



# ST. ISAAC JOGUES

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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#### Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

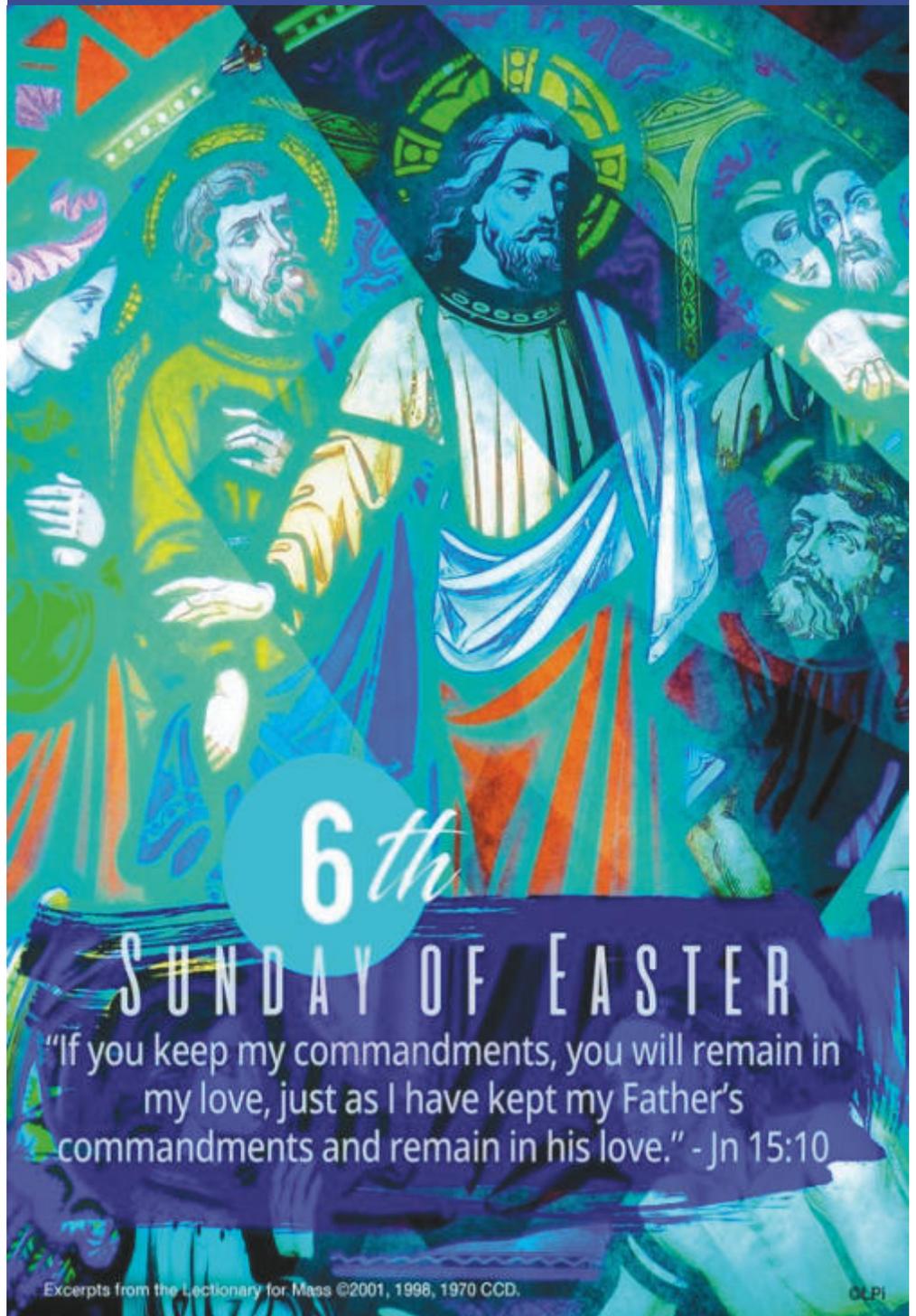
9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Monday-Thursday 12:10 PM

(unless there is a funeral,  
call to confirm)

MAY 9, 2021 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## 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.



## Sunday Collections

4/11—4/18

Deposit \$4533.00

## Mindfulness Moments:

Recently, I attended the funeral of a family member that died unexpectedly. This man lived fully alive and was a wonderful servant of God. His tragic death reminded me how precious life is and that we are only on earth a blink of an eye when we considered eternity in heaven. Let's all make it a great blink, holding no unlove or unforgiveness in our hearts. In all of our brokenness, Love is and always will be the greatest healer as God is Love. As Jesus died "once" for all of our sins, we too, are meant to experience our "traumas once" and place all of our "baggage" at the foot of His cross and boldly live for the glory of God.

Lead with Love,

Dr George

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



*Derek Adams, Donna Anderson, Jim Augustine, Scott Benson, John Carlson, Laura Clarke, BJ Cole, Sharon Colombe, Alisha Conroy, Guy Davison, Della Foolishbear, Deacon Heavy Garnette, Alta Hertal, Kayla Hertel, Rose Larose, (Brewer), Ron & Lavonne Kocer, Nicole Kiewel, Pearl Lyons, Bobby Lyon, Shane McCarthy, Melissa & Jake Meyer, Beverly Monday, Kreaara Overby, Patrick Paur, Kathy Reed, Joel Rivera, Pat Weber, Richard Thomas, Weston Thomas, Darren Vasquez, Kevin Woster.*

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.

## DIocese OF RAPID CITY YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE

### AUGUST 11-15, 2021 NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS AND EAST COAST SAINTS

Join Fr. Brian Christensen and other young adults from across the Diocese as we experience the rich history of the Catholic faith in America! The east coast is filled with inspiring stories of the Saints who lived out the faith in very difficult circumstances! Our trip will take us from the birthplace of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs, to the tombs of Ven. Fulton Sheen and Ven. Pierre Toussaint. The trip also includes Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral – a 19th Century gothic cathedral in the heart of downtown New York City. We will pray at the shrines of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Our Lady of Czestochowa, and the National Shrine of St. Katherine Drexel! For more information, please visit [rapidcitydiocese.org/yapilgrimage](http://rapidcitydiocese.org/yapilgrimage).

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

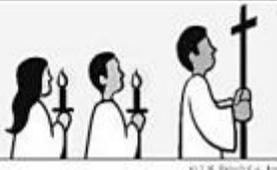
May 9, 2021

### 6th Sunday of Easter

"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection. Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth. Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share

# PARISH ACTIVITIES & NEWS

## Altar Servers



### Annual Altar Servers Day Camp

**When:** June 14 to 17, 2021

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Where:** Mother Butler Center

231 Knollwood Dr, Rapid City, SD

For all who made their First Communion and present Altar Servers.

Registration will be in the Lobby or email Deacon Lou at [lausij@rushmore.com](mailto:lausij@rushmore.com)



### Diocese of Rapid City

**Two Vacancy Announcements**  
**Administrative Assistant to Director of Pastoral Ministries and Director of Communications/Human Resources** — to apply — job descriptions and a diocesan application form can be found on the website by clicking on the employment icon at <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/>. The Diocese of Rapid City offers a competitive salary and benefits package.

### Mother's Day Humor

- 1.) I shouted to my Mom on Mother's Day, "How does breakfast in bed sound?"  
 She said, "Ooh that sounds lovely!"  
 I said, "Great, I'll have, pancakes, bacon and two eggs."
- 2.) A woman gets on a bus with her baby. The bus driver says, "That's the ugliest baby that I've ever seen. Ugh!"  
 The woman goes to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming. She says to a man next to her, "The driver just insulted me!"  
 The man says, "You go right up there and tell him off – go ahead, I'll hold your monkey for you."
- 3.) A kid asks his dad, "What's a man?"  
 The dad says, "A man is someone who is responsible and cares for their family."  
 The kid says, "I hope one day I can be a man just like mom!"

## National Pastoral Musicians Summer Meeting

**Saturday, June 5, at St. Anthony of Padua Church** in Hot Springs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A free will lunch will be provided. To help us secure an accurate lunch count, please contact James Washbaugh, our NPM chapter secretary/treasurer 605-342-6300 or email: [jpwash@rushmore.com](mailto:jpwash@rushmore.com) by Monday, May 31.



## Catholic Daughters

will meet on **Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** at St. Therese Church at 6pm for Rosary followed by dinner and meeting at 6:30pm in the hall. We have not met for dinner for about a year, so please help us all get back to normal. If you need more information or a ride, please call 431-0851. See you there.

## A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator, **Barbara Scherr**. To ensure her independence in outreach to victims, she can be contacted privately at 605.209.3418 (cell). The phone has caller ID and messaging features. All information will be treated confidentially. Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities. The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and code of conduct are on the diocesan website at [rapidcitydiocese.org/safe-environment/policy-documents](http://rapidcitydiocese.org/safe-environment/policy-documents). In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is posted on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org). It is also linked through our diocesan website at: [rapidcitydiocese.org/safe-environment](http://rapidcitydiocese.org/safe-environment).



## Vacation Bible School

**Theme: Breathe**  
 A child's guide to Ascension, Pentecost,

and the growing time.

**When:** June 7 to 10, 2021

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Where:** Mother Butler

Community Center  
 231 Knollwood Dr.

Rapid City, SD

How can Jesus go away, yet promise to be with us always?  
 Invites the children to explore the comings and goings of Jesus and the Spirit through telling of the biblical stories of Ascension and Pentecost, as seen through the eyes of a child. Moving beyond long ago and far away events, Breathe guides the young to wonder about and watch for the presence and work of the Spirit here and now, in practices of prayer and mindfulness, through acts of justice, generosity, and the sweet taste of kindness, and even in each other.

**Who are invited:** For all ages 5 to 12 years old. Registration will be in the Lobby of the Church. There is a small fee of 10 dollars—this will take care of treats, lunch and materials. Hope to see you at this event. Help will be needed to be part of this. Anyone interested in helping out, leave your name, phone number with the office at 605-343-2165 or e-mail your information to [lausij@rushmore.com](mailto:lausij@rushmore.com)

## Father's Corner

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

# COMMUNITY



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Bishop Peter Muhich, Gabriel Ziegler,  
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