Congratulations to Sue Gosewehr, our CCW Woman of the Year!
When you compare the apostles before and after Jesus’ death, you can see that not only did something special happen to Jesus at His resurrection, but a wonderful change took place in the apostles as well. Up until the death of Jesus, the apostles did not come off very well. When the chips were down, they ran. But after the Lord had risen and appeared to them, we get a very different picture. In the Acts of the Apostles Luke gives us the most detailed description of what went on after the Holy Spirit descended upon this little community praying in the upper room. The most obvious gift was courage, a word that has the same root as “heart.” They were given a new heart. The Holy Spirit breathed new life into them and gave them a heart passionately in love with Christ, on fire to preach the gospel. And so they went to the heart of their city, the temple, and there they preached and taught about Jesus, witnessing to him as the Messiah, the Holy and Righteous One, the Author of Life. They performed “many signs and wonders” (Acts 5:12), healing the sick and casting out unclean spirits. There they were arrested and taken to prison and beaten, only to return to the temple and do it all again, and be arrested again. Through all this they were joyful.

The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche is remembered for saying that perhaps he would believe in our redeemer if we Christians looked a little more redeemed. Do you?

—James A. Wallace, c.ss.r.
The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter’s fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light.

In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light-bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday “blackouts,” perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day.

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

**Reading I: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41**  
- We are all witnesses to all this.

**Background:** The trial of the disciples described in Acts was their second trial before the Sanhedrin (the highest court of justice in Jerusalem). The disciples were arrested for disobeying the order to never speak in Jesus’ name again. In today’s passage, the order not to speak of Jesus is repeated by the Sanhedrin.

**Reading II: Revelation 5:11-14**  
- The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory and blessing.

**Background:** The vision from Revelation presents the heavenly witness to the Risen Christ. The hymn of praise begins with the voice of angels, all living creatures, and the elders. The response comes from every creature in heaven and on earth, everything in the universe.

**Gospel: John 21:1-19**  
- Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

**Background:** After the resurrection, the disciples returned to their homes in Galilee and to their former occupation of fishing. Suddenly, the appearance of the Risen Christ transforms all aspects of the disciples’ lives. In the final chapter of today’s Gospel, Peter’s three denials of Jesus are matched by Jesus’ threefold commission to take care of His flock.

**Theme:** Jesus feeds us so that we can feed and serve others.

**Gospel Weekly Family Discussion:**

**Gospel of John 21:1-14 - Jesus’ friends are fishing when someone calls out to them and tells them to lower their nets again. They catch many fish! This helps the disciples recognize that Jesus is the one calling to them. Jesus makes them breakfast and eats with them.**

**Gospel Questions:**
- In what people, events and liturgies do you experience the Risen Jesus?
- What actions of Jesus in this Gospel story do we remember every Eucharist?
- How are you part of the Christian community, the Church?

**Life Questions:**
- Who fished for you and drew you into believing in the Risen Jesus and living the Gospel?
- Who do you know whose works live on after their death?
- How is Jesus present to us at Mass?

**Family Prayer:**
- Help us to recognize the physical and emotional needs of others and to “feed” them when they need nourishment and encouragement. Amen.

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**Religious Education, grades 1-8, Year End Family Mass with Father Jim is on Tuesday, May 7th at 5:30PM.** An ice cream treat will be served after Mass. Registration for next year will also be available following Mass.

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**Question for Adults:**
Christ continues to feed us as His disciples, even after His death and resurrection. How does the Eucharist feed your faith?

**Question for Youth:**
Jesus asked Peter three times to “feed my sheep.” Who are you being called to help in your life?

**Question for Children:**
Jesus asks Peter three times if Peter loves Jesus. What one thing can you do this week to show Jesus your love?
We praise God for the children who received Jesus, body, blood, soul and divinity at their First Holy Communion on Saturday. We pray: Dear Jesus, open our eyes, ears and hearts to receive You more fully each time we receive You the Eucharist. Transform us into your active disciples bringing your peace, love and mercy to every person we encounter. Amen.

First Communicants

Dylan Arbetman  Diego Bastidas  Andrew Biles
Eli Brand  Alexandra Carlson  Joaquin Colmenares
Michael Crowley  Kiara Detwiler  Grace Dorger
Keegan Edmonds  Ania Follman  Joshua Fontana
Erika Gajewski  Mayreli Garcia  Raffaella Gaspero
Andrew Hubsky  Leah Kiers  Benjamin Kopec
Khaylynn Lee  Daisy Marwedel  Isabelle Emma Lee Meier
Teresa Meyers  Wyatt Monson  Payton Mowinski
Dominic Nigliaccio  Ruby Perez  Siena Riccitelli
Matthew Schneider  Conner Ghee-Eun Yoo

We thank God for Father Jim, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Polkow, Mr. Ricci telli, Mrs. Lopez and our parents for preparing the children to recognize Jesus in the Miracle of the Mass. Many thanks also to Julie Hentz for our beautiful First Communion programs and Ryan Rump for the inspiring music at our First Communion Mass. We are so blessed!

Get ready for an adventure to an uncharted island where kids are rescued by Jesus!

Mark your calendars for St. Irene’s Vacation Bible School “Shipwrecked” June 17-21 from 9AM-12PM.

MISSIONARIES OF THE SACRED HEART
48th Annual Benefit Dinner Dance
Celebrating India

Featuring a performance by Indian dancers
Saturday, May 18
Gaslite Manor in Aurora
Mass at 4:30PM
RSVP by May 18, 2019
RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE
For information, please call MSC at 630.892.2371.

Eucharistic Adoration runs from 7:30AM-8PM on Thursdays. For information or scheduling, please call Cathy at 630.393.9543.

With respect to Americanism and Patriotism as citizens of the United States of America, please put your “torn” or “tattered” American Flag and/or Military Flags (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard) into this box in the narthex for proper “flag” disposal on June 14th (Flag Day) of each year.

This box was designed and assembled by “Special Needs Persons,” a non-for-profit organization; “DoodleBug Workshop – Home/Facebook.”

Thank You, Joe Urso - Member of Warrenville VFW 8081 and American Legion 589
This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, May 5

10-10:30a - Children’s Liturgy of the Word (ACL)
11a-2p - CCW Woman of the Year Luncheon (ACL)

Monday, May 6

12:30-2:45p - School Walk-a-thon (Parking Lot)
6:30-8:30p - Healing Horizons (Staff)
7-8:30p - Charitable Giving (ACL)

Tuesday, May 7

5:30-7p - Year End RE Mass (C & AC)
7-9p - School Board (HF)

Wednesday, May 8

12:30-3:30p - Band (ACL)
6-10p - KC Assembly Meeting (AC)
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

Thursday, May 9

6-10p - Knights of Columbus (ACL)

Friday, May 10

9:15-11a - 2nd Grade Breakfast (ACL)
12:30-3:30p - Band (ACU)
5:30-6:30p - Wedding Rehearsal (C)

Saturday, May 11

Sunday, May 12

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 to 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.

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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Dear Ladies of Columbus (LOC) #6710 members and future members

As we begin this New Year, 2019, we are asking you to renew your membership and/or join our organization. This past year we have been very productive and accomplished much for our parish and community. With our successful fundraisers, LOC donated twelve winter coats for girls in need. We held a very successful Lady of Guadalupe service and fiesta. We organized two fundraisers where all proceeds went to the Warrenville American Legion, Warrenville Youth and Family Services, and Cub Scouts. We organized the Make a Difference program to help keep our food pantry shelves stay full. We joined forces with the CCW to sponsor a White Elephant Sale, where we raised enough money to purchase Christmas presents for 12 WYFS children. We helped stuff Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt and the Easter craft handout for all of our young children in the parish. We worked with the Knights of Columbus on the annual Protective Service Providers, crafts for the Knights Intellectually Disabled (ID) Christmas Party, and the Tootsie Roll ID drive.

If you need another form contact, Bonnie Di Iulio at 630.808.5565 or email bonnied.18@yahoo.com.
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.

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, May 6
Easter Weekday
7:00AM - Florence Motyka/ Fr. Jim

Tuesday, May 7
Easter Weekday
7:00AM - Jennifer Wingelnik—Birthday/ Fr. Jim
Ted Mlsna/ Family

Wednesday, May 8
Easter Weekday
7:00AM - Mark Jansz/ Cathy Kott

Thursday, May 9
Easter Weekday
7:00AM - Richard Baker/ St. Irene
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 10
St. Damien de Veuster
7:00AM - Carolann Chiodo/ Friends
8:15AM - St. Irene School Children

Saturday, May 11
Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter
2:30PM - Wedding
Rachel Echiverri & Jacob Rowland
5:00PM - St. Irene Community

Sunday, May 12
Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00AM - Lorraine Slott/ Jim & Barb Sevenich
10:00AM - Lei Family/ Family
Greg True/ Friends
Hal Dirienzo/ Thomas & Patricia McHugh

Readings for the Week

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Coffee with the Pastor

Visit with Fr. Jim and talk about his journey to the priesthood, parish life at St. Irene and other topics in our beautiful Catholic faith.

♦ Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 9AM in the ACL

Coffee with the Pastor has no agenda; just time to visit with Father Jim, build community and get to know each other better. Everyone is welcome to attend and feel free to bring any questions you might have. Together, we will continue to grow as a faith community and family.