St. Irene Faith Community

Fifth Sunday of Easter

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

John 13:34

May 19, 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.

LIVING GOD’S WORD: All of our efforts to remake life can only be meager strivings. In the end it is God who makes all things new, and we are but sparks of God’s creation who seek to live in harmony with the Spirit set free by Jesus who is Lord.

“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.” — Revelation 21:3

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Reflecting on God’s Word

A while ago the Lysol® brand of cleaning products was promoting a new toilet brush, one that has the liquid cleanser and disinfectant stored inside the handle. Television became its midwife, promoting it as the new generation of toilet bowl cleaners. The ad concluded with a series of housewife testimonial, the final one of which attested, “It has changed my life!” It was but another appeal to our hidden longing that our lives be made new. Or consider the abundance of television makeover programs, even a surgical makeover—the “extreme” makeover. Each of us in some way longs to be made new, sometimes vicariously and sometimes personally.

One of the paradoxes of life is that the more we seek ourselves, the more we lose ourselves; and the more we are willing to lose ourselves, the more we find ourselves. It is, of course, only another way of speaking about love. It seems to be a simple rule of thumb. If your life is in chaos or disarray, if you find yourself unsettled and discombobulated, then forget about your own life and begin to focus on the lives of others. It is how love works, if indeed love does any work at all. It is love that makes us new. It is the ultimate makeover, simply because God is love.

Weapons and war will never create peace; only compassion will, and justice, and heartfelt care for all of humanity. Punishment and the inhumane conditions of prison life will never remake the soul of one who is incarcerated, only hope for a future and a nurturing of the human spirit will. More liturgical regulations and prescriptions will never bring deepening faith life to our eucharistic assemblies; only love for one another will, and the healing we so desperately need.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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Mass Schedule

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

“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race.” — Revelation 21:3
Frequent fliers today have many ways to accrue air miles, so one doesn’t always have to endure long hours in cramped seats to earn free hours in cramped seats. In St. Paul’s day, there were no such perks, nor would there have been any legal system for him to protest the shipwrecks he endured. He had other rewards in mind. The churches that he established in the catalogue of cities from today’s first reading must have been very different from one another. Language, culture, customs, religious history, obstacles to community, social challenges, the places where they met, their clothing, their bread and wine, all distinct, particular to the area.

There were social customs as well: in a Christian household, the only place where a slave would be able to stand legally as an equal with the master would be at the table of the Lord, because at that table a new world of reconciliation was imaged. While Paul revered local customs, he was relentless about challenging the ways that people lived their Christian lives and how their worship reflected them. It is much the same today, as a global Catholic Church seeks to respect local customs and culture, allowing for differences in many things, yet always giving expression to the underlying presence of Christ, who binds us all together into his body.

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MISSIONARIES OF MERCY

Paul’s back! After last week’s “violent abuse,” opponents organized a lynch mob that beat Paul nearly to death. But call Paul the “energizing evangelist,” transforming deadly cruelty into life-giving zeal. Paul’s past courage should inspire our commitment; Revelation’s future “new heaven, new earth” should inspire our optimism. But Revelation’s present assurance, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race,” should challenge us to become “missionaries of mercy.” Because Pope Francis declared that the Church’s credibility is completely dependent on our showing unconditional mercy. Mercy, said Francis, makes the Church, the world, and everyone young again, reawakened to life’s noblest virtues. Fittingly, in today’s Gospel Jesus reinforces that theme: “This is how all will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Whole Parish Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Reading I: Acts 14:21-27
♦ They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Background: The reading from Acts describes the return of Paul and Barnabas to Antioch to report on the success of their missionary efforts. They help the new Christians organize their small communities. The Christian communities are encouraged to persevere in spite of the suffering that their new faith might bring them.

Reading II: Revelation 21:1-5a
♦ God will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

Background: The vision from Revelation is a description of God’s final victory over evil and the establishment of the kingdom in its fullness. Jerusalem, the city of God and God’s people, comes from Heaven and is made new by God. The new community is represented by love for God and for one another.

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35
♦ Love one another!

Background: The Gospel presents the heart of Jesus’ message: “Love one another as I have loved you.” Before the passage, Judas left to betray Jesus. The glorification of Jesus happens through betrayal, suffering and death.

Theme: Jesus commands us to love one another!

Question for Adults:
Jesus’ commandment to love one another is a challenge. What will you do this week to deepen the love you have for those around you in life?

Question for Youth:
The world is full of examples of people who don’t love others. What are the results of hate that you see in the world? How would the world be different if we followed Jesus’ commandment?

Question for Children:
How do you make it obvious that you love your family and friends?

Religious Education registration for the 2019/20 school year is available online.
Family Faith Formation
Please visit www.st-irene.org and click on Faith Formation, then Religious Education Grades 1-8 to find the online link for registration. This year the Religious Education tuition will be paid in full at the time of registration. Full payment of tuition at the time of registration provides funds for our family faith-formation events and reduces staff hours spent processing payment notices and payments. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to complete paperwork requesting tuition assistance.

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2019
Pledge Report

Monthly pledge payments for the CMMA should be made in the next few days. Thanks you for your support. Please contact the Diocesan Development Office with any questions you may have about your pledge at 815.838.8515.
Please join us as Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon ordains three men to the priesthood for the Diocese of Joliet

Sacrament of Holy Orders
Saturday, May 25, 2019
11:00 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus
604 N. Raynor Avenue • Joliet, IL

No tickets are required.
A livestream of the liturgy will be available at Dioceseofjoliet.org

In anticipation of the ordination, all are encouraged to attend:

Holy Hour for Vocations
Wednesday, May 22 • 5:45-6:45 pm
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus
This Week’s Meetings

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

Monday, May 20
6:30-8p - Healing Horizons (ACL)

Tuesday, May 21

Wednesday, May 22
12:30-3:30p - Band (ACL)
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

Thursday, May 23

Friday, May 24
12:30-3:30p - Band (ACU)

Saturday, May 25

Sunday, May 26
11a-12p - Baptism Prep 2nd Session (S)

St. Irene’s Vacation Bible School
June 17-21 from 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.

Knights of Columbus Eyeglass Drive

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

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.

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.
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.

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Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

St. Irene Giving Report
Easter Collections

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