Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?

Acts 1:11

June 2, 2019
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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.

The Ascension of the Lord

Reflecting on God’s Word

Gavin’s piano teacher might just as well have told him to fly around the room. That’s how incapable he felt of playing his Bach invention faster. He stared at Mr. Simons in disbelief. “Gavin, what did I just ask you to do?” “You said to play it faster, sir.” “Well, why are you sitting there staring at me? What are you waiting for? Play it faster.”

In today’s two accounts of the ascension of Christ into heaven, the disciples seem to be experiencing the same kind of numbness. Christ is asking them to do the seemingly impossible. While joyful that He had been raised and was ascending to power, perhaps they did not yet have the confidence to be His witnesses “to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). They had to wait to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. What are we waiting for?

—Virginia Stillwell

LIVING GOD’S WORD: We may feel that our faith is too new or that we don’t pray enough to witness the forgiveness of sins available through Christ. But we who have been clothed and anointed with the Spirit don’t need anything else. We can go forth with confident hope to witness that Christ will keep His promise of eternal life.

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
The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of God’s nearness, along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, “Do not cling to me,” perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time-bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness.

They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no sense of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirit’s power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that if the mission to the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. All peoples, all times, all cultures were opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed and deeper presence.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
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?
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What about baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist?
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Inquiry sessions: These sessions are ongoing. Adults who are interested in completing the sacraments of Christian Initiation or who would like information about the process of becoming a Catholic Christian, are invited to attend an Inquiry session which will be held Sunday, June 23rd in the Parish Center following the 10AM Mass. You may also contact Annette at 630.393.2400 x 122.

Religious Education registration for the 2019/20 school year is available online. 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.

Eucharistic Adoration - Join us on Thursdays anytime between 7:30AM-8PM. Please sign up for a 1/2 hour or a 1 hour segment by calling Cathy Kott at 630.393.9543.
Happenings Around Town & the Diocese

Tuesdays with the Sisters - June 11
Hospitality, a Commitment to Action -
We invite you to this program which takes place at the Sacred Heart Monastery. 7-8:30PM. The presentation is modeled on St. Benedict’s Rule: The Reception of Guests. The focus is on those whose needs are critical in our present-day society and will review the hospitable actions being done in our Diocese and in our Church in the U.S.A, with particular attention to immigrants. Presenters: Sister Christine Kouba, Cathy Lentz

Walk for Caring Network - This event is critical to Caring Network. We need to raise $55,000, so that Caring Network can serve an increasing number of women through our 5 centers (soon to be 6 centers!). For more information, go to www.caringnetwork.com/walk.
♦ What: A 3k (or online) walk/run
♦ When: June 15th 2019, 9-11AM. The Virtual Walk begins now and runs through June.
♦ Where: Wheaton, Wood Dale, and Online.

Joyful Again Widowed Ministry - The Joyful Again! program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life’s journey. Please join us at one of the following events which are designed to help the widowed sort out challenges and learn to find joy in living again, while treasuring memories of their spouse.
♦ June 22 & 23 at St. Julie Parish in Tinley Park
♦ July 20 & 21 at Holy Family in Inverness
♦ September 7 & 8 at Mary Queen of Heaven Parish in Elmhurst
For more information or to register contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry at 708.354.7211. Email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com Website: www.joyfulagain.org

Annual Diocesan Ros-a-Ree Scout Retreat - This Retreat & Camp Out is for All youth members of the American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire & Girl Scouts of the USA and is happening Aug 9-11. It will satisfy the retreat requirement needed for many of the Religious Recognitions. The Early Bird pricing for the Annual Diocesan Ros-a-Ree Scout Retreat/Campout will end July 15th. Registration is required. For information, please visit: dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting and click on ‘A-Z Directory’ from the main page and from there scroll down the left side menu and click on ‘Ros-a-Ree Retreat / Camp Out.’

Hustle Up The Hill

The 5th Annual Hustle Up the Hill for the Homeless was a rousing success, raising enough funds to sponsor one Bridge Communities family for an entire year! BIG THANKS to the 124 hustlers who participated, to the very generous sponsors (Fyzical Therapy Center, Anica Floats, Wolfe Computer, Realty Executives, NorthStar Credit Union, Ball, Perfect Snacks, Lockton, FT Cares Foundation, and Thai Bodyworks), to the businesses and families who showed encouragement with route signs on the hill, and to numerous donors. The continued support of the Bridge Communities mission here at St. Irene is essential to helping end homelessness one family at a time. St. Irene’s two current adopted families are progressing well in their two-year program towards self-sufficiency. Pictures from the event can be found on our Facebook page: Hustle Up the Hill for the Homeless.

Results and more media (drone footage) will be posted on our website Hustleupthehillforthehomeless.com in a few weeks.

If you are interested in joining St. Irene’s Bridge Committee, please contact Tim Delaney at quinndel@aol.com.

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.
This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, June 2
11a-6p - KC Major Degree (AC,HF, SF)

Monday, June 3
6:30-8:30p - Healing Horizons (ACL)

Tuesday, June 4
6:30-9p - VBS Training (ACL)
7-9p - School Board (HF)

Wednesday, June 5
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

Thursday, June 6
7-8:30p - CCW (ACL)

Friday, June 7

Saturday, June 8

Sunday, June 9
7:30a-12:30p - Hospitality (ACL)

Cursillo Corner

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!

Ultreya– June 8
St. John the Baptist will host an Ultreya in Sebahar Hall on Saturday, June 8, following 8:30AM Mass in the chapel. The witness speaker will be Shannon Ryson from St. Irene!

Please bring a friend! This is a great way to introduce others to the movement and help in their discernment process for attending a future weekend.

Cursillo Fall Weekend Schedule
Weekends are held at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, Illinois

♦ Men's 138th: Oct 24-27, 2019
♦ Women's 130th: November 7-10, 2019

Why Cursillo? Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ, is one of the foundations of Cursillo. Have you invited a friend to attend a Cursillo weekend?

The Cursillo movement promotes not only personal spiritual growth, but recognizes that we are called by our baptism to be active apostolic members of the Body of Christ. The goal of the movement is not about “preaching the good news” but to become the good news and in a natural way; our actions will become evangelical in our daily lives.

For those interested in learning more about the Cursillo movement or attending a Cursillo Weekend, please visit www.jolietcursillo.org or contact Amy Serritella at: amythe1@att.net.

SAVE THE DATE!
ST. IRENE ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

BLISS CREEK GOLF CLUB, Sugar Grove
12PM Shotgun Start

We are currently looking for silent auction donations, sponsors, and volunteers.

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING!
For more information or to help, contact the Athletic Board at saint.irene.athleticboard@gmail.com

CMMA Pledge Report for St. Irene
Monthly pledge payments for CMAA should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

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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.

John Rossi
Ronda Slupik
Rob Miller
Elizabeth Mangini
Marge Steinhoff
Sandy Decker
Sandi Meaenner
Rachel Jaraisus
Paulette Porter

Remember our Faithful Departed in your Prayers

♦ Don Clevenger, Jr.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, June 3
St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
7:00AM - Loretta Paver/ Family

Tuesday, June 4
Easter Weekday
7:00AM - William Mulcahy/ Family

Wednesday, June 5
St. Boniface
7:00AM - Michael Ferguson/ Bernadette Mulcahy
8:15AM - Grandma Bee Duquette/ Church Ladies

Thursday, June 6
Easter Weekday
7:00AM - Fr. Jim’s 38th Ordination Anniversary
7:30AM - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, June 7
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00AM - Florence Motyka/ Fr. Jim
Le Whitson Family/ Family

Saturday, June 8
Vigil: Pentecost Sunday
5:00PM - Marie Schmidt/ Family
Mary Whitaker/ Family

Sunday, June 9
Pentecost Sunday
8:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community
10:00AM - Birthday/Anniversary Mass
Harold Dirienzo/Pat

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 Loehnery USMC - Camp Pendelton
Master Sgt. Dan Peterson - Anchorage, AK
TSgt. Daniel Geinosky - Lackland AFB, TX
Sgt. Peter Folz - Fort Bragg, North Carolina
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Javier Tecuatl
Paula Lopat
Mary Vander Meulen
Valder Morales
Max Males
Colette Malovan

We Held a Prayer Time Who Serve Our Country