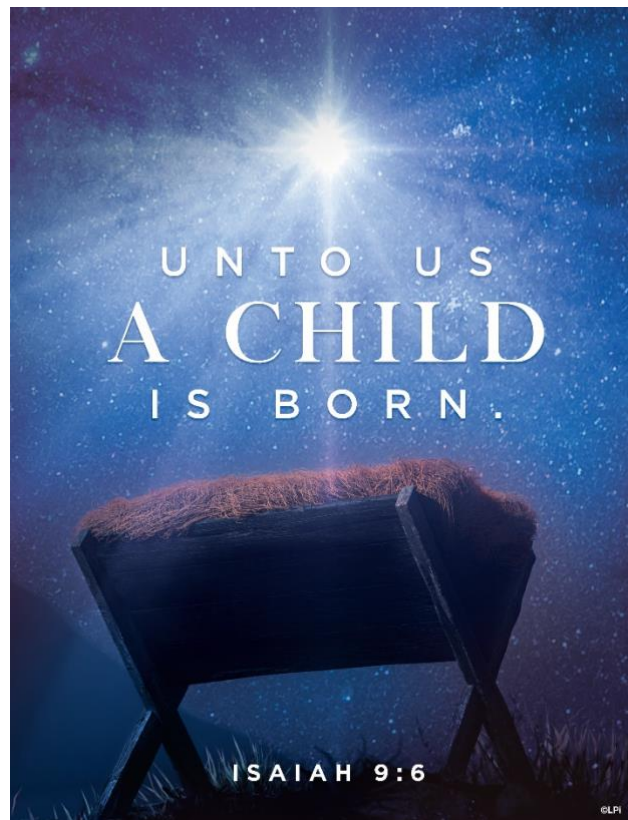


4th Sunday of Advent
 December 21, 2025
 &
 Holy Family
 December 28, 2025



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
Dec 14, 2025	\$813	\$1,355
Christmas Flowers	\$739	\$1,450

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
 12/21 Thomas Michael Walsh
Req. Tom & Ellie Torebka
 12/21 Bob Kelly *Req. Joseph & Elaine Kelly*
 12/21 All Souls *Req. The Schuster Family*
 12/25 Christmas Flower Intentions
 12/28 Len Emerle *Req. Dawn Faller*
 12/31 Mass of Thanksgiving *Req. Anne Helmstetter*
 1/4 Michael Schuster, Sr. *Req. Schuster Family*
Prayer Intentions: call Pat Nugent 518-668-2765
Rosary: Tuesdays at 9:00 am.
Daily Mass: See Mass schedule to the left
Brunch: Join us for a New Year's Brunch following Mass as we gather in fellowship and celebrate new beginnings on Sunday, January 4th. All are welcome as we start the year together in faith and community.

St. Isaac Jogues

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call the office 518-824-1176.
 12/20 Kathy Barlow McCann *Req. Bernie McCann*
 12/24 & 12/25 Christmas Flower Intentions
 12/25 Thomas Noel Turcotte & Joseph Turcotte
Req. Tom, Cindy and Turcotte Family
 12/27 & 12/28 Mass Intentions Available
 12/31 Joseph Turcotte
Req. Tom, Cindy and Turcotte Family
 1/3 & 1/4 Mass Intentions available
Daily Mass: See Mass schedule to the left.
Help: We need someone willing to wash and iron the weekly linens used at Mass. This is a quiet but very meaningful way to serve our parish community.

If you feel called to help, please step forward. Your care will ensure that our worship remains reverent and beautiful.

Please contact the parish office or speak with Barb Carlozzi, if you are able to assist.

Cluster Information

What Makes a Church Vibrant

Practical Practices That Sustain Vibrancy:
Parent Partnership: Equipping parents as primary faith influencers in their children's lives.
Effective Communication: Using modern tools to keep members connected and informed.



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 \$7,085 with 21 gifts (38% 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 Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is



always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." ©LPi

Christmas Gratitude & Blessings

As we celebrate the joyous season of Christmas, we pause to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have shared their time, talents, and treasures with our parish communities. Your generosity and dedication have truly brought the spirit of Christ's birth alive among us.

Gifts & Food Donations: Thank you all who contributed gifts and food to families in need. Your kindness has brightened Christmas for many households and reminded us of the true meaning of giving.

Volunteers: We are deeply grateful to the many volunteers who gave of their time, talent, and energy to support our parishes. Your service is a living witness of Christ's love.

Liturgical Ministers: Our Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and all those who prepared our churches for Advent and Christmas deserve special recognition. Both churches look beautiful, and your dedication has created a prayerful and welcoming space for worship.

Music Ministry: A special thank you to our music directors, Steve Leaden and Bill Ommerborn, and their choirs. Your music continues to lift our hearts and enrich our liturgies, adding beauty and reverence to every celebration.

Christmas Story Tradition: We also thank all those who brought the Christmas Story to life here in the Northern Points Parishes. This cherished tradition reminds us of the humble birth of our Savior and the joy of His coming into the world.



Together, these efforts have made our Advent and Christmas Celebrations truly memorable. We are blessed to have such a vibrant and generous parish family.

May the peace of Christ fill your hearts and homes this Christmas. Merry Christmas and many blessings throughout the New Year!