Catechist Notes

January 9, 2019

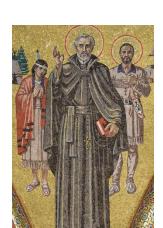
Saint of the Week:

St. Isaac Jogues



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Patron Saint of the Week: Saint Isaac Jogues, Class 4C

St. Isaac Jogues was born at Orleans, France and was ordained to the priesthood, as a member of the Society of Jesus. In 1636 he was sent to Quebec, Canada to fulfill his great desire to be a missionary to the Huron Indians. He traveled and worked among the native populations in North America, explaining to them the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was tortured and imprisoned by the Iroquois.

After his rescue and a short return to France he returned to Quebec on a peace mission. In the fall of 1646, while he was on his way to Ossernenon (Auriesville, New York) Isaac was captured by a Mohawk war party and was martyred by his

captors. Isaac Jogues is one of the North American Martyrs and his feast day is October 19th.

Jesus, our Brother, you won the heart of St. Isaac Jogues and helped him grow as a caring, courageous person. He dedicated his life to sharing his love for you by carrying the Good News about your love for all people to others. Remembering the spirit of St. Isaac Jogues, may we all grow in caring and courage. Help each of us, Jesus, to be strong and gentle messengers of your love. Amen.

(Closing Prayer will be on intercom at 6:10 & 7:55)

Next week, January 16th Patron Saint of the Week: Saint Cecilia, Class 1B & Report Cards

January 23: Bl.Luigi & Maria Quattrocchi, Class 5B

January 30: St. Gianna Molla, Class 6C

share the Spirit

"Come Catch the Spirit!"
"Sip, Nibble, Learn and Converse!"
Friday, January 25, 6:30-8:30 pm.

On January 25, 2019, the Directors and Coordinators of Religious Education of St. Charles County will sponsor the 32nd Annual "Share the Spirit" Workshop for the parishes in the area. This event is for all PSR and full-time school teachers and any other members of your parish involved in religious education and formation, including RCIA teams. The location is Immaculate Conception Parish, 2089 Hanley Road, Dardenne, MO.

This will be an evening "Open House" format so you can come for 25 minutes or the entire evening! There will be "Discussion Tables" with many different presentations. It's going to be an awesome workshop with many take home activities! It also includes Wine and Appetizers!

Confirmation: Cathedral Tour will be Monday, January 18, 8:30 am Church

Sponsor Meeting Thursday January 24, 7pm in Social Hall.

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PSR report cards will be distributed to the children Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

You have received an email link for report cards data base. You will need to complete ASAP so that Report cards can be distributed on Jan. 16, 2019. You will need to mark for <u>Understanding of Material</u>, <u>Participation</u>, <u>Assignments</u>, and <u>Conduct</u> using the grades of VG= Very Good, S = Satisfactory, NI = Needs Improving, and U = Unsatisfactory. You are encouraged to make comments. (Suggested comments are in your binder along with a sample report card.). Margo and I will complete the attendance portion. Let me know if you have any problems accessing the link. Or if you would prefer a paper copy.



The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday we celebrated the gift of God's salvation to all peoples. Our eyes and hearts must be open to the mystery of God's love. The Word of God dwells among us! God is one with humankind!

Like Magi Kings laden with gifts, may this Christmas season visit you bearing rich gifts of peace and love, a happy New Year, and joy in the Lord forever.

Sunday, we celebrate **The Baptism of the Lord.** The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

This Feast Day marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission.



Patron Saints of the Week:

Feb	6	Reg Class	2B	St. John Bosco
	13	Reg Class	5C	St. Philip Neri
	20	Reg Class	7C	Bl. Miguel Pro
	27	Reg Class	8C	Matt Talbot
Mar	6		Ash Wed Mass 5 and 7pm	
Mar	13	Reg Class	2B Penance Service Grades 2-8	St. Teresa of Avila
	20	Reg Class	4B	St. Camillus de Lellis
Apr	3	Reg Class	7B	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
	10	Reg Class		St. Andre Besette
	17	Reg Class	HOLY WEEK: Journey to Jerusalem	
	24	Reg Class	6B	St. Catherine of Siena
May	1	Reg Class	5B Practice for First Communion	St Francis De Sales



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Paul VI Institute is now accepting registrations online for their spring 2019 classes. To register or for more information, please visit www.archstl.org/paul6 and click on "Courses," then scroll to "Current Course Schedule." The registration form will be on the bottom of the page. If you just want to register without viewing the current course schedule, you can simply click on "Courses" and scroll down to "Online Registration."

From Dr. Barb Blackburn:

JOURNEY ON

The shepherds in Bethlehem have gone back to their fields. The three wise men have returned to their own land in the East. Mary and Joseph have returned from their exile in Egypt. The Gospels now turn to accounts of the early ministry of Jesus, who proves to be "a man on a journey." His mission to usher in the Kingdom of God will lead him from Bethlehem where he was born to all corners of Israel and ultimately to Jerusalem where he will die and rise from the dead –just 10 miles from where he was born.

The Gospel stories end with the command to the disciples to also go out on a mission, a journey. Disciples would travel to all corners of the world, eventually even to Cottleville, Kirkwood, Farmington, Bloomsdale, Ste. Genevieve, St. Charles, St. Peters, Warrenton and all corners of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

You continue that journey each day when you enter the classroom. Your journey will be filled with adventures, challenges and blessings. And you will never journey alone. You have Jesus' promise that he will be with you till the end. So enjoy the journey and continue the mission of Jesus.

HAPPY NEW YEAR