

January 7, 2024 – The Epiphany of the Lord

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

There is plenty of drama in Matthew’s account of Jesus’ birth and infancy. Visitors come from a long way off. A king feels threatened by the birth of a child. A family must flee. Jesus’ sacrifice of himself is foreshadowed.

Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6-St. Andre Bessette, Religious

8:00am †Terrence Schurers
5:00pm †Deceased Family & Friends of the deSante Family

Sunday, January 7-The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am Intentions of the Concordia Family
10:30am †Vera Wark
12:00pm People of St. Isaac Jogues
5:00pm †Ronald B. Smith

Monday, January 8-The Baptism of the Lord

8:00am †Barbara Haslett
12:05pm †Fred Schachinger

Tuesday, January 9

8:00am Intentions of Joseph Ruggieri
12:05pm †Emily Stevens & Family

Wednesday, January 10

8:00am Wedding Anniversary Intentions of Carmen & Tim Keslar
12:05pm †Joseph N. Downs

Thursday, January 11

8:00am †Steven M. Pannella
12:05pm Intentions of Betty Kernosek & Family

Friday, January 12

8:00am †Gerard Gallagher
12:05pm †Helen & Vincent Walters

The Readings for the week January 13 & 14

First Reading – 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 (65B)
Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel – John 1:35-42



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.

Epiphany Prayer

Oh God. Who by a star guided the wise men to the worship of your Son we pray you to lead to yourself the wise and great of every land that unto you every knee may bow, and every thought be brought into captivity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at

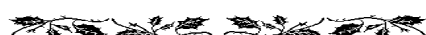
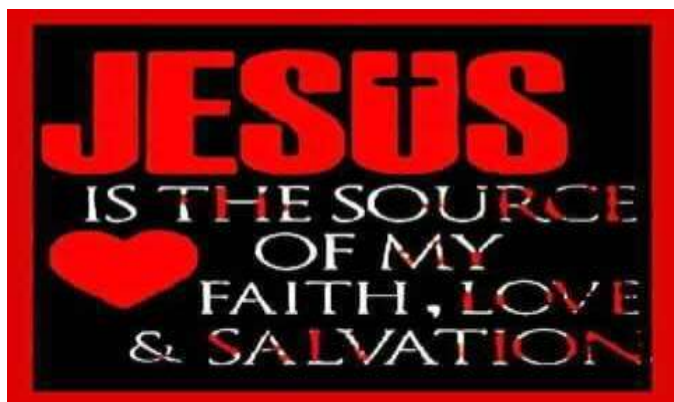
Cana in Galilee.

In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.



Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.

The Epiphany shows that “the full number of the nations” now takes its “place in the family of the patriarchs”, and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made “worthy of the heritage of Israel”) [CCC 528].




ST. ISAAC'S NEWS


Second Collection – The Second Collection next weekend will be for Catholic Relief Services.

Donuts  *Coffee*  Any Parish Organization or group of people that are interested in hosting a Parish Coffee, please call Carol Friel at the Rectory Office.

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** – 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.

 **"Snow is in the Air"** - In the event of severe snow the **8:00 am Weekly Daily Mass** Schedule will be based on the Tredyffrin 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.

Holy Hour for Life – Every Monday the Legion of Mary will lead a Holy Hour for Life from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Chapel. We will pray three mysteries of the Rosary for an overturn of abortion and for protection of life from conception to natural death.

 Please remember your Heat and Snow envelopes to help offset operating costs.



*I will sing unto the Lord
as long as I live:
I will sing praise to my
God while I have my being.*

Psalm 104:33





REMEMBER OUR MILITARY

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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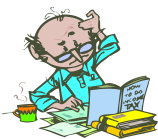
Respect Life Ministry: The Annual March for Life Bus Trip will be on **Friday, January 19**. Our parish has been invited to join the St. Monica Bus again this year. Registration is now open. The cost is \$30 for adults and no charge for students. The bus departs from the St. Monica parking lot at 7:00 am and returns by 8:00 pm. You can register at www.saintmonicachurch.org. For more information please contact Rosemary Friedrich at rcfriedrich@verizon.net or call #610-688-4771. We hope you can join us for this important witness for life.

St. Isaac's Respect Life meets the second Wednesday of the month in Cl 6 at 11 AM.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

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.



2023 TAX RETURNS

Kindly call the rectory if you wish a copy of your 2023 church contributions which will be ready by January 31st. They are prepared upon request only. Pick up at the front office during regular business hours or mailed upon request.

BEQUESTS TO OUR PARISH

You can make a bequest to St. Isaac Jogues Parish by having the following statement in your will: "I leave to St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Wayne, PA the sum of \$ _____ for its religious and charitable works." This is one way of insuring that our parish will be able to continue to do in the future the good it has done in the past. Thank you.

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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