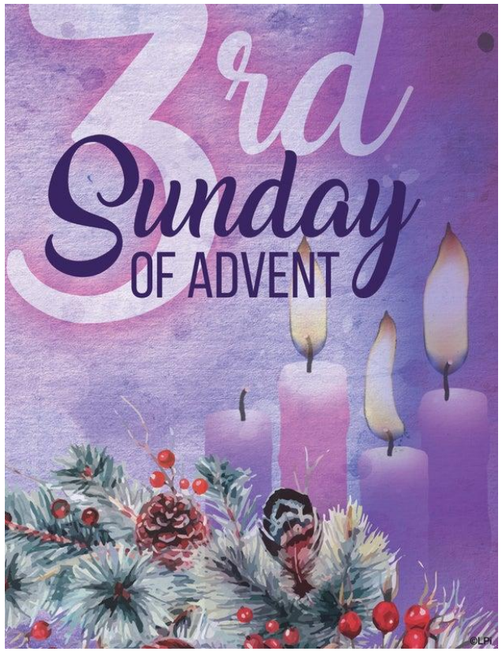
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025



Sacrament of the Sick
Wednesday, December 17th, 4:00 pm St. Isaac Jogues

Christmas Eve, December 24th
4:00 pm St. Isaac Jogues
6:00 pm Blessed Sacrament

Christmas Day, December 25th
11:00 am St. Isaac Jogues

Mother of God, December 31st
4:00 pm St. Isaac Jogues
5:30 pm Blessed Sacrament

Reconciliation Available
3:30 pm Saturday's St. Isaac Jogues
11:30 am Sunday's Blessed Sacrament

Weekend	Bl. Sac.	St. Isaac
Nov 30, 2025	$1,263	$1,028
Dec 7, 2025	$828	$2,550
Online October	$576	$2,120

When School is delayed or cancelled, weekday morning Mass, the Rosary & Holy Hour are also CANCELLED!

Blessed Sacrament

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Rita Whitney at 518-338-6858
12/14 Virginia & Carl Horn *Req. Dawn Faller*
12/14 Norman Helmstetter *Req. Anne Helmstetter*
12/14 All Souls *Req. The Schuster Family*
12/21 Thomas Michael Walsh
Req. Tom & Ellie Torebka
12/21 Bob Kelly *Req. Joseph & Elaine Kelly*
12/21 All Souls *Req. The Schuster Family*
Prayer Intentions: call Pat Nugent 518-668-2765
Rosary: Tuesdays at 9:00 am.
No Daily Mass: on Thursday, 12/11 at 9:30 am.

St. Isaac Jogues

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call the office 518-824-1176.
12/13 All Souls *Req. Friends of the Suffering Souls*
12/20 Kathy Barlow McCann *Req. Bernie McCann*
12/21 Mass Intention Available
No Daily Mass on Wednesday, 12/17 at 9:30 am due to the Sacrament of the Sick Mass at 4:00 pm that evening.

Cluster Information

Christmas Giving Tree: If you have not already done so, please get your gifts in by Monday or Tuesday with the tag attached. North Country Ministry will be picking them up by the end of Tuesday.
Volunteers Needed We need helping hands to change the churches from Advent to Christmas to decorate and prepare the sanctuary for our Christmas Masses. Blessed Sacrament will be done after the Mass on December 21st. St. Isaac Jogues will be done on Monday, December 22nd at 10 am. We are grateful for your time, talent, and joyful spirit. May your service be a blessing to our parish families as we prepare to welcome Christ, the Light of the World.

What Makes a Church Vibrant

Healthy Relationships: Strong fellowship, genuine friendships, and reconciliation practices foster unity and joy.
Pulse of Life: A vibrant parish is described as having a "pulse" that can be felt both internally and externally—through its ministries, reputation, and the energy of its members.
Next Up: Practical Practices That Sustain Vibrancy

Diocesan Appeal

The Diocesan Appeal supports many vital ministries, including the education and formation of clergy, deacons, and seminarians, as well as chaplaincy programs in hospitals and colleges, and other essential Diocesan Services that help our parishes thrive.

Opening the appeal early allows you to spread your gift over a longer period of time.

Parish Goals & Progress:

St. Isaac Jogues—Assessment: $15,429 (an increase of $88 from last year). Raised to date: *$14,656 with 34 gifts (95% of goal)* Wow only $1,383 left to achieve our goal.

Blessed Sacrament—Assessment: $18,895 (a decrease of $2,147 from last year). Raised to date *$6,345 with 19 gifts (34% of goal)* Getting there!

Each parish's goal is based on a three-year average of offertory giving.

"With the light and strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love that proclaims the Word and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity." *--Pope Leo*

Practicing Catholic

The Season That Gives Back

I don't have anything left to give.
You can't pour from an empty cup.
All I do is give. Who is giving to me?

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons of the year but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

Confirmation 2025

We celebrate and pray for our newly confirmed, George Hilton, Colin Morris, Regan Morris, and Matthew Waldron. May the Holy Spirit continue to work powerfully in their lives and draw them ever closer to Christ.

Colin & Regan Morris

George Hilton

Matthew Waldron