Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water.

Revelation 7:17

May 12, 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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LIVING GOD’S WORD: The passage from Revelation speaks of “a great multitude...wearing white robes” (7:9). This refers to all who have put on Christ in baptism. Those who put on Christ will suffer as Christ suffered. Suffering will come to each of us who chooses to follow our shepherd-leader.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reflecting on God’s Word

The game called Follow the Leader can be fun—depending on how the leader leads. If the leader charges through tangled bushes, over high fences, under fallen branches, and around barking dogs, trying to lose and discourage the other players, the followers tend to give up in defeat, feeling cowardly, sad, and weak. On the other hand, if the leader blazes the trail for the others, and encourages and guides them along the way, the followers can complete the game feeling confident and joyful.

Today’s scriptures show Christ as the latter kind of leader. He guides us and wipes away our tears. He is a shepherd who encourages us and brings us through suffering to life-giving water. Paul and Barnabas joyfully follow His lead by becoming Christ-like leaders themselves. They encourage and ease the way for their own followers through whatever distress may come their way. In the same way, all followers of Christ are meant to become leaders who share with others the courage, confidence, and joy they have found in following Christ.

—Virginia Stillwell

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Mass Schedule

- Daily: M-F 7AM
- Saturday: 5PM
- Sunday: 8AM & 10AM
The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. “Easter duty” means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your “Holy Mother Church” is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

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What is the R.C.I.A.?
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—it is the way the Catholic Church welcomes new members.

Who is it for?
Primarily this Rite is for unbaptized adults and children of school age; however, it has been adapted for those adults and children baptized in other Christian denominations who seek membership in the Catholic Church.

What about baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist? Adults seeking these Sacraments will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Christian Initiation is the responsibility of the entire faith community. If you are interested in becoming active in this dynamic ministry, phone Annette at 630.393.2400 x 122 for information.

Inquiry sessions: These sessions are ongoing.

Automated Giving - St. Irene Parish has an automated giving program called WeShare. It is a check-free, no-cost, convenient way for you to participate in stewardship and donate to special collections. For more information or to enroll, please visit st-irene.churchgiving.com or call the parish office at 630.393.2400 x 114.

Happy Mother’s Day
to all our Moms!

Mothers hold their children’s hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

—Anonymous
Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Acts 13:14, 43-52
♦ Many became believers.

Background: The reading from Acts describes the first missionary outreach of the early church. Paul and Barnabus were sent forth by the Holy Spirit to spread the good news. When they were rejected by the Jews, Paul and Barnabus decided to bring the message to the Gentiles.

Reading II: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
♦ The Lamb at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Background: Today’s passage from Revelation was part of a grand vision in which all God’s faithful were gathered. The faithful “survived the time of great distress,” which probably refers to persecution of the early church. God’s faithful became united with Christ in His death and were sustained in life by Him.

Gospel: John 10:27-30
♦ I give my sheep eternal life.

Background: In the Gospel, Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd. The passage goes on to describe the relationship between Jesus and His Father. John stresses the unity between Jesus and the Father.

Theme: Jesus knows us and calls us.

Question for Adults:
What is your experience of being a follower of Christ, of being cared for and guarded with Him as shepherd?

Question for Youth:
Jesus said “My sheep hear My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.” How does Jesus speak to you? What new path is He asking of you?

Question for Children:
Jesus promises to guard us like a shepherd does the sheep. How do you experience His loving care in your life?
Knights of Columbus Eyeglass Drive

Please bring and donate your old or unwanted eyeglasses and drop them off in the collection box in the back of the church. Eyeglasses will be forwarded to the Lions Club International local chapter for renovation and reuse by those in need. The collection box is in the back of the church until June 1st.

Questions may be directed to Joseph Kubal at 630.983.6159 or jdrk4715@aol.com.

Thank you for your support.

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

Adults interested in the ministry of Altar Serving please contact Annette at 630.393.2400 x 122 or annette@st-irene.org.

May 12, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, May 12

Monday, May 13

Tuesday, May 14
4:30-5:30p - Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary (ACL)
7-8p - Bridge Community (Staff)
7-8p - Athletic Association (HF)

Wednesday, May 15
12:30-3:30p - Band (ACL)
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

Thursday, May 16
7-8:30p - Rosary Group (ACL)

Friday, May 17
12:30-3:30p - Band (ACU)
7-9p - Marriage Prep (ACL)

Saturday, May 18
9-10a - Coffee with Fr. Jim (ACL)
10:30a-4:30p - Marriage Prep (ACL)
7-9p - School Dance (AC)

Sunday, May 19
7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)
11a-12p - Baptism Prep 1st Session (S)

Coffee with the Pastor

Visit with Fr. Jim on Saturday, May 18 at 9AM in the ACL and talk about his journey to the priesthood, parish life at St. Irene and other topics in our beautiful Catholic faith.

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.

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

It’s time to renew your membership and/or join our organization! This past year we have accomplished much for our parish and community. With our successful fundraisers, LOC donated twelve winter coats. We held a Lady of Guadalupe service and fiesta. We organized two fundraisers with proceeds going to the Warrenville American Legion, WYFS, and Cub Scouts. We organized the Make a Difference program to help keep our food pantry shelves full. We joined forces with the CCW to sponsor a White Elephant Sale, where enough money was raised to purchase Christmas presents for 12 WYFS children. We helped stuff Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt and the Easter craft handout for 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 Drive.

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

St. Irene’s Vacation Bible School

“Shipwrecked” June 17-21
9AM-12PM

WANTED: ALL FRIENDS OF JESUS entering grades 7th through High School, who would like to share their love of Jesus with our VBS kids. We are looking for leaders who are friendly, outgoing, confident and filled with the Spirit! Share your faith this summer with God’s most precious children. And have a great time being the hands and feet of Jesus! Contact Jacqueline at 630.393.2400 x121 or jacqueline@st-irene.org.

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.
### 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.

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### Crisis Prayer Chain

If you or a family member is in need of immediate prayers, please contact Deacon Joe Urso at joe.urso@outlook.com or 630.853.2070. The prayer request will immediately be forwarded to parishioners who have volunteered to be included in this ministry. The parish office still needs to be notified for the request to appear in the Sunday bulletin.

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### Liturgical Calendar

- **Monday, May 13**
  - Our Lady of Fatima
  - 7:00AM - Loretta Paver/ Family

- **Tuesday, May 14**
  - St. Matthias
  - 7:00AM - William Mulcahy/ Family

- **Wednesday, May 15**
  - St. Isidore the Farmer
  - 7:00AM - For the Poor & the Hungry

- **Thursday, May 16**
  - Easter Weekday
  - 7:00AM - For a Special Intention
  - 7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

- **Friday, May 17**
  - Easter Weekday
  - 7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community
  - 8:15AM - For St. Irene School

- **Saturday, May 18**
  - Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter
  - 5:00PM - Sara D’Orio/ 1st Anniversary

- **Sunday, May 19**
  - Fifth Sunday of Easter
  - 8:00AM - Ltc Carl Lufrick/ Bob & Pat Brown
  - 10:00AM - Birthday/Anniversary Mass
  - 10:00AM - Greg True/ Friends

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### Readings for the Week

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