-1970 to check for school closings or watch for the Chester County 854 on Channels 3,6,10.



The Meaning of the Candy Cane



Many years ago a candy maker wanted to make a candy that would symbolize the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus.

The hard candy was shaped like a "J" to represent that Jesus is our rock of all ages. The candy was made of white to stand for the pureness of Jesus. The red represents the blood that Jesus shed to save us from our sins. So next time you see candy a cane take a minute to remember the real meaning of Christmas.

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



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

- Roberta Adams, Bobbie Bauer, Bernie & Catherine Brill, David Bucci, Roger Burgess, John Deenis, Tahlia Fernandez, Farzanh Hafezi, Pary Hafezi, Joseph Iacavino III, 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.

Have a Safe and Blessed Christmas!



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

No Finances to report due to the early holiday transmission of the bulletin.

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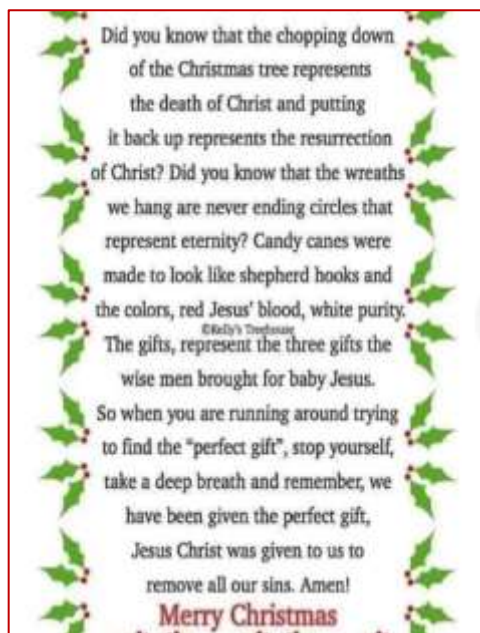
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Advertising - Our parish benefits greatly from the ads you see in the bulletin. The revenue pays for its printing, which is an important means of communication for the parish. We thank the many local businesses that have renewed their ads, as well 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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