



# ST. ISAAC JOGUES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 8:30 AM -  
3:30 PM

### Contact Us:

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### Pastor

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Deacon/DRE/Liturgy/Safe

Environment

### Parish Office

Parish Office....605-343-2165

Office Manager:

Bruce.....x10

Maintenance:

Kookie .....x14

Glenn Holst

### Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Monday-Thursday 12:10 PM

(unless there is a funeral,  
call to confirm)

FEBRUARY 14TH, 2021 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**6<sup>th</sup>**

**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

- Mk 1:40-41

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. OLPI

## MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St. Isaac Jogues Parish, recognizing our rich Native American history and Jesuit identity are a Catholic community empowered by the Holy Spirit, the sacraments and prayer. Using our unique and diverse gifts, we are called to grow in Christian faith and love, to proclaim the gospel values and to minister to one another and all the people of God. With God's grace, we continue our Apostolic Mission to spread the Good News and to follow our baptismal call to be the Body of Christ.

## Mindfulness Moments:

### Family Love

Jesus wept. John 11:35

Christian author Jack Zavada tells us that Storge (Pronounced: *STOR-jay*) is a Greek word that describes family love, the affectionate bond that develops naturally between parents and children, and brothers and sisters. The family unit and the love that emanates from families is a key source of strength to ward off evil. Jesus gave us a wonderful example of Storge love within His Holy Family.

Many examples of family love are found in Scripture, such as the mutual protection among Noah and his wife, the love of Jacob for his sons, and the strong love the sisters Martha and Mary had for their brother Lazarus in John 11. In seeing his "brother" Lazarus, Jesus wept and rolled away the stone. Lazarus, come out! Christians are members of God's family. Our lives are knit together by something stronger than physical ties—the bonds of the Spirit. We are related by something more powerful than human blood—the blood of Jesus Christ. God calls his children to love each other with the deep affection of storge love. The next devotion will highlight Philia: Brotherly Love.

Mitakuye Oyasin: We are all related.

Lead with Love,

Dr George

[www.drgeorgej.com](http://www.drgeorgej.com)



*Derek Adams, Donna Anderson, Jim Augustine, Scott Benson, Roger Cadotte-Gray, John Carlson, Laura Clarke, BJ Cole, Sharon Colombe, Alisha Conroy, Guy Davison, Deacon Heavy Garnette, Alta Hertel, Maxine Hendricks, Kayla Hertel, Rose Larose, (Brewer), Ron & Lavonne Kocer, Bobby Lyon, Shane McCarthy, Melissa & Jake Meyer, Beverly Monday, Kreaa Overby, Patrick Paur, Kathy Reed, Joel Rivera, Pat Weber, Richard Thomas, Weston Thomas, Darren Vasquez, Sandy Williams.*

If you have the person's permission, you may request their name be included in the bulletin's *Prayer Request List*. Call Abby Seales at 341-5552 or the parish office at 343-2165 to leave the name of the individual in need of prayer. If you wish to have the person's name remain on the list for more than one month, please contact the parish office every subsequent month with your request.

### Holy Communion to the

**Sick:** If you are at home, please call the parish office to request that an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist (EME) bring Holy Communion to you. In case of hospitalization, inform the hospital staff that you are a Catholic and would like to receive Holy Communion.

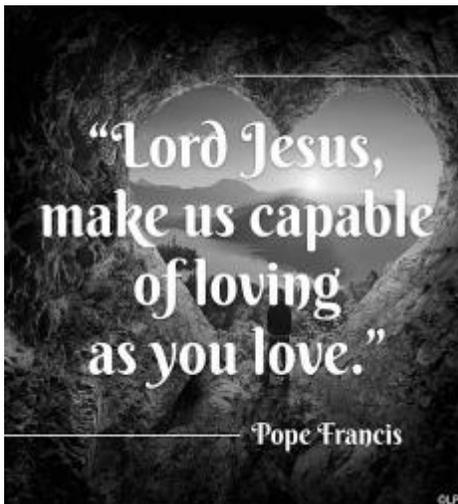
**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the parish office if you need to receive the anointing of the sick at home. In emergency situations when the office is closed, call the Cathedral at 342-0507 and they will have someone available for the anointing.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 14, 2021

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity. The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love. Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.



# PARISH ACTIVITIES & NEWS

## St. Isaac Jogues Parish Schedule for February

### Monday—15th —President’s Day

- ◆ Office is closed
- ◆ Mass at 12:10 p.m.
- ◆ Liturgy Meeting at 6:30 p.m. upstairs in MBC Class room #4

### Ash Wednesday — 17th

#### Lent begins

- ◆ Masses at 12:10 and 5:30 p.m.

### Friday — 19th

- ◆ Stations of the Cross and Adoration at 5:30 p.m. in the Church

### Sunday – 21st — First Sunday of Lent

- ◆ Rel Ed, Confirmation, RCIA and Adult Faith Formation Sessions at 10 a.m. in the MBC

### Wednesday—24th

- ◆ Rosary Group at 6:00 p.m. in the Coffee Room

### Friday—26th

- ◆ Stations of the Cross and Adoration at 5:30 p.m. in the Church

### Sunday— 28th —Second Sunday of Lent

- ◆ Religious Education (CCD), Confirmation, RCIA and Adult Faith Formation at 10 a.m. at MBC class rooms
- ◆ 11 a.m. Inculturated Mass for Nicholas Black Elk (sage will be used)

## **Refuel 2021:**

### **LOST & FOUND:**

*“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it?” - Luke 15:4*

It’s been a most unusual year, but we are still making plans to hold our annual diocesan conference for all who serve the mission of the Church – catechists, evangelists, youth ministers, volunteers, and more: As we continue to navigate the work of evangelization during a pandemic, many of us are asking questions about how to reach out, how to connect with and bring back those families that we haven’t seen in months due to Covid, how to bring the Good News to the people in our communities. At Refuel 2021, we’ll talk about these hard questions and discuss ideas, opportunities, and resources, to help us with the new challenges of the New Evangelization, as we seek out the lost.

This year, we have a modified schedule, all conferences will be held in Holy Cross Chapel, and meals can be purchased optionally, in order to better accommodate social distancing. Registration will be limited in order to meet spacing requirements in the chapel, and participants are asked to wear a mask in the common areas of the retreat center, although masks can be removed once seated in the chapel.

This year we are also offering the option to join us online via video, if you prefer — just be sure to check that box on your registration form. We’ll send you a link to view the conference and prayer times live online.

Register online at:

<http://terrasancta.org/refuel>

Registration fee: \$30 (lodging and optional meals available for an additional charge)

Registration deadline is: January 12.

In-person space is limited — please register early to reserve your spot!

### LAY MINISTER’S SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

**Saturday February 20th 5 p.m.**  
**Lectors:** Kevin Woster, John Haeder  
**Usher:** AC Cummings

**Sunday February 21th at 9 a.m.**  
**Lectors:** Sandy Albertson, Jerry Meyer  
**Usher:** Rick Maher

**Sunday February 21th at 11 a.m.**  
**Lectors:** Tekakwitha Herman, Susan Schipman  
**Usher:** Darrell Tognotti

### **2021 Catholic Men’s Conference** **Saturday, March 27, 2021** **Terra Sancta Retreat Center**



**GUEST SPEAKER**  
KEVIN WELLS | THEPRIESTSWENEED.COM

**COST: \$40** INCLUDES CONFERENCE, BREAKFAST, AND LUNCH.

**Join us this year for a uniquely masculine Lenten conference as Kevin Wells helps us enter the themes of the Year of the St. Joseph, Catholic masculinity, and the opportunities that come during Lent to conform ourselves to the image of Jesus Christ!**

**Topic: THE MEN WE NEED**  
**THE MIRACLE OF THE MURDERED PRIEST**  
**THE CATHOLIC MEN WE NEED TO SAVE THE CHURCH**  
**THE CATHOLIC MAN’S DUTIES DURING PERSECUTION, TEPIDITY AND REVOLUTION**  
**REGISTER ONLINE AT: [JourneyMenSD.org](http://JourneyMenSD.org)**

**Some keep the Sabbath going to church**  
By Emily Dickinson

Some keep the Sabbath going to church -  
I keep it, staying at Home -  
With a Bobolink for a Chorister -  
And an Orchard, for a Dome -

Some keep the Sabbath in Surplice—  
I just wear my Wings -  
And instead of tolling the Bell, for Church  
Our little Sexton—sings.

God preaches, a noted Clergyman –  
And the sermon is never long,

So instead of getting to Heaven, at last -  
I’m going, all along.



Part-time Cook needed for St. Martin Monastery. 12 to 20 hours per week. If interested please call 605-343-8011 and ask for Sister Lorane.



St Martins Monastery Health Care Unit is looking for full time Night Aide, part-time

weekend Night Aide and part-time weekend Day Aide. Will train, please call Susan at 605-519-3649.



# PARISH

## Father's Corner

In our Gospel, Jesus teaches that instead of ostracizing those different from us, we are to "do community" by being always inclusive, letting community happen.

Jesus exhibited his ever-present compassion. John Shea wrote so well: "When the consciousness of sameness and connection replaces the consciousness of separation, compassion arises. Compassion is a felt perception of sharing a common world that drives us toward action." Jesus showed us that real cleanliness is a matter of the heart. Compassion engenders community. Community engenders compassion in wonderfully non-vicious cycle.

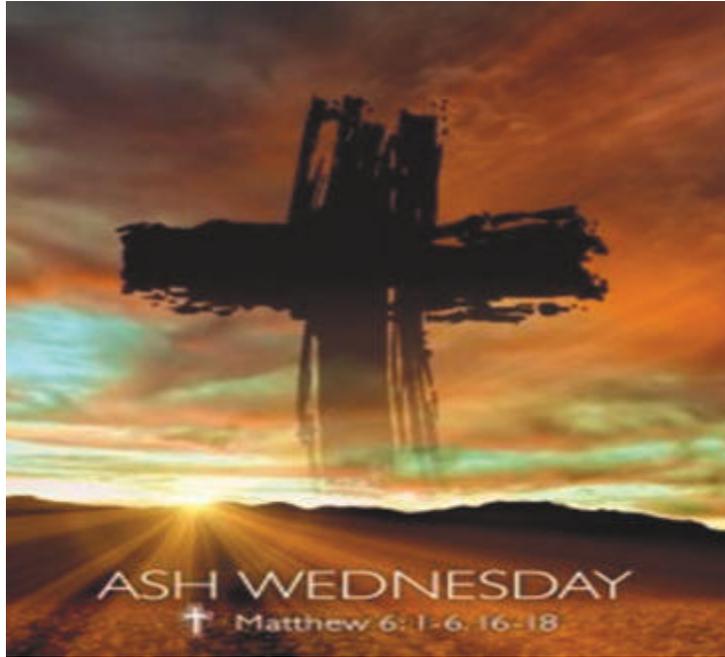
Less than two decades after this incident, Paul will write to the Galatians [4:27-29]: "All of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed your-selves with him. There does not exist among you Jew or Greek, slave or freeman, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus." We are one community. In Christ no one is an outsider except the self-righteous who really believes others to be unworthy and therefore shuns them.

We see Jesus takes three steps in today's Gospel. First, he feels compassion for the suffering, and he sees the outreach of the leper. Second, he stretches out his hand and touches a man known to be "unclean" -- thereby making himself ritually "unclean." Finally, he wills the healing to happen. He does something.

Jesus' three-step process teaches us to do as he did.

We need to begin with compassion, daring to connect with people whose situation or condition turns us off or inclines us to avoid them. This calls us to deal with our own prejudice and insecurity. We may not want to "go there." But we need to go there. We must be willing to touch lepers. We need to visit the sick, look the homeless person in the eye, and be faithful to members who reveal what we do not want to see. We need to develop respectful relationships - not stances with folks - regardless of what makes them "different." We must will to challenge any attitude, behavior, or structure that keeps people outside our circle. We must will that no one be considered unclean or unworthy.

The Lord Jesus lavishes us with countless favors through the gift of his sacramental touch at the sign of peace and sharing Eucharist as we build community. May we realize that we have great value and dignity, so we can always reach out and show the same for others.



**RAPID CITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS  
2021-2022 REGISTRATION**

**Returning Family and  
New Sibling Registration**  
Jan. 29-Feb. 17, 2021

**New Family Registration**  
Begins Feb. 24, 2021



For a tour or more information please contact  
Marcia Werner at (605) 343-8484 x 203  
mwerner@rccss.org ~ www.RCCSS.org

 *National Catholic Schools Week*  
January 31 – February 6, 2021

The intentions of you and your loved ones will be remembered during the celebration of the Eucharist on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Due to these unprecedented times, please join us in prayer as normal activities for National Catholic Schools Week will be limited.

*Developing Personal and Academic Excellence in the Catholic Tradition*



