Palm Sunday
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
LUKE 19:38

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**NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**
Call or come to the Parish Center to register.

**BAPTISMS:** Dates for Baptism will be arranged after attending the Pre-Baptismal Catechesis. Please call Annette in the Parish Office for information.

**MARRIAGES:** Call Annette in the Parish Office to arrange preparation 6 months in advance.

**SICK CALLS:** Call Annette in the Parish Office and Ministers of Care will visit the sick or shut-in.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4:20-4:40PM in the Reconciliation Room.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Our pantry is open Wednesdays from 9AM-12PM. Call 630.393.2400 x 112.

**FUNERALS:** The Pastoral Staff works with families to plan the Funeral Mass.

**SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES:** Call Dwight Sherman at 630.393.3221 or 630.362.1324.

**CRISIS PRAYER CHAIN:** Contact Deacon Joe Urso at 630.853.2070 at joe.urso@outlook.com.

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**Be Nice Campaign Update**

When I gave my “Be Nice” movement homily back in November I’ll admit that I had high hopes for this campaign. I knew that our parish would get behind it but never to the degree it has. As of this writing I have just placed the last order of “Be Nice” buttons as our funds are now depleted. HOWEVER, I’m thrilled to report that your generosity and participation has resulted in 5,450 buttons being distributed into the world. Take a moment to think about that...5,450 buttons...to colleges, schools, other states, and other countries. St. Irene parish truly got the word out! For my part I just want to thank you. I am both humbled and proud of what we’ve accomplished, not as stones, but “together like a mountain!”

Peace, Deacon Brad

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**SHOPRight**

Help your parish, while planning your Easter celebration. Buy gift cards through SHOPRight to purchase your Easter candy, Easter bonnets, dinner and some fun. We have over 700 vendors that give percentages of the purchase to St. Irene including Fannie May (25%), Mariano’s (4%), Jewel (4%), Maggiano’s (11%) Macy’s (10%), & TopGolf (10%).

There are 3 types of Cards:

- **Physical** – pick up at Mass the weekend after your order
- **Reload** – add more $$ to the physical card previously purchased directly from your home computer or phone, ready for immediate use and no waiting for weekend Mass pickup
- **ScripNow eCard** – purchase directly from your computer or phone, ready for immediate use, and no waiting for weekend Mass pickup

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Haven’t had time to join? Send an email to st.irene.script@gmail.com with your first and last name, phone number and email address. We’ll get you started!
HOLY MOMENTS at St. Irene - Holiness Is Possible!

For the past 4 weeks we have been focusing on Holy Moments and creating more Holy Moments today than yesterday. Here are some thoughts from author Matthew Kelly on this topic: “One of the things about Holy Moments is they're really attractive, and they differentiate us from the culture—from the world. And that's part of the incredible power of these Holy Moments. You go out there and you create a Holy Moment.

Let's remind ourselves what a Holy Moment is: it's a moment where you set aside self-interest, where you set aside what you feel like doing, where you have a little conversation with God and you say to God, “All right God, what do you want me to do in this moment?” And then you do exactly what you feel God is calling you to do in that moment. That's a Holy Moment. And Holy Moments tend to be filled with kindness and love and generosity and patience and thoughtfulness and courage. Holy Moments are filled with these things, and so, they're incredibly attractive.

Holy Moments: they help us to grow in virtue; they help us to grow in character; they help us to become a-better-version-of-ourselves; they help us to become the person God created us to be—and that's a beautiful path. And you create enough of them, people say: “Wow, she's got something I don't have”; “He's got something. I want what he's got.”

That's how the first Christians did it. That's how they spread across the world at an alarming pace. They didn't rely on promoting Christianity. They used the very, very powerful force of attraction. Christianity's always been about attraction, not promotion.”

(From The Best Lent Ever 2019 at www.Dynamiccatholic.com)

Looking for School Alumni

St. Irene School is looking for our past panthers. If you are an alumni, or are parents, uncles, aunts, and friends of alumni please help the school by giving us their/your contact information. We want to share all our great happenings with the very students that shaped our school into what it is today. Please email stireneschool@aol.com with your information. This will help us build our database for future announcements.

Fifth Annual Hustle Up The Hill For The Homeless (May 19)

As a sure sign of spring, the annual Hustle up the Hill is just around the corner. Every year this event gets bigger and better. This year will be no exception. Are you ready to conquer the mountain? How many times can you hustle up Blackwell’s Mt. Hoy? Beautiful Mt. Hoy, which rises 836 feet above sea level, gives you an awesome panoramic view of the western suburbs and if the skies are clear, you can see the Chicago skyline in the distance. But first, you have get to the top. Lace up your running (or walking) shoes and join us as we have fun while raising funds for Bridge Communities. Run solo or form a team. Run with the family. Do your thing! T-shirts and gourmet coffee await you at the finish line. Register on Active.com; search “Hustle Up The Hill.” For more information, contact quinndel@aol.com.

The parish office will be closed on Holy Thursday, April 18th, Good Friday, April 19th and Easter Monday, April 22nd. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 23rd at 8:30AM.

BUNCO! The Ladies of Columbus will host a Bunco event on Saturday, April 27th at 6:30PM. All proceeds will benefit DoodleBug Workshop. This organization helps individuals with intellectual and/or physical disabilities to develop functional life skills. So mark your calendars to have a lot of fun while helping a great organization!

Coffee with the Pastor

Due to a scheduling conflict, Fr. Jim is unable to attend the April 27th Coffee with the Pastor. He will be at the cathedral celebrating the CCW Woman of the Year. Please join Fr. Jim on Saturday, May 18th at 9AM in the ACL for our next Coffee with the Pastor.
Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7
♦ God helps us.

Background: The first reading from Isaiah is one of four passages that focus on the “servant” of God. In all four examples, the servant is faithful, even in the face of suffering. The servant in today’s passage stands by his belief that with God on his side, he will not be put to shame.

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11
♦ God’s name is holy.

Background: Scripture scholars believe that today’s second reading was a familiar early Christian hymn. The purpose of Paul’s hymn for the Philippians is to persuade the community to be united in Christ. Paul uses the example of Jesus’ self-emptying obedience to encourage the community to end its divisions.

♦ Jesus shows us how to love.

Background: Similar to the description of the servant of Isaiah, Jesus willingly accepted the suffering and anguish that can be the price of fidelity. Throughout the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is depicted as the faithful prophet who speaks God’s word even in the midst of His own suffering. In today’s account of the Passion of Christ, Luke emphasizes the innocence of Jesus.

Theme: Jesus shows us how much He loves us.

Question for Adults:
What sacrifices have you made this week to show your love for others? What sacrifices have others made for you?

Question for Youth:
How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?

Question for Children:
In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

Hand Carved Olive Wood from the Holy Land

Due to the lack of tourism and the instability of the political situation in the Holy Land, the Christian community is suffering financially. The Christian community needs your help by purchasing their products in order to maintain their presence in the Land of Christ. Please stop by the beautiful olive wood items from the Holy Land and try to purchase an item or two. Proceeds go to benefit the Catholic schools and clinics in the Holy Land.

Star of Bethlehem has been approved by many bishops, and diocese of Jerusalem. Please take a look at these beautiful artifacts May 4th & 5th.

Religious Education classes do not meet during Holy Week. Please join us for the Triduum Services on Holy Thursday at 7PM, Good Friday at 3PM and Holy Saturday at 8PM. The beauty and richness of our faith is experienced during these holiest days of the year.

Congratulations to all of our Confirmandi!
May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire you to become the intentional disciple of Jesus that you were created to be.

Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:
Gospel of Luke 22:14-23:56 - Jesus goes into Jerusalem to suffer His Passion and Crucifixion. This was always part of God’s plan for our salvation. While it is heartbreaking we may find comfort in knowing that Jesus chose to lay down His life to save us.

Gospel Questions:
♦ With which character in the Passion story do you most identify? Why?
♦ How does foot washing symbolize what Jesus is about?
♦ Tell the story of Holy Week.

Life Questions:
♦ How do you celebrate the days of Holy Week- Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday?
♦ What are key events and Gospel stories you remember from Holy Week liturgies?
♦ How do you welcome new children or important people into your school or neighborhood?

Family Prayer:
♦ Lord, you suffered so much for us. Help us to be strong when we suffer and to unite our sufferings to yours.
Are you clearing your calendar for the Sacred Triduum?

We Begin: Thursday, April 18th at 7PM with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. Let us enter into the sacred mysteries together. After listening to the scriptures, we will wash one another’s feet. Jesus gave us this image of what the church is supposed to look like, feel like, act like. This is rehearsal for Christian life. We process with food and alms for the poor. We celebrate the Eucharist. We enter into the Paschal fast. We keep vigil. The evening has no ending.

We Continue: We gather quietly on Friday, April 19th at 3PM and listen to scripture. We pray for all the world’s needs. We reverence the holy cross. We continue in fasting and prayer and vigil, in rest and quiet through Saturday. This Saturday for us is like God’s rest at the end of creation. It is Christ repose in the tomb.

Until the Night between Saturday and Sunday: Hungry now and excited, on Saturday, April 20th at 8PM the church gathers in the darkness and lights a new fire and a great candle that will make this night bright for us. We listen to some of the most powerful scriptures in the Bible, then we pray to all our saints to stand with us as we go to the font and bless the waters. These are the moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and renew our baptismal promises to God. Together we go to the table and celebrate the Easter Eucharist. We break the fast with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. This is what we are about.

Come be church when the church is at her best.

Let’s fill the church in praise of God. Many hands (and feet!) are needed to make these liturgies a profound experience for the entire parish. Sign up to help with the many ministry opportunities available. Sign up sheets are in the narthex.

Holy Week Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY, April 18
  Morning Prayer: 7AM  
The Lord’s Supper: 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19
  Morning Prayer: 7AM  
The Lord’s Passion: 3PM

HOLY SATURDAY, April 20
  Morning Prayer: 8AM  
  Preparation Rites for Elect: 9AM  
  Blessing of Baskets: 12PM

THE EASTER VIGIL MASS
  Blessing of New Fire: 8PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 21
  Masses: 8AM & 10AM

All are invited to bring a can of food to the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Thursday, April 18th at 7PM. During the offertory procession the assembly will be invited to bring their gifts forth as a sign of solidarity with the poor.

Incense will be used on April 13 at the 5PM Mass & April 14 at 10AM. It will also be used at the Easter Vigil Mass at 8PM and on Easter Sunday at 10AM. If incense bothers your allergies, please celebrate with us at one of the other Masses.

Divine Mercy Sunday: On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that “from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday.”

Pope John Paul had actively promoted the message of St. Faustina. In his 1980 encyclical on God’s mercy, Rich in Mercy, he developed a scriptural and doctrinal basis for our faith in the mercy of God. Likewise, Pope Francis continues to emphasize this foundational belief of our Church. We, as Catholics, are profoundly called to reflect, in a prayerful and devout way, on the message of God’s mercy.

Please join your faith community in acknowledging and accepting the merciful love of God, during a special holy hour, on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28th, from 3-4PM in the Church.
This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, April 14
11a-12p - Divine Mercy 101 (ACL)

Monday, April 15
1-2:30p - Lenten Bible Study (ACL)
6:30-8p - Healing Horizons (ACL)
7-9p - Parish Council (Staff)

Tuesday, April 16
5:30-6p - Good Friday Rehearsal (C)
6-8:30p - Rehearsals for Holy Week (C)

Wednesday, April 17
12:30-3:30p - Band (ACL)
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

Thursday, April 18

Friday, April 19

Saturday, April 20
12p - Blessing of Easter Food Baskets (ACL)

Sunday, April 21

Volunteers needed for the Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Phone 630.393.2400 x 122 if you can help with the following:

- **Apostles**: 12 people needed. Fr. Jim will wash your feet. You will then wash the feet of the people in the assembly. Rehearsal required on Tuesday, April 16th at 7PM.
- **Bowl/Pitcher bearers**: 12 people needed to carry the bowl/pitcher for the apostles. Rehearsal required on Tuesday, April 16th at 7PM.
- **Disciples**: You will be seated in the assembly and have your feet washed by one of the 12. No rehearsal is required but you will need to arrive 20-30 minutes early, with a towel, to get your seating assignment.
- **Banner bearers**: 3 people are needed for Holy Thursday. Rehearsal required on Tuesday, April 16th at 7PM.
- **Oil bearers**: 3 people are needed to carry in the holy oils. Rehearsal required on Tuesday, April 16th at 7PM.
- **Candle bearers**: 4 people are needed to carry candles for the enthronement of the holy oils. Rehearsal required on Tuesday, April 16th at 7PM.

Lenten Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

This year’s St. Irene’s Council of Catholic “Woman of the Year” is Sue Gosewehr!

**Congratulations Sue!**

Please join us Sunday May 5th, when we will honor Sue at the 10AM Mass, by the May Crowning and a luncheon in the ACL.

St. Irene LunchBunch

Our next gathering of the LunchBunch is Thursday, May 2nd at 11:30M in the ACL. We will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a Taco Luncheon. **This is an RSVP event.** Please respond by Monday, April 29th. Donation: $10
St. Irene Vocation Prayer

In every age Lord, You raise up women and men who are strong in their faith and bold in their actions to give witness to the Gospel.

Fill St. Irene Parish Community with Your Spirit and give us a burning desire to make a difference in our world.

Because of our love for You, Bless our Church with holy and courageous priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, devoted married couples, dedicated single men and women, and enthusiastic youth.

We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Paulette Porter
Pat Wehner
Gary Rufo
Ann Mulcahy
Dan Cyrus
Barb Olson
Lynette Meany
Don Clevenger, Jr.

Joe Gattone
Javier Tecuatl
Mary Vander Meulen
Valder Morales
Max Malesh
Colette Malovany

Readings for the Week

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;
Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8;
Lk 4:16-21
Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;
1 Cor 11:23-26;
Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1-2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or
Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18];
Ps 16:5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5, 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or
Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8;
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an after noon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, April 15
Monday of Holy Week
7:00AM - Tom Cosgrove/ Shirley Catherine Jurkowski/ Kristin Kocan

Tuesday, April 16
Tuesday of Holy Week
7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community

Wednesday, April 17
Wednesday of Holy Week
7:00AM - Ted Mlsna/ 20th Anniversary

Thursday, April 18
Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
7:00AM - Morning Prayer
7:00PM - Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Friday, April 19
Friday of the Passion of the Lord; Fast and Abstinence
7:00AM - Morning Prayer
3:00PM - The Lord’s Passion

Saturday, April 20
The Easter Vigil; Holy Saturday
8:00AM - Morning Prayer
8:30AM - RCIA Preparation Rites
8:00PM - St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, April 21
Easter Sunday
8:00AM - St. Irene Parish Family
10:00AM - St. Irene Parish Family

There will be NO Eucharistic Adoration on Holy Thursday.

Chief Petty Officer Michael Spans
1st Lt. Weston J. Umano USAF - Deployed
Jacob VanderMeulen, USNavy, Groton, CT
AB Patrick Reid - Lackland AFB, TX
1st Lt. Keegan Lohenry USMC - Camp Pendelton
Master Sgt. Dan Peterson - Anchorage, AK
TSgt. Daniel Geinosky - serving in England
Sgt. Christian Wilkins - stationed in Iraq
Lance Cpl. Levi Dieter - Embassy of Latvia
Cmdr. Eric G. Peterson - Serving in San Diego
Sgt. Peter Folz - Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Major Patrick Looby - Kunsan AB, S.K.
Sgt. Thomas Rasplicka - Fort Bliss, Texas