

January

15

2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



NOW I HAVE SEEN
AND TESTIFIED
THAT HE IS THE
SON OF GOD.

JOHN 1:34



Reflections From the Pastor

The psalm refrain this Sunday strikes a deep chord in my heart, “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.” That is the essence of the Gospel and what brings meaning to each of our lives. We can try to do things our own way and deny the wonderful plan God has for us. Or we can seek God’s will and humbly follow Him wherever He leads us. In my experience, doing God’s will has brought much more meaning and fulfillment to my life than when I tried to do my own will.

John the Baptist was sent on a mission by God from his very conception in the womb of his mother Elizabeth. He was called to point people to Jesus. He fulfilled that mission completely, ultimately giving his life for Jesus.

Many people thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He preached powerfully and lived radically different than anyone else. A large crowd began to follow him. Instead of allowing this fame to inflate his ego, John said, “I must decrease and He must increase.” And in the Gospel passage for today, when John saw Jesus coming toward him he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’” In other words, follow Him, not me.

The word “behold” is powerful. It means more than just look. It means to gaze upon and take in the fullness of the person. When we say these words at Mass, we are called to gaze upon the same Jesus that John pointed out, “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.”

Why did John call Jesus the “Lamb of God”? This had special meaning for the Jews because they sacrificed the spotless lamb on the feast of the Passover to remember God delivering them from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. They ate the flesh of the lamb and put the blood on their doorposts so that the angel of death would pass over their house. Jesus, of course, was sinless and was THE SPOTLESS LAMB. He would soon be sacrificed to deliver us from slavery to sin and bring us to freedom in His Kingdom. He told us, “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you.” (John 6:53) To this day, we consume His flesh and drink His blood in the Holy Eucharist.

I find it interesting that John says twice, “I did not know him.” We know that John leapt in the womb of his mother when Mary visited Elizabeth after conceiving Jesus in her womb. John recognized Jesus even from the womb. But as he grew older, he could not recognize Jesus as clearly. But then God showed John, “On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.” John encountered Christ and his eyes were opened and he was never the same.

I find this path happens in our lives as well. When we are young, we tend to be very sensitive and aware of God’s presence in our lives. I have heard amazing stories of children seeing God and talking directly to Him. However, as we get older, we often become less sensitive to the presence of God until we experience him in some new way. This may happen on a retreat, at church, during prayer or in many other ways. The key is that Jesus wants to reveal Himself to us and He wants us to be convinced of His presence in our lives.

Saul was one who persecuted Christians until he encountered the risen Christ on the road to Damascus. God changed his name to Paul because his life was never the same. He became one of the greatest evangelizers ever and he truly lived out the refrain, “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.”

Paul tells us that we are “called to be holy”. Every single one of us is called to be holy, to be set apart, to be a “light for the nations.” The way to do that is to seek the Lord with our whole heart, mind and soul. And when we encounter Him, like John, like Paul – our lives are never the same. “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.”

What is God’s mission for me?

Do I seek God’s will above my own?

Do I seek to grow in holiness every day of my life?

Does my life point others to Jesus like the lives of John and Paul?

Fr. Burke

Book of the month – “Holy Moments” by Matthew Kelly

Fr. Burke’s Blog – www.frburke23.wordpress.com

Search and subscribe to Fr. Burke’s daily videos under “Fr. Burke Masters” on YouTube -

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOt-ntVKI9ko98Yd7uiuWOA>

Search and subscribe to our new parish YouTube channel -

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8oDHtwLm7E_seoCj1ndzKA

Baptisms

January 8, 2023

Thomas Paul Kellner

Son of Lauren and Tyler Kellner

We welcome these children into our church family of faith.

Pray for the Sick

Julia Jude

Chris Jude

Mike Camara

Rose Luz

Father Gerald Tivy

Joseph DeCraene

Don Tadda

Joe Simpson

Trinity Funteas

The Palar Family

Charles Marron

Rest in Peace

Thomas Marron

Father of Mark Marron

Arlene Glavin

Mother of Mark Heretik

Please pray for our beloved deceased and for their families

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — I am here to do as you ask, O Lord (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 15, 2023—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 AM-Robert Sheldon ☩
- 9:00 AM-Mrs. Vainus ☩
- 10:30 AM-For the Parish Family
- 12:00 PM-Rosemary Cox ☩

Monday, January 16, 2023—Weekday

- 7:00 AM-Ana Elvia Manglano ☩
- 5:00 PM-Wanda Zumpano ☩

Tuesday, January 17, 2023-Saint Anthony, Abbott

- 7:00 AM-Valerie Whyte ☩
- 5:00 AM-Christopher Chute ☩

Wednesday, January 18, 2023-Weekday

- 7:00 AM-Bob Lannert ☩
- 5:00 PM-Maggie, Nick and Terry Battafano ☩

Thursday, January 19, 2023-Weekday

- 7:00 AM-Dr. Richard Gamelli ☩
- 5:00 PM-Vera Maku ☩

Friday, January 20, 2023-Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

- 7:00 AM-Frank and Caroline Stinauer ☩
- 8:20 AM-Madeline Glynn ☩
- 5:00 PM-Marvin Wesely ☩

Saturday, January 21, 2023—Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

- 8:00 AM-Sharon Richtor ☩
- 4:30 PM-Amanda Butkovich ☩

Sunday, January 22, 2023—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 AM-Valerie Whyte ☩
- 9:00 AM-Rosemary Cox ☩
- 10:30 AM-For the Parish Family
- 12:00 PM-Carolyn Etten ☩



Retreats

Mark your calendars for 2023

*Men's Be Healed Retreat
goes on sale February 28, 2023*

April 28-30, 2023. Have you ever done something that you don't want to do, or not done something that you want to do? This retreat can help you find freedom and healing from past wounds. For more information go to www.gamechangersfts.org.

Sunday Offering

Weekly Offering for January 8, 2023	\$55,866
Weekly Offering same week last year	\$55,190
Targeted Goal	\$38,000

Thank you for your generosity!

If you would like to contribute via automatic donations, whether by bank account or credit card, consider signing up for ONLINE GIVING, via our website:
www.sjj.net or click on the QR Code below.

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Michaele Blando, Business Manager

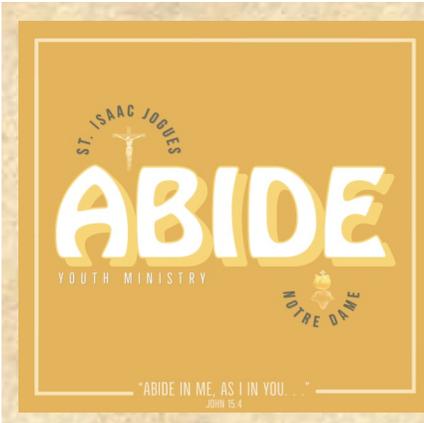





Mark Your Calendars

February 4, 2023 at 4:30pm Mass

Bishop Hicks will be here at St. Isaac Jogues Church to officially install Fr. Burke Masters as the pastor of our parish.
This celebration is open to all.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Save the Dates for 2nd Semester Abide Youth Group

High School Meet Ups
February-TBA, March 12, April 16, May 21

Middle School Hang Outs
February 10, March 17, April 21, May 19

Friends, we look forward to growing in Faith with you this year!

Questions Email: Erin Buddig- erinbuddig@gmail.com
and Drew Isbell- disbell@notredameparish.org

SIJ RE-UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY RE CLASSES

- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25TH
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

Confirmation 2023

- Wednesday, February 8th *Witness Day*
- Tuesday, February 21st *Confirmation Practices*
5:30/6:30pm
- Saturday, February 25th *Sacrament of Confirmation*
10am/12pm

First Communion

First Communion Parent Meeting

Tuesday, January 17th 10:00am or 7:00pm

First Communion Retreat

Saturday, April 28th 8:30 am or 10:00 am

First Communion Practice

Wednesday, May 3rd 3:30pm or 5:30pm

First Communion

Saturday, May 6th 10:00 am or 12:00 pm

**Confessions are still available
four days per week in our area:**

Mondays – 5:30pm-6:30pm (St. Isaac Jogues)

Wednesdays – 6:00pm – 7:00pm
(Notre Dame, Clarendon Hills)

Fridays – 5:30pm – 6:30pm
(Our Lady of Peace, Darien)

Saturdays – 8:30am – 9:30am (St. Isaac Jogues),
3:30pm – 4:15pm (St. Isaac Jogues)
8:30am – 9:45am
(Our Lady of Peace, Darien),
4:00pm – 4:45pm
(Notre Dame, Clarendon Hills)

Respect Life Ministry

Do you want to learn more about the life issues and help with various projects throughout the year that show respect for the lives of the unborn, our compassion for women affected by crisis pregnancies and our concern for the aged, dying and disabled? We look forward to working together to spread the message that every life is a precious gift from God.

Our next meeting **Thursday, January 19th at 11:00 am, Fireplace Room.**

Questions? Contact Amy Keane at
630-234-3866 or

keane1657@sbcglobal.net

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s)

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph and Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on March 3-5, 2023. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$285 for meals and a single room.

Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com,
e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com,
or call (630) 222-8303 for details.



Thank you to our Blood Donors!

Last Sunday we had 40 people who donated blood. Three lives can be saved by those 40 donors with a total of 120 lives saved.

Thank you to those donors!

*Our next blood drive will be in April.
Please plan to donate.*



2023 Camp Dates & Locations

Catholic Sports Camps' mission is to inspire a more active and life-long relationship with Christ through sports excellence, friendship and Catholic faith-building activities for children and their families.

To learn more or to register, please go to
<https://www.catholicsportscamps.org/dates-locations.html>

Soccer - June 12-14

Chesterton Academy of the Holy Family

Basketball - July 24-25

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Baseball/Softball - July 26-27

Montini Catholic High School

Tennis - July 31-August 1

Joliet Catholic Academy





Visit to St. John Vianney College Seminary (SJV)

***Thursday, February 16 – Saturday, February 18, 2023**

FOR YOUNG MEN AGES 16 – 24

WHY VISIT THE SEMINARY?

- Meet current seminarians.
- Learn more about the life of a seminarian.
- Time for prayer and discernment.
- Attend classes and hear inspiring talks.
- Discern God’s will for you.
- Meet other young men from Joliet discerning God’s will in their lives.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Personal toiletries
- Dress clothes for Mass
- Gym clothes for open gym
- Bible, rosary, spiritual reading for Holy Hour
- Personal spending money

SEMINARY VISIT SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 16

9:00 AM Pick up group at Home Depot,
2000 Butterfield Rd., Downers Grove

4:00 PM Arrive at SJV Seminary, welcome,
Mass, introductory talks

Friday, February 17

Holy Hour, Mass, Univ. of St. Thomas tour,
talks, meals, time with seminarians, attend
classes

Saturday, February 18

9:00 AM Leave SJV for Joliet

4:00 PM Arrive at pick up place

**For more information please call the
Diocese of Joliet Vocation Office
at 815-221-6171*

SJV Seminary Visit Registration

I will attend the visit to St. John Vianney College Seminary on February 16-18, 2023.

Name: _____ Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____

Address: _____ Parish: _____

Grade in School: _____

Phone: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please include the name and phone number and relationship of the person who will be transporting you to and from drop off point:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Relationship: _____

Return this form no later than Feb. 10th to the Vocations Office:

Email to Vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org

Mailing Address: Blanchette Catholic Center, Vocations Office, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403

There is no cost for this trip. The Diocese of Joliet will provide all meals and transportation.

Call Debbie Camp at 815-221-6171 if you have any questions.



SAINT ISAAC JOGUES SCHOOL



Weekly News



Annual Fund Overview

Each year SIJ School relies on the Annual Fund to bridge the expected gap between tuition revenue and operating costs and award faculty bonuses. The Annual Fund and the parish subsidy help to keep tuition affordable and balance the budget. Our goal of \$500,000 reflects an effort to award increased teacher bonuses again next year.

Funding Operating Costs

Tuition alone does not cover the cost to educate our children at SIJ. The total gap between tuition and annual school operating expenses is \$2,200 per child. The parish subsidy closes most of the gap and the Annual Fund covers the remainder. Roughly \$225,000 of Annual Fund dollars are spent on important items such as technology and classroom resources.

Fast Facts

When is the Annual Fund? Donations are being collected through January 31, 2023

What is the goal? \$500,000 | 100% participation

Is there a suggested contribution? While a gift of any size makes an impact, we ask families to make a commitment of at least \$900 per child. Some families will have the means and desire to contribute more. As you discern your donation amount, please consider that our \$500,000 goal equates to \$1,250 per child.

Who will be entered into the free tuition drawing? Every \$900 donated will earn an entry to win free tuition for one child next school year.

Is my donation tax deductible? Yes, all contributions are 100% tax deductible.

How else can I help? Employer-matched funds and donations from family or friends will be counted toward your family's giving level.

Funding Faculty Bonuses



Our teachers' salaries are dictated by the Diocese of Joliet Salary Scale. First-year teachers earn 30% less than IL public school teachers and 42% less than District 181 teachers. Therefore, through the Annual Fund, we award significant bonuses in order to recruit and retain teachers.

This year, every dollar raised over \$225,000 for operating costs will go to our teachers:

- ▶ The first \$150,000 is awarded to all teachers as an annual 8% bonus...
- ▶ ... then every additional dollar will fund teacher retention bonuses. If we meet our goal of \$500,000, all returning teachers will receive a retention bonus of at least 10% in fall 2023



Giving Levels

Level	Donation	Entries in Free Tuition Drawing
Platinum	\$10,800	12
Gold	\$5,400	6
Silver	\$3,600	4
Bronze	\$1,800	2
Trojan	\$900	1

Annual Fund Impact

We set an audacious goal last year and you all truly delivered! We raised \$585,000 and were able to distribute over \$400,000 in teacher bonuses this year. All teachers are receiving an 8% bonus and returning teachers are receiving between \$5,500 to \$10,000 depending on their tenure at SIJ (19% of salary on average). Your gifts made a difference and helped us to retain teachers! **Turnover was cut in half from 25% in 2021 to 10% in 2022.**

TEACHER TURNOVER CUT IN HALF

2022

1 in 10

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2021

4 in 10

How To Donate

<http://SIJPSA2022.GiveSmart.com>

or

Check made payable to SIJ PSA and mail to:

Elizabeth Dzedzic
210 S Monroe Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521

Questions?

please reach out to elizabethdzedzic1@yahoo.com



Bishop Hicks' Column

January 2023 Peace be with you



Recently, while visiting a parish, I noticed a “peace pole” on the property, surrounded by beautiful landscaping and benches. The pole had four sides, with each side displaying an inscription about peace. The expressions of peace moved from the general to the specific:

Peace on Earth Peace for our Nation
Peace within our Church
Peace in our Hearts

As I contemplated that simple yet beautiful peace pole, I realized that peace is something we all long for, and yet can seem so unattainable. St. Augustine captured the unreachable nature of peace when he said, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord.” Even though peace may be elusive, we know the source of true peace. It is therefore with great faith and hope that we as a Church never stop seeking it through Mary, the Queen of Peace, and her son, Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

As we begin 2023, we remember that St. Paul VI in 1967 established the World Day of Peace to be celebrated on January 1, which is also the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. In 1972, Pope Paul VI coined his famous phrase, “If you want peace, work for justice.”

Popes since then have carried on this tradition of issuing messages of peace on this day, with their communications usually associated with the social doctrine of the Church. Hence, popes have made declarations on January 1 regarding the United Nations, human rights, the right to life, economic development, international diplomacy, wars, peace in the Holy Land, globalization, terrorism, etc.

For 2023, Pope Francis writes about our current global condition, as we cope with the long-term effects of the coronavirus pandemic and the impact of the war in Ukraine. He stresses the need for an all-inclusive approach to peace: “We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity. We cannot continue to

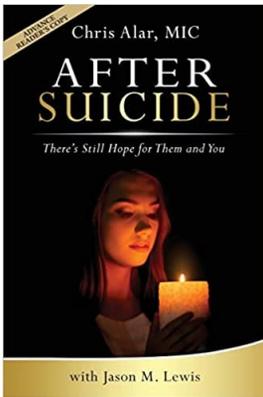
focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavor to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common.”

Peace is not just something that we should all work for; it is also something we should constantly be praying for. The next time you are at Mass, I invite you to listen to just how many times the word “peace” is used. Specifically in the Communion rite, immediately after the “Our Father,” the priest prays that the peace of Christ will fill our hearts, our families, our Church, our communities, and our world as we extend a sign of peace to those around us. These prayers explicitly follow Jesus’ message throughout the Gospels, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” (John 14: 27)

As we begin this new year, I urge you to pray for peace every Sunday when you attend Mass, and to also try to do so daily. If we get into the habit of praying for peace each day, it becomes even more important to disconnect from the noise and busyness of our world and intentionally to find a “peaceful” place to reflect and contemplate.

During this initial year of the National Eucharistic Revival, I encourage you to take some time before the eucharistic Lord in adoration. It is a beautiful and powerful way to connect our minds, hearts and souls to the peace of Christ. Another possibility is to find a consistent, quiet spot in your home or a sacred space to sit, be still and pray. It is in these serene moments that the Holy Spirit may gently whisper into our ears the ways that God may want us to be an instrument of peace.

As a people of peace, let’s begin this new year by praying for and working for peace on Earth, peace for our nation, peace within our Church, peace in our hearts and wherever it is needed most. For ultimately, at the very end of every Catholic Mass throughout the world, we are mandated to “go in peace.” And to that, we boldly affirm by responding, “Thanks be to God!”



After Suicide

By: Jason M. Lewis

Addressing the hard issue of suicide simply and pastorally, Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, and Jason Lewis, MIC, draw from the teaching of the Church, the message of Divine Mercy, and their own experience of losing a loved one to offer readers two key forms of hope: hope for the salvation

of those who've died by their own hand, and hope for the healing of those left behind. This book is a must-read for all those trying to make sense out of such a difficult subject. Remarkably, the spiritual principles of healing and redemption apply not only to a loss from suicide, but by any cause of death.

Lecture Series With Father Raed Bader

Join Father Raed every first Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Center to learn and grow in our faith. We will watch a lecture presented online by Father Chris Alar. Father Chris is a well known speaker on EWTN.

February Topic: Divine Mercy (Part 2)

<https://youtu.be/YUO-ZdnCZ2k>

*February 2nd at
7 pm in the Parish Center.*



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Sunday Masses

Saturday evening: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, Noon

Daily Masses

Monday-Friday: 7:00 am & 5:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am

Confessions

Saturday afternoon: 3:30 - 4:15 pm

Saint Peregrine Devotions

Devotions in Honor of St. Peregrine - patron of those who suffer with cancer or any incurable disease or condition - first Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

Pope Saint John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

The Chapel is located behind the sanctuary of the church, and is available 24 hours a day for private prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For information: Linda Lannert, linda@sijhinsdale.com or 630/408-9567.

Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Please phone the Rectory to register for the required Baptismal Preparation meeting.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made with the office at least six months in advance. Contact the office before making any other arrangements.

Funerals

It is the responsibility of the parish to bury their dead. The funeral director will contact the Rectory Office regarding arrangements. Funerals are ordinarily celebrated at 10am.

Visits to the Sick

Due to hospital admitting policies, it is necessary to inform the office when hospitalized parishioners would like a visit from a priest or deacon or if you would like a visit while convalescing at a facility or at home. Before being admitted to a hospital for surgery it is advisable to call the office and arrange a time to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please contact the office regarding communion visits to the homebound.

New Parishioners

Please call office, 630-323-1248

Father Burke Masters, *Pastor*

Father Raed Bader, *Parochial Vicar*

Permanent Deacons, Paul Kelly, John Sebastian, Randy Waring

Assisting Priests

Father Larry Dreffein, OFM

Director of Evangelization and Outreach

Deacon William Dunn

Saint Isaac Jogues School

Mrs. Carol Burlinski, Principal

Religious Education,

Mrs. Joan Latto, Director of Religious Education

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