## SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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## From the Pastor

# "REFLECTIONS FOR A LENTEN JOURNEY" Tolstoy's Metaphor for Greed 



Leo Tolstoy
Lent begins with the "naked" truth! In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were given everything they needed to be happy. God withheld nothing except what was certain to make them unhappy. The fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil promises divine life, but will deliver death!

> "From the tree you shall not eat; the moment you eat from it you are surely doomed to die."

Since Eden, "Everyman" and "Everywoman" has been tempted. The devil devised the seduction and we reach for what is beyond our grasp. He relies on Adam's hunger for forbidden fruit and ours for more and more and more! The "naked" truth is in this core revelation:

> "What profit would a man show if he were to gain the whole world and and destroy himself in the process?"

It flies in the face of our possession - crazed and success - driven culture. While contemporary America is very much unlike nineteenth century Russia, the great storyteller, Leo Tolstoy has much to say to us about greed. In "How Much Land Does a Man Need?" he offers a timeless, Christian metaphor for those who would "gain the whole world" but destroys themselves in the process.

I saw "How Much Land Does a Man Need?" as an eleven year old. It was presented on a television series called "My Favorite Story." For James Joyce, Tolstoy's story was "the greatest story that the literature of the world knows." For me, it is a hauntingly unforgettable tale in any medium. It is an inspired Lenten meditation.

Pahom, a landless peasant in Old Russia, works hard and has nothing to show for his efforts. He yearns to be a land owner. Yet, for all his worthy ambition, he has fatal pride. He states: "If I had plenty of land, I should not fear the devil himself." As if part of some infernal plan, he begins to acquire property. He is clever. He is insightful. He speculates and prospers. He buys land. He sells, and moves on. He buys more land. At first he is satisfied. But, as he yearns for more, he is led into the greatest temptation. A traveller from the land of the Bashkirs tells him about an irresistible proposition. He can gain thousands of acres for a few small gifts and simple bargaining. The cash investment will be small, but the profit will be staggering. Pahom follows the advice. He impresses the Bashkirs. He makes a "sweetheart deal." He may choose whatever land he wishes. The price? One thousand rubles for a day of land! "A day of land!" Pahom asks, "What kind of measure is that?" How many acres could that be?


This proves to be Pahoms downfall. A "day of land" is as much as he can stake from sunrise to sunset.

Pahom can hardly wait. For most of the night, he cannot sleep. When he has a brief respite, he has a nightmare. He dreams that he is dead at the feet of the devil, who is laughing. The dream disturbs Pahom, but it does not stop him. Eagerly he begins his trek before sunrise. He feels strong and optimistic. But, as the day wears on, he grows tired, and feverish. As he strains toward the finish, his fear of death returns. Approaching his goal, he collapses. All cheer his victory! But alas, all is lost. His nightmare comes true! Pahom is dead! His servant picks up a spade and digs a grave. Tolstoy's final lines are devastating:

## "Six feet from his head to his heels was all he needed."

At age eleven, I was deeply impressed. I never forgot Tolstoy's story. I recommend it for your Lenten journey!

## Help! Collections are falling!

Our collections continue to lag behind our budget. The chart below shows that we have fallen behind our budget by an additional $\$ 3,000$ in the first two weeks of February. This brings us to a shortfall of $\$ 9,601$ for the year! This drop in collections will have a serious impact upon the Parish's financial health. We projected a balanced budget for this fiscal year. To achieve this balance between income and expenses salary increases for the parish staff were eliminated and spending was reduced where possible. We need every worshipper's help to overcome the shortfall in collections.

Each weekend we have almost 1,800 worshippers at St. Isaacs. If each person increases their contribution by just $\$ 2.00$ a week we will be able to meet our budget and avoid the consequences of a budget deficit. Please help.

## Our thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Parish's support

|  | Financial Snapshot |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | First \& Second Sunday of February 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Actual | Budget | Difference | Actual | Last $\mathrm{Yr}_{\mathrm{r}}$ | Difference |
| First Sunday | \$12,178 | \$13,200 | $(\$ 1,022)$ | \$12,178 | \$12,341 | (\$163) |
| Second Sunday | \$8,709 | \$10,750 | $(\$ 2,041)$ | \$8,709 | \$10,175 | $(\$ 1,466)$ |
| Month to Date | \$20,887 | \$23,950 | $(\$ 3,063)$ | \$20,887 | \$22,516 | $(\$ 1,629)$ |
| Year to Date | \$353,674 | \$363,275 | $(\$ 9,601)$ | \$353,674 | \$345,717 | \$7,957 |

SPIRITUAL LIFE

## SOUP SUPPER AND PRESENTATION



Our five week soup supper and series, "Homecoming: Catholics Renewing Their Faith", begins this Thursday, February $25^{\text {th }}$, with soup at $6: 30$ p.m. and presentation/discussion at 7 p.m. Each evening will be held in the Holy Family Room. The Homecoming series is sponsored by the Catholics Come Home initiative and is an opportunity for all Catholics, life-long practicing or just returning, to grow in faith and knowledge. The series will be facilitated by Father Ron Kalas (Dean of Vicariate II-E and one of our weekend presiders) and Dee Stanton. This first session will focus on believing-what do I mean when I say I believe? What is the connection between Jesus and the Church? There is no cost for the supper or the session (free will offerings gratefully accepted.) An RSVP by Wednesday to the Religious Education Office, 847/966-1180, for the supper will help us plan adequately, however, everyone is welcome (call or no call). We look forward to welcoming you this Thursday!

## THIS WEEK'S



Sun. - Alms recipient is Esperanza International. Gorzkie Zale, "The Bitter Laments" Polish/English Service, 3 p.m., church.

Mon. - Church open for prayer until 8 p.m.
Wed. - Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Rm. 6
Thu. - Soup Supper, 6:30 p.m. followed by "Catholics Renewing Their Faith" session, 7:00 p.m., HFR; Holy Hour \& Benediction, 7 p.m., church.

Fri. - Divine Mercy Chaplet \& Stations of the Cross, 3 \& 7 p.m., Church.


#### Abstract

Weekend - Second Sunday of Lent. Alms recipient is Little Sisters of the Poor, which serves the needy aged through a mission of hospitality. Besides monetary donations we will accept boxes of tissues and lotions (body, hand) for women and men who live at the Little Sisters of the Poor home in Chicago. Parish Mission, "Holy and Chosen Ones: The Universal Call to Holiness" begins at 3 p.m., in Church, followed by dinner, HFR


## GORZKIE ZALE

Gorzkie Zale, "The Bitter Laments", will be held at 3 p.m. in Church TODAY. The Polish/English Service will be led by Fr. Jason Torba and will include music by members of The Lira Singers. The service will include hymns which consider the Passion \& Death of Our Lord, lamentations which express sorrow for sins, and sympathetic conversations of the soul with Mary. All are welcome!


Our Parish Mission, "Holy and Chosen Ones: The Universal Call to Holiness" begins next Sunday, February 28, at 3 p.m. with Fr. James Presta who will speak about the call to holiness we each have received through baptism and what it means to be a saint today in the context of Evening Prayer. A pot luck dinner will follow in the Holy Family Room. To help us prepare for the meal, please call the RE Office this week at 847/966-1180 and let us know what you will bring (entrée, salad, vegetable, dessert).

The next three evenings, Monday, March 1-Wednesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. speakers will tell us of three Saints and how their calls to holiness impact our lives. They will talk about the life, spirituality, joys and struggles of St. Terese of Lisieux, the Little Flower (Fr. Louis Cameli); St. Maximilian Kolbe (Friar Anthony Lajato, OFM Conv.) and one of the Church's newly canonized saints, St. Jeanne Jugan (Ms. Joan Thiry)

These four sessions will be videotaped and will be shown at 9:30 a.m. the next day, March 1-4. Babysitting will be available. Free will offerings will be accepted at each session. On Wednesday, March 3, we will also gratefully accept boxes of tissues and bottles of lotion for residents of the Little Sisters of the Poor home in Chicago.

Plan to give yourself this special time of prayer, inspiration, reflection, and growth as together we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. For more information please call the RE Office, 847/966-1180.

## READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
Philippians 3:17-4
1 Luke 9:28b-36

## LENT I

Jesus was led into the desert for 40 days to be tempted by the devil who tested him three times. Each test challenged Jesus to exchange His trust in God for another source of fulfillment by misusing His power. In each test Jesus remained faithful to His Father.

As I begin the season of Lent, what areas of my life are "testing" me and tempting me to turn away from my trust and hope in God? What grace and help do I need on this road to Easter to remain faithful?

Read the Scripture passages for Mass each week before you come. How do they help you grow in your understanding of God's love and will for you?

EDUCATION

## RE NEWS

*On Monday Gr. 5 will have a Vocation Panel during class. Parents are welcome. First Grade will participate in a Forgiveness Service planned by the Initiation Class. Second Grade will make their First Communion plate designs. They should bring their practice drawings with them.
*The RE Lent Project is Operation Rice Bowl, the Lent Program for Catholic Relief Services. Bowls for the children to place their gifts went home last Monday and are not due back until Monday of Holy Week, March $29^{\text {th }}$.


## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study resumes this Wednesday, February $24^{\text {th }}$, at 9:30 a.m., in Rm. 6 (enter from Holy Family Room). For the next several weeks we will do an overview of Church history. All are welcome! For information call the RE Office, 847/966-1180.

## HUMAN CONCERNS

## February is American Heart Month Kids and Heart Health

It seems that much of what is written about American Heart Month is directed to adults. After all, heart disease is their leading cause of death. We should not, though, construe this to mean that kids are immune to heart disease or should be ignored. I haven't seen statistics, but kids can have heart disease. They can be felled by strokes. Kids can suffer cardiac events. Underlying factors include congenital (present at birth) diseases \& disorders, heredity, \& illnesses like sickle cell anemia, inflammatory bowel disease \& autoimmune disorders. Perhaps their greatest risks, though, come from living in our Western society!

When it comes to the US diet, make it FAST \& SUPER-SIZE ME. With families on the run from one activity to another, two parents working \& our troubled economy, McD's \& other such food purveyors offer a quick meal fix \& a bargain to boot. If the car seems to automatically "turn" at the site of the golden arches or carhops
know your kids' names \& schedules, there may have a problem. If we continue to regularly fill them up with fat-laden foods \& sugary drinks, we are likely to produce a generation of Americans with increased waist sizes, BMIs, weight, blood pressure \& cholesterol \& who will face diabetes \& heart disease at earlier ages. Not a desirable legacy for today’s kids!


The lure of video gaming, TV, computers, on-line or text communication are keeping this generation tied to couches, chairs \& the great indoors. One needn't leave the comfort of home in order to be entertained or stay in touch. Lack of regular (beyond gym class) moderate to moderately intense exercise will contribute to the above as well. The combination of high fat/ carbohydrate diets \& inactivity is causing an alarming increase in Type II diabetes in our young people. This in \& of itself is a concern, but more so because "most diabetics die from cardiovascular disease." (Dr. Tedd Mitchell, HealthSmart, USA Weekend, Feb.12-14, 2010, pg.11)

Another "minus" to our modern culture is stress. Kids are being pressured to be more, do more. Achievement is expected in the classroom \& beyond. AP courses are pushed \& demanded. Only the "A" team will do. One has to play in a travel club. If one wants to get into the best college, a student must... Some stress can be positive, but too much or stress of long duration can also lead to high blood pressure, CV disease \& behaviors (smoking, drinking, unhealthy diet) that, secondarily, can lead to the same.


Next time your tempted to grab fast food for the family, consider a home-cooked one with salad \& veggies in the mix. Next time the kids want a movie, bundle everyone up and, instead, have a snowball fight. Next time they have a test or project, help them get started earlier \& provide outlets for relaxation. Let's give them \& their hearts a chance!

Pat Kellen, Parish Nurse, Advocate Health Care/ St. Isaac Jogues


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Human Concerns


SURPRISED BY PREGNANCY?
Feeling lost or alone?
A confidential friend is waiting for your call.
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## MASS INTENTIONS士

2011

The 2011 Mass Book was opened on Thursday, February 18, 2010. Anyone wishing to reserve Masses for loved ones or special intentions may do so. Please note: we will take only one intention for each liturgy. We suggest a $\$ 10.00$ stipend for each Mass.

According to the Code of Canon Law 948: Separate Masses must be applied for the intentions of those for whom an individual offering, even if small, has been made and accepted.

What is normative in the practice of the Church is that there be separate individual Masses offered for individual intentions. Therefore, the practice of combining individual intentions on a regular basis has ceased at St. Isaac Jogues Parish.


## Truth or Consequence

History repeating itself
In some foolish ways
For any person or life situation Is not like a lightning during a storm

That without warning strikes
The same place twice
It's not always
A matter of luck or misfortune Not always a question
Of lack of individual will power
To resist the enticingly
Sweet whispers of the Devil
The works of darkness Is often a vicious cycle
That starts with one
Occasion of sin which leads
To more occasions
Of sinful consequences
Sadly in the end
Not learning
From the same mistakes
The voice of conscience
May just enter one ear
And out the other
It will take a strong
Armor of light to
To finally put a stop
To the spin and cycle
Of damages brought upon
By bad habits and wrong choices

## Want to Help Us with a Great Fundraiser?

Purchase a Coupon Booket for
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY27

Coupon Booklets for Carson's Community Day on February 27, 2010 will be sold in the Holy Family Room for $\$ 5.00$ each. Inside the booklet is a $\$ 10.00$ off coupon. You get double your money back. We appreciate your support to St. Isaac Jogues Church.


Congratulations! This evening at a dinner at the White Eagle two of our young people will: receive a Vicariate Youth Award from Bishop Kane in recognition of their years of service here in the parish. We congratulate and thank Joana Hidalgo, a former Altar Server and now a member of the Youth Choir and one of our Cantors, and Paul-Bernard Jaroslawski, one of our Altar Servers. We also congratulate their families who have encouraged and supported them over the years. God bless you all!


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS


Dates to Remember!
Feb 21-1st, 2nd, \& 3rd Degree St. Thecla Hall, 1 pm all new and In degree invited
March 3 - Monthly Business Meeting, PMC-B, 7:30 pm All Brothers asked to attend
March 7 - Confirmation at St. John Brebeuf Parish, 3 pm Bishop Perry HONOR GUARD requested
March 13 - Corned Beef \& Cabbage Dinner, PMC Social Hour 6pm, Dinner at 7 pm

More info to follow! http://koc4338.park-ridge.i1.us/


FEBRUARY 19
FEBRUARY 26
MARCH 5
MARCH 12
MARCH 19
MARCH 26
ORDERS CAN BE CALLED IN DURING THE :WEEK UP UNTIL 10 AM ON THE FRIDAY OF PICK UP!

ORDERS MAY BE PICKED UP IN THE HOLY FAMILY ROOM BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 4 AND 6 PM.

PRICE PER SANDWICH IS $\$ 3.50$ EACH

God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.


Our St. Joseph Table celebration is fast approaching (March $7^{\text {th }}$ ) and we are in need of:

Sweets (Cookies, tarts, brownies, cupcakes, etc.)
Irene Baron @ 847-967-6149


Vegetables (fried, cooked, etc.)
Dee Stanton @ 847-966-1180


Egg dishes (frittatas, meatless
quiche, etc.)
Jean Minelli @ 847-966-9845
Help (Saturday receiving and preparation of food and serving and clean-up Sunday) Barbara Dary @ 847-966-5697

Lend us Nesco Roasters or large igloo coolers for drinks - Dee Stanton, above

In order to better prepare for the table, we would appreciate your call, if you plan to donate or help with our celebration. If you would like to come to the next planning meeting it will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February $23^{\text {rd }}$.

Thank you, The St. Joseph Table Committee

## REMEMBER

Once again the Church invites us to enter the desert of repentance. That desert, as today's first reading reminds us, is also a desert of remembrance. This holy season summons us to remember all that God has done for us. Like the Israelites who recalled their captivity and God's work to free them from the Egyptians, we, too, recall those times when we were held captive by sin and experienced freedom: through the gift of God's redeeming love.

Saint Paul tells us that the word of God is near us; it : is in our mouths and in our hearts. May that sacred word prompt us to remember God's great work of reconciliation in our lives and in our community. As this season of Lent unfolds, let us take to heart these words of Saint Paul and spend these forty days calling upon the name of the Lord, asking for forgiveness and healing.

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## SAINT POLYCARP (died 155) February 23

"Eighty-six years I have served Christ, and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King : and Savior?" Boldly answering the official who demanded he worship pagan gods, Polycarp, today's "Senior Citizen Saint." demonstrates that courage, far from being the preserve of the young, is a virtue cultivated through life-long fidelity and crowned by final perseverance. A disciple of Saint John who is said to have consecrated him bishop of Smyrna in modern day Turkey, Polycarp witnesses to the truth that, whatever time and space may 'separate us, Jesus' gift of the Eucharist unites us. : Polycarp's final words, preserved by the Church of, Smyrna, sound like a Eucharistic Prayer in which the saint offers himself: "Lord, almighty God, Father : of your beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, through whom we have come to the knowledge of yourself may I be received among the martyrs as a rich and pleasing sacrifice through the eternal priest: of heaven, Jesus Christ through him be glory to you, together with him and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen."
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## Liturgies next weekend <br> February 27-28 <br> Presider <br> 10:30 am Fr Luczak/Deacon Rod

5:00 pm Fr. Kalas
7:30 am Fr. Janas
9:00 am Fr. Stagaman
12:00 pm Fr. McGlynn


## Altar Servers

5:00 pm Elizabeth Stanton, Celina Antony, Geleen Reyes
7:30 am Adam Ratner, Rene Dumayas, Anna Koziol
9:00 am Kathy Janik, Alexis Janik, Aisha Fernando
10:30 am Edrienne Yap, Althea Yap, Marco Lambo
12:00 pm Alexander Kniazuk, Matthew Kniazuk, Bryan Roque

Relatives \& Friends Please remember the sick and hospitalized: Dan Anfuso, Bob Arns, Shirley Arns, John Arns, Jr., Andre Baros, Noah Baros, Linda Bennett, Shawn Bong, Genevieve Conway, Mary Cornwell, Ed D'Souza, Edward Gaske, Shirley Klein, Maria Ladd, Gailmarie Mattison, Laura Maya, Lillian McCloud, Marilyn Michaels, Mariel Mentink, Jean Necek,

Susan Nowak, Tammy Heffernan Propst, Tony Romito, Gerry Sanariz, Linda Bong Sanchez,
Paul Sitkowski, Clariza St. George, John Terzakis, Pat Terzakis, Alec Upshaw, Megan Zimniewicz Upshaw, Chuck Watson, Mary Zimniewicz.


## REST IN PEACE

Mary Augustyn, mother of Steven

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.

- Romans 10:8


## PASTOR: Rev. Andrew Luczak

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Camillus Janas, O.F.M
PASTORAL STAFF:
Deacon Bob Kerls, Parish Business Administrator Mrs. Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education Mrs. Patricia Kellen, Parish Nurse Ms. Lisa Hall, Music Director

## DEACON COMMUNITY:

Deacon \& Mrs. Robert C. O'Keefe
Deacon Rod Ranola
Deacon \& Mrs. Paul M. Stanton
WEEKEND LITURGY PRESIDERS:
Rev. Ron Kalas
Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.
Rev. Philip McGlynn, O.S.M.
Rev. David Stagaman, S.J.

## Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, \& 12:00 Noon
Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM \& 5:00 PM

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 11:00-12:00 Noon or anytime by request.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation. Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

Friday at 5:00 p.m.;
Saturday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.;
Sunday at 3:00 p.m. (Ceremony only)
Sacrament of Baptism: Second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Baptism Preparation Session must be completed before Baptism. Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for details.


## ADDING NAMES TO THE PARISH SICK LIST

It has always been the policy of St. Isaac Jogues to offer our parish community an opportunity to pray for those parishioners who are ill and in need of our prayers. We have tried to keep close track of these names for our Bulletin as they are made available to us.

However, now we face an important privacy issue, very much like the issues faced by hospitals, health institutions, and certainly by other parishes.

We cannot (by law) publicly let our parish community know the health status of any of our members without their permission.

We appreciate the fact that often friends, neighbors, and acquaintances wish to do something special for a person who is ill, and ask to place their name on the list to be prayed for. While their intentions are surely good, we simply can no longer accept names in this manner.

We will institute a new process regarding calling in names for the Bulletin list.
Names for the sick list placed in the Bulletin have to be called in by the person who is ill, or by a member of their family. At the time they call in the name, they will be asked whether they are the sick person him/ herself, or a member of their family, and if they give permission for the name to be placed on the list. They will be asked for the correct spelling of the sick person's name. If a family member, they will be required to give their name for our records.

Thank you for your patience regarding this new process. We wish to do all we can to offer our parish community the opportunity to offer prayers for those who are ill - but we must also be cognizant of the fact that all members of our congregation are entitled to their privacy in this regard.

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