

November 27, 2022 – The First 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 & 5pm

Night of Reparation – 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

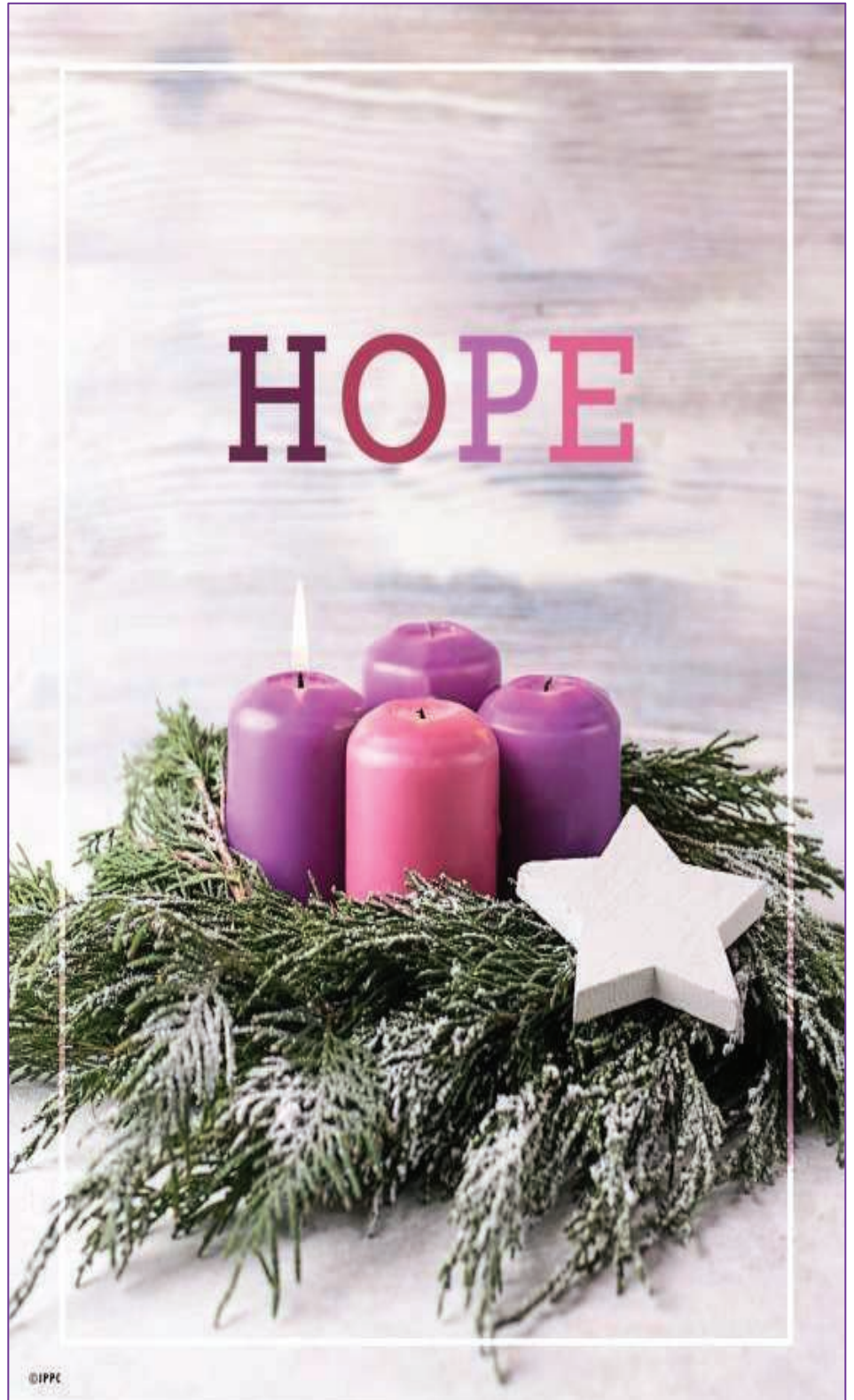
*Sacrament of the Sick:* Please call the Office. 610-687-3366

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](mailto:SIJYOUTH@gmail.com)

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**THEME**

Human behavior runs according to very strong habits. Our tools have purposes. It would be very strange for us to see someone modifying a tool for a new purpose. Isaiah, however, promises that such things will happen, with the changing of the hearts.

Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 26

8:00am †Alice Zischkau

5:00pm †Arthur Kay, II

Sunday, Nov. 27-The First Sunday of Advent

8:00am People of St. Isaac Jogues

10:30am †Ann Zikoski

12:00pm †Michael Monastero

5:00pm †Elizabeth Quinn

Monday, Nov. 28

8:00am Anniversary Intentions of James & Maria Avitabile

12:05pm †James F. Buckley

Tuesday, Nov. 29

8:00am †Susan Vandenberg

12:05pm †Jack Mahoney

Wednesday, Nov. 30-St. Andrew, Apostle

8:00am †Cornelius Shields

12:05pm †Sadie & Nick Borzillo

Thursday, Dec. 1

8:00am †Cornelius Shields

12:05pm †Joseph Erwin

Friday, Dec. 2

8:00am †Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

12:05pm †John Grady

The Readings for the Weekend of Dec. 3 & 4

First Reading – Isaiah 11:1-10 (4A)

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Second Reading – Romans 15:4-9

Gospel – Matthew 3:1-12



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.



**The Advent Wreath** has its origins in Germany in the sixteenth century. The wreath - a circle of evergreens symbolizing God's eternal love - holds four candles, three violet, and one pink. Violet is the traditional penitential color of Advent, and the pink candle symbolizing joy is lit on Gaudete (Joyful) Sunday, the Third Sunday of the season. As we light the four candles one by one, we're reminded of how God's light has gradually illumined the world's darkness through history, culminating in Jesus, the light of the World and the Sun of Justice.

Prayer for Advent

LORD JESUS, you came to bring us the fullness of joy and to free us from all the pale imitations of happiness. This Advent, remove any barriers we have put up to keep you out of our lives. Teach us to welcome your presence wherever we find it, even in the difficulties and challenges of daily life.

As we reach out in love to others, especially the poor and needy, may we come to know in our hearts that we are welcoming you, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Preparing the way by Confessing our Sins** - Advent resounds with the theme of reconciliation and the call to repentance. That call is not about dwelling on our sins and being even more burdened by them, but the opposite bringing them to God in sorrow and hope for forgiveness.



*Have a heart that never hardens, and a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts. (Charles Dickens)*

Giving Thoughts – Why we give?

- There is no better investment in the world than the local parish. It is where people meet Jesus and lives are changed.
- Where your treasure is, there will your heart also be. (Matthew 6:21)

ST. ISAAC'S NEWS

*The Second Collection next weekend will be for the Retirement of the Religious.*

**Mass Book** – The Mass Book will open for January 2023 through June 2023 on **Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**. Only three Masses per person per visit.

**St. Isaac Jogues Adult Faith Formation** - How can we respond to the gender confusion and immorality in the world today? Join us next **Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**, 7-8:30 pm in the parish hall for the last session of **Theology of the Body** with Christopher West. Come and learn more about the meaning of our creation as male and female as developed by St. John Paul in his writings about the body and its meaning.



**Walking with Purpose** will not meet this week due to the Thanksgiving break. Join us next **Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**, for a special **Advent mini-retreat 12:45- 2:15 pm** in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. Questions? Please email Cathy Witczak at [tony-cathy@comcast.net](mailto:tony-cathy@comcast.net).



**The Knights of Columbus** - are having a Crab Cake Sale featuring Capt'n Chucky's famous jumbo crabmeat cakes. Order forms will be available at the church entrances and the Parish Office. **Orders, with payment, will be accepted through 2:00 pm Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Pickup schedule is Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, in the parish hall from 4 to 7 pm.**

**Advent: A Time of waiting, of Hope, of Promise Fulfilled!**

In the early chapters of Luke's Gospel we meet three significant Advent people: Zechariah, Elizabeth, and Mary. What can we learn from each of them as they encounter presence, wrestle with questions, and engage silent reflection? A presentation by Sister Marganne Drago, SSJ will be offered here at St. Isaac Jogues on **Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 pm. Come prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas.



**Advent Giving Tree** - St. Isaac's traditional "Advent Giving Tree" will take place **November 26<sup>th</sup> through December 11<sup>th</sup> (THIS BEING THE LAST DAY)**. Please take a gift tag from the tree located in the back of the church and return the gift with the tag attached and place it under the tree no later than **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP ANY GIFTS JUST ATTACH THE TAG.** These gifts will then be sorted and delivered to the appropriate location. **St. Mary's Franciscan Homeless Shelter (Phoenixville) and Dawn's Place for Women (Philadelphia) request gift cards in which they take the people shopping to get what they need. Please bring the Gift Cards to the Rectory Office.**



*For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. (Matthew 6:14-15)*

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Roberta Adams, Bobbie Bauer, Bernie & Catherine Brill, David Bucci, Roger Burgess, John Deenis, Tahlia Fernandez, Bud Gosnell, Farzanh Hafezi, Pary Hafezi, Patricia Kaine, Janet Lennon, Francesca Monastero, Jeanette and Patrick Muldoon, Annette McCauley, Mary McNabb, Jacob Nichols, Elaine & Jim Pizzo, David Rothhaar, Elizabeth Spillane, Treacy G. Sommer, Maureen Travagline, Kenneth Turley, Alicia Uribe, Maura Waters, Michael Wusinich and Brian Wood and all our homebound, parishioners in nursing homes and hospitals.

**Remember the members of 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. 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.**



## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### SUNDAY FIRST COLLECTIONS FOR PARISH USE

CALENDAR YEAR THROUGH  
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THIS YEAR(2022): \$ 526,911

LAST YEAR(2021) \$ 488,493

PRIOR YEAR(2020) \$ 449,034

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### 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.



Thanks to all of our parishioners who have completed and returned the Parish Census. The census enables us to keep our parishioner records up to date. The census also assists in making pastoral decisions to better serve the parish. If you have misplaced your census form, please contact Carol at the Rectory office to obtain a replacement.

**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. Please let them know that this is where you saw their ad. There are spaces, so if you would like to promote your business to the families of our parish, please call 1-800-333-3136.



### Stockings for Soldiers: Mission Accomplished!

This year's Stockings for Soldiers parish project, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, was a resounding success! Thanks to the generosity of St. Isaac Jogues parishioners, we were able to deliver more than 40 boxes of donated items to fill stockings this year! Stocking for Soldiers is an organization that sews holiday stockings and fills them with special items for the troops. For many troops, this gift is all they receive for the holidays and a reminder they have not been forgotten.



**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.

## 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](mailto:SIJDRE@gmail.com).*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

All are welcome to St. Isaac's Youth Group! Meets 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 [SIJYouth@gmail.com](mailto:SIJYouth@gmail.com).

Attention All High School Youth!-Are you interested in attending a **Kairos Retreat**? The word Kairos comes from the Greek meaning "God's Time". The Youth Group will be attending a **Kairos Retreat - December 1 - 4, 2022 - at St. Mary's Retreat Center in Elverson**. If you are a Junior or Senior and interested in attending, please go to our website and click on "Youth Ministry" under the "Religious Education" tab and sign up. If you have any questions, please email Joe Aquilante at: [SIJYouth@gmail.com](mailto:SIJYouth@gmail.com).



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](mailto:carol@stisaac.org), for approval by the Pastor.

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