As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26
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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Reflecting on God’s Word

I came across a little book not too long ago that offered a selection of “B and Bs” (“Bed and Breakfast” residences) where travelers could stay in a certain state. The promise of a good “B and B” is a clean place, a good night’s sleep, and a good meal to begin the day. In short, rest and sustenance.

Is it too irreverent to propose that today’s feast is a reminder that we believers have available the “B and B” of all “B and Bs” in the Eucharist? This sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ offers an ongoing opportunity for rest and sustenance with the Lord.

Today’s scriptures deal with offering sustenance, beginning with Melchizedek presenting Abraham a little bread and wine along with a blessing. Then Paul reminds the fractious Corinthians how eating the bread and wine sustains them as they proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. Finally, Jesus provides rest and sustenance for his disciples, along with five thousand others who show up.

My late stepfather worked off a truck, checking gas meters and doing repairs for the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company. He used to stop in a church and have his lunch there. He said it provided him a chance to talk to the Lord and rest for a few moments in the Lord’s presence. It sustained him over the years. Again, rest and sustenance.

God’s ongoing hospitality in the Eucharist has continued over generations to offer rest and sustenance. What could be better than having the Lord coming to dwell within us, giving us the nourishment necessary to sustain us on our journey?

—James A. Wallace, C.SS.R.

LIVING GOD’S WORD: When you go to church this week, read the Sequence for today’s solemnity in the missalette. You can find it after the second reading.

Remember our Faithful Departed in your Prayers

- Jim Hughes
  Brother of Bill Hughes
- Isabel Luther
Update on Fr. Jim

As many of you know, Fr. Jim was hospitalized last week for blood clots in his legs and fluid retention. Because of these complications, his back surgery has been postponed. He is on medication and his condition is improving every day.

He was discharged from the hospital on Tuesday and went to the Brookdale Rehabilitation Facility in Lisle so that he can continue therapy to regain the strength in his legs. He asks for your prayers and support during this difficult time and wants you all to know that he misses being with you and prays for you daily. He also wants everyone to know that he hopes to be back at St. Irene soon. He wishes to extend his prayers and heartfelt thanks to his brother priests who are helping with our Masses and to our Deacons and lay ministers who have helped fill in when we could not get a priest for Daily Mass.

Anyone wishing to send cards to Fr. Jim may do so at the parish address that is listed in the bulletin. The staff will be sure to pass them along to Father.

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.

Parish Office Summer Hours
Monday - Thursday → 9AM-3PM
Friday → 9AM-12PM

We owe today’s beautiful feast to a valiant woman who suffered a great deal to establish a feast out of her love for the Eucharist. Juliana was a nun in Belgium in the thirteenth century. She served in a hospital for lepers. She became convinced through her prayer that the liturgical year was incomplete because it had no feast for the Eucharist. Her efforts were not welcome, and a supervising priest sought to punish her for promoting a feast that “nobody wanted.” He even had her accused of financial mismanagement and banished her from her convent.

Shortly after she was exiled, the bishop approved the feast. It quickly spread through Europe. In those days, people very seldom received Holy Communion, and so the processions through the streets with the eucharistic bread not only led to an awareness of Christ’s hunger to be with us, but prepared the way for a deeper desire to receive Christ’s Body and Blood in more frequent Communion. The feast grew rapidly, but Juliana disappeared into poverty and a hidden life. She ended her days as an “anchoress,” a woman living in seclusion in a room attached to a parish church. Imagine her delight at seeing us gathered at the table of the Lord on this day, aware of Christ’s presence in our midst, sharing fully in Christ’s Body and Blood. Our celebration today invests her struggle and sorrows with dignity and meaning.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
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 7:30AM-8PM on Thursdays. Please sign up for a 1/2 hour or a 1 hour segment by calling Cathy Kott at 630.393.9543 or Mary Mickel at 630.293.0774.
Employment Opportunities Around Town & the Diocese

**Director of Faith Formation**  -  Full-Time Director of Faith Formation for High School and young adult ministry (18-39). The DYYAM develops and coordinates dynamic and age-appropriate programming that is aligned with current professional standards in ministry as well as parish goals, vision of the pastor, Diocesan standards, and community input. Previous experience with youth/young adult ministry and some weekend and evening hours (including Sunday evening liturgy) are required. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic who lives a life consistent with Catholic beliefs and values and possess a bachelor’s degree in theology, religious studies or a related field, or some form of specialized studies in youth ministry (e.g. Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies) strongly preferred.

❖ To view a full job description, visit: [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php)
❖ To apply send letter of introduction and résumé to Kathy Ferguson at: mainoffice@stapostle.org

**Executive Officer**  -  The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a Catholic Education Foundation Executive Officer. This person will develop and pursue ideas, contacts and strategies to raise funds in the seven counties that make up the Diocese of Joliet. The Executive Officer will separately and in tandem with the Superintendent of Schools and other key Diocesan staff identify, cultivate and solicit major donors for scholarship, operating, capital and special school or religious education projects for the Catholic Education Foundation. The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic and will possess: Bachelor’s degree; Master’s degree preferred; CFRE and/or CAP certification a plus, Bilingual speaking a plus; minimum of 5 years direct fundraising experience with proven track record.

❖ This is a full-time position with benefits. Requires flexibility of schedule, evening and weekend work as needed. To view a full job description, visit: [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php)
❖ Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please submit a cover letter, resume and salary requirement to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

**Bookeeper**  -  Aurora Central Catholic High School is seeking a full-time bookkeeper. Requires basic bookkeeping knowledge. Responsible for Accounts Payables, Receivables, tuition collection, Bank deposits and various other accounting/bookkeeping tasks. Prefer someone who is proficient with Quickbooks. Must have good communication skills and be comfortable working in a school setting.

Join us for a family-friendly, 9-mile bike ride along the Illinois Prairie Path on **Saturday, June 29th**. The ride begins at 10AM at **Hoffman Park in Glen Ellyn** and turns around at Prairie Path Cycles in Winfield. Snacks and drinks will be provided. The bike shop has also offered to do minor repairs and adjustments for participating riders at no charge. T-shirts are available for donations of $25 or more.

All donations support Biking for Babies, a national organization that partners with local pregnancy centers to raise awareness and provide support for their efforts to help pregnant women and their families. Our local center is Waterleaf, a pregnancy medical clinic and education & resource center in Aurora.

For information, contact Christine Kania at christine.kania@gmail.com or 630.532.7813.

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**2019 JOLIET DIOCESE**

**Catholic Charismatic Healing Mass**

Father Paul Hottinger - Presider  
Deacon Sean McGreal - Assisting

St. Margaret Mary Church  
1450 Green Trails Drive  
Naperville, IL 60540  
Friday, June 28, 2019

❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30PM
❖ Mass 7:30PM
❖ For information, call Joey Rose at 630.926.6576

**Catholic Heart Workcamp**

St. Irene & St. Michael Parishes  
July 7-13, 2019 - Calmar, Iowa

Thank you for your monetary donations to help with our transportations costs! We are so honored to be praying for your special intentions while we are on our trip. Please keep our campers, our chaperones and all of the people we will serve in your prayers.
This Week’s Meetings

Sunday, June 23
11a-12:30p - RCIA Inquiry Session (ACL)
7-9p - Student Small Group (ACL)

Monday, June 24

Tuesday, June 25
6-9p - Catechist & Assistant Bible Study (Staff)

Wednesday, June 26
7-8:30p - Adult Choir (C)

Thursday, June 27

Friday, June 28

Saturday, June 29
4-10p - KC Officer’s Installation (AC)

Sunday, June 30
2-4p - Ice Cream Social (ACL)
7-9p - Student Small Group (ACL)

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

We thank God for a wonderful week at VBS! We learned God loves us and never leaves us alone. When we are lonely, when we worry, when we struggle, when we do wrong and when we are powerless...

**JESUS RESCUES!** We have to TRUST Him, accept His grace and His perfect plan for our life.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Our week abounded in blessings! We are overflowing with gratitude for our student and adult volunteers. Their faith, love, JOY and enthusiasm made Jesus present at VBS. We thank our Station Leaders: Yvonne Aranda, Ellen Seiberlich, Tara Venegas, Abby Hentz, Joshua Vattiprolu, Emma Hentz, Elaine Perez and Megan Zalokar for delivering God’s message of salvation with creativity and passion. Our week was made possible by the generous donations and decorating support of Trish and Randy Patterson, who stored decorations in their home for a year and built beautiful sets for our “Shipwrecked” theme! We are so blessed! We pray that the flames of faith that were ignited this week at VBS will spread like wildfire! –Jacqueline Skelly, Pamela Keating & Rosario Herbst

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

**Sunday Bulletin:** Deadline is 8AM on:

- July 7, 2019 - Wednesday, June 26
- July 14, 2019 - Wednesday, July 3

Regular deadline - 8AM on the Friday a week prior to print.

IT’S TIME FOR ICE CREAM!

The Ladies of Columbus Auxiliary is hosting our ice cream social on June 30th, 2-4PM in the lower level of the Activity Center. So please mark your calendars and join us for some tasty treats, fun socializing, and support the St. Irene Food Pantry at the same time.

"Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matt. 25:40

St. Irene volunteers are helping to feed the hungry at Hesed House in Aurora this summer. No cooking involved, just set up, serve lunch and clean up. Shifts are from 10AM-1PM on **Monday, June 24 and Friday, June 28**. Please contact Marge Steinhoff at mpst37@aol.com or 630.851.3708 for more information or to help.
### 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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### Liturgical Calendar

**Monday, June 24**

*The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

- 7:00AM - Pam Schefke - Birthday/ Fr. Jim

**Tuesday, June 25**

*Weekday*

- 7:00AM - Eugene Kipper/ Cathy Kott

**Wednesday, June 26**

*Weekday*

- 7:00AM - For the Poor & the Hungry

**Thursday, June 27**

*St. Cyril of Alexandria*

**Sunday, June 30**

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 7:00AM - St. Irene Faith Community

- 5:00PM - Kathy Ulanowski/ Family

- 8:00AM - Wayne Harrison/ Ron & Annette Kubalanza

- 10:00AM - Hal Dirienzo/ Thomas & Patricia McHugh

- 8:00AM - Wayne Harrison/ St. Irene Community

**Friday, June 28**

*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

**Saturday, June 29**

*Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 7:00AM - Mary Whitaker/ Family

- 7:00AM - Don Clevenger, Jr./ St. Irene Community

- 5:00PM - Mary Whitaker/ Family

- 8:00AM - Wayne Harrison/ St. Irene Community

**Sunday, June 30**

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00AM - Wayne Harrison/ St. Irene Community

- 10:00AM - Hal Dirienzo/ Thomas & Patricia McHugh

- 8:00AM - Wayne Harrison/ St. Irene Community

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### Readings for the Week

**Monday:**

- **Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
- **Day:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
- 7:00AM - Pam Schefke - Birthday/ Fr. Jim

**Tuesday:**

- Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:**

- Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:**

- Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29

**Friday:**

- Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

**Saturday:**

- **Vigil:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
- **Day:** Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8; 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Sunday:**

- 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

### Prayer

We ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

- Tyler Ricamato
- John Rossi
- Ronda Slupik
- Rob Miller
- Elizabeth Mangini
- Marge Steinhoff
- Sandy Decker
- Sandi Meaenner
- Rachel Jaraisus

- Paulette Porter
- Ann Mulcahy
- Lynette Meany
- Javier Tecuatl
- Paula Lopat
- Mary Vander Meulen
- Valder Morales
- Max Malesh
- Colette Malovany