

ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCH OF ST. ISAAC JOGUES
 MARLTON, NEW JERSEY

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If you wish to visit the church for prayer, please stop by the Parish Office during regular business hours; a staff member will let you into the church.

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Open 8:00am-8:00pm daily

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Carlo
Acutis*

"...The First
Millennial Saint."

- Pope Francis



Canonized as Saints

September 7, 2025

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKLY MASSES:

Monday– Friday | 8:30am (*Monday-Communion Service*)

Saturdays | 5:00pm (*After 3:30pm Confessions*)

Sundays | 9:00am & 11:00am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays | 3:30pm-4:30pm | Reconciliation Room

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY:

Open Monday & Wednesday | 10am-12pm | **SVdP Helpline:** 856-797-7352

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Masses For The Week





Saturday 5:00pm	September 6, 2025 Birthday Blessings - Gloria Duenas † r/o Loving Daughter Deborah Carmella Porter † r/o Ed & Fay Andrews
Sunday 9:00am	September 7, 2025 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Rossi † r/o Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Rapacchia Mr. Charles Kidron † r/o Mr. & Mrs. Carter
11:00am Monday	September 8, 2025 Communion Service
8:30am Tuesday	September 9, 2025 James P. Dempsey † r/o SIJ Parish Council & Bereavement Ministry
8:30am Wednesday	September 10, 2025 Special Intentions r/o Drs. Pineda Connie & Elaine Juliano † r/o John & Mickey Leonetti
8:30am Thursday	September 11, 2025 Vincent Raia † r/o A Friend
8:30am Friday	September 12, 2025 Mathew Kurian & Annamma Varghese † r/o Thomas Family
5:00pm Saturday	September 13, 2025 People of the Parish
9:00am Sunday	September 14, 2025 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Mary Isaia † r/o Tony Isaia Ron Dromsky † r/o St. Vincent de Paul Society Mary Amato † r/o Gene & Edrie Broz
11:00am	Ocampo-Pineda Families r/o Drs. Pineda Anita Saraco † r/o SIJ Parish Council & Bereavement Ministry

Pray For The Sick

Phyllis Ambrosio, John Amici, Joseph Amici, Diane B., Bob Bartek, Baby Julian Blau, Alane Brendley, Dee Brendley, Richard Brendley, Linda Brunges, Dion Callaghan, Donna Callaghan, Caren Carpenter, John Carr, Debbie Collier, Scott Collier, Justin DaTorre, Richie DeBella, Vincent Degliomini, Deacon Joe & Rosemarie DeRosa, Joseph De Sessa, Thomas DeSimone, Julio DiFiore, Jane DiGiovanni, Robin DiPietro, Mary Beth Doherty, Sloane Donnelly, Judy Dutton, Kevin Fox, Joseph Gallagher, Millie Gaskins, Helen Gidel, Cindy Ginhardt, Diane & Nick Grasso, Joan Hathaway-Barr, Michael Hauger, Jessica Henrich, Eugene Herman, Jean Immarr, Anthony Isaia, Theresa Isaia, Ryan Jastrzembski, Kathryn Kellmayer, Mario Kundrat, Glenn Lockwood, Peggy Luciani, Mary Lytle, Brian M., William Maldonado, Jose Marinella, Sr. Josephine Mascera, Kristin MacNamara, Ashley McNellis-Sinnwell, Manuel DeLima Mendes, Neyde Santana Mendes, Mary Mento, Marlene Mikusa, Dr. Anthony Minissale, Fr. Martin Padovani, Joyce Palermo, Stephanie Palladino, Ann Marie Palladino, Isabella Petitto, Lourdes Pineda, Rica Pineda, Brayden Prudente, Marie Redmer, Rudi Rodriguez, Karen Rollo, Nathaniel Roselli, Christopher Ruggiano, Nicholas Joseph Salamone III, Joseph Samoni, Rosa Maria Santos, Michael Sarne, George, Wendy, Dan & Sara Schetter, Ethan Schwartz, Tyler Seaman, Harrison Senda, Louise Siciliano, Tyler Sinnwell, Lorraine Slyman, Gerald Soboleski, Christian Spicer, Theresa Stockett, Len Schuchman, James Vega, Ethan Wang, John Yanushka, Annamaria Zamichieli, Nina Zuccarelli, Elizabeth Zurcher

Note: Starting August 18, 2025, names on our parish sick list will remain there for approximately 3 weeks. If you would like to keep your loved one's name on our list for an additional 3 weeks, or would like their name to be removed, please contact the Parish Office during regular business hours.

For Our Members in the Military

 LCpl Patrick J. Bayrne, US Marine Corps; Kenneth R. Blackmon, RADM, US Navy; 1LT TJ Burdette, US Marine Corps; SPC Sean E. Byrne, US Army; PVT Matthew Cameron, US Marine Corps - Parris Island; A1C Jeffrey G. Dinich, US Air Force; A1C Peter Dinich, US Air Force; 2LT Andrew Erdmann, US Marine Corps/Quantico; PVT John E. Loeber III, US Marine Corps; 1LT Brandon Lopez, NJ Army National Guard; SSG Stephen MacCroy, US Army; Capt. Joseph L. McGettigan, USNA; CPL Brett Koerner, US Marine Corps; CW2 Ryan O'Rourke, US Marine Corps; SrA Dominic Prate, US Air Force; Sgt Leland Eric Renoff, US Marine Corps; Capt Jason Rosenthal, US Marine Corps; PO1 Kurt Scheifele, US Navy 



POWERFUL PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

From
the
Pastor

May the Lord give you His peace. A few weeks ago, I had informed the congregation that our fire alarm system was in need of replacement. The primary reason it is prudent to pursue this project now is the safety of our parishioners, staff, and religious education students. Since I have arrived, the fire alarm has had several false alarms, mostly due to power surges, which shows the age of the unit (older equipment is more susceptible to surges and spikes). A couple months ago, we had a bad lightning storm that set the alarm off. Our fire marshal came to shut the system off, which failed to respond. The only way we could reset it was to cut the power and unplug the backup battery.

When the fire marshal inspected the building, he noticed that all the smoke detectors were on the same zone. Modern equipment enables us to assign specific addresses to each smoke detector or emergency switch. This is then reported to a panel in the main entrance to direct the firefighters exactly where to go. The current system does not do this. The fire marshal strongly recommended we have the system upgraded for everyone's safety and peace of mind. Therefore, we are pursuing this project forthwith.

I want to thank all those who contributed to the replacement fire alarm system. As of the writing of this letter, we have collected almost \$7200, which is getting us closer to our goal. I feel like Bon Jovi, "Woah! We're halfway there! Livin' on a prayer!" This is great progress. If you have not yet donated to this cause, I invite you to prayerfully consider helping us reach our goal of \$25,000. You can give online at www.givesij.org. Thank you for helping us keep our church a safe place for worship and growth in the faith.

Last Wednesday, the Knights of Columbus had their new officers ceremony and welcomed their new Grand Knight, Richard Frassetto. For the last two years, Vito Sardone led the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Council, helping to increase the number of members and sponsor several programs and charities. Now, under the leadership of Mr. Frassetto, the first charity they seek to support is for Children with Special Needs. The Knights will have a special collection after all the Masses this weekend for these children. I have a nephew with special needs and know well the challenges many families have in raising their children. Every little bit helps, and above all, prayers. God knows what we need before we ask, but allows us the freedom to ask so that He may delight in answering our prayers. Thank you for lifting up our children, especially those with special needs.

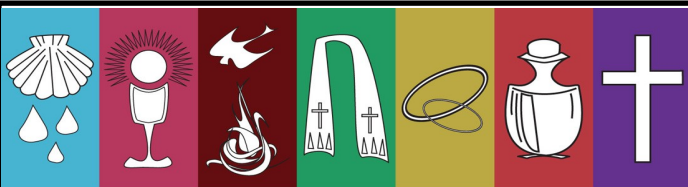
This Monday, September 8, our catechists will be meeting with our Coordinator of Religious Education, David Barr, to prepare for the next year of Children's Religious Formation. This year, we are including a new program for teenage students who have missed several years of their formation or have not yet been baptized. This two-year program seeks to help those students to complete their Christian initiation so they may live the fullness of the sacramental life. We are also launching a new class for those teenagers who have already been confirmed: Living the Mysteries. This class will focus on the mystagogical aspects of leading a Catholic life of faith. All students who have been confirmed and want to continue their religious formation are welcome to attend. Please contact David Barr at david.barr@cosij.org for more information on how to enroll.

Speaking of enrollment, our Children's Religious Formation program is in open enrollment. We are getting down to the wire, so if you have not yet registered your child(ren) for the program, now is the time. Classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday between 4:30PM and 7:30PM, beginning September 22. For more information, please visit our website: www.cosij.org/ff-registration.

In other exciting news this weekend **Blessed Carlo Acutis** will be canonized as a saint in the Catholic Church this Sunday, September 7, in St. Peter's Square, Rome, at 10AM local time. The canonization, presided over by Pope Leo XIV, will be the first of his papacy and will take place alongside the canonization of **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**. This event follows the postponement of the original April 2025 date, which was scheduled for the Jubilee of Teenagers, due to the death of Pope Francis in April 2025. Acutis, a British-born Italian teenager who died of leukemia at age 15 in 2006, is already being hailed the first millennial saint and "God's Influencer" for his use of digital media to promote Catholic devotion, including creating a website documenting Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions. Visit <https://www.miracolieucaristici.org/> to see for yourself. His canonization was made possible after Pope Francis recognized a second miracle attributed to his intercession in May 2024, involving the recovery of a Costa Rican woman from a severe brain hemorrhage after her mother prayed at his tomb. Frassati, a 20th-century Italian layman and member of the Dominican Third Order, was beatified in 1990 by Pope John Paul II and is known as the "Man of the Eight Beatitudes" for his dedication to social justice and service to the poor.

Our Catholic formation is all about growing in the virtues of Christ. Chief among these virtues are Faith, Hope, and Love, so aptly portrayed in the lives of the Saints. Then come the Cardinal virtues of prudence, fortitude, patience, and justice. The exercise of these virtues, particularly by those who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, open us to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Chief among these gifts is Wisdom. Our first reading is from the Book of Wisdom, which reveals how the limitations of our bodies often cloud our better judgment. The great revelation is that wisdom is something that comes from above, not from below. In other words, we cannot will wisdom; it is something that God gives to those who seek it. By doing so, all our paths are made straight. As it says in the Book of Proverbs, "Walk with the wise and you become wise, but the companion of fools fares badly" (Pv. 13:20). Today let us walk with Christ.

Pax,
-Fr. Jim



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents and godparents are required to attend a brief Baptismal Preparation before scheduling their child for baptism. At least one godparent must obtain a certificate of eligibility from the church where they are currently registered. To register your child for baptism, please call the Parish Office at **856-797-0999 ext. 101**.

MARRIAGE

If you would like to celebrate your wedding at the Church of St. Isaac Jogues, arrangements must be made at least a year in advance. At least one person should be a registered member of the parish. For more information, please call the Parish Office at **856-797-0999 ext. 101**.

HAVE YOUR MARRIAGE BLESSED

If you are currently civilly married (or were married in a different faith/Christian denomination) and would like to have your marriage blessed by the Catholic Church, please contact our pastor, Fr. Jim, at **(856) 797-0999, ext. 102**, or frsmith@cosij.org.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick may be requested in times of serious or grave illness. Please call the Parish Office as soon as possible and we will contact a priest for you. If you are unable to reach us or if there is an emergency, please call **856-797-0999, ext. 106**.

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Church of St. Isaac Jogues offers classes for children, teenagers and adults who are interested in becoming Catholic (or have not yet received all of their Sacraments). For more information, please contact Deacon John at john.scanlon@cosij.org.

Devotional Lamps

September 7-13

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for:
The victims of the recent Minnesota shooting

The **Fatima Lamp** will burn for:
Grandparents r/o Laurie Quinn

The **St. Michael Lamp** will burn for:
All priests & seminarians in the Diocese of Trenton

The **Adoration Chapel Lamps** will burn for:
Fred Laspe r/o Maz & Nancy Jamanow



We encourage you to reserve a Devotional Lamp for your intentions at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Space after all weekend Masses. You may also visit/call the Parish Office during normal business hours.

This Week at St. Isaac's

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

3:00pm—Confessions **5:00pm**—Mass
6:00pm—Altar Server Training (Church)
6:00pm—KofC Special Needs Drive (Gathering Space; After All Masses)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00am—Mass **11:00am**—Solemn Mass

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:30am—Communion Service/Rosary (Chapel)
10:00am-12:00pm—Food Pantry
6:00pm—CRF Staff Meeting (Hall)
7:00pm—St. Vincent de Paul (Room 6)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)
2:00pm-7:00pm—Red Cross Blood Drive (Hall)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)
10:00am-12:00pm—Food Pantry
7:00pm—Parish Council Meeting (Conference Rm.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Chapel)
10:30am & 7:00pm—Walking with Purpose (Hall)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:30am—Mass/Rosary (Church)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

3:30pm—Confessions
5:00pm—Mass
6:00pm—Designer Bag Bingo Ticket Sales (Gathering Space; After All Masses)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:00am—Mass **11:00am**—Solemn Mass
12:15pm—Baptism (Church)

COLLECTION REPORT

8/24/25 Weekly	\$5,693.00
Parish Giving	
8/29/25 Weekly	\$3,493.00



Altar bread and wine for this week's Masses was provided by Mr. & Mrs. Persechino. Thank you!



CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS FORMATION 2025-2026 (FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-8)

MONDAY CLASS TIMES (4:30-7:45PM)

Grades 1-8 | OCIA: **4:30-5:45pm**

Grades 7 & 8: **6:30-7:45pm**

TUESDAY CLASS TIMES (4:30-5:45PM)

Grades K-8 | Special Needs

NEW! Mystagogy High School Class (Gr. 9-12)

PLUS ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Trunk or Treat
- Rosary Rally
- Advent Play
- CRS Rice Bowl
- Jesus' Last Words Play
- Parents' Night Out
- PB&J Sandwich Making
- Soups & Stations ...**AND MORE!**

CLASSES BEGIN 9/22 & 9/23 (24 SESSIONS TOTAL)

For more information on how to register, please contact David Barr at david.barr@cosij.org or visit www.cosij.org/crf.



Living the Mysteries

Youth Ministry for
Confirmed Teens

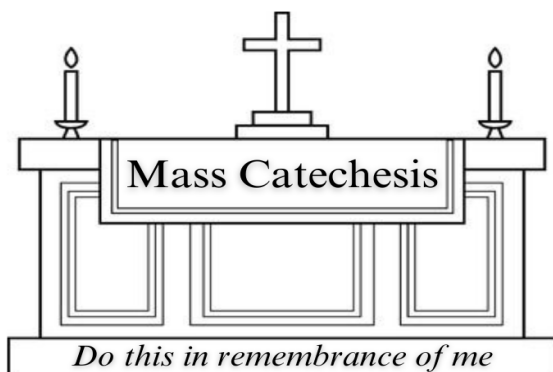


Who: All confirmed high school students
When: Tuesdays - 4:30-5:45pm (Sept.-April)
Led by: Fr. Jim Smith (Pastor of St. Isaac Jogues)



Mystagogy helps teens to reflect on their sacramental identity, deepen their relationship with Christ, and ask big questions about their lives and faith. Its core focus is on building real Catholic community, while serving others joyfully and growing in prayer and leadership. Mystagogy gives teens a safe space to ask tough questions, and also empowers them with tools needed to learn responsibility and ownership.

For more info, please contact Mr. Barr at david.barr@cosij.org!



The Our Father Prayer During Mass

The “Our Father” (Lord’s Prayer) holds significant meaning and purpose in the Mass, particularly in its placement after the Eucharistic Prayer and before Holy Communion. This placement is not arbitrary but is deeply rooted in theological and liturgical considerations.

Preparation for Communion

The primary significance of the “Our Father” at this point in the Mass is its role in preparing the faithful for sacramental Communion with Christ. It serves as a bridge between the Anaphora (Eucharistic Prayer), which is the Church’s great prayer of thanksgiving and consecration, and the reception of the Eucharist.

- **Summation of Petitions:** The Lord’s Prayer effectively summarizes all the petitions and intercessions expressed during the Epiclesis (the invocation of the Holy Spirit) within the Eucharistic Prayer. It gathers the prayers of the entire Church, expressing a collective longing for the Kingdom of God.
- **Anticipation of the Heavenly Banquet:** By praying the “Our Father”, the faithful “knock at the door of the Banquet of the kingdom which sacramental communion anticipates”. This highlights the eschatological character of the Eucharist, which is a foretaste of the heavenly feast.
- **Asking for “Daily Bread”:** In the “Our Father”, the petition for “our daily bread” is understood to have a particular reference to the Eucharistic Bread, which is essential for living as children of God. This petition underscores our dependence on God for both physical and spiritual nourishment.

Fostering Filial and Fraternal Attitudes

The “Our Father” also cultivates essential spiritual attitudes necessary for worthy reception of Communion:

- **Filial Relationship with God:** As the prayer taught by Jesus himself, the “Our Father” allows the faithful to address God as “Father” with confidence, reflecting their rebirth as God’s children through Baptism and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Pope Francis emphasizes that when we pray the “Our Father” we pray as Jesus prayed, connecting with the Father who loves us.
- **Fraternal Love and Forgiveness:** The petition “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us” is crucial for preparing for Holy Communion. The Lord’s Prayer precedes Eucharistic communion because God is “our Father”, uniting us around the Lord’s Banquet table, and such unity requires forgiveness. Saint Paul distinctly warns against unworthy reception of Communion (1 Cor 11:27), and the “Our Father” helps to foster the necessary reconciliation and fraternal love. Christ’s peace cannot take root in a heart incapable of experiencing and restoring fraternity.
- **Deliverance from Evil:** The prayer also includes a request to “deliver us from evil”, which separates us from God and divides us from our brothers and sisters. These requests are highly appropriate for preparing for Holy Communion.

Quintessential Prayer of the Church

The “Our Father” is considered the quintessential prayer of the Church. It is an integral part of the major hours of the Divine Office and the sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). Its inclusion in the Eucharistic liturgy reveals its full meaning and efficacy, making it the prayer of the whole Church.

In summary, the “Our Father” following the Eucharistic Prayer is a profound moment of preparation, uniting the faithful in a common prayer that expresses their filial relationship with God, their need for forgiveness and fraternal love, and their longing for the heavenly banquet, all of which are essential dispositions for receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

***Next Week’s Mass Catechesis:
The Sign of Peace***

Become an Altar Server at St. Isaac's!

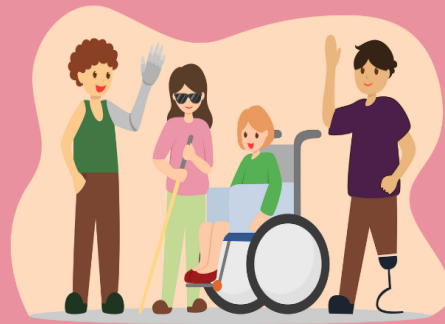


Boys and girls in fourth grade and above are invited to serve at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Openings are available at all Mass times.

Training for new altar servers will take place on the following dates:

- Saturday, Sept. 6 at 6pm
- Saturday, Sept. 20 at 6pm

If your child is interested in becoming an altar server, please email Nick DeAngelis at altarservers@cosij.org.



The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Special Needs Drive after all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your past and continued generosity in support of their charitable efforts!



BLOOD DRIVE



Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025
2:00pm-7:00pm

Church of St. Isaac Jogues
Parish Hall
349 Evesboro-Medford Rd.
Marlton, NJ 08053

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "St Isaac" or "08053" in the search bar.

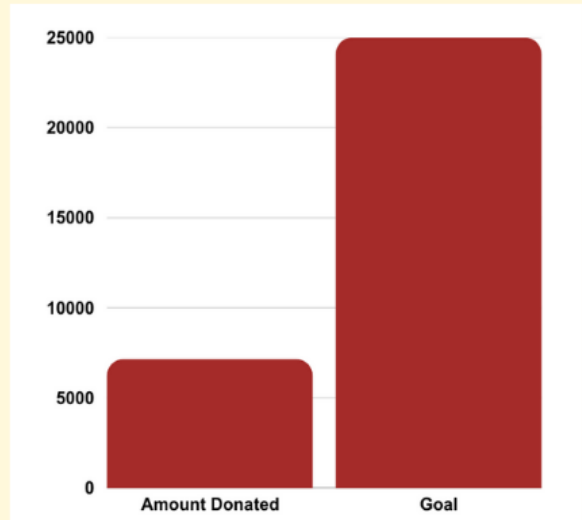


Marriage Banns



(First Bann) Patricia G. Donahue & Daniel C. Delayo

Fire Alarm Fund



Thank you for your generous support of our parish and for helping us keep St. Isaac's a safe place to worship and grow in the faith! To help fund this project, you can make a one-time gift online at givesij.org or by scanning the QR code.



Ways to Honor Your Loved Ones



Devotional Lamp

Donation Amount: \$25/week

Have a candle lit for your intentions or loved ones (living or deceased). Candles are located throughout the church and in our Adoration Chapel.

Mass Offering (with card)

Donation Amount: \$10 (Mass only);
\$15 (with card)

A Mass will be said in honor of your loved ones (living or deceased).



Altar Bread and Wine

Donation Amount: \$50/week

Help support our regular worship throughout the week.

Flowers for God's Glory

Donation Amount: \$25

Your donation will help us to decorate the altar with flowers --all for the glory of God!

(Donations will go toward purchasing flowers for holy days or special occasions throughout the year.)



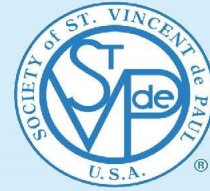
To make a donation, please visit the Welcome Center in the Gathering Space after any weekend Mass. You can also contact the Parish Office at (856) 797-0999 or parishoffice@cosij.org.



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St. Vincent de Paul Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him: the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: "Vincetians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice... the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincetians see the face of Christ."

St. Vincent de Paul is looking for volunteers! If you're interested in learning more about this vital ministry and would like to learn how you can get involved, please join us at our weekly meeting (held on Mondays at 7pm in Room 6 of the St. Isaac's Parish Center).



Food Drive



September 6 & 7, 2025

We are especially in need of:

- Boxes of cereal
- Canned soup/chicken/stew
- Dish/laundry soap
- Paper towels/napkins
- Toilet paper/boxes of tissues
- Toothpaste/deodorant
- Supermarket gift cards
(Walmart, ShopRite, and/or Acme;
helps us purchase food between drives)



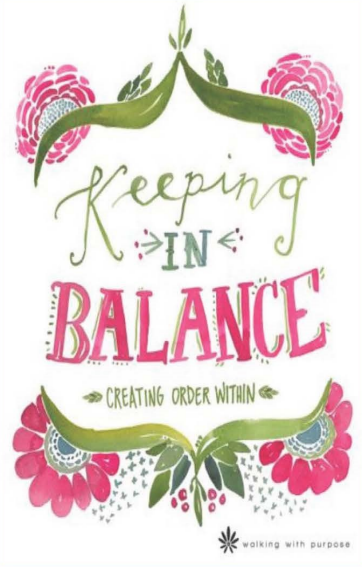
Please leave donations outside the Food Pantry (located in the Gathering Space). Gift cards may be placed in the collection basket at Mass or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Thank you and God bless you!



Women's Bible Study

A 22-week series beginning Thursday, Sept. 11



Join us for a new season of *Walking With Purpose!*

Choose from one of the following sessions:

Thursdays at 10:30am | Thursdays at 7:00pm

Open to all women of the parish & non-parishioners

Our newest series, *Keeping in Balance*, builds a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, while also building fellowship with one another.

Cost of book: \$50 (payable by cash or check)

Please make checks payable to Church of St. Isaac Jogues.

To register, please contact Christine at cfrastos@live.com, Anna at anna.lorang@cosij.org, or stop by the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space after any weekend Mass.



We will be offering our first-year program, *Opening Your Heart*, for any women who were unable to take part in last year's Walking with Purpose study. These meetings will also be held at 10:30am and 7pm on Thursdays. If you are interested in purchasing an *Opening Your Heart* book (cost is \$50), please contact Christine at cfrastos@live.com or Anna at anna.lorang@cosij.org.



Thank You!

Our parishioners recently helped to raise **\$3,660** for the Good Counsel Home in Riverside, NJ. Thank you to our parish family for their support and generosity, as well as to our Knights of Columbus St. Kateri Council (#12229) for all they have done and continue to do to support mothers and babies in need.



Mark Your Calendars!



Friday, September 26
SIJ Parish Hall

Doors open at 6pm

Tickets will go on sale the weekend of Sept. 13.



We are always looking for contributions for raffle baskets. If you are able to contribute items or cash/gift cards, please reach out to Nancy Jamanow at nanjamanow@aol.com. As always, thank you for your support and your generosity!

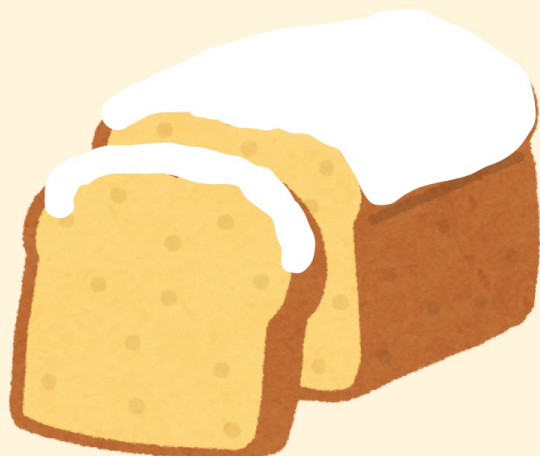




Stock's Pound Cake Fundraiser

(just in time for the holidays!)

Freeze great!



Choose from:

- Vanilla pound cake (w/ van. or choc. frosting)*
- Marble pound cake (w/ van. or choc. frosting)

*Vanilla pound cake can also be ordered plain (no icing)

Orders will be taken after all Masses the weekends of 10/11-12 and 10/18-19.

Cakes will be available for pickup after all Masses the weekend of 11/8-9.

****Please note: NO orders can be taken after Oct. 19.****



St. Carlo Acutis

(May 3, 1991-October 12, 2006)

Feast Day: October 12

Patron saint of: the Internet

"To always be close to Jesus: that is my life plan."

- Even though Carlo spent his childhood in Milan, Italy, he was born in London.
- He loved computers and the Internet, and never minded helping others with their computer problems.
- In his spare time, Carlo enjoyed reading comics, playing video games, and spending time with his friends. Carlo even taught himself how to play the saxophone!
- As a teenager, Carlo created a website that featured info about different Eucharistic miracles. This site became available to the public after his death and can still be accessed at miracolieucaistici.org.
- He will be canonized on Sept. 7, 2025 at 10:00am Rome time by Pope Leo XIV.

St. Carlo Acutis, pray for us!



St. Pier Giorgio Frassati

(April 6, 1901-July 4, 1925)

Feast Day: July 4

Patron saint of: students, young Catholics

"When God is with us, we don't have to be afraid of anything."

- Pier was born in Italy; his father owned a newspaper & his mother was an artist. He had one younger sister, Luciana.
- At school, Pier would often pull "fun" pranks on his classmates and in return received the nickname "Terror".
- Although Pier had many hobbies, his favorite was climbing mountains. He also enjoyed swimming and being with friends.
- Pier had great love for the poor; when a young boy came to his door, barefoot and asking for food, Pier gave him the shoes off his own feet.
- He will be canonized on Sept. 7, 2025 at 10:00am Rome time by Pope Leo XIV.

St. Pier Frassati, pray for us!