Easter Sunday

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Psalm 118:24

April 21, 2019
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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Easter (Resurrection) Sunday

Reflecting on God’s Word

I can remember as a child being afraid of the dark. Not all the time—just usually after seeing a horror movie. For nights after, I would peer into the darkness, trying to make sure there was nothing out there. Even as an adult there have been times when I walked through a dark place feeling an uneasiness that was hard to shake.

Easter in the Gospel of John begins in the dark. Night still holds the earth in its embrace. Darkness also gripped the hearts of Jesus’ followers—the darkness of grief, sorrow, and hopelessness. Jesus of Nazareth—who had preached in a way no one else ever had, who had worked deeds of great power by curing the sick, healing lepers, giving sight to the blind, lifting up the lame, and who had even called the dead back to life—had been crucified and laid in the tomb. A large stone had been rolled in front of the entrance, death’s final punctuation mark. Only John tells us there was a garden where He was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. From this garden God decided to begin creation anew, so while it was still dark God breathed once again into a human figure, and the new Adam was raised up and would never die.

Not all darkness is to be feared. Sometimes it may even be necessary, summoning God to create once again, dispelling the shadow of death and despair that can settle over the human heart.

—James A. Wallace, c.ss.R.

LIVING GOD’S WORD: We pray to God on Easter that we shall never again see darkness. We ask God to open our eyes to know Him in the breaking of bread and we ask for the strength to follow Him in His risen life.

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 to help us build our database for future announcements.

MASS SCHEDULE

▪ Daily: M-F 7AM ▪ Saturday: 5PM ▪ Sunday: 8AM & 10AM

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Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture’s favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature’s perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring’s rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ’s tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ “Easter in us.”

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

**Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43**
♦ They were witnesses to all that Jesus said and did.

**Background:** Peter announces to the Gentile household of Cornelius, that all who believe are forgiven of their sins. Today’s passage highlights the expansion of the Church. The disciples spread the good news to the far ends of the earth.

**Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4**
♦ Seek to be like Christ.

**Background:** Paul calls for a new way of life in today’s second reading. In Baptism we have “passed over” from death to life. Those who participate in Christ’s death and Resurrection through the sacrament of Baptism are on a journey of faith.

**Gospel: John 20:1-9**
♦ Jesus is raised from the dead.

**Background:** In John’s Gospel, Mary Magdalene is first to arrive at the tomb early on the morning after Jesus rose. The second and third visitors come to the tomb because of Mary’s incredible story. Before Jesus appeared to anyone, Mary visited His tomb and was the first to announce the events of the Resurrection.

**Theme:** We are a resurrection people!

**Question for Adults:**
In what way have you risen from “deadness” in your life?

**Question for Youth:**
Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your life over the past year?

**Question for Children:**
What is good and new in your life?

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**Religious Education classes**
meet on Tuesday, April 23 (Gr 1-6 in the classroom) 5:30-7PM and Wednesday, April 24 (Gr 7-8 in the ACL) 6:30-8PM. Parents meet their children on Tuesdays at 6:45PM in Church and Wednesdays at 7:45PM in the ACL.

**Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:**
**Gospel of John 20:1-9 - ALLELUIA!** Christ is Risen! The tomb is empty! Easter Sunday brings joy, hope, and encouragement to all Christians throughout the world.

**Gospel Questions:**
♦ In what sense is each one of us Mary Magdalene in the Easter Gospel?
♦ Which of Jesus’ friends do you feel most like - Mary Magdalene, the beloved disciple or Peter?
♦ What do Jesus’ friends find at the burial place?

**Life Questions:**
♦ What do you believe happens to people when they die?
♦ What experiences has your family had with death of loved ones?
♦ What are some signs of life in Springtime?

**Family Prayer:**
♦ Jesus, thank you for coming to be our Savior. We praise Your goodness and joyfully sing Alleluia at the news of Your Resurrection.

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**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 the diocese of Jerusalem. **Please take a look at these beautiful artifacts on May 4th & 5th.**
Fifth Annual Hustle Up The Hill For The Homeless (May 19)

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 Prayer Shawl Ministry

This ministry makes and distributes shawls for people in need of comfort. Many blessings are prayed into each shawl before it is given. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted, affirmed, and their days made brighter by knowing they are being remembered and prayed for. For more information about receiving a shawl, or to help knit/crochet shawls, please contact Paula Peterson at 630.393.3989 or ppeterson1085@gmail.com.

Join us at our next meeting on Thursday, April 25th at 7PM in the Parish Center.

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!

St. Irene Rosary Group

Our Rosary Group meets the third Thursday of each month in the ACL, from 7-7:40pm, followed by fellowship as schedules permit. Come join in the prayer Our Lady gave us, and be intimately and spiritually drawn into the most Holy Life of our Lord. As we connect our hearts with confidence to Her Immaculate Heart, Mary leads us to the Foot of His Cross, which is the doorstep to His Sacred Heart, and Fount of His Unconditional Love and Divine Mercy. We gather next on May 16th. Bring a friend...all are welcome! For more info, call Jeannette Clark at 630.292.9349.

Happenings at St. Irene

Children’s Liturgy of the Word - This introduces children Kindergarten through 5th Grade to the liturgy in an age-appropriate way, weekly during the school year at 10AM Mass.

Small Christian Communities - These groups gather periodically in homes to read and discuss the scriptures in light of their experiences and to respond in Christian service. For more information, call Dwight Sherman at 630.393.3221 or 630.362.1324.

Ministry of Care - Ministers of Care are available to visit the sick and the homebound. Please phone 630.393.2400 x 122 if you or a loved one would like a minister to visit.

Healing Horizons - This is a parish support group where people help people through the difficult experience of loss through death, divorce, or separation. For information, call 630.393.2400 x 122.

St. Irene School - We offer a stellar Catholic education from preschool through eighth grade. Contact Principal Maggie Detwiler at 630.393.9303 x 136 for information.

Religious Education - We encourage a life-long learning approach to religious education and faith formation. Our programs offer comprehensive preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. For more information, please call Jacqueline Skelly (Grades PS-6) at 630.393.2400 x 121 or Pamela Keating (Grades 7-12) at x 120.

St. Irene Food Pantry - Our Food Pantry services ALL Warrenville residents. Food is ready for pick up on Wednesdays from 9AM-12PM. For information, call 630.393.2400 x 112.

Music Ministry - We have various choirs for youth and adults. If you have a talent you would like to share, please call Ryan at 630.393.2400 x 118.

St. Irene has MUCH to offer you! - Consider joining an organization to develop lasting friendships: Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights, Council of Catholic Women, Hospitality, the Senior Group. For information, please call the parish office at 630.393.2400 x 110.
This Week’s Meetings

**Sunday, April 21**

- 10:00-10:30 a.m. - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)

**Monday, April 22**

- 10-10:30 a.m. - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)

**Tuesday, April 23**

- 5:30-7 p.m - Elementary Religious Education (S, C, ACL)

**Wednesday, April 24**

- 6:30-8 p.m. - Jr. High Religious Education (S, ACL)
- 7-8:30 p.m. - Adult Choir (C)

**Thursday, April 25**

- 6-8 p.m - Cultural Night (AC)
- 7-8 p.m - Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parish Center)
- 6:30-9 p.m - BUNCO (ACL)
- 12:30-3:30 p.m - Band (ACU)

**Friday, April 26**

- 12:30-3:30 p.m - Band (ACU)

**Saturday, April 27**

- 6:30-9 p.m - BUNCO (ACL)

**Sunday, April 28**

- 10-10:30 a.m - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)

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**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 actively promoted the message of St. Faustina. In his 1980 Encyclical on God’s 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 on the message of God’s mercy in a prayerful and devout way.

To learn more about this Feast that Our Lord gave us, why He gave it, and what He promised to those who honor Him, go to the following two websites and watch the video at each. You will be amazed!

https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Divine+Mercy+101+Alar+you+tube&view=detail&mid=36A1441545F01D1D01C836A1441545F01D1D01C8&FORM=VIRE

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=CKjO4SkH0iY

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 3-4 PM in the Church.

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**SHOPRight**

Help your parish while celebrating Mom on May 12th! Buy gift cards through SHOPRight to purchase candy, flowers or take Mom out to dinner. We have over 700 vendors that give percentages of the purchase to St. Irene including Fannie May (25%), Buca di Beppo (8%), Mario Tricoci (7%), Bath & Body Works (12%) Macy’s (10%), & Maggiano’s (11%).

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!

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**St. Irene LunchBunch**

Our next gathering of the LunchBunch is Thursday, May 2nd at 11:30 AM 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

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 10 AM Mass, by the May Crowning and with a luncheon in the ACL.
### St. Irene Giving Report

**March Sunday Contributions**

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### SHOPRight Quarterly Report

**January thru March - $515**

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

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

### Liturgical Calendar

#### Monday, April 22
- **7:00AM** - Ed Sulima/ Family

**Monday within the Octave of Easter**

#### Tuesday, April 23
- **7:00AM** - Deacon Terry Zarembka/ St. Irene

**Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

#### Wednesday, April 24
- **7:00AM** - William Mulcahy/ Family

**Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

#### Thursday, April 25
- **7:00AM** - Patricia Byrne/ Lovstad Family

**Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

#### Friday, April 26
- **7:00AM** - St. Irene Faith Community

**Friday within the Octave of Easter**

#### Saturday, April 27
- **5:00PM** - Jenna Marie Keating/ Family

**Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

#### Sunday, April 28
- **8:00AM** - Lorraine Slott/ Jim & Barb Sevenich
- **10:00AM** - Lei Family/ Family

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Jenna Marie Keating-20th Birthday (memorial)**  
**Greg True/ Deacon Bob & Maryann**  
**John C. Martin/ Liz Tinkham**  
**Grace Fratt/ Family**

**11:30AM - Baptism Ceremony**

### Readings for the Week

- **Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
- **Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
- **Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- **Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- **Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
- **Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
- **Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

### HELP AFTER ABORTION

For confidential help call 888-456-HOPE or visit hopeafterabortion.com